

BOARD BRIEF

ACTION

- ✓ Personnel
- ✓ Schedule Collaboration Committee Interim Report
- ✓ English Class Presentation
- ✓ Voice of Democracy Award
- ✓ Textbook Adoption

Personnel – The Board

- Approved the appointment of **Nancy A. Blume** as Department Chairperson for Business/Family and Consumer Science/ Industrial Arts effective the 2006-07 school year.
- Accepted the resignations of **Jessica Giron** (Mathematics) effective at the end of the 2005-06 school year; and **Lisa Herne** (Special Education Program Assistant) effective February 10, 2006

Student-of-the-Month

January, 2006

Kelly Mateas

Athlete(s)-of-the-Week(s)

Wrestling (Jan 15-21, 2006)

Tim Kirincic

Voice of Democracy Awards

VFW Post 6791 presented awards at the Board meeting last evening to students who participated in the 2005 Voice of Democracy Competition from CHS. In all, about \$7,500 was given to the following students: Brandi Arwood, Brittany Blanchard, Giana Ferrari, Richael Howe, Kristen Johannsen (this year's 1st Place Winner), Joann Kaczmarczyk, Martha Kaczmarczyk, Jennifer Kamphaus, Mera Kolisnyk, Jennifer Linsenmeyer, Naiya Pachal, Brian Smith, Ashley Tucker, Brittany Vollmuth, and Kimberly Wehr. The entire ceremony was arranged and introduced by **MaryEllen Daneels**.

Textbook Adoption —

The following textbooks were approved at the meeting last evening for 2006-07:

<u>Title</u>	<u>(Department)</u>
<i>Marketing Essentials</i> [workbooks, classroom resources] –	(Business)
<i>Realidades</i> –	(Foreign Language)
<i>Pre-Algebra</i> –	(Mathematics)
<i>Biology - AP Edition</i> –	(Science)
<i>Earth Science</i> –	(Science)
<i>Physical Science</i> [Updated version of previously approved textbook] –	(Science)
<i>Physics</i> –	(Science)
<i>The Making of the West</i> –	(Social Studies)

English Class Presentation –

A presentation on Sophomore English was made by teachers **Katie Jones** and **Mona Elleithee** along with students Liz Buenostro, Linnea Detrick, Ivy Ortiz, and Paul Warkins.

The Board was informed and entertained with a PowerPoint overview of the smaller learning communities and the English 2 focus on reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Illustrations of activities used to generate interest and learning were shared. In one of them a measure of levity was provided as Paul Warkins conducted a simulation with Board President Tony Reyes.

Public Participation –

During the Public Participation portion of the agenda, several teachers, one parent, and one support staff member addressed the Board on budget reductions, class size, program quality, student learning, and counseling and social worker roles.

Some handouts were provided for the Board's use.

The Board listened to all the comments, had few questions, and made no response other than appreciation for attendance and participation.

Interim Report –

The first Interim Report from the Schedule Collaboration Committee was presented as required by the Board's action in November, a copy of which will be placed in your mailbox.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

— Joseph Addison