ACROSS THE BOARD

March 5, 2011

The Williamson County Board of Education met in special session Saturday, March 5, 2011, following a budget work session. The group voted not to have a second meeting to discuss the budget. The Board will vote on the budget later this month.

February 21, 2011

National Merit Finalists were in the spotlight during the Williamson County School Board meeting Monday night. The Board recognized 18 students from across the district including Brentwood High’s Caroline Coughlin, Christian Mueller, Leah Richardson and Tulsi Patel; Centennial High’s R.J. Vogt; Franklin High’s John Burnum, Parker Evans, Alec Fletcher, Steven Junghans and Jason Schulz; Independence High’s McKenzie Brianne VanMeter and William Witt; Page High’s Lara Schaumann; and Ravenwood’s Sarah Allen, Benton Bailey, Jiaye Fan, Eli Gadd and Joy Huang.

Other students honored during the meeting include Ravenwood High’s Alan Groves who was elected 7th Congressional District Representative for the U.S. Youth Senate Contest. His teacher is Jason Nabors.

Members of the Ravenwood Soccer team were selected to the 2010 All-State Girls’ Soccer team by the Tennessee High School Soccer Coaches Association. They are Sarah Allen, Sarah Jenner, Jordan Casady, Rose Hull and Alyse Rothenberger. Their coach is Clay Watson.

A new recognition program that began with the February School Board meeting is one to honor teachers and staff. Brentwood Middle School math teacher Lois Coles was honored for receiving the Texas Instruments Excellence Award. Coles was the first to win this national award that will be given to deserving teachers annually.

The district level Teachers of the Year were honored including Scales Elementary’s Melissa Skinner; Sunset Middle’s Dr. Sandra Keown and Brentwood High’s Mark Baker.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Mike Looney shared a report on school performance based on testing during the 2009-10 school year. He also reminded Board members that he would be updating them monthly on progress toward the Strategic Plan.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, Pat Anderson reminded Board members of several upcoming meetings, especially the first budget work session which will be held on Saturday, March 5.

The Board approved the ENCORE Summer Enrichment Program at 10 schools. Fees for the program will remain the same as last year, and the registration fee and tuition will be waived for ENCORE instructors’ children who would like to attend. Schools participating include Allendale, Chapman’s Retreat, Heritage, Kenrose, Lipscomb, Nolensville, Oak View, Scales, Sunset and Winstead.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved a building modification request for Grassland baseball fields.
- Approved a building modification request for Grassland Elementary School.
- Approved a building modification request for Scales Elementary School.
· Approved a building modification request for Fairview Middle School walking/running track.

· Approved a building modification request for Independence High School softball field dugouts.

· Approved water and sewer improvements at Heritage Middle School campus baseball complex.

· Approved a lease for Music City Center for Spiritual Living Church at Brentwood Middle School.

· Approved recommended field trip fee requests.

· Removed the Superintendent’s Goals/Evaluation Instrument 2011-2012 from consideration pending more Board input.

Each school principal has a copy of the Board packet information.

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, March 28, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.