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## DATES TO NOTE

- Dec. 4 - HS Holiday Concert
- Dec. 7 - Sr. Citizen Luncheon
- Dec. 11 - Elementary Holiday Concert
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 - Christmas Break
- School resumes Jan. 3

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## Angel Tree

Again this year our ECP group is sponsoring a community Angel Tree.

ECP stands for Establishing Community Pride. This is a student organization comprised of a dozen students in grades 9-12. Our adult sponsor is DeAnna Stewart, of Milo.

The group has placed an angel tree in each school building. On the tree are paper angels, which indicate gift ideas for needy area families and children. Someone wishing to donate can take one or more of the paper angels, purchase the gift, and return it - unwrapped with the angel attached - to a drop box at any school building. This process should be completed by December 15, at which time the ECP group will wrap and deliver the gifts.

There will be a tree at the Primary School during Milo's Country Christmas. We hope there will be a lot of participation in this activity.

## Senior Citizens Luncheon

The Senior Citizens Meal will be held on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The National Honor Society will host the meal in the high school gym as usual. In Milo the transportation will pick up at the manors and will leave from the Community Center at 10:15 a.m. In Lacona the transportation will pick up at the Community Center at 10:40 a.m.

The National Honor Society is looking forward to meeting and serving the members of our community. We take pride in serving those that have made this a great place to grow and prosper. The cooks, Joan Vincent, Janet Hendrickson and Rosemary Bauer work hard each year to make this get together a delicious success.

The Southeast Warren band and vocal groups will perform Christmas music. We welcome you to come and enjoy a delightful time, and visit with old friends and acquaintances. For reservations please call the school office at 641-466-3331. Please try to call before Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will honor late reservations.

# District Revenues 101

Harold Hulleman, Superintendent

## “How the number of children in each district determines district revenues”

Every year, public schools in Iowa spend billions of dollars to educate the state’s children, sparking taxpayers to so often ask school board members, administrators and lawmakers, “Where does that money go?” That’s why part of the Southeast Warren Community School District’s mission is to help taxpayers understand how districts are spending that money, in an attempt to dispel the mystery surrounding school funding.

Here is an overall idea of the total funding public K-12 schools in Iowa receives to educate nearly 500,000 children in Iowa: Total state General Fund appropriations for school aid in FY 2007 amounts to \$2 billion. About \$1.1 billion comes from local property taxes that are earmarked to fund school programs, with another approximately \$400 million funding facilities and other district expenses. Where it goes from there is a bit more complicated but just as important to understand.

Larry Sigel, school finance director for the Iowa Association of School Boards explained, “Knowing how this funding builds up from each individual district and child is important in understanding the roles and pressures facing local school districts, and taxpayers deserve to understand.”

While the area of school finance is a complex one, there are some basic principles that make it understandable to the average taxpayer, including:

1. The number of children in each district determines district revenues.
2. The General Assembly “equalizes” funding state-wide to make the “cost per student” roughly equal in every school, so that every student has access to a quality education.
3. The General Assembly controls the annual increase in the “cost per student,” called allowable growth, to determine how much each district receives from the state.
4. Property taxes matter. They determine how much money each district receives in state aid.
5. Funds are restricted: we can only use funds on what the legislature tells us we can.
6. Schools are *budget* limited - most other entities are property tax *rate* limited , and this difference is monumental

This article is the first of six that will address each of the principles affecting school funding, in an effort to explain where those tax dollars are going and why.

First, Iowa’s school funding formula is a child-based formula, meaning that the allowable spending for a school district

is based upon the number of children in that district on October 1 of each year. The number of students counted on that day is used to establish the district’s budget for the following year. That means our revenues are always a year behind the actual number of children we are serving in our classrooms. For the Southeast Warren Community School District, our October 1 enrollment is 584 for the current year. Below is a ten-year history of the Southeast Warren Community School District’s enrollment.

2005-2006	582
2004-2005	577
2003-2004	592
2002-2003	597
2001-2002	606
2000-2001	606
1999-2000	634
1998-1999	643
1997-1998	679
1996-1997	696

“Because the formula is based on the number of children in the district, as we gain children, we gain revenues to serve those children. As we lose children, we also lose revenue from each of those students,” Sigel said.

Because the enrollment for our district has been declining over the past several years, this has created significant budget pressures for our district. As each child is “worth” slightly over \$5,000 per year in General Fund revenue, losing 10 children from one year to the next reduces a district’s revenue by \$50,000. However, this won’t reduce our costs because we still must have the same number of teachers whether there are 15 or 28 students in a class.

So, once district revenues are established, how is that money spent? It depends on state lawmakers, and will be discussed in the next article in this series.

## Jr-Sr High Principal

*Mr. Terry Gladfelter*

During the past month we all talked about the negative publicity that we encountered. I appreciated the positive comments from our community and students. At our inservice during October Mr. Siemens spoke of being positive 24/7. We live in a day that seems to be full of the negative, so here are some positives that have happened at SEW.

**ITED/ITBS** – The tests have been completed and now we wait for the results. During the week of November 6, I had individual class meetings with grades 7-11. I presented their test results from the past two years. In a small school each student becomes a significant statistic in the final results. In a class of 50 students each student is “worth” 2% of the final score. With that kind of significance, one student could put us above or below the state norms very easily. I stressed that with our students and the need to take their time while taking the test. We also decided to take the tests at the beginning of each morning and only about 45 minutes of testing each day. I have noticed that fewer tests helped with better student concentration and hopefully better scores. We will know sometime in January.

**Annie** - Three full houses on November 3, 4, 5 speak to the entertainment of our students in the production of Annie. Students from throughout the district combined their talents under the direction of Mrs. Young and Mr. Noveshen to provide an evening of enjoyable theatrics.

**Football** – Our coaching staff had the distinct privilege of being recognized at the UNI Dome on Friday, November 17. They were recognized as District Coaches of the Year. They did a great job in motivating our boys to the best record in 18 years. This past season, we had opportunity to view a lot of great football. Congratulations coaches Carr, Oliver, Bauer, Burrell, and Oliver.

**Volleyball** – The Pride of Iowa sportsmanship results for volleyball have been published. There are twelve schools in the conference. SEW tied with East Union and Pleasantville for a score of 330. Players, coaches, and spectators all received the highest rating possible. Congratulations on a great volleyball season and great sportsmanship results!

This letter will be arriving in your homes as we all begin the busy month of December. I hope it is a month that can be enjoyed with family and friends. My wish is for December and the New Year to be one of finding the positive joys in what we do and celebrating those successes.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Scholarship Recipients

Those 2006 graduates who received scholarships from the Southeast Warren Scholarship Foundation this past May need to call Edith Heemstra after enrollment for second semester or term is completed.

Please let her know that you are enrolled for second semester, what college you are attending, and make sure she has your address and other pertinent information. Checks will be sent in December or early January. Edith's number is 641-534-4866.

## Study Activity Photos

You can view photos of SEW students in various activities on the web. Photos by Kenn Krpan can be seen at:

[kennspiracy.com](http://kennspiracy.com).

## The Board Salutes

The November Board Salutes award was presented to Mrs. Rose Ripperger.

Rose has been a friend to the Southeast Warren School community for many years. When her children started school, Rose started too, as a homeroom parent and adult helper in Kindergarten classrooms. As time went on teachers discovered her many talents, especially appreciating how quickly Rose learned to use each new copier, fixing paper jams and refilling ink cartridges. A lovely perk of Rose's days at school was the occasional plate of cookies for the workroom.

In the past few years we have appreciated Rose's skills as a Registered Nurse. Several Primary Center students needed health care best provided by a professional and Rose stepped in on a part time basis to help with those students. Her kind "chair-side manner" made her a favorite of students and staff alike.

Rose continues to serve our district as a substitute teacher's associate, and will fill in as secretary for Patty Harrington at the Primary Center during her maternity leave.

## Intermediate School Principal

*Mrs. Cindy Butler*

Conferences were well attended with 90% of our students having a parent or guardian come to school to visit with the teacher(s) who were available. We feel strongly about the benefit of communication between school and parent. Besides conferences, we have several avenues of communication: phones in the classrooms, e-mail access, after-hours answering machine, or notes home. In addition to the two-way communication, we provide one-way communication via the weekly update from the office, the *Pride*, the *Intermediate Notebook*, and the school web site. Please contact us with any concerns or questions.

We welcome Deputy Randy Spurr back again this year. He leads the sixth graders through a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program for 14 weeks. The students learn about types of peer pressure and ways to respond to different situations. Students are introduced to the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model that will assist in problem solving and will help students make wise decisions. This is Deputy Spurr's fifth year working with our school. We appreciate his efforts and the efforts of the Warren County Sheriff's office to keep our students drug free.



Mr. Hayes and the fifth grade science classes had a guest speaker recently, Jason Parkin of KCCI television's weather department visited. Mr. Parkin spoke about weather safety, storm chasing, unusual weather facts, careers in weather, and the process of presenting the weather on television. The students had studied weather for several weeks and were very interested in what Mr. Parkin had to say.

## Senior Parents/Guardians

*From the Guidance Office*

It was great visiting with the many senior parents during the Parent Teacher Conferences this fall. As was discussed during the meetings, seniors should be well on their way to choosing a college, sending transcripts, completing applications and developing a strategy for obtaining scholarship support. The College Planning Center suggests this process be in progress no later than Thanksgiving. Acceptance into some programs should be finalized no later than November.

Don't miss the financial aid meeting that will be held in the auditorium Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2007, at 7:00 p.m. You may schedule an appointment to have your FASFA forms completed. Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2007, is the designated day for FASFA completions, and will take place at the high school. Contact the Guidance Office for reservations. FASFA completion information is listed in the College Planning Booklet (page 26-27). Read carefully the information about your FASFA pin number. This booklet was issued to each parent completing either the College Planning session or the Parent Teacher Conferences.

For any Parent/Guardian who missed the meetings this fall, please schedule a conference with Mr. Tigner at 466-3331 or email [tigner@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto:tigner@se-warren.k12.ia.us).

*Thank You -- Mr. Tigner*

## Pioneer Christmas in Lacona

**Saturday, December 9, 2006**

**8:00 a.m. - noon**

- Visit the **Cookie Walk** to decorate a cookie and purchase holiday treats at the Lacona City Hall
- Visit **Santa** in the Willis Log Cabin.
- String popcorn and dried apples or make a paper chain at the Lacona Public Library.

Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be used for improvements to the Lacona City Park.

*submitted by Barb Ripperger*

## SOUTHEAST WARREN FOOD PANTRY 2006 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Gift certificates were distributed to sixteen families in need for the 2005 Food Pantry Christmas Offering. The Food Pantry served a total of 80 patrons; 25 adults and 52 children. The total cost of the 2005 Christmas Offering was \$1,395.00.

We will again focus on monetary donations for the 2006 year. This method of distribution permits patrons to select food and miscellaneous items of their choice. The purchase of alcohol and tobacco is prohibited. The Food Pantry is very appreciative of the support of the area Churches and the members of the Southeast Warren Communities. A very special thank you to the families of Richard and Linda Jacobs, and Rudy Wadle for their most generous donations.

**WE ARE URGING CHURCHES OF THE DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE ONE SUNDAY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS A SPECIAL COLLECTION DAY FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.**

Proceeds may be sent to  
Pauline Ripperger, 23901 S23 Hwy,  
Lacona, Iowa 50139

The **deadline** for patrons to register for the **2006 Christmas Offering** is **December 4, 2006**. Late registrations requests will be honored, provided funds are available. If you wish to receive a Christmas Offering in the way of gift certificate to Fareway, please contact Pauline Ripperger - 534.3208.

*Thank you for your continued support!*  
**SOUTHEAST WARREN FOOD PANTRY**  
Pauline Ripperger

### Southeast Warren HS Wrestling

DAY	DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
TH	November 30, 2006	JV/V	Corning/Clarke	Corning	5:30 PM
SA	December 2, 2006	JV/V	Woodward-Granger	Woodward	9:30 AM
TH	December 7, 2006	JV/V	I-35/Mount Ayr	Truro	6:00 PM
SA	December 9, 2006	V	Lenox Tournament	Lenox	10:00 AM
SA	December 9, 2006	JV	Creston JV Tournament	Creston	9:30 AM
TU	December 12, 2006	JV/V	Moravia/Central Decatur	Leon	6:00 PM
TH	December 14, 2006	JV/V	East Union/Bedford	H	6:00 PM
SA	December 16, 2006	V	Saydel Duals	Des Moines	9:00 AM
SA	December 16, 2006	JV	JV I-35 Tournment	Truro	9:00 AM
TH	January 4, 2006	JV/V	Centerville/Chariton	Chariton	6:00 PM
TH	January 11, 2007	JV/V	MstM/Lenox	H	6:00 PM
SA	January 13, 2007	V	Wayne Duals	Corydon	9:30 AM
SA	January 20, 2007	V	I-35 Tournament	I-35	9:45 AM
TH	January 25, 2007	JV/V	Pleasantville/Wayne	H (Melcher-Dallas)	6:00 PM
SA	January 27, 2007	V	Eddyville Duals	Eddyville	9:30 AM
TH	February 1, 2007	JV/V	Pleasantville/Carlise	Pleasantville	5:30 PM
SA	February 3, 2007	V	Pride Of Iowa	Lenox	10:00 PM
SA	February 10, 2007	V	Sectional Wrestling	H	12:00 PM
TU	February 13, 2007	V	Regional Duals	TBA	7:00 PM
SA	February 17, 2007	V	District Wrestling	Winterset	12:00 PM
WE	February 21-24	V	State Tournament	Des Moines	TBA
SA	March 3, 2007	V	State Duals	Cedar Rapids	TBA

### Junior High Wrestling

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
MO	December 4, 2006	Chariton/Interstate 35	Chariton	4:00 PM
TU	December 5, 2006	Eddyville-Blakesburg	Eddyville	4:00 PM
TH	December 7, 2006	Central Decatur	Leon	4:00 PM
TU	December 12, 2006	Interstate 35	Truro	4:00 PM
TU	January 9, 2007	Carlisle/Winterset/Saydel	H	4:15 PM
TU	January 16, 2007	Norwalk/M-St. M/Twin Cedars	H	4:00 PM
TH	January 25, 2007	Central Decatur/Wayne/Twin Cedars	H	4:00 PM

## From your Primary Principal

*Mrs. Charlotte Weakland*

Approximately thirty-five K-6 students participated in the annual cheerleading camp at the Primary building on the evening of October 19<sup>th</sup>. They cheered with the high school cheerleaders during the first half of the October 20<sup>th</sup> football game and then performed briefly at the beginning of half time. Our little cheerleaders were enthusiastic and had a great time participating!

A record number of grandparents visited their kindergartners and had school lunch with them during our annual Kindergarten Grandparents Week – October 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 70 grandparents participated this year. Thanks for coming, grandparents!

Our local McDonald's restaurant hosted a character assembly featuring Ronald McDonald at both of our elementary buildings this year on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Through magic tricks, silly skits, and games involving both students and teachers, Ronald demonstrated trustworthiness, fairness, respect, and responsibility for the children.

Local veterans were honored at the Primary Center's annual Veterans' Day Assembly at 8:10 a.m. on the morning of November 10<sup>th</sup>. They were entertained by our kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students with special songs, poetry recitations, a flag folding demonstration, and the receiving of special "thank you" certificates. The program was followed by a special breakfast reception for our guests in the media center. Thanks to the veterans and parents who attended this important event, and to the teachers who made it possible.

Community members who are looking for an opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit are cordially invited to attend the annual Elementary Christmas Program to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The children are working hard on their music, and the evening looks to be a very entertaining one, indeed!

Don't forget to stop by the Primary building on December 2<sup>nd</sup> during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. We will be hosting the community quilt show, as well as a Cookie Walk, a Scholastic Book Fair, and several Christmas gift item tables sponsored by local vendors and high school groups in the main building from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Babysitting for a small fee will also be available in the Daycare building during that day.

## Parenting "Tips" Nights

You are invited to attend our parenting nights this year. Come and join other parents as we learn some new parenting ideas from the program: Here, Now, and Down the Road... Tips for Loving Parents. This program is designed to help parents foster resiliency in their children, or the ability to rise above adversity and develop into capable, healthy, young adults. There is no charge for the program, and childcare and refreshments will be provided! Look for information in the building newsletters, as well as on the school web site: [http://www.sewarren.k12.ia.us/guidance\\_elem.html](http://www.sewarren.k12.ia.us/guidance_elem.html)

We hope to see you next month!  
Mr. Babcock, School Counselor

## Accelerated Readers

Second and third graders have been reading many books this year. Each student that achieves Rising Reader has usually read close to 40 books! Super Readers and point club members have read even more books. Congratulations to all of you! Your parents and your school are proud of you!

### Rising Readers

Anthony Baker	Keetan Lawler
Alex Lerch	Tanner Allen
Tiffany Barr	Everett Dittmer
Lance Hoch	Hannah Judd
Vance Ohnemus	Luke Ulin
Georgia Casner	Shannan Coffman
Morgan Collins	Katie Cosner
Brock Graham	Sammy Straw
Blake Bauer	Travis Hobbs
Will Dolezal	Tanner Worthington
Jill Williams	

### Super Readers

Bryant Seuferer	Olivia Anders
Walker Porterfield	Brooke Seuferer

### 25 Point Club

Anthony Baker	Keetan lawler
Alex Lerch	Bryant Seuferer
Brock Graham	Olivia Anders
Everett Dittmer	Lance Hoch
Walker Porterfield	

### 75 Point Club

Brooke Seuferer	
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The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session October 9, 2006, in the technology lab of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board Vice President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The following board members were present: John Burrell, Jennifer Birchette, and Larrie Williams. Chris Hardy was absent. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend, Transportation Director Joel Mosher, and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4.

**THE BOARDSALUTES:** Dr. Hulleman read the following statement: Miss Paula Schultz and Mrs. Kimberly Wamer are to be commended in their efforts of assisting Ms. Hurtado as she settled in to her new home and job. Miss Schultz provided temporary housing. Both ladies gave many hours of their own time to help with the finding of an apartment, setting up the apartment, lease papers, phone, and electric. Ms. Hurtado had to secure a social security card, driver license, establish credit, and purchase a vehicle. Both ladies again assisted with the process. Mrs. Wamer is also to be thanked for her Spanish language ability. Her ability to speak and understand the Spanish language made the transition and transactions much more understandable for Ms. Hurtado.

Vice President Ron Miller presented a certificate to Paula Schultz in recognition of her efforts. A certificate will also be given to Kimberly Wamer.

#### REPORTS:

Transportation report submitted by Joel Mosher:

We had 23 extra bus trips for the month. Most of the month was spent doing general repairs. Bus inspections will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Primary Principal's report submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

Elementary student pictures were taken on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will be holding our second fire drill of the school year during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>—Fire Safety Week. Among the many learning oppor-

tunities our students will experience that week is a unique experience. The Milo and Lacona Fire Departments have teamed up to bring a simulated burning house to both elementary buildings on October 11<sup>th</sup>—including non-toxic smoke—so that the students can practice safely exiting a burning building.

Tim Babcock, elementary guidance counselor, will be conducting monthly parent meetings again this year, beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>. He will rotate the location on a monthly basis between the two elementary buildings. He will be using the "Here, Now, and Down the Road... Tips for Loving Parents" program. It is designed to enhance parents' skills in developing their children's social competence and in guiding them toward drug-free, healthy decision-making and in developing coping skills. It seeks to reinforce for parents the positive things they are already doing with their children and offers them new ideas to promote their children's social-emotional health, growth, creativity, and independent thinking. It covers resiliency, listening skills, meaningful involvement for children, high expectations, calming down steps for children, problem solving, creativity for children, and caring relationships.

Parents have completed forms indicating their timeframe choices for parent-teacher conferences and returned them to school. On Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, Patty and Karen—the two elementary secretaries—will meet together to schedule the conferences. Travel time between the two buildings will be allowed for those parents having children in both buildings. Conflicts in parent chosen timeframes will be decided according to the order in which the request forms were returned to school.

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated at the Primary building the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Primary students may purchase special "I Show Good Character by Being Drug Free" short-sleeved, red t-shirts at the cost price of \$5.00 each to wear to school that week. These are being specially made for us by a community member.

The Partners in Education have just concluded their first fundraiser of the school year. The sales included frozen pizzas and desserts, candles, greeting cards, wrapping paper, and assorted candies. Orders are to be picked up by the parents on the afternoon/evening of November 20<sup>th</sup>—all in the Primary multi-purpose room this year—for distribution to customers.

PIE will be providing a meal for the elementary

teachers on parent-teacher conference evenings. They will again be holding a cookie walk, book fair, elf's workshop, local vendors and high school groups sales tables in the Primary building during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. The Milo Quilt Club will be holding their quilt show in the multi-purpose room on that day, as well, on that day.

Intermediate Principal's reports submitted by Cindy Butler:

Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. P. Butler and I meet before school once a week to review progress with Concept Oriented Reading Instruction (CORI). This Friday we go back to Dubuque to meet with the trainer and other school teams. Fifth grade students completed the Stanford Diagnostic Reading Test as a pre-assessment and will take it again at the end of the year to determine growth. Students seem to be doing well and are using many nonfiction books to learn about weather and Colonial America.

Mr. Dicks, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Ripperger, Mr. Gladfelter and I continue to meet for discussions on math instruction. We now meet once a month for a ½ hour. The teachers are continuing to use the strategies they learned in E2T2 training the past few years—Daily Math Review, Mental Math, and math conversations.

The Intermediate teachers meet two times a month (once during inservice) to discuss writing and reading instruction. They talk about the strategies we have learned at inservice and how they might work in their classrooms. Then they use the strategies in class and complete an implementation log reflecting on the level of success they experienced with the strategy.

The fifth and sixth grade teachers meet two times a month to discuss concerns about individual student's performance, about problems with transitions, and about maintaining consistency in procedures with the new class organization.

Secondary Principal's reports submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

Senior Study Hall—The seniors have appealed for the opportunity to prove that they can handle the privilege of senior study hall. I met with Matt Farley, President and Kevin Manser, Vice President of the class. I requested that they compile a list of requirements and rules for study hall. They met with me, we changed some of the requirement and then I had them present to the faculty at their meeting on Tuesday morning. After more input from the faculty, several more requirements were added. The faculty and I have agreed to give them an opportunity to

## BOARD MINUTES, continued

prove themselves as a class. Below are the rules and requirements that have been established. Each senior and their parent will have to sign off on the sheet before being able to be part of the study hall.

Senior study hall is a privilege, NOT A RIGHT. These are the expectations to be followed:

§ Any student on the D/F list will not begin the privilege of senior study hall.

§ If a teacher notifies the office that you have more than 2 late assignments, you must turn in ALL assignments before allowed back into senior study hall.

§ Any acts of vandalism or inappropriate behavior can and will result in a dismissal from senior study hall for the remainder of the year. (Follow the 3R's)

§ Small electronic devices may be allowed but must be put away before leaving senior study hall; cell phones will NOT be permitted.

§ You must check in and wait for permission to leave the sign out with the study hall teacher at the beginning of every class before going to senior study hall.

§ Depending on the location, visibility for supervision must be maintained at all times.

§ Food and drinks will be permitted unless this privilege is abused and the room is not kept clean.

§ Students on work-study will NOT be permitted in senior study hall.

§ Seniors must use the sign-out sheet when leaving the study hall.

§ A notebook will be kept in the principal's office with a page for each senior. Any violation of the 3R's can be recorded by the staff in the notebook. Three entries in the notebook will result in loss of senior study hall for that student.

§ The school is NOT liable for any personal items in the room.

Professional Development—This year's professional development at the high school is going to be based on the rigor and relevance framework that was part of the state educational summit from last year. It is based on the work of Bill Daggett and the International Center for Leadership in Education. The AEA is having a Rigor and Relevance workshop of which four teachers and myself will be attending. The goal is to promote high levels of learning in the classroom. Each of our reading teams will take two of the early out days and teach the staff both learning and reading strategies. The following is going to be covered this year.

Learning Strategy  
10/23—

Brainstorming  
Cooperative Learning  
Demonstration  
12/14—

Guided Practice  
Inquiry  
1/12—

Instructional Technology  
Lecture

2/8—  
Memorization  
Note-taking/  
graphic organizers

3/8—  
Presentations/  
Exhibitions  
Problem-based learning

3/16—  
Project Design  
Research

4/26—  
Simulation/Role-playing  
Socratic Seminar  
5/17—

Teacher Questions  
Work-based Learning

From February until the end of the year we will also be working with writing strategies. We are familiar with many of the strategies and will be looking at new and creative ways to incorporate them into the classroom.

Athletic Department reports submitted by Dave Ripperger:

HS Football—Things are going quite well for the football teams so far this season. The exciting and important win over Earlham was exactly what we needed. There are some important games coming up that will greatly influence our chances of qualifying for the playoffs (October 6 at North Mahaska, and October 20 at home vs. perennial power Madrid).

As some of you may know we did have to cancel the JV game with Nodaway Valley. I was extremely reluctant to do that because I don't want the school to get a reputation for dropping out of games. The reason for the cancellation was in part due to ineligibility, but another factor for that game was absences due to illness and injury. This greatly decimated our number of running backs and linebackers. Without enough of these skill players we did not think that it was in our best interest to play. We were concerned that injuries would have happened to those

Reading Strategy

Anticipation Guide  
Cloze  
Pairs Read

Reciprocal Teaching  
Paraphrasing

KWL  
Directed Reading  
Minute Paper

Structural Note Taking  
SQ3R

Fishbone

Affinity  
Concept Definition

Learning Logs  
QAR

RAFT  
Reading in Context

Summarizing

student athletes who would have never practiced at those positions. We entertained the thought of bringing some varsity level players down to play but once again, concerns about injuries led us to nix that notion. We are confident that in the next week we will have personnel moved to those positions and they will have an adequate number of repetitions to be prepared for the next game.

HS Volleyball—Things are going extremely well for the volleyball team as well. After a tough loss to Pleasantville on October 3 we ended up in second place in the eastern half of the Pride of Iowa Conference. The girls have been playing well enough and would be nice to finish in the top half of the final conference standings. Our upcoming match will put us against Nodaway Valley on October 10 here at Southeast Warren to find out who is third over all in the POI.

We also received word that we will be hosting the first two rounds of volleyball districts. The first round will be October 16. This will be a great opportunity for the team and Mr. Dicks feels that we have a solid shot of winning the district title, which is something we have not done in quite sometime.

Cross Country—I had an opportunity to watch the team compete at the Johnston Cross Country Meet and was impressed with the overall output by the team.

Everyone has been improving upon his or her personal bests. However injuries have began to dampen the team. In order to qualify any runner for the state meet will require some incredible achievements.

JH Sports-Ineligibility is also hitting the JH football team hard. Their numbers are down to 17 participants and will require us to combine the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to form one team rather than two. This is not a rarity and other schools have had to do the same in the past. All the rest of our opponents have been made aware of this.

JH volleyball, on the other hand, had only one ineligible student athlete and that will have no impact on their competition. The girls appear to be playing well and seem to have improved as their year has progressed.

Wintersports—We have been selected to host the Class 2A Sectional Wrestling Tournament. This is an incredible honor and we are sure that it will be run very smoothly.

## BOARD MINUTES, continued

We were also asked to host three rounds of the 1A Boys District Basketball Tournament but had to decline due to conflicts regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences. I am also trying to schedule a game with Iowa Christian Academy. They are a team that is close and also we may see during the post-season tournaments.

Children First Forum: Ron Miller related that the Children First Forum had met last Monday. The main focus of the meeting was on discussing the results of the community survey.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. September 11, 2006, minutes
2. Financial reports
3. Second reading of Board Policy 803.5, "Approval & Payment for Goods & Services"

Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 4.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Hulleman reported on the following items:

1. The IASB District Meeting will be held in Truro on October 19. Registrations have been submitted for all five board members and himself.
2. The IASB Convention will be held on November 15, 16 & 17.
3. Preliminary numbers on the certified enrollments show a decrease of 10 to 12 students. That number coincides with the number of seniors who graduated and the number of kindergarten students coming in.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** John Burrell asked about the status of the sale of the lagoon to Warren County. Dr. Hulleman will contact the County to check on the status of the project.

**OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION:** The Board reviewed the results of the September 12, 2006 school election. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by John Burrell to accept the results of the regular school election. Ayes: 4. The results of the September 12, 2006 election were as follows:

Director District 2 (term 9-06 to 9-09)  
Ron Miller 123 votes  
Write-In Scattering 2 votes

Director District 4 (term 9-06 to 9-09)  
Write-In Paul Mead 58 votes

Write-In Tony Kellis 8 votes  
Write-In Scattering 16 votes

Director District 5 to Fill Vacancy (9-06 to 9-07)  
Larrie Williams 119 votes  
Write-In Scattering 4 votes

Vice President Ron Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The organizational meeting of the Southeast Warren Board of Education was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Vice President Ron Miller. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, John Burrell, Larrie Williams and Paul Mead. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weakland, Transportation Director Joel Mosher and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Board Secretary Julie Wilson administered the oath of office to Ron Miller, Larrie Williams and Paul Mead.

**ELECT PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:** Board Secretary Julie Wilson called for nominations for President. Larrie Williams nominated Ron Miller for President. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Jennifer Birchette for nominations to cease. Ayes: Paul Mead, John Burrell, Jennifer Birchette and Larrie Williams. Ron Miller abstained from voting. Ron Miller was elected President.

President Miller called for nominations for Vice President. Jennifer Birchette nominated John Burrell for Vice President. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Jennifer Birchette for nomination to cease. Ayes: 5. John Burrell was elected Vice President.

Board Secretary Julie Wilson administered the oath of office for President to Ron Miller and for Vice President to John Burrell.

**APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVES:** President Miller appointed board members to serve as representatives for the following groups:

1. Warren County Conference Board—John Burrell
2. Children First Forum—Ron Miller

3. Athletic Boosters—Larrie Williams
4. Fine Arts Boosters—Jennifer Birchette
5. Legislative Action Network and delegate to IASB Delegate Assembly—Paul Mead

### RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SIGNATURE ON CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

Julie Wilson reported to the Board that all checks are to be signed by the Board President and Board Secretary. A resolution is required in order for someone other than the Board President to sign checks. Currently Sue Ellingson is signing the Lunch Fund checks and Lu Ann Ohnemus is signing the Activity Fund Checks. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the signatures of Sue Ellingson on the Lunch Fund checks and Lu Ann Ohnemus on the Activity Fund checks. Ayes: 5.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES:** Dr. Hulleman recommended the approval of the resignations of Michael Dale, Study Hall Associate; and Scott Dirkx, FFA Advisor Supplemental Contract; and the appointments of Carol Carr, increase contract from 3/4 time to 7/8 time; Melody Kibbe, Study Hall Associate; Ed Noveshen, Director of Fall Play; Laura Granger, Head Speech Coach; and Erin Hoffman, Assistant FFA Advisor. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the personnel changes as listed. Ayes: 5.

**MILO PARKING LOT PLANS:** Dr. Hulleman presented two concepts from Abaci Consulting for the Milo parking lot. One concept follows the existing curb line and the other has more square feet and keeps the lot parallel with the road allowing for a couple more parking spaces. The consensus of the Board was to accept the plan that is parallel with the road. Dr. Hulleman will contact Abaci Consulting and ask them to proceed based on the selected plan.

**BOARD POLICY 204.10:** The Board discussed Board Policy 204.10, "Order of Regular Business Meeting." The consensus of the Board was to list only "Board Assignments" on the agenda and to not add the bullets with each individual board assignment.

**CERTIFIED ANNUAL REPORT:** Julie Wilson briefly reviewed the Certified Annual Report for the period ending June 30, 2006.

**REVIEW BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 500 AND 501:** The Board reviewed Board Policy sections 500, "Statement of Guiding Principles" and 501, "Student Attendance."

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:** Dr. Hulleman recommended scheduling a special board meeting to review the certified enrollment numbers, to approve budget requests with a November 1 deadline, and to discuss board goals and district finances. Motion by Paul Mead, seconded by John Burrell to schedule a special board meeting for October 23 at 5:30. Ayes: 5.

President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Southeast Warren Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
October 23, 2006

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session October 23, 2006, in the technology lab of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The following board members were present: John Burrell, Jennifer Birchette, Larrie Williams and Paul Mead. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Board Secretary Julie Wilson and Board Counsel Ron Peeler were also in attendance.

**AGENDA:** Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

**REVIEW CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT:** Dr. Hulleman reviewed the final certified enrollment count with the Board. The certified enrollment increased 2.4 students over the prior year to 584.4. However, the number of open enrolled out students increased by 8.9 to 71.7 and the number of open enrolled in students decreased by 7.0 to 32.0.

**CLOSED SESSION FOR STUDENT A HEARING:** Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Paul Mead to hold a closed session as provided in Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) of the open meetings law to conduct a hearing to determine whether to suspend or expel a student. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. The time was 5:50 p.m.

President Miller called the closed session to an end at 6:50 p.m.

Counsel Ron Peeler recommended the following form of motion based on Board discussion during the executive session portion of the closed session: I move that student A be expelled from attendance at any Southeast Warren Community School District school and school activity through the start of the 2007-08 school year, upon the terms and conditions stated in the closed session and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of the Board. The Board Counsel is directed to draft findings and conclusions consistent with the Board's deliberations, and the President is authorized and directed to execute the Findings of Fact and Conclusion, and the Secretary is directed to mail the Findings of Fact and Conclusion to the student and his parents.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the form of motion as read. Ayes: 5.

**CLOSED SESSION FOR STUDENT B HEARING:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to hold a closed session as provided in Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) of the open meetings law to conduct a hearing to determine whether to suspend or expel a student. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 5. The time was 6:59 p.m.

President Miller called the closed session to an end at 9:10 p.m.

Counsel Ron Peeler recommended the following form of motion based on Board discussion during the executive session portion of the closed session: I move that student B be placed on probation through the last day of school for the 2006-07 school year, upon the terms and conditions stated in the closed session and the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of the Board. The Board Counsel is directed to draft findings and conclusions consistent with the Board's deliberations, and the President is authorized and directed to execute the Findings of Fact and Conclusion, and the Secretary is directed to mail the Findings of Fact and Conclusion to the student and his parents.

Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Paul Mead to approve the form of motion as read. Ayes: Williams, Mead, Burrell and Miller. Nays: Birchette. Motion passed 4:1.

**REQUEST TO SBRC FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT:** Julie Wilson recommended approving the request to the SBRC for the maximum on-time funding budget adjustment and modified allowable growth for increased enrollment. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the request to the SBRC for on-time funding budget adjustment and modified allowable growth for increased enrollment. Ayes: 5.

**REQUEST TO SBRC FOR MODIFIED ALLOWABLE GROWTH FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT OUT:** Julie Wilson recommended approving the request to the SBRC for the maximum modified allowable growth for open enrollment out students on the 2006 certified enrollment but not on the 2005 certified enrollment. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Paul Mead to approve the request to the SBRC for modified allowable growth for open enrollment out. Ayes: 5.

**AT RISK BUDGET:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the At Risk budget for 2007-08 as presented. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the At Risk budget as presented. Ayes: 5.

Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Larrie Williams to table the balance of the agenda. Ayes: 5.

President Ron Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

## Bingo

Color Guard will be holding a bingo night at the high school on December 8th at 6:30 to 9:30/10:00. Refreshments served.

## Band Notes

This has been a busy year so far for the band department. Marching band just ended and it's already time for the annual Christmas Concert. This year's program will be Monday, December 4th, at the high school. The program starts at 7:00. Band members should arrive at the band room by 6:30 P.M. This year's program will feature the Jr. High Concert Band performing Jingle Bell Rock and Frosty the Snowman. If these two tunes don't get your feet tapping...nothing will. The High School Band has chosen to play an exciting version of The Nightmare Before Christmas as well as a beautiful new arrangement of Silent Night and other traditional favorites. We hope to see all of you at the concert!

*Willis VanderLinden, Band Director*

## Sound of the Season

*Lynnea Young, Vocal Director*

The songs of the holiday season can be heard ringing through the hallways of all three centers, as our Vocal Music students busily prepare for our upcoming concerts.

The Jr/Sr High Chorus will be presenting our holiday concert on Monday, December 4, at 7:00 in the High School Cafetorium. It will feature over 80 vocalists and will include soloist from our High School Choir. All Elementary students will be performing in concert on Monday, December 11, at 7:00 in the High School gymnasium in Liberty Center. Students should arrive by 6:45p.m.

We would like to thank the community for your outstanding support of our musical "Annie." It was a thrill to have such a "full-house" at all three performances. Your support was motivational to our performers!!

We look forward to sharing the wealth of talent we are so blessed with, with each and everyone of you this holiday season. Join us in celebrating the meaning of "community!"

## Color Guard Garment Order Form

FIND US IN THE PRIMARY BUILDING DURING MILO COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### JACKET DESIGN



Names on front available - add \$3

Green & White: Sizes in Youth & Adult

S-XL: \$35 XXL: \$38 XXXL: \$40 (need 12 to order Youth-S)

Sizes & Quantity (indicate youth size with a "Y")

Full Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Pullover \_\_\_\_\_

Black: Sizes in Adult only

XS-XL: \$26 XXL: \$28 XXXL: \$30 XXXXL: \$32

Sizes & Quantity

Pullover only \_\_\_\_\_

### BEANIE DESIGN



\$10.00 each

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Green \_\_\_\_\_

White \_\_\_\_\_

### SHIRT DESIGN A



\$15 Tye-dye t-shirt (short sleeve)

Sizes & quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Name on back (add \$2) \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 Tye-dye t-shirt (long sleeve)

Sizes & quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Name on back (add \$2) \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Green or grey sweatshirt (circle color)

Sizes & quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Name on back (add \$2) \_\_\_\_\_

If ordering more than one, indicate which shirt(s) need the names

Youth \_\_\_\_\_

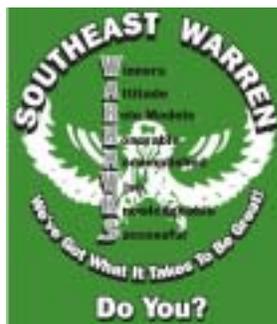
YS (need min. 12 to order)

YM, YL, YXL

Adult \_\_\_\_\_

S, M, XL, XXL\*, XXXL\*

\*\$2.00 extra for oversize



### SHIRT DESIGN B

\$10 Green t-shirt (short sleeve)

Sizes & quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Name on back (add \$2) \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Green sweatshirt

Sizes & quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Name on back (add \$2) \_\_\_\_\_

If ordering more than one, indicate which shirt(s) need the names

Youth \_\_\_\_\_

YS (need min. 12 to order)

YM, YL, YXL

Adult \_\_\_\_\_

S, M, XL, XXL\*, XXXL\*

\*\$2.00 extra for oversize

# Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters

Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters had a busy summer with baseball and softball concessions. Congratulations on a great season to both teams! We are looking forward to fall sports.

Now is a very exciting time to become a member to the Athletic Boosters. In addition to our fund raising and athletic support we are beginning the construction of a new concession stand with restrooms in Milo.

The athletic boosters are in need of new members. We currently have about five or six families that attend the meetings, vote on decisions and make sure our work is done. More help is needed! We welcome anyone and everyone that would like to be a part of Southeast Warren Athletics to join the boosters. There is no cost to become a member and you can make a difference! We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the auditorium in the Liberty Center School. The officers are elected in October.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN FOR THE 2006/2007

## SOUTHEAST WARREN ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

THE WHITE CLUB - \$15.00

THE WARHAWK CLUB - \$50.00

THE GREEN CLUB - \$25.00

THE SOAR HIGH CLUB - \$100.00-UP

- SPONSORS WILL BE LISTED ON FALL AND WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMS.
- OUR NEXT PROJECT IS A NEW CONCESSION STAND AND RESTROOMS AT THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FIELDS.



**PLEASE SUPPORT WARHAWK ATHLETICS**

REMIT BOTTOM PORTION WITH CHECK

NAME OF SPONSOR(S) \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SE WARREN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS  
MAIL TO DEANNA WILLIAMS, 16200 185TH AVE, MILO, IA 50166

Southeast Warren Community School District  
16331 Tyler Street  
Liberty Center IA 50145



## BOXHOLDER

### DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

*The Southeast Warren Community School District, in partnership with the community, will promote the habits of mind and character that will enable our students to become responsible and productive citizens of a global society.*

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It is the policy of the Southeast Warren Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, creed, age or marital status in its educational programs or employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy please contact:

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## CALENDAR

- Dec. 2 - Country Christmas**
- Dec. 10 - Next meeting**
- Dec. 7 - North Pole calls**
- Jan. 6 - Wrestling Tourn. Coat Check**
- Jan. 13 - Can Drive**



## After Prom Update

Fundraising for After Prom 2007 has gotten off to a promising start. We have a pretty dedicated group of parents doing a lot groundwork for these projects. Our next meeting will be December 10th, Sunday, at 4:00 pm. Call the school to confirm the location of this meeting, hopefully it will be at the high school.

We will be having a table at the Milo Country Christmas on Saturday, December 2, in the primary building starting at 8am. We will be selling wreaths, candles, cutlery, and baked goods. Please be sure to stop by.

Thursday, December 7, we will be promoting North Pole calls to all the younger children. Parents of the younger children, please be sure to get your form filled out and turned in before that date. Santa and his workshop will be waiting.

With the start of the basketball season, we will be selling ice cream at the Friday and Saturday night games. We are looking for seniors to sign up and work during either the boys' game or girls' game.

January 6th, we plan to provide a coat check at the Pee-Wee Wrestling Tournament at the high school. We also will be selling ice cream.

Our next can drive has been changed to Saturday, January 13th. Please keep this in mind to save your cans and bottles for us. We really do appreciate it.

