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DATES TO NOTE

- Oct. 1 - Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 5 - Student pictures (rescheduled from Sept. 29)
- Oct. 13 - Early dismissal, 1:15
- Oct. 15 - Vocal Pie Sale
- Oct. 20 - College Planning Night
- Oct. 21 - End of First Quarter

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From the Superintendent

Dr. Harold Hulleman

Last year, the School Boards from Southeast Warren and Melcher-Dallas agreed to a study of what the future might hold for the two districts. A request was made to Eric Heitz, Consultant with the Iowa Department of Education, for assistance with this study. He gathered information about the two districts, met with groups of staff and community members from both districts, and prepared a written report of his findings. This report concluded with possible next steps for the two districts.

In the September issue of the newsletter, we shared data on the two districts. On pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter are the responses from the three focus groups in each district.

Got Fruit?

The SEW Life Skills class is looking for donations of disposable, aluminum pie pans, and any abundance of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, blueberries, peaches, or rhubarb that community member might wish to get rid of. Please call 466-3331 ext. 243 to arrange for us to pick up your donation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Senior Parents/Guardians

This is a busy time for our seniors. The seniors should be focusing on activities for next year. They should be contacting prospective colleges, planning college visits, researching scholarships, writing essays, preparing for and taking the ACT test. Students are completing essay assignments as part of their language arts classes. Parents, please encourage your son/daughter to start early (now is the time) and work hard when seeking college scholarships.

Please be aware of the college planning night that will take place on Thursday October 20th 2005. We will meet in the auditorium at 7:00 PM. This is your opportunity to gain valuable information needed to make the college transition go as smoothly as possible. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

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Read, Read, Read

Mr. Terry Gladfelter, Jr-Sr High School Principal

Last year there was an emphasis on school climate and reading. Both of these are areas that have been identified in the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. Good progress was made in each area and will be a continued emphasis for this school year. In our pre-school inservice, Mary Bigler, a reading specialist, presented further data on the importance of reading. She shared the following:

- Students entering school have a vocabulary of about 5000 words.
- Students graduating from high school should have a vocabulary of 60,000 words.
- Besides teaching vocabulary words, the next most important way vocabulary can be increased is through reading.
- To have that 60,000-word vocabulary, a student needs to read between 1 and 1.5 million words from 4th grade to graduation.

This year we want students to be reading. The first 10 minutes of each study hall period is devoted to sustained silent reading. Once a student has finished their work in study hall there should be further reading. There will also be sustained silent reading in each Colorguard advisory period. Any type of material that would interest the student can be used for reading. Whether it is a comic book or a technical manual, students need to be reading. We have newspapers, magazines, and novels from the media center. Students are more than welcome to bring appropriate reading material from home. If there is free time in the schedule we want our students to be reading. Research shows that the brain “remembers” new words once it has been read nine different times. The more students read, the greater the vocabulary knowledge.

This practice of having students read in study hall, costs the taxpayer \$0 to improve student achievement. Reading also helps promote the true atmosphere of a “study hall.” Many of our students have accepted the reading priority, but we need to further encourage all students to become engaged in reading.



Seniors - continued

Financial Aid Night will take place on Tuesday January 19th 2006. We will meet in the auditorium at 7:00 PM. The College Planning Center Representative will share information concerning financial assistance. There will again be a question and answer session following the presentation.

Assistance in filling out and filing FASFA forms will take place on Wednesday February 15th 2006. A College Planning Representative will be on hand to help you complete the forms. Please contact the guidance office for appointments. (641-466-3331 or tigner@se-warren.k12.ia.us)

Scholarship Applications are sent to the guidance office frequently. The applications are entered into a three ring binder as they are received. This binder is available to students and parents interested in researching and applying for these scholarships. Please contact the guidance office for further assistance.

Please be aware of the Dollars for Scholars applications that will be distributed to the seniors in April or May. This is an important opportunity for the seniors needing financial support. We will notify parents as needed in the spring when this activity begins.

The PSAT/NMSQT Testing will take place Wednesday October 12th 2005. The test will be given in the auditorium at the high school. The test will begin at 8:30 AM and last until 11:30 AM. There is a \$12.00 fee. See Mr. Tigner for further information.

Southeast Polk High School is sponsoring a college fair. Southeast Warren students will be attending this event. The fair will take place on Tuesday October 4th 2005. It will last from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM. Parents and students, please see Mr. Tigner if interested. We encourage parents to attend with their son/daughter.

Thank You,
Mr. Tigner, Guidance Counselor



SEW Life Skills 1st Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Order your Homemade Frozen Ready to Bake Pies for your Thanksgiving Feast! To order call 466-3331 ext. 243 by November 1, 2005. Pies to be ordered for \$6 each include:

Apple	Dutch Apple
Rhubarb	Peach
Cherry	Pumpkin
Walnut	

Your pie will be ready for pick up on Friday, November 18, 2005 at Liberty Center High School Cafeteria between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

All proceeds go to support the SEW Life Skills Community Activities. Make all checks payable to: Southeast Warren Life Skills. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Intermediate School Principal

Mrs. Cindy Butler

The following was taken from the National PTA web site in 2003. Although it is no longer available on their web site, it has really good suggestions for helping children succeed at school.

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

At Home:

1. Read to your children or look at a book with them for at least 5-15 minutes each day.
2. Have books and magazines appropriate for your children's reading level available for them.
3. Use routine household events to teach about numbers and colors – shopping for food, using a recipe, sorting laundry, etc.
4. Give children small rewards for success (either behavior or academic) at school.
5. Praise them when they get good grades or do their homework completely and without complaint.
6. Take your children to the special programs for youngsters at your local public library.
7. Make sure your child has all necessary childhood immunizations.

At School:

1. Join a parent-teacher organization (PTA or other parent group) and attend meetings.
2. Talk to the teachers to find out what your children will be learning each year.
3. Ask the teachers for suggestions about how you can help your children at home.
4. Make arrangements to visit your children's classrooms at least once during the school hours, just to observe. Talk to the teacher about anything you didn't understand or were concerned about.
5. Ask about after-school programs or extra-help sessions if you think your children could benefit from these.

FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

At Home:

1. Ask about their homework – what it is, when it's due – and check to make sure they do it.
2. Provide a quiet place – with a good light and away from distractions – for them to do homework.
3. Make sure they get a good night's sleep each night and eat a healthy, substantial breakfast each morning.
4. Talk to them about school for at least a few minutes each day to let them know you're interested and you think school is important.
5. Teach them respect for others and responsibility for their own behavior.
6. Make sure they get regular health and dental check-ups.
7. Limit children's exposure to TV and video games.
8. Be positive about school. If parents say "I wasn't good at school" or "I really didn't like school," this can turn children away from learning.
9. Check your children's school websites regularly to keep informed.

At School:

1. Attend back-to-school nights and parent/teacher conferences to meet your children's teachers.
2. If you are concerned about something, meet with your children's teachers promptly, before a minor issue becomes a major problem.
3. If possible, volunteer – regularly or even just occasionally – at your children's schools. You will get to know the school better and show your children that you consider education very important.

From Your Primary Principal

Mrs. Charlotte Weaklend

Primary's annual Open House was held the evening of Tuesday, August 30th, with the typically great turnout! Thanks to the Partners in Education who served attending families and community members a supper of sub sandwiches, chips, cookies, and cold drinks. A free will donation was collected to help defray the expenses of the meal, with the balance to be used for upcoming PIE projects that promote physical growth, character education and reading instruction.

The Primary enrollment now totals 172 students, up one student from the end of the last school year. That number includes 28 preschoolers who began their year the week of September 12th. The increase in Kindergarten enrollment enjoyed last year was repeated this year with a total of 42 students in that grade as of September 16th, the official enrollment count day. Currently there are 28 students enrolled in the Sunrise Sunset Daycare.

A new hand-painted mural has been installed at the end of the hallway leading from the main foyer in the Primary building. This colorful canvas mural depicting block print letters and numbers, as well as young children at play, was created by last year's high school art classes and presented to the Primary students as a gift to be enjoyed for years to come. Community members are encouraged to visit our building to see this lasting addition to our building.

Primary students brought nearly \$160 during the first week of a two-week collection drive for the hurricane relief efforts. We are calling this project "Coins for Katrina". Students have taken to heart this opportunity to show their caring for children in need who live in another part of our great nation.

Order forms for high school-sponsored stadium blankets, bracelets, and magnets are available on the table outside the Primary's main office door. Primary students and community members wishing to show their school spirit may pick up one of those order forms anytime during school hours.

Warhawks Sports Update

By: Tara Prine

For most people, it seems that the fall sports season is their favorite sports season. This year, our sports seem to be doing remarkably well.

HIGH SCHOOL

Volleyball: The Southeast Warren volleyball team has had a rocky start, due to the fact that they started their season facing their toughest competitors. Unfortunately, with five games under their belt, they've been able to score only one win. Coach Nick Dicks hopes to improve throughout the season. "It is frustrating for the girls and myself not to win some games. We have to work even harder to keep our spirits up," he said.

Football: So far, our varsity football team is off to a great start. Coaches Jim Carr and Matt Oliver expect a very rewarding season. "After a long month of camp and practice, the Warhawks enjoyed much success in a 'much easier than expected' first contest with Des Moines Christian, 62-7," Jim Carr said. They also scored a win against East Union with a score of 32-6. The coaching staff would like to thank the community, administration, student-body, and parents for their continued support. They would also like to thank the Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters for redoing the football field. It is a great facility that they are proud to call their home field.

Cross-country: Our cross-country team has a great turnout this year. They have individual runners who are finishing in the top 20, which is a great achievement. "Cross-country is off to a good start this year, and we hope to keep improving!" says Coach Jason Walter.

JUNIOR HIGH

Junior high sports recently started. The junior high volleyball team has had an excellent start to their season. The eighth graders have won against Martensdale- St. Mary's and Murray. They have been playing strong so far. The seventh graders lost their first game to Martensdale- St. Mary's but came back strong against Murray and swept them in three games. "The girls have great teamwork and work hard during practice," commented Coach Scott Dirx.

The football team has some experience because several of the students played with the Little Chiefs and had much success. However, the past two games haven't gone as planned. Southeast Warren dropped two games; 36-6 for the eighth graders and 12-0 for the seventh graders to Eddyville-Blakesburg. Coach Dave Ripperger remains optimistic, saying, "The boys are eager to learn more about football which is always a good sign."

Although fall is a busy season with many activities going on at once, students and parents have been able to get together and support their school, which is greatly appreciated!



MUSIC

VOCAL

The Vocal Music students are very busy preparing for a productive year. As you may know, we are planning on going to Broadway in New York City during spring break next spring. Thirty eight students and fourteen adults will attend a Broadway show, a New York Nicks basketball game, and perform at the Twin Towers memorial sight. We have many fund-raisers going on, and would like to thank you ahead, for supporting us in the endeavor.

During Homecoming we will be selling **Glo bracelets and raffle tickets for 2 “patio planter baskets.”** We will be running **“Water Wars”** on Thursday , September 29 during the evening festivities. We would really appreciate anyone that can help us, by saving your **Hy-Vee grocery and gas receipts.** We are collecting those to raise monies from a donation from the Indianola HyVee. Note that all receipts must come from the Indianola store. We will be taking orders for and **making pies** on October 15 at HyVee. Please make your life easier by letting us make pies for your family. They come ready to bake or freeze. We also will be selling **“World’s Finest Chocolate” candy bars** during the third week of October.

Vocal students 4-12 are beginning to work on the musical **“Beauty and the Beast”** which we will be performing three times during the weekend of November 18-20. This is a wonderful musical and the cast looks to be large and very capable. If anyone has any talents or desires to help with sets or costumes, please feel free to contact Mrs. Young at the High School. We are blessed to have such a talented and hard-working group of young people. Share the pride with us , and plan to attend or volunteer to help in any of our performances. You will be richly blessed. *Lynnea Young*

STUDENT INSURANCE

Southeast Warren School Board Policy states that all students who participate in athletics must have insurance to adequately protect the student.

If you find yourself with this need, please check out the information from Student Assurance Services, included with this newsletter. This is a low-cost plan for accident coverage for school activities, with options for full-time coverage. This is also an excellent supplemental plan to any existing insurance, in which benefits are limited or a high deductible is required.

After reviewing the enclosed brochure, fill out the enrollment envelope, enclose your payment, and send it to any school office. You are automatically enrolled as soon as the school receives it.

If you have questions about the coverage, you should call Student Assurance Services directly.

Band News

Jr. High and High School bands are growing. We have 27 in Jr. High and 21 in High School. Both numbers are larger than last year even after graduating 9 seniors.

We have been practicing marching band technique in preparation for home football games. We have five to play for this year. The central theme is a salute to freedom and a salute to our current military members, their families, and service veterans. During the final game of the season the Jr. High will combine with the High School Band to march. It should be quite a show to see 48 band members take the field. See you at the game!

Fine Arts Update

By: Jamesa Wadle

Fine Arts are important to Southeast Warren. Numerous activities appear throughout the year, and student accomplishments can be seen and heard all through the school.

The Southeast Warren band program got started early this year by keeping busy throughout the summer. They are currently learning new music. Their future plans include a band trip in which both the Jr. High and High School will participate if their fundraising goals are met. The Jr. High band is planning on competing at State Large Group Contest. The High School Concert Band is striving to earn another Division I Rating at State Large Group Contest. We wish them the best of luck!

Art is essential to students of all ages. This year, a new art teacher has joined the faculty. Although Mrs. Morhardt has been teaching at Southeast Warren for 12 years, she recently started teaching at the high school. She looks forward to continuing the art club and enhancing the artistic experiences of those students involved with this club. They had their first meeting two weeks after school started. "I'm very impressed with the wonderful learning atmosphere that Southeast Warren promotes, and look forward to working with the students and faculty," added Mrs. Morhardt.

We would like to thank everyone that is part of Fine Arts for all they do. Their artwork can be seen in the hallways of the school, and the band is always performing at the athletic events, which benefits all of us. So thanks! Your efforts are much appreciated!

Brian Chaplin

By Caitlin Crow

Another new face out at Southeast Warren High School is Brian Chaplin. In addition to being a new teacher associate here, he is also the Youth Pastor for Milo Christian Union. I sat down and asked him a few questions, some serious and some random. Here is what he had to say.

How old are you? 21

Single or attached? Single

Where did you go to school? Iowa Christian Academy

What is your job at this school? One-on-one associate

What do you hope to gain from your teaching experience at SEW-? A better understanding of school systems.

What are your hobbies? Sports, playing guitar, playing with little siblings, and hanging out with my youth group.

How did you get into Youth Pastoring? I had been working with a youth group in Indianola for about a year-and-a-half and then I was asked to come to Milo.

How long have you played guitar? 3 years

Who do you look up to the most? My dad. He is the most trustworthy person I know.

What is one thing that you have always wanted to do, but either did not have the chance, money, or just plain chickened out? Trying out for a minor league baseball team—chickened out.

What is your signature look? Shorts, t-shirt, and a baseball cap, either Cubs or Hawkeyes.

How did you get that scar on your arm? I broke my arm freshman year playing baseball

Do you have any bad habits? Biting my nails when bored or nervous

What is your most embarrassing moment? I was walking down the hall in high school and my bag got caught on the fire alarm and pulled the alarm. All of Indianola High School got out of class!

What is your favorite condiment? Pickles

Southeast Warren welcomes you! We hope you have a great year!

Student of the Month

Southeast Warren has many great students. Each month we will have a teacher nominate a student for "Student of the Month." This month Ms. Rhodes nominated Chelsie Town!

Chelsie is a senior this year at Southeast Warren. Ms. Rhodes picked Chelsie due to her leadership abilities and, "She always has a smile and a kind word for everyone." Chelsie is involved in many activities including dance and FCCLA.

Way to go Chelsie! Keep up the good work!

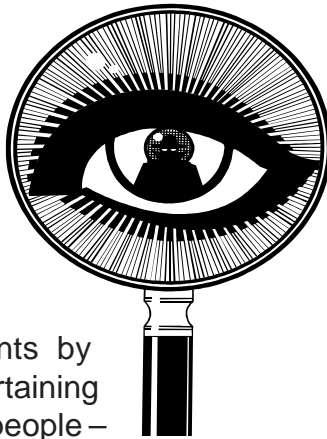
-By Courtney Cox

October 2005 Calendar

Please see <http://www.se-warren.k12.ia.us/calendar>

SCAVENGER HUNT

Hunt your way around Warren County and help the SE Warren After-Prom by registering for the first SE Warren After-Prom scavenger hunt to benefit the SE Warren After-Prom Committee on Saturday, November 12th!



You can help provide a drug and alcohol free night for our students by participating in this unique and entertaining event! Form a team of three to five people – invite your neighbor, your spouse, or your coworkers – it's up to you! If you play to win then you'll want to have teammates who know the perfect place to find a take-out menu with Kung Pao Chicken, the hottest year on record in Warren County, Iowa, or a calendar from 1972. The possibilities are endless, but you'll have to wait until November 12th to find out!

Keep in mind that **this event will be limited to the first 50 teams** that register and submit the team minimum donation of \$100 before Friday, 4 November. **Don't delay - form your team today!** **Fabulous prizes** will be given to the three teams accumulating the most points during the hunt. Prize giveaway will be held at the Milo Community Center following the hunt. Non-alcoholic drinks and appetizers will be provided at the Milo Community Center. So, you think a scavenger hunt sounds easy? Well, how easy do you think it might be to find some of the items on the list below? (And no, you won't be asked to find these same items.)

- Empty jar of peanut butter
- Green toothpick
- Popsicle stick with a joke on it
- Picture of all team members inside a shopping mall wearing shower caps

These are just a few examples of the wacky items you may be asked to find. The more challenging an item is to find (or create), the more points your team will get if you do so!

To register:

1. Get a team together. Teams consist of three to five members. So get family or friends together and suit up. If you don't have a full team, let us know and we'll try to match you up with some other individuals. It could be a great way to meet people.
2. Fill out the [registration form](#). It's pretty simple—the hardest part will be coming up with a fun and unique team name!
3. Raise Your Donations. To complete the registration process we ask that your team raise a minimum of \$100 to support the SE Warren After-Prom. You can use the [sponsorship forms](#) to help collect your minimum donation. You can also use the form to continue collecting donations that can be turned in the day of the Hunt at check-in.
4. Send in your registration form and donations. Remember, you'll be officially registered for the scavenger hunt only when you've sent in your team's official [registration form](#) along with the minimum donation. Deadline for entries is November 4th.
Send your team's form and minimum donation to:
SE Warren After-Prom
309 N Washington
Lacona, IA 50139
(Make checks payable to: SE warren After-Prom)
5. Come to check-in on November 12th at 2:00 p.m. Bring those additional contributions that you have collected with you to check-in—you never know what the judges might do. Team captains: to speed up the check-in process, have your team sign the [waiver form](#) in advance and bring it to check-in.

To receive your registration packet please contact Brenda King at (641)534-3015.

REPORT OF SHARING OPTIONS STUDY

Iowa Department of Education

RESPONSE FROM THE GROUPS INTERVIEWED

The following five questions were asked of each group at the Melcher-Dallas and Southeast Warren School Districts. Under each question are the responses from the groups interviewed. The groups interviewed included teachers, community members, and school board members/administrators. The questions were developed by the Melcher-Dallas and Southeast Warren School Districts. (School Board members from the Southeast Warren district were not present at the ICN session but were asked the questions during a board meeting. Their responses have been incorporated.)

A. What do you see as the future of the district?

Melcher-Dallas

Teachers believed the district has a number of hurdles to overcome. These include decreasing enrollment and unstable financial outlook.

Community members commented consolidation down the road is inevitable. Some stated they have heard this before but this time is different due to the decrease of the budget guarantee.

School Board members believed the budget situation was putting a strain on the district.

All groups want to continue to provide a quality system for students.

Southeast Warren

Teachers commented declining enrollment is an issue. The district is currently viable with the support of the community. They realize that growth needs to take place and were concerned about the number of administrators in the district.

Community members commented survival was the key. Survival will include growth in the community through housing and business development, which will increase enrollment.

School Board members commented declining enrollment, budget issues, student achievement requirements, and a more diverse student population (increased poverty) have placed a strain on the district. This will lead to increased sharing and possible consolidation.

B. What factors should the district consider when making plans for the future?

Melcher-Dallas

Comments from all three groups -were consistent. The comments included:

- Students needs.
- Financial resources and outlook.
- Retain quality staff.
- Property tax rate.
- Where the high school will be?

School board members also believed that the district and community needed to promote the good things that currently exist but realized without support from the state they will not be able to continue as they are.

Southeast Warren

Teachers commented enrollment, student learning, maintaining a quality staff, and technology.

Community members commented increased enrollment, quality education, losing teachers, feasibility of sharing, and community involvement.

School board members commented educational needs of the students, resources available, expectations of the community, and promotion of the community and school.

C. Are the Melcher-Dallas and Southeast Warren districts compatible? Why or why not?

Melcher-Dallas

All groups agreed yes. They believed the districts have similar cultures and backgrounds due to the rural communities.

School board members agreed the districts are compatible but were concerned with the rivalry between the districts and Southeast Warren's struggle to build a building.

Southeast Warren

Teachers believed the schools and communities are similar. The districts currently share some staff members and programs. They were concerned with the rivalry.

Community members were not sure the districts are compatible. The concern revolved around distance and the current rivalry. They were also concerned that increased sharing or whole grade sharing may increase open enrollment out of the district, specifically to Indianola.

School board members commented the districts are compatible because of similar size, family connections in both districts, budget concerns, and both are maintaining a quality system with decreasing budgets. They were concerned about the community feelings toward one another, distance away from each other, and the traffic pattern of residents, to Indianola and Des Moines.

D. What is the best way to ensure two-way communication of information and concerns?

Melcher-Dallas

Teachers commented that there are a number of rumors floating around the community. They thought the best way to eliminate them would be to hold community meetings.

Community members thought it was important to have stakeholders (staff, students, and community members) involved. Suggestions to involve them included newsletter, website, more citizens at the board meetings, and town meetings.

School board members believed the best way to ensure open communication was to continue to hold joint board meetings, report results in the newsletters, and develop a community advisory group.

Southeast Warren

Teachers believed using the existing advisory committees would help with communication. They also wanted to see open community meetings.

Community members believed it was important to have committees, made of community members, explore the issue. They stressed it is important for information to be made public, "Rumors become too big too quickly".

School board members commented newsletters, materials at events, and the district's website would help. They believed it was important to build trust by keeping everyone informed. The board acknowledged the need for more parent-teacher communication.

E. Which of the following options do you think the district should pursue? Why?

Melcher-Dallas

Teachers commented the district should pursue increased sharing because the community is not open to whole grade sharing yet. The group commented they are concerned about their jobs.

Community members commented increased sharing would be the best option. They were concerned about the distance and the impact of open enrollment if the districts began to whole grade share.

School board members believed the district should explore increased sharing. This may include a uniform school calendar and day between the two districts. They were also interested in any funding as a result of sharing.

Southeast Warren

Teachers believed sharing would be the best option. This may include increased use of the ICN and shared staff members. One of the examples cited included sharing a staff member but having the staff member spend first semester at one school and second semester at the other school. This will decrease the time lost driving between buildings during the day. They were also concerned with the possible increase in open enrollment if the districts moved towards whole grade sharing.

Community members agreed whole grade sharing was not an option because of the potential for increased open enrollment out of the district. They wanted the district to explore increased sharing of staff, classes, and administrators.

School board members commented increased sharing was the best option. Whole grade sharing, at this point, would be perceived as the first step towards consolidation, which would be viewed negatively.

In the next newsletter we will present the conclusions developed by Mr. Heitz; these include possible next steps for the two districts.

Southeast Warren Community School District
Regular Board Meeting
August 8, 2005

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session August 8, 2005, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Wadle, Jennifer Birchette, and John Burrell. Chris Hardy was absent. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weakland and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

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

REPORTS:

Primary Principal's reports submitted by Charlotte Weakland:

Our elementary summer remedial reading and math classes, serving a total of fifty students, were held in the Primary building from June 13th through June 30th. Kathy Taggart taught the first and second graders, Donna Clay worked with the third and fourth graders, and Pat Butler tutored the fifth and sixth graders. I appreciate the support of the school board and the participating parents in providing this important service to the students who needed it the most. Great strides in vital skill areas were made.

We are very excited about the new addition to our playground. The Partners in Education parent group, through their fund-raising efforts, have made it possible for us to purchase a brand new eight-seat swing to be installed on the east end of our playground. We are also purchasing eleven rubber mats to be installed at the base of each swing and each slide on the existing structure. These mats, together with additional wood fiber, will increase the safety of our playground. Installation is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, August 14th beginning at 1:00 p.m. We need parent and community volunteers to dig holes, assemble and install the swing frame, and spread the required fabric, pea gravel, and wood fiber ground cover. Please call Wendy Smith at 942-6143 or Melody Kibbeat 942-6504 if you have a few hours to spare on the 13th for this project.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite the board members to our annual Open House to be held on August 30th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are very excited about the opening of another school year and look forward to showing off our beautiful building to parents and community members. While you are here, please notice the new computer lab in the media center, a new serving table and upright freezer in the kitchen, and the new wings in our playground.

Intermediate Principal's reports submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. We received the new reading materials during the summer and have scheduled the sales representative to work with our teachers on Monday, August 22nd and Thursday, October 13th.

2. Work on the building has progressed very well this summer thanks to the efforts of Silas and Allen. In addition to regular summer cleaning and maintenance they:

- put down new carpeting in the band office and storage area
- replaced and/or repaired ceiling in the older section of the building
- put a finish on the new window trim in the cafeteria and art room
- installed GFI plugs in the restroom/locker rooms
- painted outside doors in the older section of the building

Tom Schneider ran the new sidewalk to the delivery door of the cafeteria and poured new cement outside the library door.

3. We expect new playground equipment to be delivered soon. The new equipment will be installed within the area of our current equipment. Partners in Education plan to coordinate volunteer to install the equipment before school begins.

Secondary Principal's reports submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

Summer Construction

- Electrical—Panel box moved in the basement moved to the steps so the custodial staff does not have to walk in water to check the box should the pumps malfunction. Security lights around the school have been repaired to improve nighttime lighting. Current work is underway in the shops to bring electrical requirements up to code as identified in the EMC safety report. Improved lighting and exhaust fans will be installed in the faculty restrooms.

• Roof—The west wing and the boys' locker room are completed. The girls' locker room should be finished by the board meeting. Both locker rooms did not have the flashing installed correctly. Upon removing the old flashing it was found that a header (2x8) had never been installed on top of the wall before installing the flashing. The header has now been installed and new flashing had to be purchased to complete the project.

• Kitchen—The existing kettle has been disconnected and removed. We are awaiting delivery of the new kettle during the week of August 8.

SAI Conference—The School Administrators of Iowa hosted their annual conference August 2,3,4. There were excellent presentations on the challenges of educational change and raising the educational bar. One session I especially enjoyed was the sociological and societal changes that have taken place since World War I, the G.I. generation, and the implications on students and teaching today, the Millennial generation.

Summer Teacher Meeting—An invitation was extended to our teachers to meet this summer and review our positive relation emphasis and Color Guard advisory program from the past year. We have had two meetings with six teachers in attendance and are looking at ways to further strengthen what we began last year. The educational data continually shows that a positive environment and relationships are critical in improving student achievement.

Legislative report: Chris Wadle related to the Board that an ICN session will be held on August 17th and 30th entitled "Legislative Advocacy Skills for Board Members".

Athletic Boosters: Ron Miller related that the Athletic Boosters have been working diligently to prepare the football field. The bleachers have been moved, the goal posts are up and the fence will be installed within the next few days.

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

1. July 11, 2005 minutes
2. Financial reports
3. Approve the school nurse and the high school guidance counselor as Level I child abuse investigators and the Warren County Sheriff's Department as Level III child abuse investigator
4. Approve Peoples Savings Bank and Bankers Trust Company, N.A. as bank depositories
5. Approve Indianola Record-Herald as official newspaper
6. Appoint Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., as School District legal counsel

Motion by Chris Wadle, 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. A copy of the in-service schedule for August 18-23 was given to board members.
2. An updated board calendar was given to board members.
3. August 15th is the deadline for any board member interested in filing a Statement of Candidacy for Election to the Area Education Agency Board of Directors.

SHARING WITH MELCHER-DALLAS: Dr. Hulleman related to the Board that employees would receive a copy of the complete report received from Eric Heitz summarizing the interviews conducted concerning sharing with the Melcher-Dallas School District. Dr. Hulleman related that portions of the report would be published in the Warren Pride over the next three months, starting in September.

CHILDREN FIRST FORUM: Dr. Hulleman presented a list of the 2004-2005 Children First Forum members. Board members were asked to suggest additional names for the 2005-2006 membership. High school students will also be included on the membership list for 2005-2006. The 2005-2006 membership list will be on the September agenda for approval.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Dr. Hulleman recommended accepting the resignations of Natoshia Myers, One-on-One Associate; and Jan Shannon, part-time custodian. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to accept the resignations as presented. Ayes: 4.

Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the appointments of Phil Oliver, Assistant Football Coach; John Burrell, Assistant Football Coach; Kim Warner, Director of Fall and Spring Plays; Deanna Stewart, Jr. High Cheerleading Advisor; and Brian Chaplin, One-on-One Associate. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the appointments as presented. Ayes: 3. John Burrell abstained from voting.

STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the proposed changes to the reading standards and benchmarks. The changes address phonemic awareness and phonics, which are integral parts of our reading program in the early grades. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the changes to the standards and benchmarks as presented. Ayes: 4.

ROOF REPAIRS: Dr. Hulleman related that two bids had been received for replacing the roofs on the bus barn and daycare center. A quote of \$19,261 from Hunt's Local Contracting was received to cover the current roof with asphalt shingles; the second quote from A&C Custom in the amount of \$20,649 is to remove the roof and replace it with a similar metal roof. Dr. Hulleman recommended accepting the bid from A&C Custom in the amount of \$20,649 for the metal roof. The metal roof would better match the roof on the school building and includes new insulation. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the bid from A&C Custom to do the roof repairs on the bus barn and daycare center. Ayes: 4.

SALE OF FOLD SCHOOL HOUSE AND FOOD WARMER: Dr. Hulleman related that one bid had been received from Kurt Cronbaugh in the amount of \$100 for the old school house at Liberty Center. The bid is for the building and all attached items in the building. The building will be removed and the site cleaned up within 90 days. No bids were received for the food warmer. The food warmer will be disposed of. Dr. Hulleman recommended accepting the bid from Kurt Cronbaugh for the old school house. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Wadle to accept the bid from Kurt Cronbaugh for the old school house. Ayes: 4.

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: A draft copy of the 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report was presented to board members. Dr. Hulleman related that two pieces of data have not yet been received: The State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards (SCASS) and the American College Test (ACT). Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report with the addition of the SCASS and ACT data when received. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report with the stipulation that the additional data will be added when it is received. Ayes: 4.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING: Dr. Hulleman recommended changing the September board meeting date from September 12th to September 19th in order to hold the organizational meeting after the school elections. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by John Burrell to change the September board meeting date to the 19th. Ayes: 4.

DISCUSS BOARD GOALS: The Board discussed the proposed 2005-2006 Board Goals. The goals will be brought back with the changes

discussed at the September board meeting for Board approval.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION: The Board discussed the process for the Superintendent's evaluation. The consensus of the Board was to complete the evaluation form and return to the Board Secretary prior to the September board meeting. Evaluation of the Superintendent will be placed on the September agenda.

President Ron Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Asbestos – Annual Notification

The District is required to notify staff and community each year on the status of asbestos in its facilities. An asbestos management plan has been in place since 1989. This plan was developed by a certified asbestos management planner.

The Southeast Warren School facilities have been reinspected by a certified asbestos inspector as required by AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act). The inspector located all material in our buildings suspected of containing asbestos; he determined the condition and hazard potential of all this material.

A copy of the management plan and the reinspection reports are available for your review in the Superintendent's office. Please make an appointment during office hours if your wish to review these documents.

The District is complying with AHERA and with related Federal and Iowa laws. We will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that our students and employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

Southeast Warren Community School District Breakfast & Lunch Menu

OCTOBER 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/toast	French toast	Pizza
Corn dog French fries Fruit Bread/butter 3	Chicken nuggets Cooked carrots Fruit Bread/butter 4	Ham & cheese/bun Green beans Fruit Cookie 5	Cook's choice 6	Spaghetti Carrot sticks Fruit Texas toast 7
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/toast	Muffin	Sausage gravy/biscuit
Sloppy Joe/bun Tater tots Fruit Pudding <i>National School Lunch Week</i> 10	Crispito Corn Fruit Peanut butter sand. 11	Chicken & noodles Mashed potatoes Fruit Bread/butter 12	Hot dog/bun Cole slaw Fruit Cookie <i>1:15 Dismissal</i> 13	Pizza Fresh vegetables Fruit 14
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French toast	Pizza
Cheeseburger/bun Curly fries Fruit Bar 17	Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Fruit Hot roll 18	Pizza dippers Lettuce salad Fruit Pudding 19	Cook's Choice 20	Chicken patty Fresh vegetables Fruit Chips 21
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/toast	Muffin	Sausage gravy/biscuits
Macaroni & cheese Peas Fruit Peanut butter sand. 24	Corn dog French fries Fruit Bread/butter 25	Chicken nuggets Cooked carrots Fruit Bread/butter 26	Ham & cheese/bun Green beans Fruit Cookie 27	Cook's choice 28
Pastry				
Spaghetti Carrot sticks Fruit Texas toast 31				

LUNCH PRICES

	<u>K-6</u>	<u>7-12</u>	<u>Reduced</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Single	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.60	\$.40	\$ 2.50
Weekly	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.00	\$2.00	
Monthly	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$8.00	

BREAKFAST PRICES

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Reduced</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Single	\$ 1.00	\$.30	\$ 1.25
Weekly	\$ 5.00	\$1.50	
Monthly	\$20.00	\$6.00	

- All breakfasts served with juice and milk
- All lunches served with milk
- Menus are subject to change
- All money deposited in your family account may be used for lunch and breakfast at any building.

These prices are guidelines. You may deposit any amount into your family account.

AFTER-PROM Sponsored Events

Have we got stuff going on!

Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, November 12. Fabulous prizes will be awarded to the best "amazing race" contestants. This event is open to anyone - students, adults, neighboring schools, etc. See page 8 in this newsletter for more information.

Southeast Warren Merchandise

If you haven't seen them yet at a football game or at school, ask any senior or senior parent, or call the high school office.

"Ribbon" car magnets - \$3.00

Green & white rubber bracelets - \$3.00

SEW embroidered blankets - \$25.00

(warm & waterproof, they fold for easy carrying)

Balloon Ride Raffle

We continue to sell chances to win a hot air balloon ride. Winner will be drawn at the last home basketball game.