
RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

Tonight, the Board recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Beaverton School District and the community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Meritorious Budget Award – Claire Hertz, Jessica Ho, Gayellyn Jacobson, André Schellhaas and Debby Wohlmüt

The Beaverton School District has been awarded the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO).

Sponsored by ING, the Meritorious Budget Award recognizes school districts that demonstrate excellence in their budget presentations and promote examples of the latest techniques. Developed by ASBO for school districts, the MBA criteria guide school business officials toward a quality school budget presentation by enhancing their skills in developing, analyzing, and presenting a school system budget.

As stated in the MBA Review Comments, “Excellent use of spreadsheets, charts and graphs and color pictures throughout the document enhance the quality of the overall presentation. The document provides sufficient information for the layperson as well as the detail-oriented expert to understand the budgeting process used by the District. The District is to be complimented for its extended efforts to compile and present a professional quality MBA document.”

Claire Hertz, Chief Financial Officer for the Beaverton School District, says, “The MBA helps us to strive for best practices and ensures that our budget document is a high standard for transparency and excellence in budget presentation.”

The Association of School Business Officials International, founded in 1910, is a professional association of 5,000 members that provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources.

Congratulations, Claire, Gayellyn, Jessica, André and Debby!

2012 District Librarian of the Year – Jenny Takeda

The Oregon Association of School Libraries has named Jenny Takeda the 2012 District Librarian of the Year.

This award, the highest award given by the OASL, is given to school librarians who demonstrate exceptional performance as a teacher, an instructional consultant, an information specialist, and leader. “Jenny Takeda stood out above the other highly qualified candidates with the depth and breadth of her experience and district programs.” Says Ruth Murray, OASL Past President.

For nine years, Jenny coordinated all school and District libraries, including staff training and support, maintaining school library technology and integrating library programs with District

curriculum. Fifteen school and District personnel nominated Jenny for the award, the highest number of nominations the OASL has ever seen.

We value the contributions media specialists have made in our schools over the years. Had our budget situation been different, we would not have had to make the difficult decision to eliminate these valuable positions. We commend Jenny for her service to the District and schools.

Congratulations, Jenny and thank you for all you have done to support school libraries.

Chinese Administrator – Mr. Liu Linlin (Jeff Rose to introduce)

Mr. Liu Linlin is visiting the Beaverton School District as part of the U.S. China Administrator Shadowing Project sponsored by the China Exchange Initiative.

From a leadership perspective, I appreciate and look forward to my learning from my relationship with Mr. Liu Linlin. I hope to better understand the impact that culture has on schools, and the relevance for us as a community and school district. The mission of the China Exchange Initiative is to build and support educational exchange programs between schools in the United States and schools in China at the pre-college level.

The U.S. China Administrator Shadowing Project is an exchange program for school administrators, superintendents and principals. Chinese administrators visit the U.S. in the fall for one week of professional development activities and one week of "shadowing" their American counterparts on the job. The American administrators will go to China during spring of 2013 for a similar experience.

Mr. Liu Linlin is Vice Principal of Weinan High School, which includes grades 7 - 12. They educate more than 4,000 students with more than 300 staff. Weinan High School has international classes, with a focus on English and English speaking countries. They are exploring the possibilities of long and short-term teacher and student exchange programs and are hoping to develop a comprehensive partnership with Beaverton.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Liu Linlin to the Beaverton School District.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize Claire Hertz, Gayellyn Jacobson, Jessica Ho, Debby Wohlmutter, Andre Schellhaas and Jenny Takeda for their contributions to the School District and welcome Mr. Liu Linlin.