

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:

ORTOP Robotics Competition Inspire Award winners – Batteries in Black

The Batteries in Black lego robotics team, comprised of students from Westview High School, the International School of Beaverton (ISB) and Meadow Park Middle School, recently won the **Inspire Award** at the Oregon University System Statewide Robotics “Bowled Over!” Competition. The team will compete at the FTC World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri April 25-28, 2012.

The Inspire Award is awarded to the team that performed well in all judging categories and was chosen as a model *FIRST* Tech Challenge team. The judges used observations made during interviews and in the pit area, the team’s engineering notebook, and performance on the playing field in determining the winner.

Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach Program (ORTOP) offers the *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) pre-engineering program to help students begin exploring technical careers. Each team is comprised of up to ten students who start the season in the fall by designing and programming a unique robot using a robotics kit called Tetrix. The robots compete on a 12-foot by 12-foot playing field, and during the first 30 seconds, the robots must operate completely autonomously – without human intervention. For the next 120 seconds, team members can assist the robots by sending commands using wireless connections. In this year’s championship Bowled Over! Challenge, teams formed and competed in alliances, with each alliance attempting to get racket balls into crates scattered around the field

Batteries in Black (Coach Radhakrishnan Duraiswami will introduce the team):

Team Member	Grade	School
Aditya Radhakrishnan	9	Westview High School
Abhijit Mudigonda	9	Westview High School
Prahaladha Mallela	9	Westview High School
Aishwarya Juttu	9	Westview High School
Anusha Sanka	9	Westview High School
Susmitha Matlapudi	8	ISB
Prajwal Sharma	7	ISB
Anshuman Radhakrishnan	7	SUMMA Meadow Park
Andrew Kokubun	7	SUMMA Meadow Park
Daniel Sealand	7	SUMMA Meadow Park
Nikhil Murthy	7	SUMMA Meadow Park

Congratulations, Batteries in Black!

Beaverton School District Clothes Closet and Shoe Box – Sandy Axel, Camille Greene, Chris Hayward, Julie Liggins, Sharon Takahashi, Johanna Shrout, Aaron Boje

The Beaverton School District Clothes Closet is a volunteer service organization that provides clothing for children in grades K-12 enrolled in a Beaverton school. Beaverton School District parent group and community volunteers staff the Clothes Closet. Parent groups, individuals and community groups also support the Clothes Closet with financial contributions that are used to purchase new articles of clothing such as socks, underwear, coats and other hard to find items. The Shoe Box program offers a one-time purchase of new shoes for students in extreme need.

The Clothes Closet was established in the mid-1970s as a supplemental resource for students in the Beaverton School District in need of clothing and shoes. The program serves students from every school in the District, including an increasing number of homeless students. Over the past five years, service has increased more than 30%. As of the March 14, 2012, 1,872 students have made 2,365 visits to the program, and the Shoe Box has purchased 103 new pairs of shoes.

With the support of a grant from the Reser Family Foundation and a part-time AmeriCorps Member, the Clothes Closet was able to extend the hours of operation this school year. The Clothes Closet is now open every Wednesday that school is in session from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers from District elementary and middle schools staff the Clothes Closet from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. and community volunteers from faith and service organizations staff the evening from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Clothes Closet is an outstanding volunteer program providing exceptional service to students in need. Thank you, to the board, many parent and community volunteers and program staff.

2012 National High School Hall of Fame – Rod Harman

Rod Harman, long-time Beaverton School District swim coach, will be inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame July 11, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rod has coached girls and boys swimming at three Beaverton high schools since 1959, and has won eight state championships along the way – two boys' titles and six girls' titles. Harman coached 36 years at Beaverton High School, 10 years at Aloha High School and the past eight years at Southridge High School. His overall dual-meet record is 278-76.

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities.

Congratulations, Rod.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board recognize the Batteries in Black, Sandy Axel, Camille Greene, Chris Hayward, Julie Liggins, Sharon Takahashi, Johanna Shrout, Aaron Boje and Rod Harman for their contributions to the School District.