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At the opening of the meeting, reports on recent committee meetings and accomplishments were shared. Bill Herbert reported on his recent visit to the High School Chemistry Class. Adam Vitalone reported on his graduation from college and Gretchen Craft reported that the "What's Happening" will be sent to residents next week. Gretchen also thanked CSE Chairperson, Wanda Miller, for organizing a bone marrow drive to benefit a student facing this procedure. She also reported on Senator Schumer's visit to Williamson on December 23rd, where school officials were able to share their concerns over federal funding for Special Education. President Bucky Jordan reported that the District was being recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as the Business of the Month for their support role in the business community. Three students - Dean Ganskop, David Verdine and Lauren Ambrogio - were recognized for being commended on their PSAT Scores. They scored within the top 5% nationally on their preliminary college entrance exam.

Under the consent agenda, Susan Cartwright was appointed as a part-time Library Clerk and Lynn Locklear as District Arts Coordinator.

There were two major reports to the Board. The first one dealt with the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). This federal law, passed in January 2002, speaks to how schools across the United States will be assessed on the goal of having 100% of students reach proficient levels on State exams by the school year 2013-2014. Each of the 50 States will be assessed on their progress towards this goal annually. The present State 4th Grade, 8th Grade and High School Regents exams in English/Language Arts and Math will be assessed beginning this year. In 2007 Science will be added. Also in 2005-06 every 3rd - 8th grader will be assessed in Reading and Math annually. This will mean additional State testing of 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th graders in these areas.

The second report to the Board was presented by Enrichment Teacher, Ellen Saxby, and Teacher Assistant, Cathie Abdunnasir. They reported on the overall Enrichment Program, the number of students being served and the types of programs and projects underway. The Enrichment Program reaches all Elementary and Middle School students through Level 1 projects which enrich the curriculum for all students. In addition, Level 2 and 3 projects focus on smaller groups of students who have a particular ability or interest. At present, there are 318 students involved in projects in either of these levels. Plans for the future of this program include implementing strategies to increase participation in Level 3 projects and the Learning Fair and to establish a database of community members willing to share their special skills and talents with the students.

Under Old Business, policies reviewed by the policy committee underwent first readings. The Board enthusiastically approved the tenure of Art Teacher, Patricia Sheridan, who was joined by her family at the Board Meeting to celebrate her accomplishment.

After approving the discard of technology equipment, the Board recessed into Executive Session.