

## **Lisle School District 202 Board of Education Highlights, April 20, 2009**

### **Kathy Chatman recognized for nine years of service to District 202**

For the past nine years, Kathy Chatman has served the school district and the Lisle community as a member of the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education, most recently as the Board's Vice President. She has served on several Board committees, including Chairing the Policy Committee. Through her leadership, the school district's comprehensive policy manual has been completely updated and will soon be available on the district's website. At its April 20 meeting, members of the Board publicly thanked Mrs. Chatman for her many years of dedicated service.

### **Lisle schools save money through purchasing cooperatives**

At the April 20 regular meeting of the Board of Education, the Board approved two contracts for the purchase of office supplies and xerographic/construction paper. By joining forces with the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative and the Southeast DuPage Purchasing Group, the district was able to realize substantial savings and competitive rates on these supplies. The contracts awarded to Warehouse Direct for office supplies and Midland Paper for paper supplies will be in effect for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **Jack Royhl named Junior High School Counselor of the Year**

Jack Royhl, counselor at Lisle Junior High School counselor, was recognized April 17 as the Junior High School Counselor of the Year at the Illinois School Counselor Association's spring conference held at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. Criteria for selection include that the nominee should possess the personal qualities thought to be desirable in an exceptional counselor and that the nominee must have been responsible for innovations in the counseling program, for providing leadership in the further development of existing services, for demonstrating leadership in professional counseling associations, and for performing an outstanding service to the school or community.

### **Board of Education approves a reduction in force**

At its April 20 meeting, the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved a reduction in force of five educational support staff personnel. The aides are being honorably dismissed for economic reasons due to the uncertainty of state and federal funding and the staffing requirements of the upcoming school year. The five inclusion aides could be recalled if it is determined that additional special education services are needed for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

### **Student Services offers comprehensive review**

The Lisle School District 202 Board of Education heard a report April 20 from Karen Gordon, Director of Student Services, on the services offered to students with special needs. The district is committed to supporting students with disabilities by using a consultative inclusion model in the general educational setting. Special education teachers collaborate with general education teachers on the needs of students, with instructional aides providing support under the supervision of certified personnel. The mission of District 202's Student Services is to create and sustain quality learning environments that focus on the strengths of the students and foster their ability to problem solve, gain independence and to be successful, contributing members of their communities.

