

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Betty Poindexter, Interim Superintendent

March 11, 2015

We R Savers Check Presentation

West End Bank presented a PowerPoint illustrating the historical recap of their partnership, commitment to educating students financially, program impact on students, and the importance of giving back. During 2014, there were a total of 473 student and staff accounts opened, and over \$245,000 saved through this program. Concluding the presentation, West End Bank presented a check for \$5,000 to Communities in Schools to assist them with their mission of surrounding students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school, and achieve in life.



Disabilities Awareness Month: Barb Bergdoll presented a [video](#) featuring Brett Eastburn, who is a motivational speaker born without arms and legs. His positive attitude has changed lives and perspectives for those with disabilities.

Math/Science Presentation

Sam Thomas, District Science Coach, introduced the STEM facilitators who then gave an overview of the HAS-Ti conference. They also described their roles as facilitators. A video was shown demonstrating a problem solving activity where students had to use innovative and creative thinking to reach a solution.



REA Teacher of the Month

Kelley McDermott, REA President, introduced Kendra Beiser as the REA Teacher of the Month. Ms. Beiser is a kindergarten teacher at Charles Elementary. She described the joys of teaching and her passion for the students. Click [HERE](#) to view the video celebrating Ms. Beiser.

Work Session

The Board discussed changing Elizabeth Starr Academy to a neighborhood school. The boundaries for ESA would be set. Further discussion focused on tweaking other school boundaries that would reduce student transport time and at the same time maximize the classroom space in the elementary buildings. The discussion will continue at the next meeting on March 25, 2015.

Superintendent Search Update: Last week, the Board met with the University Search Team and will be proceeding with the interviews.