

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**February 25, 2008**

**Members:** Kathy Hummel, Chair  
Don Walters  
Ken Barnhart

Mrs. Hummel called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. All members were present.

**Legislation Considered**  
Temp. Res. A-29

**Discussion:**

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A resolution commending and congratulating the Woodridge Local School District for the inclusion of Woodridge High School as one of the nation's top high schools as reported by the U.S. News and World Report and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Mader stated that Woodridge High School was recognized in *U.S. News & World Report* as being one of the nation's top high schools. Out of 18,795 schools, 100 were awarded a gold medal, 405 a silver and 1,086 a bronze. Woodridge was one of those. Four high schools in Summit County received awards: Hudson, Revere, North and Woodridge. He wanted to extend congratulations to the staff, administration, teachers and students for achieving this. It is a compliment to our community.

Jeff Graham, Superintendent of Woodridge Schools, stated it is one thing to set goals and meet them but it is more impressive to be recognized for doing what is right. He gives credit to the high school's principal, Mic Beccerra, the students, and supportive parents and teachers.

Mic Beccerra, Principal of Woodridge High School, stated the staff worked extremely hard. This study was a surprise to them. They had no heads up that it was even being done. They pulled the evaluation criteria from the ODE Website and found it included (a) overall, did the students get better than average test scores in the State; (b) how did the economically challenged students do toward average in state testing; and (c) they looked at college readiness and AP testing and how prepared the students were for college. It was based on students' test scores.

Mrs. Pyke stated that when this came to Council, she indicated she would also give recognition to the Cross Country team who was first in the State in 2006 and 2007, and 17<sup>th</sup> in the nation in 2007. She asked about signs being placed at the City's borders. Dr. Graham stated the City has already done that around the campus area. Mrs. Pyke congratulated the school on its fine achievements. Mrs. Klinger stated she would like to recognize and congratulate the school district for this accomplishment in light of its funding situation. Mr. Barnhart extended his congratulations to all involved. Two of his grandchildren attend the school. He thanked Mr. Beccerra and Dr. Graham for providing such a great education.

Mrs. Hummel congratulated all of the Board Members, including Tammy Heffernan and Melissa Wilkinson whom she thanked for coming to the meeting.

***Committee recommended bringing out Temp. Res. A-29.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.