AGENDA

1 Public Participation

*2. Discussion Items
   a. Minutes of the December Board Operations Committee Meeting (pp. 2-4)
   b. Review New Nominations for Resolutions of Recognition (Chris Ward) (pp. 5-22)
   c. Emerging Issues Update (Chris Ward & Ed Geppert) (p. 23)
   d. Board Retreat Planning (Joyce Karon) (p. 24)

3. Decision Items

4. Additional Items

5. Adjourn

* At the conclusion of any discussion item in which the committee is ready to make a decision, a discussion item may be immediately moved for a decision.

** Items listed with a double asterisk (**) will be discussed in committee and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.
NOTE: Due to the fact that the morning committees ran longer than expected, the December 14, 2005 Board Operations Committee meeting did not begin until 1:00 p.m.

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Chairman Chris Ward asked if there was anyone that wished to speak to the committee for public participation. No one came forward.

2.a. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Vinni Hall moved that the minutes of the Board Operations Committee for the November committee meeting be approved. Joyce Karon seconded the motion and it passed with voice vote approval.

2.b. **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

There were no new nominations for consideration.

2.c. **EMERGING ISSUES**

**School Restructuring & District Corrective Action**

Dr. Chris Ward commented that there are two issues that relate to this topic for Board discussion.

1. Role of the Agency in dealing with districts that appear to be identified by various key agency departments as chronically dysfunctional.

2. The Board/Agency position regarding to restructuring schools as a result of consequences of NCLB.

Dr. Vinni Hall asked Committee Chairman Chris Ward if she might ask Dr. Ginger Reynolds to briefly review some information that is already available regarding the issue of “Restructuring under NCLB.” Dr. Reynolds explained that the handout is a summary of where Illinois is regarding restructuring at this point, along with what some other states are doing in this area. The agency has now been informed, after several messages that guidance from USDE in regards to restructuring under NCLB would be delayed, that no guidance will not be coming at all from the federal agency in this regard. Dr. Reynolds indicated that staff is anxious for the State Board to assist the agency in determining an approach in the areas of how this should be handled and what resources are available for which to carry out this task.

Joyce Karon repeated the urgency of this issue due to the magnitude of the schools affected or likely to be affected. Dr. Ward suggested that, based on a lack of direction coming from Washington, a starting point would be to compose a list of minimal things that should be done, get those in place, and then as things unfold the Board and agency can build upon that outline. He commented that this might be a better approach than to move too far ahead and cause us to get locked into a process that is unmanageable due to capacity.
Dr. Reynolds commented that with the help of Gail Lieberman and Jon Furr, staff have compiled a basic guidance document, because there are approximately 200 schools that need to deal with this right now. Gail Lieberman has done a couple of workshops across the state to assist administrators in knowing what restructuring a school might look like, with minimal requirements at this point.

Dr. Dunn called the Committee’s attention to the document which summarizes other states’ approaches which range from mild to moderate state involvement.

Joyce Karon asked if the Board has an obligation to inform the public of the school’s efforts in regards to restructuring. Dr. Reynolds indicated that this information would be in the Report Card information, and that by law, they are required to include the community in the school’s restructuring planning. Superintendent Dunn indicated that he sees that issue being part of the discussion in the Board’s process of studying this topic.

Joyce Karon posed a second question: What happens in the case of a school having restructured, but no improvement is seen? Dr. Reynolds responded that the law requires that a school that has restructured is required to continue to offer choice in supplemental educational services until the school meets AYP for two years. The law is silent after those two years. In the 2007 Reauthorization of NCLB, we expect that this question will be dealt with. General Counsel Jon Furr added that this will be a national issue because many schools across the nation will have reached the point of status quo. Superintendent Dunn indicated that it would be the job of staff to lay out some options for the Board to consider in approving a policy on such.

**Increasing H.S. Student Performance in Literacy & Numeracy**

Dr. Chris Ward brought to the Committee’s attention a handout on the issue of H.S. Reform/Increasing H.S. Student Performance in Literacy & Numeracy. Dr. Ward asked the committee members to spend some time thinking about this issue. Superintendent Dunn commented that the Center for Teaching & Learning Services started a tradition this past year of holding a state-wide conference on key issues. The first conference was around Value-Added Education. We have a group wanting to do something on high school reform – to generate ideas, awareness, etc. We’ve put them on hold just a bit so as not to get ahead of the Board. However, it may be an avenue in which to build a knowledge base. Dr. Dunn has indicated to the group that he would bring the interest of the group to the Board and will get back to them regarding next steps.

Dr. Ward responded that Board members indicated coming out of their retreat in August that they want to take ownership in studying emerging issues. If other members have no problem in merging the work of this study group that has interest in this issue with members from the State Board, maybe that’s an option – we work on this together. Dr. Vinni Hall commented that she believes that this work should be done in tandem. The members of the State Board should be involved with the interest groups in studying the issue of reforming how high school students meet the state standards. We can make high school an exciting and compelling place for students to learn.

Dr. Ward suggested that when the Board meets in January that the first discussion with this group take place. Superintendent Dunn and Dr. Reynolds indicated that the agency staff will be delighted to hear that the Board is interested in working together.

Joyce Karon asked for clarification of the first italicized sentence in the handout. Dr. Ward indicated that he is referring to how the learning standards are integrated from classroom to classroom. This paper is meant to be a catalyst for this type of discussion. Superintendent Dunn suggested that the group may look at how teachers engage with high school students – building a sense of community in high schools, a sense of belonging, etc., not telling teachers how to teach.
3. **DECISION ITEMS**
   Some decisions have been made during this committee meeting, and they were acted upon during discussion.

4. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**
   Committee Chair Chris Ward commented that he has asked Joyce Karon to take the lead in working with another Board member to begin plans for the State Board’s 2006 Retreat. Joyce will look at the proposed dates, availability of meeting sites, draft an agenda for Board discussion and based on that draft agenda, make recommendations on staff attendance, the need for a facilitator, etc. Possible retreat agenda items would be Strategic Plan Update, status of study of emerging issues, Board self-evaluation, etc. General Counsel Jon Furr reminded the Board that under the Open Meetings Act, the facilitator for the Board self-evaluation should be from a statewide organization of which the Board has membership (NASBE); and for the emerging issues discussion, that would be more of an open discussion and could be a separate facilitator.

   Dr. Ward also mentioned that he would like for Board members to review the evaluation forms for any suggestions for revision.

5. **ADJOURN:** Dr. Vinni Hall moved that the committee be adjourned. Joyce Karon seconded the motion and the Board Operations Committee meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.
TO: Board Operations Committee
   Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Chris Ward, Chairman Board Operations Committee
      Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator

Agenda Topic: Review Resolutions for Board Recognition

Purpose of Agenda Item
To review incoming nominations received since the last Board meeting. Nomination materials that are received will be sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

Relationship to/Implications for the State Board’s Strategic Plan
The State Board’s Recognition Program was developed to show the Board’s support for the outstanding work of educators and school boards that are serving all children in this state.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
Recommendation of Board action.

Background Information
In May, 2005, the Board initiated a Board Recognition Program to become more proactive in its efforts to recognize the exemplary achievements of students, teachers, school administrators, and local board members in Illinois. These achievements are such that they truly stand out from the ordinary. Upon review and acceptance, the State Board of Education will pass a resolution describing the particulars of the achievement. The signed resolutions will be presented in one of the following three ways:

- mailed to the recipient(s);
- personally awarded to the individual(s) at their respective school(s); or
- presented to recipient(s) during the State Board meeting at which their resolution is approved

Superintendent’s Recommendation
No recommendation from the Superintendent.

Next Steps
Board Operations Committee will review the nominations received and make a recommendation based on that review.
Illinois State Board of Education
Recommendation for Recognition by the State Board of Education
to be submitted by Regional Superintendents and/or District Superintendent

Kathryn Paddick  Wilco Career Center
Superintendent's Name  District Name

500 Wilco Blvd  Romeoville, IL
Address: 60466
(street address, city, state, zip)

815-838-6941  kpadwick@wilco.k12.il.us
Phone and Email: 60466
(phone) (email address) (region)

Tracie Tobin  Culinary Arts Instructor
(name of program or person(s))

Wico Career Center
of the following school:

Elizabeth Kaufman  815/838-6941
(name & phone number)

500 Wilco Blvd  Romeoville, IL
(school address)

Please provide a description and reasons why you are recommending that the State Board adopt a resolution. Be sure to include the challenges faced in attaining this achievement. (This information will be used in drafting the resolution for the State Board's consideration. Feel free to use an extra page, but limit to 2 pages.)

I started at Wilco last year. As I look back at last year and the beginning of this year, the teacher really stands out in my mind as exemplary and that is Tracie Tobin. From starting the schools "culinary cafe" to providing banquets for staff and their various programs, she always goes above and beyond. The monthly community lunches are another example of her providing "the extra touch" and getting our community involved with our center. Not an event...

Signature of Superintendent of Schools: Kathyrn Paddick

Date: 11/17/05

Send information to: Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator, Illinois State Board of Education,
100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777  email: jladage@iasbe.net  fax: 217/785-3872
goes by, that Tracie has not stayed late to clean up when the rest of us are long gone. I truly appreciate her hard work for the staff, students, and community and believe she deserves some special appreciation for it.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Marco
Instructor
Wilco Area Career Center
Illinois State Board of Education
Recommendation for Recognition by the State Board of Education
To be submitted by Regional Superintendents and/or District Superintendent

Dr. Jane M. Bauer  Dalzell Grade School District #98
Superintendent's Name  District Name

Address: 307 Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 200, Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone and email: 815-663-8821  jbauer@bhsroe.k12.il.us  28
Phone  email  region

Recommends Miss Jaclyn Keeney, student of Milton Pope School, Marseilles

School Principal/Superintendent: Dr. Chris Mehochko  815-357-8151

Milton Pope School, Region 35, 3197 East 28th Road, Marseilles, IL 61341

Please provide a description and reasons why you are recommending that the State Board adopt a resolution. Be sure to include the challenges faced in attaining this achievement. (This information will be used in drafting the resolution for the State Board's consideration. Feel free to use an extra page.)

I wish to thank the Illinois State Board of Education, in their endeavor to become more proactive, for providing me an opportunity to recommend student Jaclyn Keeney to be recognized for exemplary achievements. These achievements are such that they truly stand out from the ordinary. She has earned the honor to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education for achievements.

Jaclyn Keeney attended Milton Pope School from kindergarten through eighth grade. I served as her principal/superintendent for the last five years of education at Milton Pope Elementary School. She has numerous accomplishments to her name. I will begin by addressing the major accomplishment; her creation of the official LaSalle County flag.

Last year, the honorable members of the LaSalle County Board and the Honorable Regional Superintendent, William G. Novotney, jointly invited all public and private schools in LaSalle County to compete for the drawing of an official county flag. The county had never had a flag, and these members felt it was an opportune time to engage young citizens in an opportunity to display their patriotism as well as their creative artistic talents.

Mrs. Brooke Rick, one of our junior high school teachers, led the students in research and creation of a LaSalle County Flag. The individual drawings were displayed in the hall. Then all teachers in the school voted on the final selection to be submitted to the County Board. Jaclyn Keeney's flag was selected. The education team at Milton Pope felt we had a winner!

The selection was easy. The Keeney flag had an appealing representation of history from the County. What stood out first was the pull out of the county against the backdrop of the shape of Illinois. This is what LaSalle County looks like. Next was the depiction of the Illinois Michigan Canal. The IM Canal is part of the rich past and bright future. A sign for Starved Rock is also prominent. People travel from around the country to visit our State Park. The scenery offered at the park by water, road, or foot path is breathtaking. And finally, Keeney depicted the mainstay of our agricultural community,
the ear of corn. No representation of LaSalle County would be complete without corn! Keeney captured the heart of the Midwest County with a drawing that sent a message for past, present, and into the future.

Jaclyn Keeney’s flag drawing was submitted to the Regional Superintendent’s office to be shared with the LaSalle County Board. After several months passed, Jaclyn Keeney’s flag drawing was selected and the school was informed of Keeney’s honor and invited to participate in the flag unveiling at a Regular LaSalle County Board meeting.

In addition to creating the LaSalle County flag, Miss Jaclyn Keeney has many other accomplishments to her name. She graduated first in her eighth grade graduating class having achieved straight A’s throughout her grade school years. She was recognized by the LaSalle County Board for her academic achievements. Jaclyn competes and excels in volleyball, basketball, and track. She is a cheerleader. During her first year of IESA speech competition, she was awarded a Judge’s Special Award along with her first place award. Jaclyn Keeney is an accomplished musician competing in IESA and receiving first place awards in piano and trumpet.

When Jaclyn Keeney is not studying or practicing, she is probably working. She goes daily to her parents’ business and assists. She has a very strong work ethic. She has learned to work hard by modeling her older siblings and her parents. She also enjoys babysitting for neighboring families. Her work ethic is evidenced in all she does at school.

As if her days are not full enough, Jaclyn Keeney makes time to do volunteer work. Usually this volunteer work involves kids. To name a few of these volunteer sites, she has volunteered at her church and at the YMCA. She was pictured in May on the front page of the local paper volunteering with kids for the Ottawa YMCA Healthy Kids Day. Her love for kids is evident at school as well. Between games or at other school activities, Jaclyn Keeney is usually carrying a child or discovered with her fingers tucked around the fingers of a youngster who is following her around and dreaming that they can one day be like her.

This evidence love of children and her strong work ethic lay the foundation for her dreams and future endeavor, teaching. I hope she will follow her dream. We need Jaclyn Keeney’s in our profession!

As I conclude this recommendation, I again thank you for this opportunity and beseech you, the determining committee, to discover all that Jaclyn Keeney stands for as a young, patriotic citizen in LaSalle County, Illinois, and America. She has accomplishments that go above and beyond the ordinary accomplishments of her peers. Her selfless commitment to serve the community by using her talents and time make her, indeed, a contender for ISBE recognition.

Signature of Superintendent of Schools

Date: December 15, 2005

Send information to: Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator, Illinois State Board of Education, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777. email: jladage@isbe.net phone: 217/557/6626
I have many things on my flag that wonderfully describe LaSalle County. I put the year LaSalle County was established, 1831, along with the outline of Illinois and LaSalle County. I put on my flag what I thought was important to the county.

On my design I chose three things representing LaSalle County. I felt that these three things affected LaSalle County the greatest. The first icon I chose was the I&M Canal, because it has dealt greatly with the build up of the LaSalle County area. Starved Rock was the second icon I chose because it is a great historical landmark, along with a great tourist center for LaSalle County. Knowing that agriculture is an important aspect to almost everyone of LaSalle County, I chose corn to represent it. I feel that these three icons wonderfully describe the area of LaSalle County. They also describe the type of lives the people from LaSalle County live.

Thanks,

Jacey Keeney
COUNTY FLAG UNVEILED

A new La Salle County flag will be designed by Jacey Keeney, an 8th grader at Milton Pope School in Marseilles. County Board member Richard Foltyniewicz, D-Ottawa, introduced the idea of a county flag in June, and suggested hosting a design contest for students in grades 5-8 throughout the county. The judges, Edmond Thornton of Ottawa, David Raikes of Local Labor Union 393, and County Board member William Johnson, D-Peru, selected Keeney's design from 21 entries, and Keeney has been awarded a $1,000 savings bond funded by Foltyniewicz. "It's a great feeling," Keeney said. Now that the design has been selected, Foltyniewicz will be working with a graphic designer and flag manufacturing company in creating the actual flags. No county money will be used for the project, and Foltyniewicz has said the public will eventually be able to purchase the flags at a cost to be determined.
Milton Pope Student’s Design for New LaSalle County Flag Chosen

By Cindy Shroba

"Definitely just try everything, whether or not you have any doubts at all," says Jacey Keeney. "You don't want to look back and ask yourself why you didn't do that."

It's obvious from the outcome of the LaSalle County Flag contest that Jacey stands behind that statement. The eighth grade Milton Pope Grade School student won first place in the recent contest for the design of the new LaSalle County flag.

Her design includes illustrations of a sign pointing to Starved Rock, the I & M Canal and, of course, the ears of corn.

The LaSalle County Board and board member Richard Foltynewicz, in conjunction with the Regional Office of Education and Superintendent William Novotny, came up with the idea of a flag contest and invited all public and private schools in region 35 to take part.

Jane Bauer, superintendent and principal of Milton Pope School, said some students don't participate in contests such as this one because they think they have no chance of winning. But the school, first-year art teacher Brooke Rick, and Jacey, took it seriously, with winning results.

Twenty-one schools participated, and last month the school found out that Jacey's entry took first place.

In addition to receiving a $1,000 check, she was also given a plaque and certificate. The money went straight into a savings account to be used for college.

Jacey says that she would like to go to a small college and earn a sixth-to-eighth grade science endorsement, or maybe teach kindergarten.

She is no stranger to winning awards; in 2003 she won the judge's award in a speech competition and has taken numerous firsts in band for her trumpet playing and piano.

A member of Stavanger Lutheran Church and active in many other activities such as chorus, volleyball and basketball, Jacey still manages to stay on the high honor roll.

"It's fun being busy - I enjoy it," she says.

Her family, including her mother and father, Peggy and BJ Keeney, and her older brother and sister, Matt and Jenny, will present a completed flag to the school when it is finished.

Milton Pope School eighth grader Jacey Keeney, center, with Brooke Rick, art teacher, at left, and Jane Bauer, superintendent and principal. At left, Jacey's design that won the county-wide competition for LaSalle County's new flag. Pilot photo by Cindy Shroba
Kindergarten
Activities:
- T-Ball
- Sunday School
- Bible School
Volunteer:
- Singing at Nursing Home

First Grade
Activities:
- Baseball
- Sunday School
- Bible School
Volunteer:
- Singing at Nursing Home

Second Grade
Activities:
- Baseball
- Sunday School
- Bible School
- Piano Lessons
- Illinois River Valley Soccer
Volunteer:
- Singing at Nursing Home

Third Grade
Activities:
- Baseball
- Sunday School
- Bible School
- Piano Lessons
- Illinois River Valley Soccer
- Girl Scouts
Volunteer:
- Singing at Nursing Home

Fourth Grade
Activities:
- Baseball
- Sunday School
- Bible School
- Piano Lessons
- Enrichment Program
- Illinois River Valley Soccer
- Band – Trumpet
- Girl Scouts
Volunteer:
- Singing at Nursing Home

Fifth Grade
Activities:
- Sunday School
- Bible School
- Illinois River Valley Soccer
- Band – Trumpet
- Piano Lessons
- Enrichment Program
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Track
- DARE
- Cheer America Camp
Volunteer:
- Singing at Nursing Home

Sixth Grade
Activities:
- Sunday School
- Illinois River Valley Soccer
- Band – Trumpet
- Piano Lessons
- Enrichment Program
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Track
- Northern Illinois University Basketball Camp
- Chorus
- Opera for the Young Participant
- Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
Volunteer:
- Singing at Nursing Home
- Bible School helper

Awards:
- Music Contest: First place piano solo, Second place trumpet solo
- Poppy Poster Contest Award; American Legion Post 235 Marseilles, IL: Third Place
- Honor Roll: 2nd and 3rd Quarters, High Honor Roll: 1st and 4th Quarters
- DARE: Essay Winner

Seventh Grade
Activities:
- Confirmation
- Illinois River Valley Soccer
- Band – Trumpet
- Piano Lessons
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Track
- Chorus
- Speech
- Opera for the Young Participant
- NIU Red Hacket 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- Illinois Valley Community College Young Actors Camp Class
Volunteer:
- Nursing Home volunteer visits
- Bible School helper
- YMCA volunteer
- Served as an acolyte during church worship
- Candle lighter for Church Christmas program

Awards:
- Music Contest: First place trumpet solo, First place piano solo, Second place double duet ensemble
- Speech: Judge's Choice Award, First place Duo, First place Impromptu
- Volleyball: Coach's Award
- High Honor Roll: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Quarters

**Eighth Grade**

Activities:
- Confirmation
- Illinois River Valley Soccer
- Piano Lessons
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Track
- Chorus
- Band – Trumpet
- Speech
- Opera for the Young Participant
- Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- LaSalle-Peru 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament
- Seneca High School Young Spikers Volleyball Camp

Volunteer:
- Nursing Home volunteer visits
- Bible School Teacher
- YMCA volunteer
- Served as an acolyte during church worship
- Candle lighter for Church Christmas program

Awards:
- Music Contest: First place piano solo, Second place trumpet solo, First place triple duet ensemble (2)
- Basketball Coach’s Award
- Clyde Boldt Memorial Award
- Speech: First place Duo, Second place Improv Duo, First place Impromptu
- President's Education Awards/Outstanding Academic Excellence
- Milton Pope High Academic Scholarship
- Milton Pope Band/Chorus Outstanding Musician Award
- LaSalle County, Illinois, Student Excellence Award
- Honor Roll: 4th Quarter, High Honor Roll: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Quarters
- LaSalle County, Illinois, Flag Contest Design Winner
- Starved Rock Reading Counsel Young Author Recipient

*Member of Stavanger Lutheran Church.
*Helps her family by working in the family owned business, Illinois Office Supply, in Ottawa, Illinois.
Milton Pope Honors Jacey

Jacey Keeney Wins LaSalle County Flag Design Contest

The LaSalle County Board and LaSalle County Regional Office of Education co-sponsored a contest to design an official flag for LaSalle County. The contest was open to public and parochial students 5-8 grade. Cheryl Boldt and Brooke Rick conducted the contest at Milton Pope. Artists remained anonymous as teachers and students voted on the flag entry. Milton Pope’s winning flag was the creation of Jacey Keeney.

County Board Chairman, Glen Joe Daugherty recently informed Superintendent Bauer that Jacey’s flag design won. He invited guests to the surprise unveiling at the February 10th LaSalle County Board meeting.

February 10th was an historic day for LaSalle County, Milton Pope, and Jacey Keeney. The Regional Office of Education Superintendent William G. Novotney gave a history of the purpose of a flag dating to the 1700’s. Dougherty called Jacey and guests to the podium for the unveiling of the flag, a plaque, and certificate. Member Richard Folynewicz then presented Jacey a $1,000 check. Having a LaSalle County flag was the fulfillment of a dream for Folynewicz. The culmination of the day was a motion made by Folynewicz followed by a unanimous vote to adopt Jacey Keeney’s flag as the LaSalle County Flag. The gavel swung; history was made.

Jacey’s flag features the state and county shape with a drawing of a canal mule driver, Starved Rock Sign, and ears of corn. We anxiously await the actual production of the flag.

Those in attendance included Jacey’s parents Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Keeney, grandmother Mrs. Loretta Ostby, teacher Mrs. Brooke Rick, friends Mr. Jeff Sheppard and Mrs. Debbie Kleckner, and Dr. Jane Bauer.
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Dr. Jane M. Bauer, Superintendent
November 1, 2004

Honorable William G. Novotney
Regional Superintendent of Schools
119 W. Madison, Room 102
Ottawa, IL 61350

Dear Honorable Novotney:

It is a pleasure to name Jacey Keeney as the Milton Pope School LaSalle County Board Schools Committee Student Excellence Award Winner. We look forward to the LaSalle County Board meeting in April.

Jacey Keeney is the daughter of B.J. and Peggy Keeney of Marseilles. She is an eighth grade high honor roll student at Milton Pope School. Her teachers report Jacey is hard working, conscientious, creative, and artistic. They report that with her many talents; she is an integral part of the class. Jacey is a member of the Stavanger Lutheran Church.

In addition to maintaining high grades, Jacey participates in numerous school activities. Jacey is a four-year member of the volleyball, basketball, and track team. She has won the volleyball coach’s award. When she is not playing sports, she is cheering. She has been a cheerleader for four years. In addition to sports, Jacey is captain of the IESA speech team at the school. Last year she won the special Speech Judge’s Choice Award. She is a member of the chorus and band. Each year she competes in IESA music competition in both chorus and band. She has won numerous first place awards in piano, trumpet, and choral music competition. Jacey is a member of the school yearbook staff. Jacey has been a regular nursing home visitor. She also won third place in the American Legion Poppy Poster contest. Her flag was selected to be the school’s entrance for the ROE LaSalle County Flag competition.

When Jacey is not in school, she can be found playing soccer with the Illinois River Valley Soccer team and competing in the Gus Macker Tournament. She plays Y volleyball, Y basketball, and also helps out at the YMCA. If she is not studying or playing sports in off school time, she is probably babysitting or working in the family printing business.

Jacey Keeney plans to attend a small college and major in elementary education. She would like to return to the LaSalle County area after finishing college and work as a primary school teacher or a junior high science teacher. Jacey also plans to keep sports in her life by coaching a school volleyball and basketball team.

Jacey Keeney is deserving of the LaSalle County Board Schools Committee Student Excellence Award. Thank you for recognizing some of LaSalle County’s hardest working students. We look forward to hearing from you in the future regarding the April LaSalle County Board meeting.

Very truly yours,

Sincerely,

Jane M. Bauer
LASALLE COUNTY BOARD
AGENDA
April 14, 2005

❖ This is the second meeting of the March 2005 Session

❖ Pledge of Allegiance

❖ Roll Call for Per Diem and Mileage

❖ Approval of Minutes

❖ RESOLUTION: Raymond E. “Pete” Bradley

❖ RESOLUTION: Seneca Township High School Boys Basketball Team

❖ STUDENT AWARDS
  - Jacey Keeney - Milton Pope School
  - Jenna Ksiazkiewicz - Oglesby Washington Jr. High School

❖ CITIZEN COMMENTS

❖ COUNTY HIGHWAY: Larry Kinzer
  05 12 Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation
  05 13 Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation

❖ Presentation by Jennifer Woods to attend conference in California

❖ Motion to allow Jennifer Woods to attend conference in California

❖ Presentation for 2 Detention Home workers to go to Indianapolis, Indiana

❖ Motion to allow 2 Detention Home worker to go to Indianapolis, Indiana

❖ RESOLUTION: Opposing Elimination of Federal Funding for Amtrak

❖ RESOLUTION: Support of Somonauk Area Sewer District Feasibility

❖ RESOLUTION: Trail Tag Program
April 7, 2005

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Keeney
3154 E. 28th Rd.
Marseilles, IL 61341

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Keeney:

The LaSalle County Regional Superintendent’s Office is pleased to inform you that your daughter, Jacey, has been selected by Milton Pope School to receive the LaSalle County Schools Committee’s “Student Excellence Award” at the April 14, 2005, LaSalle County Board meeting. Jacey was selected for this award based on the following criteria:

1. The primary focus of this committee is to recognize students who have demonstrated and/or contributed community service in their respective school districts.

2. Selected students should portray an image of social and civic responsibility within this school community.

3. Students should possess an attitude conducive for a good work ethic and representative of an image your school finds commendable.

We congratulate Jacey for being selected for this award, and we look forward to seeing you and Jacey at the April 14, 2005, County Board meeting at 12:45 p.m. at the LaSalle County Courthouse on Etna Road, where a plaque will be presented to Jacey.

Sincerely,

William G. Novotney
LaSalle County Regional Superintendent of Schools

WGN/mew
Cc: Mr. Glen “Joe” Dougherty, County Board Chairman
    Mr. William Johnson, Schools Committee Chairman
    Dr. Jane Bauer, Superintendent, Milton Pope School

Jean Smith
Jay McCracken
Dr. Richard Peters
John Scholfield
Phyllis Glazier
Miss Jaclyn Keeney
3154 East 28th Road
Marseilles, IL 61341

Dear Jacey,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that you have been selected by the Board of Education of Miller Township Community Consolidated School District #210 for student recognition at the April, LaSalle County Board Schools Committee meeting, Etna Road, Ottawa. Each month, the LaSalle County Board recognizes two area school students and their families for excellence. You will be publicly recognized at the Board meeting and receive a plaque presented by Honorable William G. Novotney, Regional Superintendent.

The criteria the County Board prescribes for selection is based on demonstrated contributions to the school community, an image of social and civic responsibility within the school community, and possession of an attitude conducive for a good work ethic and representative of an image the school district finds commendable. Jacey, you fulfill the prescribed criteria. In addition to being an outstanding student, I am continuously receiving positive comments about your contributions to school. Each year, I personally experience your good work ethic as I serve as your accompanist. You are the hardest working student I serve during contest.

Enclosed you will find a Student Information Sheet. Would you please complete the sections? I will ask each of your teachers to write a comment on the teachers’ section. If you have any questions, I will be happy to assist you with any part of the application. Once I receive all of the information, I will put it together in the form of a one-page letter to be read at the LaSalle County Board Schools Committee meeting.

You will receive more information as April approaches related to the date and time of the Board meeting. You, your parents, grandparents, any friends and relatives, and I are invited to attend the public meeting for your honor.

Congratulations, Jacey. You have earned the title, “2005 Student Excellence Award Winner, LaSalle County Board.”

Very truly yours,

Jane M. Bauer
LASALLE COUNTY BOARD
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 10, 2005

❖ This is the fourth meeting of the December 2004 Session

❖ Pledge of Allegiance

❖ Roll Call for Per Diem and Mileage

❖ Approval of Minutes

❖ RESOLUTION: John D. Caselli

❖ STUDENT AWARDS
  - Katie Brodzik - Lincoln Jr. High School - LaSalle
  - Ben Graham - Waltham Elementary School - Utica

❖ RESOLUTION: Approving LaSalle County Flag Design

❖ CITIZEN COMMENTS
  - Susan Workman and Rick Schmitt
  - Stephen Carlson

❖ COUNTY HIGHWAY: Larry Kinzer
  05 03 Analysis & intersection design study
  05 04 Engineering Agreement
  05 05 Micro-surfacing
  05 06 Widening, resurfacing and intersection improvements
  05 07 Widening and resurfacing
  05 08 Resurfacing
  05 09 Bituminous resurfacing
  05 10 Bituminous resurfacing
  05 11 Intersection widening, curb and gutter, storm sewer & culvert re-line

❖ County Highway Annual Report

❖ COUNTY DEVELOPMENT: Mike Harsted
  05-03 Variance Allan Moore
  05 04 Final Plat Geiger Estates Subdivision
**Jacey Keeney**

Jacey Keeney is the daughter of B.J. and Peggy Keeney of Marseilles. She is an eighth grade high honor roll student at Milton Pope School. Her teachers report that Jacey is hard working, conscientious, creative and artistic. They tell us that with her many talents, she is an integral part of the class.

Jacey participates in numerous school activities. She is a four-year member of the volleyball, basketball and track teams, and received the volleyball coach's award. She has been a cheerleader for four years, as well. Jacey is captain of the IESA speech team, and has received the special Speech Judge's Choice Award. As a member of the chorus and band, she competes each year in IESA music competition. She has won numerous first place awards in piano, trumpet, and choral music competition. Jacey is also a member of the school yearbook staff.

Jacey's artistic skills have been recognized when she won third place in the American Legion Poppy Poster contest, and her flag design was selected to represent Milton Pope School in the LaSalle County flag competition.

After school, Jacey can be found playing soccer with the Illinois River Valley Soccer team where she has competed in the Gus Macker Tournament. At the YMCA, Jacey plays volleyball and basketball, and also helps out with the work at the Y. She is also a member of the Stavanger Lutheran Church. In her spare time, you can find Jacey babysitting or working in her family's printing business.

Jacey plans to attend a small college and major in elementary education. She would like to become an elementary school teacher or a junior high science teacher in LaSalle County. She would also like to coach a school basketball or volleyball team.
TO: Board Operations Committee
Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Chris Ward, Chairman Board Operations Committee

Agenda Topic: Emerging Issues

Purpose of Agenda Item
The purpose of this agenda item is to update committee members on the coordination of efforts to study the issue of how to increase the learning capacity of high school age students.
TO: Board Operations Committee
Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Joyce Karon, Member Board Operations Committee

Agenda Topic: 2006 Board Retreat Planning

Purpose of Agenda Item
Committee Chairman Chris Ward has asked me to take the lead in working with another Board member to begin plans for the State Board’s 2006 Retreat. I will provide members with an update on the status of preliminary plans.