The Hancock Public Schools Foundation has been in operation for more than twenty-three years, and this year it was able to donate one truly incredible gift. As the school district faced financial stress, the Foundation gave $300,000 to help through the hard times. It was one of the most memorable meetings that many of the veterans of the Foundation Board could remember. They were happy to help the district that they believe in passionately.

**Foundation Gives District $300,000!**

The accounting firm of Rukkila and Negro was chosen for the year, and Edward Jones was chosen for financial advisors. Superior National Bank was approved as depository for funds.

The Board also recently received thanks from Mrs. Lancour for the audio books and MP3 players, Mr. Sanregret for supporting the high school tutor and NWEA assessment program, second grade teachers for manipulative instructional clocks, support of the 4th grade Drug Avengers program, and Mrs. Bradway for the CPR manikins.

Additional areas supported were the elementary, middle school and high school libraries; industrial arts department, auditorium chairs, art program, and more.

**Scholarships**

Another popular target of donations continues to be scholarships. This year, the Foundation was again able to award $14,000 in scholarships. The latest recipients and their scholarships were—

**Dylan Whittaker:** John P. Nelson, Aino Osterberg, and River Valley State Bank scholarships; **Holly Opliger:** Howard and Selma Anderson, Margaret Hessin; **Holly Bekkala:** Steve and Jane Zutter and Mary Orealla; **Dylan Peterson:** Fred and Vasilia Grassechi, Ed Rouleau, Ron Kahn Memorial; **Katie Meyette:** Margaret Hessin, Alumni; **Alan Toczydlowski:** Aino Osterberg, Ron Kahn Memorial, Mary Orealla; **Brady Bakkala:** Alumni.

**Recent Grants Awarded**

Recent grants have been awarded for the following programs and projects: replace computers in high school lab, $25,000; high school tutor, $8,000; LCD projectors, $7,500; Great Explorations, $7,000; literacy learning centers, $2,300; Junior Library Guild, $2,300; K-5 Grab N Go Bags for emergencies, $2,000; Brain Pop Jr., $825; and Author on Location, $500.

**Middle school science class.**

**Latest Foundation News**

A new slate of officers was elected at the annual meeting in July:

**Dave Dow,** President  
**Neil Ahola,** Vice President  
**Mike Hauswirth,** Treasurer  
**John Haeussler,** Secretary

**Ruth Ann Smith** was thanked for her years of service as president. New member **Max Curtis** was also welcomed. The Board recently accepted, with regrets, the resignations of **Karen Fenton**, **Rob Roy**, and **Ann McMahon-Weiler**. **Rob Roy** will join **Gordon Barkell** as an honorary member.
Thank You

The following people have supported the Hancock Public School Foundation since the last Update.

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