



Southwest Allen County Schools

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Dr. Philip G. Downs
Superintendent

1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: October 20, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the October 6, 2015 Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

John Blum
Meagan Milne
Mark Gilpin
Tom Rhoades
Jennifer Couch

NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL MOTIONS FOR BOARD ACTION WERE DULY MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. ALL PROPOSALS AND POLICIES FOR THE ACTION ITEMS ARE ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Congratulations to Jean Russell, Literacy Specialist, at Haverhill Elementary named the *2016 Indiana Teacher of the Year* during a school assembly Monday morning!

Homestead High School is proud to announce the names of *three semifinalists* in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship program:

Nirupama Devanathan, Harrison Lippie and Kendal Paul are among 16,000 semifinalists in the 61st annual *National Merit Scholarship Program*. These academically talented high school seniors will now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for nearly 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth \$32 million.

Also, fourteen Homestead High School students were named *Commended Students* in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program receiving letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise.

Those students include: Kayla Abramowski, Carla Barney, Kolin Behrens, David Choe, Kaitlyn Ducker, Samuel Dynako, Nkiruka Ezeakudo, Tessa Garwood, Mark Hammes, Jenna Haverstock, William Pennington, Adam Swiatkowski, Madison Van Buskirk, and Jacob Van Veld.

2009 Homestead graduate, Jeff Butler, is playing wheelchair rugby for the Team USA Olympic Team in 2016 in Rio. Further details about this opportunity for Jeff Butler may be found on Homestead's website in the October issue of the SPARTAN times.

BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved:

Minutes of the September 15, 2015 Minutes
*Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
Personnel Recommendations

*Mr. Gilpin abstained from Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts due to his business being listed in claims.

The Board of School Trustees heard a report **Report on Extra and Co-Curricular Homestead** activities as presented by Joe Updegrove, Homestead Athletic Director; Katie Metz, Middle School Athletic Director; and Jen Bay, Homestead Assistant Principal. (Reference page 1993)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of possible 2017-2018 District Calendars** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent. Five draft calendars were reduced to two. (Reference page 1994)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Student Enrollment/Building Capacity** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 1995)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Budget 101** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1996)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for Adoption of 2016 Budgets** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1997)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Extra-Curricular Purchase** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1998)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Donation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1999)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Member_____

Member_____