



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees
DATE: March 1, 2016
SUBJECT: Approval of the February 16, 2016, Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

Meagan Milne
Mark Gilpin
Tom Rhoades
John Blum
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:

Homestead senior, Emily Wright, won the *American Visions Award* from the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for her short story "Molded". In addition, Emily received a Silver Key for another writing piece, a Gold Key Art portfolio and two individual Gold Key art pieces.

Homestead teacher, Scott Hill, was just notified by the IU School of Education that he is a part of the Cohort for the *Armstrong Teacher Educator Award*. The Armstrong Teacher Educator Award focus is to bring Indiana's best educators to Bloomington to work with future teachers. The Armstrong Award provides financial support for top Indiana educators to work with current IU faculty and undergraduates in the classroom, on research projects, and in early field experiences.

In Scott's own words:

"It is a professional honor and a personal thrill to be included in this year's Armstrong cohort, and I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Downs, Mr. Ginder, and my colleague Holly Wenning for their direct involvement in making it possible. This award is a testament to the opportunities for professional growth

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that Southwest Allen County Schools provides to all of its educators, opportunities defined by high expectations, a commitment to collaborative problem-solving, and an appreciation of teachers as creative individuals. I am proud to say that my identity as a teacher is a product of my experiences with the learning community that is Southwest Allen County Schools, and I look forward to representing our district honorably during my tenure as an Armstrong scholar.”

Homestead Academic Decathlon Team won 14 medals and 3rd at State. Aameena Sohail won State Champion in Scholastic Division.

BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the February 2, 2016, Meeting
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report from Elementary Counselors** as presented by Tom Terrell, Aboite; Lynn Lain and Natalie Koomler, Covington; Tyson Flora, Deer Ridge; Kelly Wolfe-Stiltner, Haverhill; Rachal Tanesky, Lafayette Meadows; Kathryn Lopez, Whispering Meadows. (Reference page 2066)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on the Freshman Program** as presented by Jennifer Bay, Homestead Assistant Principal. (Reference page 2067)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Replacement of High School and Teacher Laptops** as presented by Don Chase, Director of Technology (Reference page 2068)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of 2016 Summer school-sponsored Camps/Programs/Events** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2069)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Property/Casualty Insurance** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2070)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on January 2016 General Fund Financial** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2071)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Extra-Curricular Purchase** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2072)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Donation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2073)

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Member_____

Member_____

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