



The Board of School Trustees of Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in the Administration Conference Room to conduct 1028 Public Hearings. The following Board Members were present:

Meagan Milne  
Tom Rhoades  
Jennifer Couch  
Mark Gilpin  
Brad Mills

**1028 Preliminary Determination Hearing – Possible Facility Improvement Project – Homestead High School – Hearing #1 of 2**

1. Purpose of Hearing—Jim Coplen, Business Manager, shared the purpose of the hearing.
2. Explanation of Procedure—Jim Coplen explained the procedure of the 1028 public hearing.
3. Discussion of Need for Project—Dr. Philip Downs, Superintendent, shared the project scope description.
4. Discussion of the Building Plan—John Rigsby from CSO shared project scope. Enrollment of 3,000 students, a range of 625,000 to 650,000 sq. ft.; 75% to 80% new construction; remaining 20% to 25% renovated space. Site improvements and potential outdoor facilities.
5. Discussion of Financial Tax Impact—Jim Elizondo, Stifel, shared financial tax impact on community. No increase over 2017 Debt Service Fund Tax Rate
6. Public Input—Floor was opened for public input.
7. Close Hearing—The hearing was closed.

**1028 Hearing – 2019 General Obligation Bonds – Various Facilities – Hearing #2 of 2**

1. Purpose of Hearing—Jim Coplen, Business Manager, shared the purpose of the hearing.
2. Explanation of Procedure—Jim Coplen explained the procedure of the 1028 public hearing.
3. Discussion of Need for Project—Jim Coplen shared need for project:
4. Discussion of the Plan—redistricting SMS, energy savings projects, radio tower, LMES construction project (loose equipment), natatorium needs, and technology upgrades.
5. Discussion of Financial Tax Impact—Jim Elizondo, Stifel, shared financial tax impact on community. \$.06380 per \$100 of assessed value. No increase.
6. Public Input—Floor was opened for public input.
7. Close Hearing—The hearing was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

***Preparing today's learners for tomorrow's opportunities.***

Dr. Philip G. Downs ♦ Superintendent

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## 1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: March 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval of the March 5, 2019, Board Minutes

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**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:**

The Indiana Department of Education completed its legally-mandated audit of SACS schools reviewing all building safety plans. SACS was found to be compliant with Indiana Codes and Indiana Administrative Rules outlining building safety plan requirements.

Seven Homestead seniors were named as Finalists in the 2019 Competition for National Merit Scholarships: Chengyu Bi, Lisa Chen, Eilidh Drummond, Ashley Federoff, Jessica Majors, Vanessa Popescu, Natasha Sutter

Homestead 10<sup>th</sup> grader, Mikayla Havison, placed first in the Indiana High School Forensics Association (IHSFA) {Speech} and 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Malia Sanghvi, placed fifth. Both ladies are qualified for the State competition.

Congratulations to Homestead teacher, Brian McNeal who won the DECA Advisor of the Year Award!

Summit Middle School earned the 2018-2019 Distinguished School designation for their Project Lead The Way Gateway program. The PLTW recognition program honors districts and schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs.

Jay Wilhelm shared a construction update on the Lafayette Meadows Elementary Project.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**AGENDA:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the February 19, 2018, Meeting  
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts  
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees **passed the 1028-Reimbursement-Bond Resolution for the 2019 General Obligation Bonds recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2618)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Additional Appropriation Resolution for the 2019 General Obligation Bonds recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2619)

The Board of School Trustees **discussed the recommendation for 2019-2020 Student Handbooks** as presented by Richelle Miller, Aboite Principal; Randy Pursley, Summit Assistant Principal and Jeff Kintz, Homestead Assistant Principal. (Reference page 2620)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the renewal of District Insurance Coverage recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2621)

The Board of School Trustees **discussed the recommendation for Summer School 2019** as presented by Dr. Lynn Simmers, Assistant Superintendent. (Reference page 2622)

The Board of School Trustees **discussed the recommendation for revision to Board Policy 5160B High School Courses Taken in Middle School from outside SACS** as presented by Dr. Park Ginder, HHS Principal. (Reference page 2623)

The Board of School Trustees **discussed the recommendation for Proposed eLearning Flex Days 2019-2020** as presented by Dr. Park Ginder, HHS Principal. (Reference page 2624)

The Board of School Trustees **discussed the recommendation for 2019 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Replacement** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2625)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President\_\_\_\_\_

Vice President\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Member\_\_\_\_\_

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