



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: February 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of the February 2, 2021, Board Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

Brad Mills  
Jennifer Bennett  
Jennifer Couch  
Tom Rhoades  
Mark Gilpin

\*\*On December 31, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Order 20-52. This Executive Order extends the Public Health Emergency until March 1 2021, unless further renewed. With the extension of the Public Health Emergency, school boards may continue to meet electronically, in-person, or a combination provided means are available for the public to observe the meeting at the same time the meeting is taking place. Mr. Mills, Mrs. Couch, Mr. Rhoades, Mr. Gilpin, Dr. Downs, Dr. Simmers, Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Erickson were physically present for the meeting in the Administration Conference Room. Mrs. Bennett participated virtually.

**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 Summit Middle School students whose art works were chosen as award winners in the 2021 Regional Scholastic Art Competition:

Carley Richison, Printmaking-Gold Key; Marla Nicholson, Photography-Honorable Mention; Audrey Eaton, Oil Pastel-Honorable Mention

Homestead wrestling advances to the regional tournament this weekend at Carroll High School. The top four place winners in each weight class advance to the semi-state tournament.

Homestead Girls Basketball Class 4A Sectional play begins this weekend in Columbia City with six area teams participating in one of 16 sites: Columbia City, Fort Wayne South Side, Fort Wayne Wayne, Homestead, Huntington North, and New Haven.

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

Dr. Philip G. Downs ♦ Superintendent

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Jim Coplen, Owner's Representative, shared a high school project/construction update.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**AGENDA:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the January 19, 2021, Meeting  
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts  
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees **accepted Bids for SMS Natatorium Renovation Project recommendation** as presented by Mark Snyder, Business Manager. (Reference page 2981)

The Board of School Trustees **heard a Report on Benefits** as presented by LuAnn Erickson, Director of Human Resources. (Reference page 2976)

The Board of School Trustees **adopted the Resolution for Additional Leave for COVID-19 recommendation to extend benefits to March 3, 2021**, as presented by LuAnn Erickson, Director of Human Resources and Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 2977)

The Board of School Trustees **approved an elective course addition at Summit Middle School recommendation** as presented by Dr. Josh St. John, Summit Principal. (Reference page 2978)

The Board of School Trustees **approved the SACS Education Foundation Board recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Owner's Representative. Appointed to the SACS Education Foundation Board is Dr. Philip G. Downs, Jim Coplen, Mark Gilpin and Jennifer Couch. A SACS Education Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021. (Reference page 2979)

The Board of School Trustees **approved the 2021-2022 School Profile Amendment Submission recommendation** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs. (Reference page 2980)

The Board of School Trustees **discussed the recommendation 2021 Bus Replacement** as presented by Mark Snyder, Business Manager. (Reference page 2982)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President\_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Member\_\_\_\_\_

Member\_\_\_\_\_