



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: August 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the July 19, 2016, Board Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, July 19, 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:

Covington Kindergarten teachers, Jennifer Summers and Elizabeth Brooks, recently served on the State of Indiana computer Science K-12 National Frameworks Review Committee. Jennifer and Betsy were selected by the IDOE to serve on this committee based on their use of computer science in the classroom.

Southwest Allen County Schools is proud to be a part of Project Tomorrow's Speak Up Survey. Last week, I was one of twenty school district superintendents across the country to receive the first *Speak Up Shout Out Award*. Speak Up is an initiative of Project Tomorrow®, the leading global education nonprofit organization dedicated to the empowerment of student voices in education. Each year, the Speak Up Research Project polls K-12 students, parents and educators about the role of technology for learning in and out of school. SACS' award stems from the 2015 Speak Up Survey where nearly 6,000 SACS students, staff, parents and community members participated in the digital learning survey.

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BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the June 7, 2016, Meeting

Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts

Mr. Gilpin abstained from the bills, claims, payroll and accounts because his company is listed on the bills.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on 2015 Speak-up Survey** as presented by McKenna Fitzharris, SACS college intern. (Reference page 2130)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Special Education** as presented by Roxanne May, Director of Special Education, and Patty Hartman, Assistant Director of Special Education. (Reference page 2131)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Homestead Out of Country Field Trip to Montreal Summer 2017** as presented by Nancy Rodgers and Marius Sagnon, Homestead Teachers. (Reference page 2132)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Restructure of Summer School Sessions for 2017** as presented by Dr. Lynn Simmers, Assistant Superintendent. (Reference page 2133)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of the 2017-2018 School Board Meeting Calendar** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 2134)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Middle School Textbook Rental** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2135)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of High School Textbook Rental** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2136)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Disposition of Computers** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2137)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on June 2016 General Fund Financial** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2138)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on 2017 Budget: Debt Service Fund & Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2139)

The Board of School Trustees passed an **Approval of Extra-Curricular Purchases** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2140)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Member_____

Member_____