



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: September 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the September 6, 2016, Board Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, September 6, 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:**

Rebecca Luckey, Summit Middle School eighth grader, has been selected as a 2016 Broadcom MASTERS semifinalist. Rebecca has been selected as one of 300 semifinalists out of 6000 national entries for her scientific research on heat treatment of Polylactic Acid (PLA).

Homestead teachers, Amanda Patterson, Sarah Imbody and Lindsay Wolf co-published an article "Co-planning in Co-teaching: A Practical Solution". This article is now available in the in an online version of *Intervention in School and Clinic* and will be in print in a few months.

Senior artist, Natalie McKibben, received a National Gold Key for one of her drawings and was honored at Carnegie Hall in NYC at the end of the 2015/16 school year.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards contacted Homestead that Natalie's award-winning work, *I Am What I Am Told, Good Red Meat*, has been selected for year-long display in the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) offices in Washington, D.C.

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

Dr. Philip G. Downs ♦ Superintendent

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**Champions Together** partnership between the IHSAA and Special Olympics Indiana congratulated Homestead High School on becoming a 1<sup>st</sup> year Unified Championship School banner winner! During the 2015-16 school year, 69 IHSAA member schools earning *Unified Champion School* status for their accomplishments and Homestead High School was one of 31 schools earning a Unified Champion School Banner for the first time. This program assists in providing additional opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities in both school and Special Olympics Indiana community programs to improve their health, learn valuable life lessons associated with athletic competition, and become socially included in activities, which lead to life-long friendships.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**AGENDA:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the August 16, 2016, Meeting  
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts  
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Heritage Speakers Spanish Class** as presented by Justin Peeper and Angela Bailey, Homestead Teachers and Homestead Students, Sebastian González, Andrés Miranda Reyes, and Raul Yanez. (Reference page 2162)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on NWEA** as presented by Dr. Lynn Simmers, Assistant Superintendent and Dianne Moake, Director of Student Assessment and Data. (Reference page 2163)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Parent Communication Survey** as presented by Stacey Fleming, Director of Communications. (Reference page 2164)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Use of Propane as Alternative Bus Fuel** as presented by Steve Lake, Director of Transportation. (Reference page 2165)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of 2018-2019 District Calendar** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent (Reference page 2166)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Grant Acceptance** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2167)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President\_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Member\_\_\_\_\_

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