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*Dr. Steven Yager*  
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## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011**

**BUSINESS MEETING.....7:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Consent Agenda**
  - Minutes of the December 16, 2010 Meeting
  - Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
  - Personnel Recommendations
  
- 2. AYP Report**
  - Phil Downs
  
- 3. Science/Health Curriculum Adoption**
  - Phil Downs

**ADJOURNMENT**



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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: January 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Minutes of the December 16, 2010 Meeting



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### 1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: January 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Approval of the December 16, 2010 Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2010 in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

John Bloom  
Holly Glick  
Mark Gilpin  
Tim Loomis  
John Blum

**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:**

ITT/Allen County Education Partnership awarded Whispering Meadows teachers Jean Russell, Deana Wyrick and Suzanne Wadkins their Excellence in Education Award.

Steve Sotir updated the board regarding the parks, ball diamonds and schedule.

Jim Coplen reported The Aboite New Trails will merge with Greenway Consortium and Northwest Allen Trails beginning in early 2011. The consolidated organization will be Fort Wayne Trails.

### **BOARD ACTION:**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board approved:

Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts  
Personnel Recommendations

**AGENDA:**

The Minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting were removed from the Consent Agenda. The Board of School Trustees amended the minutes. The minutes were approved as revised.

The Board of School Trustees approved the **Out of Country Field Trip** as presented by Phil Downs, assistant superintendent. (Reference page 1213.)

The Board of School Trustees approved a **Consideration of School Calendar Parameters** by a 4 -1 vote with Tim Loomis opposed, as presented by Steve Yager, superintendent. (Reference page 1214.)

The Board of School Trustees reviewed the **General Fund Financial Report** as presented by Jim Coplen, business manager. (Reference page 1215.)

The Board of School Trustees approved the **Resolution for Goals for Expenditure Categories** as presented by Jim Coplen, business manager. Thereafter, Mr. Blum moved the adoption of a resolution to disseminate a letter and salient data to area legislators along with the above-mentioned Resolution. The Motion was seconded. Following discussion, the motion was adopted by a vote of 4 affirmative and 1 nay-, to wit: (Reference page 1216.)

- Bloom – affirmative
- Blum – affirmative
- Glick – affirmative
- Gilpin – affirmative
- Loomis – nay

The Board of School Trustees approved the **Resolution for Transfer Appropriations** as presented by Jim Coplen, business manager. (Reference page 1217.)

The Board of School Trustees approved the **Insurance Specifications** as presented by Jim Coplen, business manager. (Reference page 1218.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President \_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_



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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

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SUBJECT: Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts



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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: January 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Personnel Recommendations

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FAX NUMBER 1-260-431-2099

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**Dr. Steven L. Yager**  
*Superintendent*  
260-431-2010

**Philip Downs**  
*Assistant Superintendent*  
260-431-2020

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## ACTION.

To: BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Date: JANUARY 4, 2011

Subject: PERSONNEL ITEMS

## APPOINTMENT

Christina Trappe                      .5 Pre-School Teacher (= full time)                      Effective 1/17/11  
Whispering Meadows

## RESIGNATION

Donald Ross                              8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach                              Effective 12/15/10  
Summit

## STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Certified – Paid by Stimulus Grant*

+ .5                      Pre-School Teacher    Whispering Meadows  
Effective approximately 1/17/11

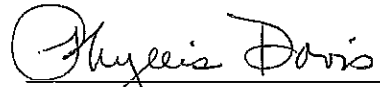
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The administration recommends the approval of the personnel items as listed above.

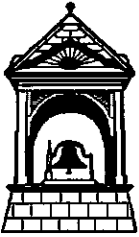
Respectfully submitted:

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Dr. Steven L. Yager  
Superintendent

  
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Phyllis Davis  
Director of Human Resources





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*Roxanne May*  
Director of Special Education

TO: Board of School Trustees  
Dr. Steve Yager  
Phil Downs  
Phyllis Davis  
Jim Coplen

FR: Roxanne May

RE: Whispering Meadows Preschool Program  
Increase .5 preschool teacher to FT  
Effective date: January 17, 2010

DATE: December 10, 2010

I am recommending the addition of .5day to the .5 Preschool teacher at Whispering Meadows Elementary. This full-time position would last until the end of this school year and be re-evaluated at that time. The specific need is due to an increase in the number of students participating in the Preschool program at WMES and the supports required as determined by their case conference and IEP.

We started the 2010-2011 school year with 18 students, 1.5 teacher s and 1.5 instructional assistants. Since that time, we have added 4 students and 8 more students will be starting the program by the week of January 24, 2011. The total of students enrolled in the program will be 30 students by January 24, 2011. Our numbers continue to increase and the needs of the students remain complex.

The cost of increasing the teacher to full-time will be funded by the Preschool Stimulus grant.

In summary, I am recommending that we add an additional .5day time to our .5 day Preschool teacher at Whispering Meadows Elementary for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. This position will be stimulus grant funded. Therefore, there will be no increase in cost to the General Fund.



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2. Report.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: January 4, 2011

SUBJECT: AYP Report



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### 3. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: January 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Science/Health Curriculum Adoption



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**Philip G. Downs**  
**Assistant Superintendent**

***Our Goal is to Make a Difference***

To: Board of School Trustees

Date: December 7, 2010

Re: K-12 Health Curriculum

Our school district formally revises curriculum every six years in concert with the state's timeline for textbook adoption.

The state has made no major changes to the health curriculum since our last adoption. Based on discussions with Anne Tiernon, High School Department Head, it is recommended that SACS continue with the previously adopted health curriculum.

The format for the SACS health curriculum is consistent for the high school courses (Health and Wellness, and Advanced Health). The curriculum is divided into four units. Each unit has the following components:

- ✓ **Desired Results** – what students should know and be able to do
- ✓ **Acceptable Evidence** – the assessments and products that let us know that students have acquired the Desired Results
- ✓ **Content** – the subject matter that will be used to help students achieve the Desired Results
- ✓ **Learning Experiences** – the activities and instruction that will be used to assist students in attaining the Desired Results

The K-8 curriculum is integrated throughout other curricular areas.

You may review the proposed 2011-2017 curriculum on the SACS website. To access the health curriculum drafts, select the *Curriculum tab* from the district home page. Next, select the *SACS Curriculum tab*; followed by the *Health tab*. The draft copies are located on the buttons to the left.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip G. Downs



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*Our Goal is to Make a Difference*

To: Board of School Trustees

Date: December 7, 2010

Re: K-12 Science Curriculum

Our school district formally revises curriculum every six years in concert with the state's timeline for textbook adoption.

The format for the SACS science curriculum is consistent for K-12. The curriculum is divided into four units. Each unit has the following components:

- ✓ **Desired Results** – what students should know and be able to do
- ✓ **Acceptable Evidence** – the assessments and products that let us know that students have acquired the Desired Results
- ✓ **Content** – the subject matter that will be used to help students achieve the Desired Results
- ✓ **Learning Experiences** – the activities and instruction that will be used to assist students in attaining the Desired Results

Teachers serving on the curriculum-writing committees are as follows:

Elementary:

Bobbi Debusk, Kindergarten, Lafayette Meadows  
Mairy Zent, Grade 1, Covington  
Bonnie Wainwright & Pam Wight, Grade 2, Aboite  
Dianne Hopper, Grade 3, Haverhill  
Valerie Goodwin, Grade 4, Deer Ridge  
Jean Russell, Grade 5, Whispering Meadows

Middle School:

Tia Tackett, Grade 6, Summit  
Rachel Finan, Grade 6, Woodside  
Scott Lazoff, Grade 7, Summit  
Matt Branning, Grade 7, Woodside  
Tom McMurray, Grade 8, Summit  
Sarah Kniss, Grade 8, Woodside

High School:

Mark Lenfesty, science department supervisor, facilitated and led the process. Every high school science teacher worked on at least one course revision. Many of the teachers actively worked on multiple courses.

You may review the proposed 2011-2017 curriculum on the SACS website. To access the science curriculum drafts, select the *Curriculum tab* from the district home page. Next, select the *SACS Curriculum* tab; followed by the *Science tab*. The draft copies are located on the buttons to the left.

Members of the committees will be present to respond to any questions you may have. I will be bringing back the science curriculum to the December 16 school board meeting for your action.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip G. Downs