



## Southwest Allen County Schools

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**Dr. Philip G. Downs**  
**Superintendent**

### 1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: December 2, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of the November 18, 2014, Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

John Blum  
Mark Gilpin  
Holly Glick  
Tim Loomis  
Meagan Milne

**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:**

Homestead's Alliance Marching Band placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Finals on November 8 and placed "8<sup>th</sup> in the land" last weekend at the *Bands of America Grand National Championships*; a four-day event in Indianapolis.

Homestead's student-run newspaper, the *Spartana*, was nominated as a 2014 *Pacemaker Award* Finalist, one of the most prestigious awards for student publications

Homestead teacher, Nick Ankenbruck, was awarded the 2014 Teaching Excellence in Sports Award by the Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly.

Both Summit and Woodside Middle Schools competed in the Regional Lego Contest at Science Central, Saturday, November 15.

Woodside's Team "Galaxy Squad" was awarded the *Best Project Presentation* and the "High Notes" Team won the *Judges Choice*.

Summit's "Driving Force" Team placed 2nd and qualified for the State Competition at IPFW on December 13.

**BOARD ACTION:**

**AGENDA:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board approved:

Minutes of the November 4, 2014 Minutes  
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts  
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Professional Development** as presented by Dr. Philip Downs, Superintendent and Dr. Lynn Simmers, Assistant Superintendent (Reference page 1847)

The Board of School Trustees discussed a **Recommendation for discussion of proposal to add Test-Out Option for Personal Financial Responsibility** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1848)

The Board of School Trustees discussed a **Recommendation for discussion of proposal for Physical Education Waiver** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1849)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of 2015 Classified Pay Increases** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1850)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on October 2014 General Fund Financials** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1851)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of PTC Donation/Purchase** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1845)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President \_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

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