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1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: January 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the December 16, 2014, Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

John Blum
Mark Gilpin
Holly Glick
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:

Congrats to Summit's, Jordan Robinson and Paul Ward for making the Indiana All State Band. Kate Ward and Emma Gillam are first alternates.

2011 Homestead graduates and current Purdue University students, Josh Auger and Ian Hamilton, along with Purdue University student, Kyle Harris and Purdue alumnus Kyle Pendergast, have developed a device that could potentially turn nuclear waste into electricity. The students created a company called Atlas Energy Systems LLC to further develop and commercialize the device invented by Hamilton. Professors Robert Bean and Allen Garner in the Purdue School of Nuclear Engineering serve as advisers for the students.

2013 Homestead graduate and current Indiana University student, William Northquist (El Don), was one of four recipients of the Indiana Outstanding Student of Spanish award as presented by the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. William is a double major in Spanish and Biology.

Homestead students, Caleb Hull, Nicole Bechtel, Sammi Warner and Trevor Gilpin received special recognition from the Anthis Career Center. Teachers nominate one student per semester in recognition for their attitude, attendance, work ethic and professionalism among the members of the class. Congratulations!

The Homestead Spell Bowl Team consisting of Emily Lawson, Nirupama Devanathan, Christina Jesse, Michelle Calloway, Logan Pollander, Gabby Bailey, Aparna Chintapalli, Lauren Hoffmann, Ru Kim and Karishma Raju finished the season as Regional Champions!

Homestead senior, Jacob Miller, was accepted into the Burklee College of Music and will study Jazz.

Joseph Wolter, Homestead Forensics Coach and English teacher, received the Professional Forensic Educator accreditation through the National Forensic League. This important recognition acknowledges excellence in forensic education through competitive success, longevity in the field, and commitment to continuing education.

Holly Glick, School Board member was recognized with a plaque in appreciation of her 20½ years of service as a school board member, making a difference for students, staff and the community.

Tim Loomis, School Board member was also recognized with a plaque in appreciation of his 4½ years of service as a school board member, making a difference for students, staff and the community.

BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved:

Minutes of the December 2, 2014 Minutes
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Safety** as presented by Anita Gross, School Social Worker, Officer Ingrid Herriott, School Resource Officer, and Jeff Kintz, Homestead Assistant Principal (Reference page 1864)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Homestead course additions for the 2015-2016 school year** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1865)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Non-Standard Course Waiver for Project Lead the Way Computer Science Applications** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1866)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval for a Physical Education Waiver** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1867)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of NASA Robotics Alliance Grant** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1868)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on November 2014 General Fund Financial Report** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager Reference page 1869)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Appropriation Transfer Resolution** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 1870)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Member_____

Member_____