



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: February 16, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the February 2, 2016, Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

Meagan Milne
Mark Gilpin
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:

What is Future City? Future City starts with a question—how can we make the world a better place? Students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th imagine, research, design, and build cities of the future that show case their solution to a citywide sustainability issue. This year's topic is waste management.

Students present their solutions via a virtual city design (using SimCity); a 1,500-word city description; a scale model; a project plan, and a presentation to judges.

Future City teams from Woodside Middle School competed at IPFW in the regional competition on January 23.

Future City ***Pyropolis*** created by Nathan Phuong, Matthew Auger, Yeyhun Song and Aakash Saklani won *Outstanding City-Wide Electrical Power*.

Epoch Isle crafted by Miranda Bartz, Julia Dvorak, Pravi Jain and Skylar Kiess won *Outstanding Presentation, Outstanding City Model, and Outstanding Narrative*. They will advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C. in February.

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Thank you to the student's engineer mentors: Daniel Auger from Depuy Synthes and Melinda Peiserich from Zimmer Biomet.

Homestead senior, Kayla Abramowski, received an invitation to apply for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the January 19, 2016, Meeting
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report from Future City Winners** as presented by the Epoch Island Team: Miranda Bartz, Julia Dvorak, Pravi Jain and Skylar Kiess and Karen Dvorak, sponsor and Melinda Peiserich, from Zimmer Biomet; engineering mentor. (Reference page 2060)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Homestead Trip to Costa Rica Summer 2017** as presented by Justin Peeper and Lisa Yde, Homestead teachers (Reference page 2061)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of 2016 Summer school-sponsored Camps / Programs / Events** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2062)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Acceptance of Donation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2063)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Extra-Curricular Purchase** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2064)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Member_____

Member_____

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