



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: February 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval of the January 22, 2019, Board Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

Meagan Milne  
Tom Rhoades  
Jennifer Couch  
Mark Gilpin  
Brad Mills

**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:**

Since 1923, the **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards** have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Students in grades 7–12 from public, private, or home schools can apply in 29 categories of art and writing for their chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited and published.

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Dr. Philip G. Downs ♦ Superintendent

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The following Homestead students are award winners:

#### Scholastic Art Winners

- Alex Donley-Wert
- Anna Houser
- Bella Kneller
- Brooke Barfell
- Casey Biddlecome
- Cassandra Hoffman
- Connor Davis
- Derek Hockemeyer
- Emma Hunter
- Grace Sarrazin
- Gwen Pifer
- Hafsa Ibrahim
- Hunter Richards
- Jared Sagan
- Jenna Thackrey
- Jess Tanzler
- June Hill
- Karly Wolfcale
- Kate Saalfrank
- Kiera Hunter
- Lucie Stockman
- Nathan Phuong
- Oliva Mendez-Lopez
- Osciana Washington
- Parker VanOsdale
- Sasha Kunkle
- Silas Manco
- Vaida Voigt
- Will Huser
- Zoe Moore

#### Scholastic Writing Winners

- Abby Smith
- Ashley Federoff
- Ashley Fitch
- Danielle Tinkel
- Emily Corns
- Khira Hickbottom
- Kiley Maher
- Nathan Hill
- Nathan Phuong
- Shawna Armstrong
- Sydney Gravel
- Vanessa Popescu
- Zoe Moore

Two Homestead Spartans were named **American Vision nominees** for the **Scholastic Writing Awards!** This award essentially means “Best in Show” and only five are annually awarded. Congratulations to:

Khira Hickbottom for her Personal Essay/Memoir ***Cutting Ties*** (Teacher: Jamie Smith)  
Nathan Phuong for his Poem ***A Man in an NRA Jersey, Exercising***. (Teacher: David Price)

Summit Middle School had winners in the Scholastic Art competition as well.

Gold Key award winner: 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Nural Tarma for a painting and a drawing

Silver Key award winner: 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Lainey Abbring for a drawing

Silver Key award winner: 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Megan Rosenbaum for a multi-color reduction  
printmaking in wood; 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Nural Tarma for a drawing

Honorable Mentions: Lainey Abbring for a linocut print, Nural Tarma (for another painting and a drawing) and Amiah Walker for a drawing.



Scholastics Regional Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 1 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center

Award Winning Works will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from February 9 through April 6.

All regional Gold Key winning works will now be judged at the national level. National award notifications will take place on March 11. If a student wins a National Scholastic Art or Writing Award, they will be honored at Carnegie Hall in June. SACS is proud to have had numerous students recognized at the national ceremony over the years.

Homestead Junior, Nathan Phuong, won the Friends of the Lincoln Collection Essay Contest.

Jay Wilhelm shared an update on the Lafayette Meadows Elementary construction project.

#### **BOARD ACTION:**

#### **AGENDA:**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

##### **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of the January 9, 2018, Meeting
- Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
- Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees **heard a report on Stem Acceleration Grant** as presented by elementary principals: Fred Graf, Jeanine Kleber, Jim Kowalski, Jennifer Sprague, and Nicole Veit, and **a report on Assessment PLC Mastery Learning Pilot** as presented by Dr. Lynn Simmers, Assistant Superintendent, and Drs. Link and Guskey (Reference page 2592)

The Board of School Trustees **heard a report on Employee Benefits** as presented by Phyllis Davis, Director of Human Resources (Reference page 2593)

Following the report on Employee Benefits, Board President, Meagan Milne, presented Human Resources Director, Phyllis Davis, with the Sagamore of SACS, for her dedicated service to SACS for nearly 27 years.

The Board of School Trustees **discussed the recommendation for a new position: Educational Neuroscience Coordinator/Coach** as presented by Phyllis Davis and LuAnn Erickson, Directors of Human Resources (Reference page 2594)

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The Board of School Trustees **passed Course Additions at Homestead High School for the 2019-2020 school year recommendation** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent (Reference page 2595)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Upper Masonry Wall Repairs at Whispering Meadows Elementary recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2596)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Resolution to Transfer Funds from Education to Operations Fund recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2597)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Grant recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2598)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Roof Bid for Aboite Elementary recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2599)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President\_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

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