



Southwest Allen County Schools

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Dr. Philip G. Downs
Superintendent

1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: March 17, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the March 3, 2015 Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

John Blum
Mark Gilpin
Meagan Milne
Tom Rhoades
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:

- Four Homestead teachers have been selected by the IDOE's Office of eLearning as members of a statewide *Digital Content Cohort in Science and Social Studies*.
 - Diana Cronk, Honors Biology and Biology teacher
 - Mark Lenfestey, AP Physics teacher and Science Coordinator for Southwest Allen County Schools
 - Kara Squires, AP World History and AP U.S. History teacher
 - Tom Maher, AP World History teacher and Social Studies Coordinator for Southwest Allen County Schools

The focus of the cohort is “to pull together expert digital content curators from around the state to support Indiana teachers as they continue down the path of digital learning.” The cohort will begin sharing at meetings in Indianapolis and will also conduct virtual meetings.

Tom Maher says, “Our proximate goals at meetings will be to discuss digital content, share that which we have created and/or curated, and most importantly, to become a support network for other science and social studies teachers across Indiana. There are also plans for cohort members to present at statewide conferences in order to improve the quality of digital education in our respective disciplines.”

- Congratulations to nine Homestead students were named *Finalist* by the *National Merit Scholarship Corporation*. They are receiving a Certificate of Merit and eligibility to win one of about 8,000 National Merit Scholarships. Students receiving this honor are: Michael Bartz, Erin Dobbs, Ben Dvorak, Kurt Gutwein, Connor Kirk, Maddie Klein, Kyle Leland, Michael Smith and Mason Walther.
- During December, Homestead’s, *We the People* team won the 3rd Congressional District and finished seventh in the Indiana State Competition.

Unit II, consisting of Tatum Ellis, Anjali Raju and Ryley Merchant, won the unit award for the top score in their unit.

Other students participating in the district and state competition were:

Parker Angelos, Sarah Camino, David Choe, Sam Dynako, Jay Greenlee, Katie Hodson, Gaby Meissner, Regan O’Shaughnessy, Sangjun Park, Ekta Saini, and Emily Sery. The class is taught by Keith Potter.

- The Lady Spartans play in the State Basketball Championship game in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 7 at 8:30 p.m. in Bankers

BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved:

Minutes of the February 17, 2014 Minutes
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Grading Proposal** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1895)

A motion was made and passed to move the **Report on the Freshman Program** to the next school board meeting. (Reference page 1896)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation of 2015-2016 Student Handbooks** as presented by Jeff Kintz, Assistant Principal, Homestead; Randy Pursley, Assistant Principal, Summit Middle School; and Richelle Miller, Principal, Aboite Elementary. (Reference page 1897)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of a Non-Standard Course Waiver: Mathematics** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1898)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of proposed eLearning Flex Days 2015** as presented by Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1899)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of change to Board Policy 4055** as presented by Dr. Philip Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 1900)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Renewal of District Insurance Coverage** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1901)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval on the Quotes for the Covington/Woodside Path** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1902)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Summer School 2015** as presented by Lynn Simmers, Assistant Superintendent and Park Ginder, Homestead Principal. (Reference page 1903)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Member_____

Member_____