



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: May 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of the April 11, 2017, Board Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

Meagan Milne  
Mark Gilpin  
Tom Rhoades  
Jennifer Couch  
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:**

Community Members, Homestead Parents, Staff, and Students are all invited to view the outstanding collection of HHS student artwork this year at the Spring Arts Gallery. The final day is tomorrow, Wednesday, April 12. The art display is open to the public after school hours from 2:45 until 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The conclusion of the art show will be celebrated tomorrow with a Coffee House sponsored by the National Honor Society from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. inside the atrium at Entrance 1.

The Woodside Online Parent Book Study had over 75 participants this year, about double that of last year. Participants read and discussed *Mindset* by Carol S. Dweck. *Mindset* examines our frame of mind in situations that arise in parenting, teaching, business, and relationships. Woodside Principal, Jerry Schillinger, believes participants found the book valuable in many areas of their lives.

HHS Rube Goldberg Club placed 3rd at the Purdue University Regional Competition. Congratulations to over 25 Homestead students who participated in the club this year!

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Dr. Philip G. Downs ♦ Superintendent

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Congratulations to Homestead Senior, Ellis Yoder, who has been named as an Indiana Academic All Star! Each Indiana high school may nominate one senior for these prestigious awards. A maximum of 90 students are recognized as regional winners by a selection committee and 40 of those students are chosen as Indiana Academic All-Stars. The program is sponsored by the Indiana Association of Principals and recognizes seniors who excel in the classroom. The students must also be actively involved in their schools and communities, and take on leadership roles in those activities.

On March 10-11, 19 Latin students attended the Indiana Junior Classical League state convention at Indiana University. Students earned over 80 individual awards in academic, graphic arts, and creative arts contests.

Homestead High School Senior's Kolin Davis and Gabe Smith won a total of four awards at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's (IBS) 77th annual International Conference and awards ceremony in New York City on March 4, 2017. Kolin Davis, Best Comedy and Best Spot News; Gabe Smith, Best Audio Documentary; and HHS In Depth, Best TV Newscast.

Spartan Robotics participated at the Indiana FIRST Robotics Competition winning the quarter finals round, advancing to the semi-finals at State! FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a multinational non-profit organization that aspires to transform our culture, making science, math, engineering, and technology as cool for kids as sports are today.

Homestead hosted its first-ever Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital on March 25. Over 200 Homestead students were in attendance, along with five Riley families from the Southwest Allen County community who shared their Riley stories. Our students danced for six hours to honor of the children at Riley who cannot. Collectively, Homestead students were able to raise over \$34,000 for the children at Riley Hospital!

## **BOARD ACTION:**

### **AGENDA:**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the March 21, 2017, Meeting  
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts  
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees **heard a report on Technology** as presented by Don Chase, Director of Technology. (Reference page 2280)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Summer School 2017 Enrichment Courses recommendation** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 2281)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Guaranteed Savings Contract recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2282)

The Board of School Trustees **passed the Acceptance of Donation recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2283)

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The Board of School Trustees **passed the Extra-Curricular Purchase recommendation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 2284)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President\_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Member\_\_\_\_\_

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