



Southwest Allen County Schools

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Dr. Philip G. Downs
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1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: August 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the July 21, 2015 Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

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:

Congratulations to Homestead High School for being selected one of 37 schools nationwide to pilot a new computer science course offered by the national nonprofit organization Project Lead The Way (PLTW). Homestead teacher, Karen Hirschy, will teach the pilot course and attended training this month at PLTW's headquarters in Indianapolis.

The *Computer Science Applications* (CSA) course is the third course in the PLTW Computer Science program. As a foundational course in the program, it will teach students how to integrate technologies across multiple platforms and networks, including the Internet. Building on the knowledge from their first computer science course – Computer Science and Software Engineering – students will create programs that integrate mobile devices and leverage those devices for distributed collection and data processing, while working primarily in Java and other industry-standard tools.

CSA prepares students for the AP Computer Science A course, and is an integral piece of PLTW's K-12 computer science pathway, which aims to prepare students for careers in computer science and information technology. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that 50 percent of the 2.8 million job openings in STEM through 2018 will be for computer specialists.

The Award-winning Homestead Alliance Band began its 2015-2016 season this week with the start of their 3-week Band Camp.

Beginning, Monday, July 27, building secretaries return to their respective buildings to prepare for registration and the start of the 15-16 school year.

BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved:

Minutes of the July 7, 2015 Minutes
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees approved a **Recommendation of Applied Technology Group (ATG) Phone System Considerations** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1964)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of the Southwest Allen County Schools Mission/Vision Statement** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 1965)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of the 2016-2017 School Board Meeting Calendar** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 1966)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on June 2015 General Fund Financial Report** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1967)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on 2016 Budget Review (Debt Service and Pension Debt)** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1968)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Member_____

Member_____