



1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: October 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the September 20, 2016 Board Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

Meagan Milne  
Mark Gilpin  
Tom Rhoades  
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:**

Congratulations to five Homestead High School students named as *Semifinalists* in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. **Jordan Bailey, Kolin Davis, Samuel Dvorak, Shriya Jain, and Ellis Yoder** are among 16,000 semifinalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors will now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$33 million.

Five additional Homestead High School students are among 34,000 students being recognized as *Commended Students* in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. While they will not continue in competition for scholarship awards, they are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These students are: **Grant Dodenhoff, Madeline Glogas, Lauren Hedrick, Megan Johnson and Gavin Rhinehart.** Congratulations!!

Jean Russell, 2016 Indiana Teacher of the Year and SACS Literacy Coach, will be walking with the Bicentennial Torch on its trip through Allen County on Saturday, October 1. Watch the SACS website and social media for further details about the walk.

***Preparing today's learners for tomorrow's opportunities.***

Dr. Philip G. Downs ♦ Superintendent

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The results of the 2016 Communications Survey are now available on the SACS website.

2009 Homestead graduate, Jeff Butler, is part of the Silver-Medal-Winning Wheelchair Rugby Team USA in the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this past Sunday. Team USA fell to Australia in double overtime in the championship.

## **BOARD ACTION:**

### **AGENDA:**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the September 6, 2016, Meeting  
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts  
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of 2016-2017 Teacher Contract** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 2169)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation to investigate the use of propane buses and pursue grant funding toward their potential purchase** as presented by Steve Lake, Director of Transportation. (Reference page 2170)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of 2018-2019 District Calendar** as presented by Dr. Philip G. Downs, Superintendent (Reference page 2171)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for Budget Hearing** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2172)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval on Budget Adoption** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2173)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on August 2016 General Fund Financials** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2174)

The Board of School Trustees passed a **Recommendation for approval of Extra-Curricular Purchase** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager (Reference page 2175)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President\_\_\_\_\_

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

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Member\_\_\_\_\_

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