

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
1200 SOUTH CLINTON STREET
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

6:00 p.m.

May 18, 2015

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Roll Call The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools met in regular session in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. President Mark GiaQuinta called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members in attendance:

Members present: Mark GiaQuinta, Chairperson
 Stephen Corona
 Anne Duff
 Becky Hill
 Julie Hollingsworth
 Jordan Lebamoff

Members absent: Glenna Jehl

Recognitions Chief Financial Officer Kathy Friend standing in for Superintendent Wendy Robinson, presented the following information and recommendations concerning awards and recognitions:

Indiana **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board recognize students who were recipients of
State PTA awards in the Indiana State PTA Reflections Program.
Reflections
Awards

RELATED INFORMATION: A number of Fort Wayne Community Schools' students were recognized by the Indiana PTA for their entries in the Reflections Program. The Reflections Program is open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. This year's theme was, "The world would be a better place if..." and the Citizenship theme was "Every day heroes." Students expressed themselves through literature, visual art, photography, dance choreography, film and video production, musical composition and essay.

The following individuals were recognized:

2014-15 Reflections Awards

Outstanding Interpretation

Rhiannon Freimuth, North Side High School (Dance Choreography)
Cassidy Merkle, North Side High School (Photography)
Chad Hissong, Principal

Ethan Plumb, Jefferson Middle School (Literature)
Dominique Alexander, Jefferson Middle School (Citizenship Essay)
Jeff King, Principal

Elisabeth Kolkman, Memorial Park Middle School (Visual Arts)
Tim Rayl, Principal

Trinity Norwood, Towles New Tech (Photography)
Tim Captain, Director

Paris Drew, Haley Elementary School (Photography)
Brandon White, Principal

Angel Teders, Harris Elementary School (Film/Video)
Ella Moss, Harris Elementary School (Citizenship Essay)
Jana Ankenbruck, Principal

Desmono Smith, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Shawn Smiley, Principal

Kyler Gause, Shambaugh Elementary School (Literature)
Shannon Rodgers, Principal

Award of Excellence

Brianna Minnich, North Side High School (Photography)
Amanda Kiefer, North Side High School (Visual Arts)
Chad Hissong, Principal

Joshua Stutz, Towles New Tech (Literature)
Tim Captain, Director

Maya Sundar, Croninger Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Carrie Kennedy, Principal

Edward Henry, Haley Elementary School (Music Composition)
Brandon White, Principal

Rayce Lynn Brightbill, Harris Elementary School (Photography)
Thomas Williams, Harris Elementary Schools (Visual Arts)
Kymanna Starks, Harris Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Nataliyah Gage-Scroggins, Harris Elementary School (Citizenship Essay)
Jana Ankenbruck, Principal

Diana Diaz, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Shawn Smiley, Principal

Safina Ansar, Irwin Elementary School (Literature)
Nathan Kreiger, Irwin Elementary School (Photography)
Zachary Kreiger, Irwin Elementary School, (Photography)
Itoro-Obong Udoh, Irwin Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Ingrid Laidroo-Martin, Principal

Bridgette Needham, Shambaugh Elementary (Music Composition)
Shannon Rodgers, Principal

Mikayla Klima, Washington Center Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Elaina Blacketor, Washington Center Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Dee Dee Larkey, Principal

Award of Merit

Karli Van Cleave, North Side High School (Visual Arts)
Chad Hissong, Principal

Cheyney Sue Rose, South Side High School (Photography)
Carlton Mable, Principal

Haley Waugh, Jefferson Middle School (Literature)
Jeff King, Principal

Emily Kytta, Shawnee Middle School (Literature)
Matt Schiebel, Principal

Iris Miller, Towles New Tech (Photography)
Delaney Moody, Towles New Tech (Photography)
Rhannon Clayton, Towles New Tech (Literature)
Amara Lueker, Towles New Tech (Literature)
Tim Captain, Director

Maya Sundar, Croninger Elementary School (Literature)
Akacia Shuttleworth, Croninger Elementary School (Literature)
Hanna Mekaru, Croninger Elementary School (Literature)
Carrie Kennedy, Principal

Carter Dirig, Haley Elementary School (Music Composition)
Brandon White, Principal

Mikenzie Roussey, Harris Elementary School (Dance Choreography)
Kincaid Wilson, Harris Elementary School (Music Composition)
Jana Ankenbruck, Principal

Nazaria Coates, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Literature)
Lydia McClure, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Literature)
Wayne Mitchell, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Music Composition)
Shawn Smiley, Principal

Henry Kelley, Irwin Elementary School (Literature)
Logan Kreiger, Irwin Elementary School (Photography)
Dirk Hildebrand, Irwin Elementary School (Photography)
Ingrid Laidroo-Martin, Principal

Paige Hudson, Nebraska Elementary School (Literature)
Jayson Balsley, Principal

Michael Riggers, Shambaugh Elementary School (Photography)
Cami Bomersback, Shambaugh Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Halie Nelson, Shambaugh Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Shannon Rodgers, Principal

Jashauna McCloud, Study Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Tim Bobay, Principal

Indiana
Academic
Super Bowl
Winners

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the FWCS schools that placed in the top 10 at the recent Indiana Academic Super Bowl competition.

RELATED INFORMATION: Each year, students from across the state compete in the Indiana Academic Super Bowl Junior Division. The annual competition tests students' knowledge in English, social studies, math, science and interdisciplinary studies.

The following individuals were recognized:

Lakeside Middle School – 1st Place, Science
Michelle Arias
Austin Jenkins
Ruth Ramirez
Sophie Steele, Captain

Than Win
Louise Swihart, Coach
Alan Jones, Principal

Blackhawk Middle School – 3rd Place, Interdisciplinary

Camden Craighead
Kristen Davis
Kaliegh Grady
Kennedy Jester
Riley Larimore

Emily Meinzen
Aleasha Thomas
Jennifer Knarr, Coach
Leslie Congdon, Coach
Kara Froning, Principal

Lane Middle School – 5th Place, Mathematics

Lillian Brown
Alex Farmer
Alex Moss
Austin Taylor

Kyle Wehrkamp, Coach
Phillip Miguel, Coach
Mark Bailey, Principal

Towles New Tech – 8th Place, Science

Casey Chapman
Nick Chapman
Kennedy Jones

Rachael Pickett
Carissa Richardson, Coach
Tim Captain, Director

Kekionga Middle School – 9th place, English

Mia Farabaugh
Samantha Norman
Joleane Proctor

Rachel Achenbach, Coach
Jennifer Mable, Principal

Portage Middle School – 9th Place Science

Noah Dahlman
Isabel Frankewich
Stephen Johnson
Kevin Michelini

Kade Snyder
Amanda Broadnax, Coach
Michael Christner, Principal

Scholastic
Art and
Writing
Awards and
Congressional
Art
Competition
Winners

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the Fort Wayne Community Schools students who won regional and national awards for Scholastic Art and Writing, as well as the Northrop High School students who won first through fourth place in the Congressional Art Competition.

RELATED INFORMATION: The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have recognized student achievement in visual arts and creative writing for 90-plus years. This year there were 230,000 entries across the country and 500 students were awarded Gold Medals. Fort Wayne Community Schools had 29 students who won regional gold or silver keys and some students won multiple awards at the regional (state) level. Northrop students Christian Stout and Madison Beckstedt won several regional gold and silver keys and Christian went on to receive a National Silver Key.

Each Congressional member has a competition in their district to select a piece of art that will hang in the U.S. Capital tunnels. Congressman Stutzman's judges selected the work of four Northrop High School Students as the top four pieces in the competition. First place winner Ixchel Mendez-Elizondo will go on to be recognized at a national ceremony June 24 in Washington, D.C.

The following individuals were recognized:

High Schools

Northrop High School

Christian Stout, National and State winner
Madison Beckstedt, American Vision nominee
Rebecca Clay, Portfolio winner in Art
Brittany Cambron, State Gold Key winner
Julia Niederholtmeyer, State Gold Key winner
Charlie Woodman, State Gold Key winner
Cameron Druley, State Silver Key winner

Ixchel Mendez-Elizondo, 1st place Congressional Art
Christian Stout, 2nd place Congressional Art
Cailee Kemery, 3rd place Congressional Art
Ella Guntle, 4th place Congressional Art
Annette Leeuw, Teacher
Kevin Simmons, Principal

North Side High School

Alexandria Ellingwood, American Vision nominee
Sawn Chan, State Gold Key winner

Alan Woehnker, Teacher
Chad Hissong, Principal

Snider High School

Bridget O'Brien, State Gold and Silver Key winner
David Mohr, Teacher
Deborah Watson, Principal

South Side High School

Alexander Guldbeck, American Vision nominee
Cheyney Rose, Portfolio winner in Art
Allison Bandor, Regional Silver Key winner
Abigail Grider, Regional Silver Key winner

Trae Masten, Regional Gold and Silver Key winner
Joseph Van Zandt, Teacher
Carlton Mable, Principal

Wayne High School

Joe McCormick, Regional Silver Key winner
Chase Wire, Teacher
John Houser, Principal

Middle Schools

Kekionga Middle School

Brian Avilez, State Silver Key winner
Martin Mbuguah, State Silver Key winner
George Perry IV, State Gold Key winner

Teresa Nagel, Teacher
Jennifer Mable, Principal

Memorial Park Middle School

Olivia Boehme, State Silver Key winner
Abriella Hickle, State Gold Key winner
Jordan Lattimore, State Silver Key winner
Nancy Santoyo, State Gold Key winner

D'Artagnan Trimpe, State Gold Key winner
Amy Clark, Teacher
Gina Ryan, Teacher
Tim Rayl, Principal

Portage Middle School

Athena Hoover, State Silver Key winner
Kailee Nunn, State Gold Key winner
Karha Trammel, State Silver Key winner

Brandi Asher, Teacher
Michael Christner, Principal

Shawnee Middle School

Madison DeMayo, Regional Silver Key winner
Neli Jasarevic, Regional Silver Key winner

Star Nelson, Teacher
Matt Schiebel, Principal

HOSA –
Future Health
Professionals
- State
Leadership
Winners

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the Anthis Career Center students who placed in the top ten in the Health Occupations Students of America's state leadership awards.

RELATED INFORMATION: Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is a student-run career and technical education organization. Students obtain industry-recognized certifications, broaden their knowledge of healthcare, develop leadership skills, perform community service, and earn college dual-credits. At the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis attended by 1000 students from across the state, students competed in many events using skills that they have learned in class. Students who placed in the top three in the state are eligible to compete in the HOSA National Convention this summer in Anaheim, California with 10,000 students from across the country.

The following individuals were recognized:

Top 10 CPR/First Aid

Alexis Meador
Brenda Romero

Top 10 Career Health Display

Keasha Derrick
Bethany Watson
Adalyn English
Regan Raugh

Top 10 Creative Problem Solving

Foundasha Booker,
Kelsi Hogan
Makayla Hernandez
Sierra Dean

Top 10 Medical Assisting

Spencer Childers

Third Place CPR/First Aid

Jade Patterson
Devin Throop

First Place Career Health Display

Carissa Bloom
Mercedez Franco

Instructors and HOSA Advisors

Celeste Burns
Lisa Schaefer
Suzi Kamp
Vickie Williams
Larry Gerardot, Principal

ISSMA State
Choral
Competition
Finalists

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the Northrop High School choral groups Allure and Charisma for placing 8th and 9th, respectively, in state at the 2015 Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) choral competition.

RELATED INFORMATION: Northrop High School's Charisma group placed 9th in Mixed Chorus in Indianapolis March 21st. The Northrop Charisma team qualified after successfully competing at earlier competitions throughout the school year. Allure placed 8th in the Women's Finals competition. Charisma had 55 singers/dancers this year and Allure had 47.

The following individuals were recognized:

Representing Charisma:

Rachel Alexander	Josie Jancetic	Sydney Shuherk
Savannah Barron	Haley Kalogerou	Ellie Sistevaris
Alexis Dent	Sierra Lancaster	Kaleena Skembos
Chelsi Dubea	Jesse Link	Nisa Striverson
Jonathon Gerber	Erica Meiser	Jayvon Thomas
Emerald Guntle	Jaedon Muncie	Cameron Tolliver
Taylor Houser	Dallas Sherman	Nevada Walker

Representing Allure:

Kayla Hall	Tom Maupin, Vocal Music Instructor
Brooke Housholder	Chris Rasor, Choreographer
Amelia Morgan	John Van Patten, Band Director
Carlee Murphy	Kevin Simmons, Principal
Ariel Ramer	

Indiana
PTA
Awards

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize recipients of Indiana PTA awards.

RELATED INFORMATION: Fort Wayne Community Schools PTA's staff and volunteers won major Indiana PTA awards during a celebration at their annual convention held in May. Indiana PTA awards were presented in the categories of Outstanding Citizenship, Outstanding Website, Outstanding Journalism, Honor Units, Outstanding Social Media, Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Partner and Outstanding Council. Each of these awards were presented to the unit, volunteer, principal, or teacher that embodied the mission of PTA and the collaborative process between teachers, parents, and administrators to shape the future of Indiana's youth.

The following individuals were recognized:

Outstanding Citizenship
Nebraska Elementary School PTA
Shari Ranney, President

Outstanding Website (Council)
Fort Wayne Area PTA Council
Tina Hartman, President

Outstanding Journalism (Council)
Fort Wayne Area PTA Council
Tina Hartman, President

Outstanding Social Media (Council)
Fort Wayne Area PTA Council
Tina Hartman, President

Outstanding Volunteer
Tony Distelrath Fort Wayne Area PTA Council

Outstanding Partner
Dr. Wendy Robinson
Fort Wayne Community Schools

Northeast Region Honor Units
Jefferson Middle School
MaryAnn Banks, PTA President
Jeff King, Principal

Northrop High School
Tony Distelrath, PTSA President
Kevin Simmons, Principal

2015 Outstanding Council
Fort Wayne Area PTA Council
Tina Hartman, President

Comments

Board Member Steve Corona informed the Board that former Board Member Lisa Olinger had suffer a stroke and has many medical expenses to cover. She is asking for help and raising money at youcaring.com. He wanted her to know that Board Members are thinking about her and wishing a speedy recovery.

Board Member Becky Hill thanked the Public Affairs Department, Melanie Hall, Krista Stockman and Joyce McCartney for the great FWCS retirement dinner celebration.

Board Member Anne Duff is awe struck from the quantity and quality of the awards for Fort Wayne Community Schools' students. She will be out in the community bragging about our students. She thanks the teachers for the work they do with all students.

Board Member Jordan Lebamoff commented on the Spring Music Festival at Memorial Park and seeing students interact and work together as a team. We educate and build students into young adults.

Board Member Julie Hollingsworth agrees that it is great to be part of a school system that knows the importance of arts, music and extra-curricular activities.

Next
Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.

Adjournment
and Dismissal

There being no further business and no speakers, upon a motion by Stephen Corona, seconded by Becky Hill, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

President
Mark E. GiaQuinta

Vice President
Julie Hollingsworth

Secretary
Stephen Corona

Member
Anne Duff

Member
Becky Hill

ABSENT

Member
Glenna Jehl

Member
Jordan Lebamoff