

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

6:00 p.m.

May 19, 2014

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 19, 2014 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
 Becky Hill
 Julie Hollingsworth
 Glenna Jehl
 Jordan Lebamoff
 Lisa Olinger

Members absent: none

Recognitions Dr. Wendy Robinson, superintendent, 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, "Believe, Dream, Inspire". Students expressed themselves through literature, visual art, photography, dance choreography, film and video production, and musical composition.

The following individuals were recognized:

2013-14 Reflections Awards
Outstanding Interpretation
Arisa Hocharoen, Haley Elementary School (Musical Composition)
Brandon White, Principal

Khyree Bowe, Harris Elementary School (Photography)
Jana Ankenbruck, Principal

Mackenzie High, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Shawn Smiley, Principal

Violet Hahn, Irwin Elementary School (Dance Choreography)
Safina Ansar, Irwin Elementary School (Literature)
Ingrid Laidroo-Martin, Principal

Jamauria Paige, Memorial Park Middle School (Dance Choreography)
Timothy Rayl, Principal

Veronica Bone, North Side High School, (Dance Choreography)
Jonathan Bushapa, North Side High School (Musical Composition)
Shae Olstad, North Side High School, (Photography)
Chad Hissong, Principal

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

Jack Deckard, Haley Elementary School (Musical Composition)
Brandon White, Principal

Jayden Brothers, Harris Elementary School (Literature)
Sydney Spilker, Harris Elementary School (Musical Composition)
Leilynea Krauter, Harris Elementary School (Photography)
Gavin Bowe, Harris Elementary School (Photography)
Flavia Santos, Harris Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Yoloni Sanders, Harris Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Gianna Williams, Harris Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Jana Ankenbruck, Principal

Aaron Roberts, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Claire Kolkman, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Harmony High, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Shawn Smiley, Principal

Landin Walker, Irwin Elementary School (Film/Video Production)
Quentin Cox, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Literature)
Brett Cox, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Ingrid Laidroo-Martin, Principal

Steven Mowery, Nebraska Elementary School (Film/Video Production)
Jayson Balsley, Principal

Caitlyn Latham, Jefferson Middle School (Literature)
Jeff King, Principal

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

Rhiannon Freimuth, North Side High School (Dance Choreography)
Karli VanCleave, North Side High School (Photography)
Shaina Haneline, North Side High School (Visual Arts)
Shae Olstad, North Side High School (Visual Arts)
Chad Hissong, Principal

Award of Merit
Dirk Hildebrand, Croninger Elementary School (Photography)
Carrie Kennedy, Principal

Celeste Julien, Harris Elementary School (Musical Composition)
Colin Westerfield, Harris Elementary School (Photography)
Jana Ankenbruck, Principal

Wayne Mitchell, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Musical Composition)
Courtney Rowlett, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Photography)
Amelia Larson, Harrison Hill Elementary School (Photography)
Shawn Smiley, Principal

Fiona Gochtovtt-Stine, Irwin Elementary School (Literature)
Nathan Kreiger, Irwin Elementary School (Photography)
Delaney Scherrer, Irwin Elementary School (Photography)
Vishnu Varma, Irwin Elementary School (Photography)
Siddharth Peddada, Irwin Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Ingrid Laidroo-Martin, Principal

Ronnie Mowery, Nebraska Elementary School (Photography)
Rianna Mowery, Nebraska Elementary School (Visual Arts)
Jayson Balsley, Principal

Adrian Reagan, Jefferson Middle School (Visual Arts)
Jeff King, Principal

Megan Carter, North Side High School, (Film/Video Production)
Chad Hisson, Principal

National
Honor
Roll for
Noetic

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize four Irwin Elementary School students who were named to the National Honor Roll at the Noetic Learning Math Contest.

RELATED INFORMATION: On April 14, 46 students from Irwin Math/Science Magnet School competed in the Noetic Learning Math Contest. The Noetic Learning Math Contest is an elementary math problem solving contest held twice a year. For this contest, each student has 45 minutes to complete a 20 question math test. The purpose of participating in the contest is to stimulate our students' interest in math and to inspire them to excel in math.

25,166 students from 45 states took the Noetic tests this spring. Audrey Woodruff and Henry Kelley tied for the highest score among the third graders at Irwin. Vishnu Varma and Rowan Miller tied for the highest score of Irwin fourth graders. All 4 students' scores were in the top 10% in the United States and were named to the National Honor Roll.

The following individuals were recognized:

Audrey Woodruff
Henry Kelley
Vishnu Varma
Rowan Miller
Dian Steffen, Team Leader
Ingrid Laidroo-Martin, Principal, Irwin Elementary School

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. The annual competition tests students' knowledge in English, social studies, math, fine arts, science and interdisciplinary studies.

The following individuals were recognized:

Lakeside Middle School - 4th place in the State, Science

Kyla Forkert

Julia Pettit

Brianna Lynch

Sophie Steele

Audra Widmann

Michelle Arias

John Miley

Than Win

Louise Swihart, Coach

Alan Jones, Principal

Lane Middle School – 6th place in the State, Mathematics

Sylvia Singh

Dayra Sanchez

Brooke Toms

Samantha Tyndall

Phil Miguel, Head Coach

Kyle Wehrkamp, Mathematics Coach

Mark Bailey, Principal

Portage Middle School – 8th place in the State, Interdisciplinary

Chris Kistler

Kacie Didier

Kassandra Ramirez

Kyleigh Carvalho

Amanda Broadnax, Coach

Michael Christner, Principal

Towles New Tech – 3rd place in the State, Science

Leslie Alter

Cayden Centers

Casey Chapman

Sally Benjamin-Butler, Coach

Carissa Richardson, Coach

Tim Captain, New Tech Director

Tammy Mullins, Principal

Shining
Star Award

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize teacher Scott Freeman and student Noah Thompson for receiving the Indiana Middle Level Education Association (IMLEA) “Shining Star” Awards.

RELATED INFORMATION: The Indiana Middle Level Education Association (IMLEA) recognizes outstanding students who have gone “above and beyond” to contribute to the good of their class, classmates, school or community in some unique and special way. IMLEA also recognizes outstanding teachers who have contributed “above and beyond” in their classroom with a student, colleague or parent.

IMLEA recognized Kekionga 8th grade student Noah Thompson and Kekionga 6th grade Math and Science Teacher Scott Freeman as recipients of the 2013-14 Shining Star Award.

The following individuals were recognized:

Noah Thompson

Scott Freeman

Jennifer Mable, Principal

eCYBER-
MISSION
Competition

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the students who placed first in the state and in the top four regionally in the 2014 6th grade eCYBERMISSION competition.

RELATED INFORMATION: The Memorial Park national science contest team is being recognized for its success in the 2014 eCYBERMISSION competition. For the first time, the team is composed of four 6th graders. These students studied genetically modified organisms in a biology laboratory at the University of St. Francis with the guidance of the university’s biology chair. To do this, the students performed two major experiments during five months of work. The first experiment taught them how to identify regular DNA and GMO DNA in both processed foods containing corn as well as in natural corn. In the second experiment, the team conducted three blind tests to learn the effect of feeding GMO cornmeal to fruit flies in comparison to feeding non-GMO cornmeal. In two of the three tests, the fruit flies did better by eating the GMO cornmeal.

The team won 1st place in 6th grade in Indiana and reached the final four in our eleven-state region. Although the team did not advance to the national finals, it did finish in the top 20 of 1,041 6th grade entries in the United States. Each team member will receive \$500 from the contest.

The following individuals were recognized:

Nick Chapman
Aubrey Gephart
Simon Twiss
Rey Valui
Dr. Teresa Beam, Mentor
Larry Lesh, Advisor
Timothy Rayl, Principal

Journalism
Award

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the Snider High School journalism students who have been selected for the Journal Award.

RELATED INFORMATION: The National Scholastic Press Association has chosen 11 Snider High School students for the Journalism Honor Roll. These students were chosen because they are exemplary journalism students on the yearbook or newspaper who carry at least a 3.75 cumulative grade point average on a weighted 4.0 scale or the equivalent.

Ball State University's annual J-Day draws more than 1,500 high school journalists and their advisers to campus for a day of informative sessions and journalism related activities. The J-Day contest is a means for high schools to get valuable feedback on their publications, as well as recognition for the most outstanding entries. Students from several states compete in this contest which recognizes excellence in high school journalism.

The following individuals were recognized:

Ball State University High School Contests

Bridget O'Brien – Excellence in Editorial Cartooning and Honorable Mention in Newspaper Cover Design

National Scholastic Press Association Journalism Honor Roll

Angela Cuevas	Martha Manges
Morgan Evans	Haley Matthias
Savannah Harrison	Evan Roberts
Karsyn Havens	Gracie Smith
Larissa Johnson	Katie Taylor
Matthew Krites	

Pam O'Reilly, Journalism Teacher/Adviser
Deborah Watson, Principal

FWCS
Scholarship
Recipients

FWCS Scholarship Committee Chairman Matt Henry provided the following information about the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee:

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize Fort Wayne Community Schools' scholarship winners.

RELATED INFORMATION: Eighteen Fort Wayne Community Schools' seniors were recently selected to receive scholarships by the FWCS Scholarship Committee. The Committee is permanently chaired by Matt Henry. Other committee members are selected by FWCS Board members.

This year the committee awarded the Grace Hogan, Caroline Zwick, John Young, Charles Baker, Maryann Chapman, Alice MacPherson, Kasey Harter, and Clarence and Josephine Biedenweg scholarships. Students who receive these scholarships must be FWCS seniors who plan to attend a four-year college or university. They are screened based on financial need, scholarship, leadership and initiative displayed during their high school years

The following have been named scholarship recipients:

Grace Hogan Scholarship	Charles Baker Scholarship
Ismael Aldave	AnaMarie Moreno-Keeler
Lindsay French	
Isabella Herman	Maryann Chapman Scholarship
Thanh-Thi Nguyen	Marie Behm
	Emmy Wanjiku
Caroline Zwick Scholarship	
Ana Lucia Ackermann	Alice MacPherson Scholarship
	Kalsouma Idriss
John Young Scholarship	
Michala Blodgett	Kasey Harter Scholarship
Cara Englert	Morgan Thompson
Matthias Haydock	
Zin Naing	Clarence and Josephine Biedenweg Scholarship
Jalyn Radziminski-Smith	Adam Miller
Alyssa Wolverton	Mysty Sutter

Congressional
Art
Competition

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the students who won the Congressional Art Competition.

RELATED INFORMATION: Each Congressional member has a competition in their district to select a piece of art which will be hung in the U.S. Capital tunnels. These tunnels are the pathways through which members of Congress, staff, and visitors walk in order to reach committee rooms, offices and the Senate.

The judges of Congressman Stutzman's competition included 23 Federal Building employees who narrowed the entries down to five. Congressman Stutzman and his staff then selected the winner -- Joseph Filosa's portrait of his nephew, entitled *First Love*. Joseph will attend the reception in Washington D.C. on June 25 to see where his art will hang. Runner up was Kaylea Hanes. Kaylea drew an ink and watercolor peacock. Her drawing will hang in Congressman Stutzman's office.

The following individuals were recognized:

Joseph Filosa	Annette Leeuw, Teacher
Kaylea Hanes	Barb Ahlersmeyer, Principal

Superinten-
dent's Student
Advisory
Council

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the senior members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

RELATED INFORMATION: The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council was created in the 2004 school year to increase communication between the Superintendent of Schools and students in the district. The Council includes students from the district's five high schools and Anthis Career Center. The Council's mission is to provide the superintendent with the student perspective and empower fellow students to improve the schools and community. They have participated in several activities this school year, including volunteering at the School Choice Fair. This year's Council was particularly effective in providing feedback and input to the Superintendent.

The following senior members of this prestigious group were recognized:

Aye Thuzar, North Side High School	D. Faye Williams- Robbins, Advisor
Kyle Jenkins, Northrop High School	Sheila Neuhaus, Advisor
Evan Roberts, Snider High School	Melanie Hall, Advisor
Donovan Clark, South Side High School	Chris Hissong, Advisor
Ismael Aldave, South Side High School	Krista Stockman, Advisor
Justin Mitchell, Wayne High School	
Alizjai Lewis, Wayne New Tech Academy	
Emily Bowers, Anthis Career Center	
Brayan Castillo, Anthis Career Center	

ISSMA
Choral State
Competition

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board recognize the Northrop High School choral groups Charisma and Allure for placing 8th in state at the 2014 Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Large School Choral Competition.

RELATED INFORMATION: Out of hundreds of choral groups throughout the state, Northrop High School had two choral groups in the ISSMA Choral State Competition – Charisma in Mixed Chorus and Allure in Women’s Choral. These groups qualified after successfully competing at earlier competitions throughout the school year. Northrop was one of two schools in Allen County to be invited to the State Competition. Both Allure and Charisma placed 8th.

The following individuals were recognized:

Representing the 65 member Allure Group:

Kathryn Auer	Bianca Humbarger	Kara Stephens
Kaylea Hanes	Crystal Jurado	Mysty Sutter
Jessika Hansen		

Representing the 67 member Charisma Group:

McKenna Baughman	Anna Jiang	Sydney Phillips
Maddy Bouwers	Micaela McDowell	Cayla Sellers
Laren Chaney	Mason McNeely	Ben Short
Haley Esser	Hayley Milledge	Madi Short
Aaron Fritsch	Caleb Novell	Nick Walters
Kyle Jenkins	Sam Oyler	Adam Waltz

Tom Maupin, Vocal Director
Chris Rasor, Choreographer
John Van Patten, Instrumental Director
Barbara Ahlersmeyer, Principal

High
School
Report

Assistant Superintendent Debra Faye Williams-Robbins shared how high schools are working to assure that all students are college and career ready.

Comments

Board member Steve Corona commented about a cover story in the New York Times about low-income students needing support to succeed in college.

Board member Becky Hill thanked Dr. Robinson and the Public Affairs staff for a great retirement dinner celebration. Ms. Hill also commented about the Technology Fair held at North Side last Saturday. She said it was great to see teachers excited about the new technology available. Ms. Hill thanked State Representative Phil GiaQuinta for sharing time with South Wayne students about how legislation is made.

Board member Julie Hollingsworth also commented about the Technology Conference and how interesting it was to see a 3D printer.

Board member Lisa Olinger encouraged parents to keep students active with summer learning camps and activities.

Superintendent Wendy Robinson thanked all the administrators who came to the Board meeting to help with the student recognitions.

Next Meeting The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.

Signatures There were no documents for Board member signatures.

Adjournment There being no further business, upon a motion by Stephen Corona, seconded by Julie Hollingsworth, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

President
Mark E. GiaQuinta

Vice President
Julie Hollingsworth

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Stephen Corona

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Becky Hill

Member
Glenna Jehl

Member
Jordan Lebamoff

Member
Lisa Olinger