

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

6:06 p.m.

May 20, 2024

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools met in for student recognitions in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:06 p.m. President Maria Norman, with there being no speakers on Public Comment Regarding Agenda Topics, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members in attendance:

Roll Call Members present: Maria Norman, Chairperson
 Rohli Booker
 Stephen Corona
 Anne Duff
 Julie Hollingsworth
 Jennifer Matthias
 Noah Smith

Members absent: None

Recognitions Dr. Mark Daniel, superintendent, presented the following information and recommendations concerning awards and recognitions:

Indiana All State Honor Choir 2024 **RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that the Board recognize Croninger, Shambaugh and Weisser Park Elementary students for their selection and participation in the Indiana All State Honor Choir.

RELATED INFORMATION: The Indiana All-State Honor Choir is an ensemble that is comprised of the best 120 4th and 5th grade elementary singers. Students interested in participating must submit an on-line audition, that is anonymously judged by a music teacher from another area of the state. The best auditions are selected and those chosen end their experience by putting on a concert of their music at the Embassy Theatre.

The following were recognized:

<u>Croninger</u> Selene Arellano Jay Bruce Amare Cash Landon Vaughan	Brianne Flanagin, Music Teacher Rachel Merz, Principal
<u>Shambaugh</u> Rosslyn Hansen	Bobbi Carroll, Music Teacher Neil Rupp, Principal
<u>Weisser Park</u> Zaxxon Hartman Lydia Swing Joslyn Verdin	Phyllis Boester, Music Teacher Emily Hull, Special Assignment Teacher

IASP Spell Bowl **RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that the Board recognize Glenwood Park Elementary students for their selection and participation in the IASP Spell Bowl Event.

RELATED INFORMATION: In November these students won the IASP Spell Bowl event as FWCS North Division Champions. They worked together as a team to correctly spell 27 words. Ameliya Sass led the team with a near-perfect score during her portion of the competition.

The following were recognized:

Aiden Boyer	Ameliya Sass	Judy Haney, Teacher/Coach
Parker DeJesus	Keira Screeton	Jayson Balsley, Assistant
Myintmyat Khaing	Madison Snyder	Principal
Yonratoi Kuttchai	Kathryn Wannemacher	Derek Leininger, Principal
Mung Muan		

IASP Math Bowl Competition 2024

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Croninger Elementary School MATH Bowl Team who placed in the top 10 at the State level in the Indiana Association of School Principals Math Bowl competition in April.

RELATED INFORMATION: The contest consists of four rounds of eight questions each. Each school can send in a team of three students at a time with substitutions allowed after four questions. All sites then forward their scores to the State, for State ranking. Croninger placed fourth out of 123 schools in the Orange Division.

The following were recognized:

<u>4th Graders</u>	<u>5th Graders</u>	Jeremy Stricker, Coach
Kennedy Bailey	Elianna Bradley	Louise Schultheis, Assistant
Jaxon Kay	Olivia Buttes	Principal
Walter Majewski	Amare Cash	Rachel Merz, Principal
Cayce Maple	Walden Estes	
Dahlia Rodriguez	Vishwak Guntupalli	
	Alex Hamberg	
	Rowan Miller	

Future City 2024 – Blackhawk

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Blackhawk Middle School for placing first in the regional competition and 13th in the National Competition held in Washington D.C. They also received special awards for Outstanding Model, Presentation/Q&A and a National Award for Best Visualization of a Smart, Sustainable City.

RELATED INFORMATION: Future City Competition is sponsored by the National Engineer’s Association. This STEM program combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a hands-on application to present the team’s vision of a city of the future. It requires problem solving, teamwork, research and presentation skills, practical math and science applications, and computer skills.

The 2023-24 theme was “Design a 100% electrically powered city with energy generated from sources that keep your citizens and the environment healthy and safe.”

Team - Jarðhitaborg, which translates to “Geothermal City” in Icelandic. This city utilizes 100% renewable, geothermal energy by utilizing steam from geothermal sources to generate electricity with surplus steam used for industrial processes and heating, hydrogen generation through electrolysis of water, for vehicle transportation and excess electrical power for exporting to other countries.

The following were recognized:

<u>8th Grade Presenters</u>	<u>7th Grade Team Members</u>
Angela Chen	Meryl (Oliver) Crosby
Sammy Roberts	Khushi Kumari
Madilyn Stetka	

8th Grade Team Members

Aidan Costello
Eliza McEowen
Caleb Miller
Greyson Schirm
Kensington Toedte
Elijah Yochim

6th Grade Team Members

Gage Anema
Parker Love
Harini Namani
Vivian Sanchez
Lucas Yochim

Teacher Recognition

Sally Godfrey
Ariel Middleton
Eva Trout

Engineer Mentor

Rick Kwolek

Nick Balmoria, Grade 7, Science
Dr. Virgil Griffin, Principal

IHSAA State
Dive
Competition
2024 -
Snider

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Amelia Rinehart for placing in the top 10 in the Indiana State Dive Finals.

RELATED INFORMATION: Amelia who is a Junior at Snider, placed first at the 2024 IHSAA State Championship meet. This is her third year placing in the top ten, freshman year she placed fourth and sophomore year she placed second.

The following were recognized:

Amelia Rinehart

Christine Giant, Dive Coach

Chad Hissong, Principal

3DE
National
Case
Challenge
Competition
2024 –
North Side

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize North Side 3DE students for competing in the National Case Challenge Competition.

RELATED INFORMATION: North Side 3DE program, a team of North Side 9th graders competed in the Arby’s National Case Challenge. The team competed against 6,000 students from across the nation. The team was named National Case Challenge winners by a team of representatives from Arby’s National.

The following were recognized:

Karma Cash Conley
Kyler Cooney
Zen Gunawardhana
Ariq McCann
Madison Sherrod

Tabitha Craig, Teacher
Nicole Winans, 3DE Director of School
Leadership
Dave West, Principal

Indiana State
Dance
Competition
2024 -
Northrop

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Northrop High School’s dance team members who placed in the top 10 in the State.

RELATED INFORMATION: Dance teams from across the state participated in the Indiana High School Dance Team Association 2024 State finals at Indianapolis’ Whiteland Community High School. Northrop received several prestigious awards during the competition.

The following were recognized:

Varsity State Finalist

Alicia Alvarenga
Nadelee Chiquita
Kylah Dirig
Lily Hopper

JV – 5th Place Hip-Hop

Libby Daniels
Connie Porter

Lisa Helmuth, Dance Instructor

Kyleen James, Dance Instructor
Adam Swinford, Principal

ISSMA All-
Music Award
– North Side,
Northrop,
Memorial
Park

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Northrop Band and Jazz Band, North Side Band and the Memorial Park Band and orchestra whom all received the All-Music Award from the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) for the 2023-24.

RELATED INFORMATION: This award is designed to recognize well-rounded school music programs and represents a high level of achievement from students across many different categories.

- This is the third time in school history that North Side Band was the recipient. North Side’s Wildsiders claimed the State Jazz Band Championship, and several members and sections were recognized for their excellent performance. Including Best Saxophone Section; Best Trumpet Solo went to Russo Johnstone and Best Rhythm Section Solo went to Liam Campbell Carpenter.
- Northrop Band earned the All Music gold rating at the Scholastic Class A Prelims, Gold rating for group 1 solo and ensembles, jazz 1 Gold rating with distinction, and concert band contest gold rating.
- Memorial Park was also the recipient of the All Music Award and will be receiving a special banner to display in recognition of these outstanding achievements.

The following were recognized:

Seniors from North Side’s Wildsiders are here to represent the Jazz Band and they are:

Nick Barrone	Moses Colin	Dave West, Principal
Liam Campbell-Carpenter	Kevin Martinez	
	Nigel McFarren	

Northrop Big Orange Pride members

Dana Feighner	Alaric Moore	Band Director, Rachel Thorson
Cosette Hart	Elijah Preble	Principal, Adam Swinford
Jacob Haviland	Ashlyn Reust	
Emma Hooper	Jonathan Reyes	

Memorial Park is unable to attend this evening.

FWCS
Scholarship
Recipients
2024

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Fort Wayne Community Schools’ scholarship winners.

RELATED INFORMATION: Twenty-seven FWCS’ high school seniors were recently awarded scholarships by the FWCS Scholarship Committee. Committee members are selected by FWCS Board members.

Students who receive these scholarships must be FWCS seniors who displayed leadership and initiative during their high school years. Awards range from \$500 to \$40,000.

FWCS Scholarship Committee Chairman, Matt Henry, read the following Scholarships and the recipients:

Bill C. Anthis Scholarship
Kendra Fennig, Northrop

John and Maryann Chapman Scholarship
Yuliana Diaz, North Side
Manar Mohammedain, North Side
Jackeline Shackelford, North Side
Mikili Smith, North Side

Charles Baker Scholarship
Cristopher Lopez, Wayne

Clarence & Josephine Biedenweg Scholarship
Ma Aye Aye, Wayne
JaKahi Rich, North Side

Kasey Harter Scholarship
Rory Gadbois, Wayne

Grace Hogan Scholarship
Anna Dostal, Wayne
Daniel Samayoa, Wayne
Jake Tippmann, Snider
Ian Wolfe, Wayne

Shahnaz Shipchandler Scholarship
Samantha Morris, Northrop

Richard & Patricia Wilson Scholarship
Nicholas Barrone, North Side

Mark Lee Memorial Scholarship
Serena Miles, North Side

John Young Scholarship
Win Tha, Wayne
Kate Moor, South Side
Violet Park, Snider
Alyssa McGuire, Snider
Melanie Reyes, South Side
Tyler Bennett, North Side
Ruth Haruna, South Side

Nurse Marci Scholarship
Hannah Schroeder, Snider

Alice MacPherson Scholarship
Dorothy Patty, North Side

Dr. Wendy Y. Robinson Legacy Scholarship
JaKahi Rich, North Side

Caroline Zwick Scholarship
Hadya Djidda, Wayne

Nathaniel Saul Wittenberg Scholarship
Sarah Martinez, Northrop

Scholastic
Art &
Writing
Awards –
Northrop,
South Side &
New Tech

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize the students who won national and regional awards for Scholastic Art & Writing.

RELATED INFORMATION: The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have recognized student achievement in visual arts and creative writing for 90, plus years.

The following were recognized:

Northrop High School

Ceramics and Glass
Shee Baby, Gold Key & Silver Key
Kelsae Cates, Silver Key
Hannah Clardy, Honorable Mention
Sierra Doctor, Silver Key
Hannah Kiraly, Honorable Mention
Evelin Lopez Moreno, Honorable Mention
Ilijana Miljkovic, Silver Key
Ahna Miller, Honorable Mention
Jasmyn Willis, Honorable Mention

Jewelry (continued)
Lindsay Hastings, Honorable Mention
Jacob Hatton, Gold Key
Krystal Heral, Silver Key
Deinkeh Htoo, Silver Key and 2 Honorable Mentions
Ava Precour, Silver Key
Sienna Swing, 2 Silver Keys
Celeste Swing, Gold Key
Gabriella Villanueva, Silver Key and Honorable Mention

Mixed Media and Drawing & Illustration
Vincent Smith, Two Honorable Mentions

Staff
John Platt, Teacher
Angela Smolek, Teacher
Erica Leitch, Teacher
Adam Swinford, Principal

Jewelry
Elisha Brown, Gold Key
Alex Brunell, Honorable Mention
Hannah Clardy, Gold Key and Honorable Mention

South Side High School

Digital Art
Mya Davis, Silver Key

Katelyn Doelling, Silver Key

Drawing & Illustration
Katelyn Doelling, Gold Key
Film & Animation

Painting

Eh Nay Taw, one Gold Key and two Silver Keys

Staff

Jennifer Slone, Teacher
Zach Harl Principal

Sculpture

Katelyn Doelling, Honorable Mention

New Tech Academy at Wayne

Digital Arts

Jack Melton, Honorable Mention

Writing

Benrey Hill, Honorable Mention
Rhy Shockome, Honorable Mention

Film and Animation and Photography

David Goldfuss, Gold Key

Staff

Ashley Toy, Teacher
Emily Oberlin, Director
John Houser, Principal

Poetry

Sali Guest, Honorable Mention

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize students that performed and placed in the Indiana State SkillsUSA competitions that were held in Indianapolis.

SkillsUSA
2024 - Career
Academy

RELATED INFORMATION: 128 Career Academy students participated, April 19 and 20, 2024, and qualified for state contests, by competing in various skill competitions within their Career and Technical Education Career pathway. The Career Academy had a total of 19 students earning the state title and the opportunity to compete at the National SkillsUSA competition in June in Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally, 13 students qualified for silver and 13 more for bronze. The Construction trades and graphic design teams had a clean sweep, they won all 3 places in 4 different competitions.

The following were recognized:

ADVERTISING DESIGN

Silver - Maria Luevano-Soto, New Tech at Wayne

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION WIRING

Silver - Benjamin Johnson, Northrop
Bronze - Jaylen Barnfield, Blackhawk Christian

BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS

Gold - Andrianna Bollier, Home School
Bronze – Sora Stollmeyer, Home School

**HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR
CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION**

Silver - Nolan Baker, Carroll

BARBERING

Gold - Eross Garcia, South Side

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Silver - Christian Hartzell, Northrop

CABINETMAKING

Gold - Isaiah Powers, Home School
Silver - Tieg (Teeg) Bollier, Home School
Bronze - Kyle Lundquist, Wayne

**INTERACTIVE APPLICATION & VIDEO
GAME CREATION-TEAM**

Gold - Bryce Bland, Snider
Gold - Andres Hernandez, North Side

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Silver - Anna Giesecking, Carroll
Bronze - Peyton Hill, Snider

MASONRY

Gold - Kristian Wilson, Northrop
Silver - Dylan Sherry, Snider
Bronze - Jordan Lee, Homestead

COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY

Bronze - Landen Williams, Snider

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

Gold - Jorden Wolf, New Haven
Silver - Luis Velasquez-Ramirez, South Side
Bronze - Martin Carapia, Snider

PIN DESIGN

Gold - Jeyda Nguyen, New Tech at Wayne
Bronze - Jay Zehner, Snider

PLUMBING

Gold - Christian Casco-Herrera, Northrop
Silver - Cody Krick, Northrop
Bronze - Adrian Romero, Wayne

PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN BOARD-
TEAM

Gold:
Ella Faupel, Blackhawk Christian
Aleah Orozco-Mohr, South Side
Jay Zehner, Snider

Silver:

Maria Luevano-Soto, New Tech at Wayne
Skai Oo, Northrop
Leona Zwick, New Tech at Wayne

SHEET METAL

Gold - Henry Reyes, South Side
Silver - Alex Quizhpe, Bishop Dwenger
Bronze - Luis Timothee, South Side

T-SHIRT DESIGN

Gold - Jeyda Nguyen, New Tech at Wayne
Bronze - Caleb DeLucenay, South Side

TEAM WORKS—TEAM

Gold:
Alex Moore, Homestead
Kaleb Richards, Wayne
Noah Sanders, Snider
Nate Tippmann, Bishop Dwenger

WELDING FABRICATION

Gold - Branson Miller, Blackhawk Christian
Bronze - Anthony Magofna, Northrop
Bronze - Thomas Farrar, Bishop Dwenger
Bronze - Htee Wai, Homestead

Comments

Board Member Steve Corona congratulated Rohli Booker on being named to City Council. Tonight's Mr. Corona spoke about Brown vs. the Board of Education and racial segregation as being unconstitutional. Strength of this community in having integrated schools. Hats off to FWCS as Fort Wayne moves forward.

Board Member Julie Hollingsworth said that tonight was a terrific meeting to see the diversity of our students and congratulating the scholarship recipients. FWCS offers programs and opportunities for our students and when you enroll at FWCS there will be something that peaks your child's interest. For some it takes that carrot that keeps them engaged and invested in schools. Member Hollingsworth also spoke about the last few years and that in 2020 we had the passing of former Board Member Jordan Lebamoff, COVID, a campaign and we were looking for a new Superintendent. There were was an impressive number of candidates and Ms. Booker stood out. Ms. Hollingsworth looks forward to the future of FWCS.

Board Member Jennifer Matthias spoke about First Tee that was kicked off today with skills challenge where 100 elementary students participated. Ms. Matthias thanked those that the Board has appointed to be a part of the Scholarship Committee and their time and commitment. Member Matthias thanked the staff for a great school year. Jennifer is proud of Rohli Booker and complimented Ms. Booker on listening and she will serve our city well.

Board Member Anne Duff was impressed with the JA Inspire to Hire event that included FWCS students and area community members. Member Duff attended Lakeside's award ceremony and liked how teachers were awarded and she thought that was a nice touch. Ms. Duff congratulated Ms. Booker and said she will miss her. Anne also commented that when Rohli speaks you should listen as her words have meaning.

Board Member Noah Smith spoke about his recent visits to schools. Member Smith also talked about his recollections of the FWCS school board when Rohli ran for School Board, along with his own experience. Mr. Smith congratulated Ms. Booker and Fort Wayne.

Board Member Rohli Booker spoke about her amazing journey while serving on the FWCS Board and how they have supported her as a servant leader. Ms. Booker read her resignation which included collaboration and working to make FWCS the best district. Her heart remains at FWCS. Ms. Booker thanked the Board, Superintendent and staff of FWCS. She will continue to root for FWCS.

