

BOARD HAPPENINGS

March 7 and 21, 2017

MARCH 7th

- American Sign Language teacher, [Janice Anliker](#), gave an overview of the new ASL course. Also on hand was [WOHS](#) student [Elizabeth Hogle](#), whose letter to the Board several years ago, was the impetus for this course. Attending as well were [NHHS](#) students [Samantha Buchanan](#), [Kaelen Cannon](#), [Rebecca Steeber](#), and [Alexandra Strack](#).
- Approved at this meeting: Bus Replacement Bids – 48-Passenger and 78-Passenger Buses, and Application & Receipt of Funds for AWS Foundation Grant for TeachTown, Inc. program.

MARCH 21st

- [Jeff Studebaker](#), Safety Manager, updated the Board on school safety efforts, programs, protocols, and statistics for the district for the 2016-17SY. He explained the proposed revision to the book bag policy beginning with the 2017-18SY: *“Students are allowed to carry book bags to and from school. During the school day, book bags must be kept in the student’s locker. Backpacks, bags or purses large enough to hold a textbook are not permitted during the school day. Bags needed for gym that are carried in the hallway must be clear or “see through”. Bags used for gym class shall be kept in the student’s locker prior to and immediately after the class.”* New Haven Chief of Police, Henry McKinnon, was also on hand to show his support of this proposed policy change. This change will come to the Board for a vote at a future Board meeting. [Mr. Studebaker](#) also mentioned equipment and other things he would still like to see the district purchase. Secretary [Chris Baker](#) asked the administration to take a look at these things to see what can be done.
- Approved at this meeting: Revised Administrative Guideline 3546 – Cafeteria Programs, and a grant from the Drug and Alcohol Consortium of Allen County.
- Martin Riley Architect/Project Manager Lisa Gulick updated the Board on the status of the [Leo Elementary School](#) gymnasium and cafeteria project, and [Heritage](#) and [Leo Jr./Sr. High Schools’](#) outbuildings.

PERSONNEL

~ Welcome New Hires ~

- Charles Buckhannon, bus driver
- Megan Emmons, greeter, NHHS
- Nicole Fowler, paraprofessional, HEEL
- Jeanette Johnson, paraprofessional, HEEL
- Marilyn Muff, food service, SOEL
- Abigail Saalfrank, teacher, WOEL
- Benjamin Sullivan, district support technician (TSP)
- Wesley Tuttle, district HVAC

~ Resignations ~

- Margaret Carroll, paraprofessional, SOEL, eff. 3/30/17
- Tanya Clark, food service, NHPS, 3/31/17
- Cheryl Hazelett, paraprofessional, HEEL, eff. 2/27/17
- Dianne Joustra, greeter, NHHS, eff. 3/1/17
- Alyssa Kerns, bus monitor, eff. 3/6/17
- Tonya King, paraprofessional, SOEL, eff. 3/10/17
- Mary Beth Knepp, bus driver, eff. 3/6/17
- Jennifer Reschly, food service, CEEL, eff. 3/17/17
- John Rose, custodian, LEHS, eff. 5/24/17
- Jamie Serres, paraprofessional, NHPS, eff. 3/10/17
- Beth Stauffer, AM Dispatcher, eff. 3/20/17

~ Retirements ~ (Effective 5/24/17)

- Karen Archacki, teacher, NHPS
- Mary Bottoms, secretary, CEEL, eff. 6/16/17
- Cathy Byers, food service, NHIS
- Susan Jones, teacher, HEEL
- Kimberly Romary, teacher, NHPS
- Marsha Sherwood, paraprofessional, LEEL

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RECOGNITIONS



The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards feature the Gold and Silver Key winning students in grades 7-12 from Northern Indiana (and Northwest Ohio). The Fort Wayne Museum of Art program is one of only 26 Scholastic Programs in the country to offer the full Art and Writing Program.

Scholastic Writing Winners: [Grayson Spaw \(LEHS\)](#) - Silver Key in Poetry; Gold Key for her Writing Portfolio; [Emily Powers \(EAU\)](#) - Gold Key for Poetry; [Madi Turpin \(LEHS\)](#) - Gold key in Science Fiction/Fantasy; [Emma Shade \(LEHS\)](#) - Honorable Mention in Poetry; and [Taylor Stahl \(LEHS\)](#) - Honorable Mention in the Novel Category.

Scholastic Art Winners: [Lindsey Marriott \(LEHS\)](#) - Gold Key for Sculpture; [Bailianna Sholl \(LEHS\)](#) - Gold and Silver Key for Photography; [Ella Hoffman \(LEHS\)](#) - Silver Key for Painting; and [Emily Ibholm \(LEHS\)](#) - Silver Key for Drawing and Illustration. Congratulations to all!

Three of East Allen County Schools' teachers were recently recognized by the Northeast Literacy Council for their work to promote literacy. They, along with 27 other Indiana educators, were named to the Northeast Literacy Council's first "30 Under 30" list. EACS teachers included: [Paul Conroy \(NHHS\)](#), [Alixandria Doran \(NHPS\)](#), and [Melanie Hinrichsen \(SOEL\)](#). You make us proud!

Winners of the Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana's Career Success Student Essay Contest were recently announced. This contest provides students an opportunity to research and write an essay about a career that interests them. One winning applicant per school per semester receives a \$100.00 cash prize, and a job shadow experience in their preferred career field. EACS student winners include: From [Heritage Jr./Sr. High School](#): [Sunny Gillenwater](#) – Midwife, and [Austin Cross](#)—Diesel Engine Technician. From [New Haven High School](#): [Chrissy Habeshy](#) - Graphic Designer; and from [Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School](#): [Lauren Durkes](#) – Surgeon. Nice work!



Congratulation to our Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) winners :

[Heritage Jr./Sr. High School](#)

-Gold rating: [Justin Brown](#) and [Jonathon Closson](#) (saxophone solos)

[Leo Jr./Sr. High School](#)

-Gold rating: [Alexa Allen](#), [Derron Allred](#), [Maria Isaacson](#), [Angela Lee](#), [Marissa Myers](#), [Callista Rager](#), and [Jonathon Robison](#).

The Prosser Vocal Ensemble - [Brooke Bolinger](#), [Kelsey Erexson](#), [Jessica Frederick](#), [Bella Hadley](#), [Celeste Kanka](#), [Audrey Kanka](#), [Arielle Kinsey](#), [Spencer Mollema](#), [Anna Neubauer](#), [Josiah Schumacher](#), [Tea Smith](#), [Evan Snauffer](#), [Brooklyn Prosser](#), [Cassandra Stith](#), and [Cassidy Strickler](#).

-Silver rating: [Aerin Goldman](#)

[New Haven High School](#)

-Gold rating: [Claire Moon](#)

[New Haven Middle School](#)

-Silver rating: [Isaac Franco](#) (piano)

[East Allen University](#), [Leo Jr./Sr. High School](#), and [New Haven High School](#) combined efforts again this year for the fourth year in a row by participating in the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics. Team EACS took the award for the largest team in attendance with 28 plungers total. The team raised \$2,332 for Special Olympics. Team representatives included [Hannah Bethay \(NHHS\)](#), [Ivy McLimans \(EAU\)](#) and [Mr. Derek Bethay \(EAU teacher\)](#).



The 4th Annual EACS' Digital Day Video Contest winners were recognized for a job well done and the winning videos were shown as well. These videos are posted on the EACS website. Winners include:

K-5th Grade

1st place - [Austin Gebhart](#), 4th grader at [Prince Chapman Academy](#)

6th-8th Grade

1st place - [Let Let Win](#), 6th grader at [Prince Chapman Academy](#)

9th-12th Grade

1st place - [Lane Hasselman](#), 9th grader at [Leo Jr./Sr. High School](#)