

BOARD HAPPENINGS

September 5, 14-15 and 19, 2017

SEPTEMBER 5th - REGULAR MEETING

■ Items approved by the Board included: New AG 4122 - Teacher Appreciation Grant; IDOE Formative Assessment Grant; MOU's with: JAG-Indiana for **Heritage Jr./Sr. High School** and **New Haven High School**, Brightpoint Head Start/Early Head Start, and the FW Dance Collective; Stormwater Drainage and Sanitary Sewer Easements Agreements for **Southwick Elementary School**; and School Improvement Plans. Updates to the Effectiveness Rubrics for Counselors, School Psychologists, and Program Supervisors positions were given to the Board.

SEPTEMBER 14th-15th - BOARD RETREAT

The afternoon session began with discussion on the Board's relationship with the Superintendent, as well as focusing on the goals of the district including the alternative elementary school, the junior high principal pilot program, and vocational training. The next day, the morning session began with an Executive Session from 8:30-10:30 a.m. with an outside consultant. After a short break, the regular meeting resumed with reviewing the goals of the Cabinet members, followed by discussion on the building plan and projects. The regular meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. The Board again met in Executive Session from 1-3:00 p.m. with an outside consultant.

SEPTEMBER 19th - REGULAR MEETING

■ A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed 2017 Budget, Bus Replacement Plan and Capital Projects Plan. No public expressions were expressed.
■ Items approved by the Board included: Renewal of MOU's with: ABC Construction Preparatory Academy, ACENET and IPFW, and Heartland Sings; Revised AG 1321 and AG 4213; Title I 1003a Grant; Award Bid for Pre-Demolition Asbestos Abatement for Park Hill Center and the 1964 Building; and Petition to Vacate Homestead Drive and Prospect Avenue.

RECOGNITIONS



The Allen County Public Library will soon be offering audio podcasts of three children's books in English and Burmese to help Burmese children who are learning English. Two **Southwick Elementary School** employees played integral parts in this undertaking. Teacher **Michelle Niblick** was selected to read the English versions, and **Hser Moo**, a bilingual interpreter, was selected to read the books in Burmese. Job well done!

Our IREACH students have most recently taken it upon themselves to be responsible for cleaning the tunnel on a weekly basis, heading up the recycling at the Administration Annex, and during moves this past summer they also helped with moving boxes for some of the staff. Some students have internships at Shepherd's House, Goodwill and Walgreens. The students are all becoming more independent and developing work and home living skills. Students include: **Robert Anderson, Logan Buhr, Drake Cantrell, Wesley Conwell, Joshua Foust, Nolan Koenig, Drake Merriman, Noah Savieo, Ravell Simon, Brenna Steury, Mollie Sullivan, and Jonah Vorndran.** **Kelly Blair** is their teacher. You make us proud!



New Haven High School has earned the IHSAA "Character of Champion" Sportsmanship Award. They, along with only 16 other IHSAA member schools, are being recognized for exemplary behavior during the 2016-17 school year. On Friday, October 6th IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox will present the Character of Champion Award banner to Principal **Anna Murphy**, Athletic Director **Andy Wagner**, and the entire student body at **New Haven High School**.

PERSONNEL

~ New Hires ~

- Lia Abbott, paraprofessional, WOEL
- Sarah Belcher, DW teacher
- Shana Bergman, paraprofessional, WOHS
- Kim Bixler, food service, NHHS
- Aaron Choice, teacher, PHJH
- Paige Conroy, bus monitor
- Briana Flory, teacher, HEEL
- Molly Flood, teacher, HEHS
- Amber Garcia, paraprofessional, NHPS
- Shirley Hardrix, food service, PHJH
- Lindsay Herndon, DW technology coach
- Rabia Ibrahim, teacher, NHHS
- Matthew Jenkins, TAS, PHJH
- Deborah Landis, paraprofessional, ECP
- Amber Leichty, paraprofessional, WOHS
- Elsie McAlexander, learning center supvr., WOHS
- Sherry Naw, paraprofessional, PHJH
- Haley Pegg, paraprofessional, HEEL
- Demetria Roddy, CRT, PHJH
- Dawn Sanders, food service, NHIS
- Jamie Sarrazin, tunnel guard
- Marsha Sarrazin, tunnel guard
- Elizabeth Smith, paraprofessional, NHPS
- Lindsey Thompson, secondary education coordinator
- Colleen Vandeway, greeter, LEJH
- Pu Pu Win, food service, SOEL

~ Resignations ~

- Charles Buckhannon, bus driver
- Annette Buzzard, bus monitor
- Lucy Clabaugh, health care aide, NHMS
- Dawn Collins, paraprofessional, HEEL
- Mark Dugan, bus driver
- Tara Grames, CRT, SOEL
- Esther Herrera, food service, PHJH
- Kara Lopez, food service, HEHS
- Jessica Phiri, teacher, PHJH
- Cynthia Reynolds, bus driver
- Wendy Wilhelm, bus monitor

~ Retirements ~

- Dennis Baughman, bus driver, eff. 10/27/17
- Steve Bottoms, Maintenance, eff. 1/2/18

~ Administrative Changes ~

- Christopher Hall from HEHS teacher to LEHS Administrative Intern
- Jennifer Heffernan, from WOHS teacher to Title III Director