

February Board Brief



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Board Brief

The following information is intended to inform staff and community members of recent action taken by the Board. The information included in this brief is not intended to be complete and does not replace official Board minutes.

Highlights from the South Harrison Township Elementary School District Board of Education regular meeting held on February 22nd.

ENROLLMENT as of January 31, 2016

RESIDENT STUDENTS	361
CHOICE STUDENTS	27
TOTAL	388

PRESENTATIONS

- Ms. Mesmer, Elementary School Program Spotlight

Spotlight Students			
November 2015		December 2015	January 2016
1 st	Ayla Bennett	Emma Campbell	Justin Meldrum
2 nd	Gia Griscom	Wil Finnan	Zack

			Burlingame
3 rd	Ryleigh Damminger	Sevin O'Connor	Lilly Kline
4 th	Ellie DiCarlo	Harley DeFay	Sean Steckler
5 th	Gina Ostrowski	Andrew Altmann	Kirsten Nelson
6 th	Sky Kashow	Charlie DiCarlo	Brenna Strehle

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lavender updated the Board on a variety of topics related to the District, which included the following discussion item(s)...

- Work Force 55+
- Goal Setting
- 2016-17 Budget
- Board Leadership
- Preschool Tuition
- Board Goals

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2015-2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for January:

2015 - 2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	Jan %	2015-2016 Current YTD Average %	2014-2015 Overall Average %
Pre-K 3	89.2	92.3	96.5
Pre-K 4	97.0	96.9	94.8
K	96.6	97.8	95.2
Average Pre-K & K	94.3	95.7	95.5
1	95.1	97.7	96.0
2	95.9	97.0	96.5
3	95.8	97.3	95.6
4	95.4	97.0	95.7

5	96.6	97.6	95.7
6	97.0	97.8	96.6
Average 1 - 6	96.0	97.4	96.0
Overall District Average	95.1	97.2	95.9

PERSONNEL

South Harrison Employment

- Medical Leave:
 - Nicole Eschenbach, 2nd Grade Teacher, 04/20/16 – 10/07/16)
- Fundraiser(s):
 - **4/18/16 - 4/22/16 Physical Education.** The physical education classes will participate in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money to donate to the American Heart Association.
 - **3/12/15 6th Grade.** The 6th grade is hosting a mother son bowling night to raise money to donate to the 6th grade activities.
- Field Trips(s):
 - **5/20/16 rain date 5/23/16** – The 6th grade students will meet with other students in 6th grade and be placed into teams and compete against one another with the opportunity for all the students to meet future classmates that will be at Kingsway in 7th grade.
 - **5/31/16 – 6/3/16** – The 6th grade students will be going on the annual 6th grade camping trip to Stokes State Forest. Students will observe the biotic and physical environment of the New Jersey Woodlands ecosystem.
 - **5/19/16 rain date 5/24/16** – The Kindergarten students will be going to the Philadelphia Zoo for an in-depth

investigation of more than 1,300 animals from around the world.

- **4/8/16 rain date 4/15/16** – The 5th grade students will be going on a walking tour of Philadelphia to have a first-hand exploration of the historical sites that played a major role in the development of our county.
- **4/29/16** – The 3rd grade students will be going to the Franklin Institute to participate in interactive science lessons.
- **6/17/16** – The 2nd grade students will be going to the Academy of Natural Science to participate in interactive science lessons.
- **06/14/16** – The 4th grade students will be going to Wheaton Arts to learn the history of glass blowing in NJ.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School / Date	Time	Drill Description
01/15/16	Begin: 02:20 PM End: 02:23 PM	Fire Drill
01/28/16	Begin: 10:37 AM End: 10:49 AM	Shelter – in - Place

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List for January 2016
- **SEMI Waiver.** The Board approved to request a waiver of participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on having fewer than 40 special education Medicaid eligible students for the 2016-2017 school year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Numerous other requests for approval for workshop attendance, student activities, and education items were approved by the Board of Education. These approvals will be reflected in the formal minutes of the meeting, which are

available in the office of the Board of Education secretary as well as posted online after Board approval.

The next meeting for the Board is scheduled for **Monday, March 14, 2016**, in the South Harrison Elementary School cafeteria and begins at 7:00 p.m.