

May 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 May 22nd.

ENROLLMENT as of April 30, 2017

RESIDENT STUDENTS	358
CHOICE STUDENTS	25
TOTAL	383

Presentations

- Gifted and Talented Program – Mrs. Mesmer

Spotlight Students

April 2017

1 st	Addison Small
2 nd	Kailee Pierre
3 rd	Emma Mazzeo
4 th	Joshua Trinidad
5 th	Nicolette Linden

6th Alexandra Weatherby

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Board of Education Goal #3
- End of the Year Celebrations
- 2017-2018 School Budget
- Personnel Update/Hiring
- Superintendent's Evaluation
- STOKES Trip/Fundraising Account
- Implement a Feasibility Study
- Animals in Motion (AIM)

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2016-2017 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for April:

2016 - 2017 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	Apr %	2016-2017 Current YTD Average %	2015-2016 Overall Average %
Pre-K 3	89.7	91.2	93.3
Pre-K 4	92.7	93.5	96.3
K	93.8	93.2	96.7
Average Pre-K & K	92.1	92.6	95.5
1	94.1	92.7	96.9
2	90.6	93.3	96.6
3	94.2	94.3	96.4
4	96.0	96.6	96.5
5	97.5	96.1	96.9
6	95.1	95.7	97.2
Average 1 - 6	94.6	94.8	96.7
Overall District Average	93.3	93.7	96.6

PERSONNEL***Annual Renewal***

The Board of Education approved the annual renewals of employees. Correspondence will be sent on an individual basis.

South Harrison Employment

- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Jessica Johnson (Courtney Haslam – School Psychologist- 09/01/2017 to 06/25/2018)
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Sarah Sobeck (SPED Teacher)
- Summer Hours:
 - Krista Travaglini (Reading Specialist)
 - Jennifer Smith (Teacher)
 - Heidi Wagner (Teacher)
 - Michele LaMalfa (Teacher)
 - Lisa Henjes (Teacher)

FUNDRAISER(s):

- None

FIELD TRIP(s):

- **6/1/2017 with a rain date of 6/5/2017** – The Pre-Kindergarten class will be traveling to Story Book Land to use skills learned in class.
- **6/8/2017** – The 5th grade class will be traveling to the Art Museum of Philadelphia to see the influence of art work on developing cultures through written expression.
- **6/14/2017** – The 1st grade class will be traveling to Adventure Aquarium to learn about animals, habitats and life cycles.
- **6/12/2017 to 6/15/2017** – The 6th grade class will be traveling to the New Jersey School of Conservation, STOKES.

RESEARCH PROJECT(S)

- A research project will be conducted to address pediatric dynapenia (power deficiency) in children.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School / Date	Time	Drill Description
04/27/2017	Start: 02:10 PM End: 02:13 PM	Fire Drill
04/28/2017	Start: 01:29 PM End: 01:32 PM	Shelter in Place Drill

POLICY

The Board recommended the following for First reading for revisions and/or adoption.

- Policy #9120 – Parent Organizations

The Board recommended the following for Second reading for revisions and/or adoption.

- None

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- **The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List.**
- **QSAC placement letter.** The Board reviewed a QSAC placement letter dated April 19, 2017.
- **Student Activity Financial Report.** The Board approved the student activity financial report as of April 2017.
- **Tax Levy Payment.** The Board approved the tax levy payment scheduled for the 2017-2018 school year.
- **Professional Service Appointments.** The Board appointed the following professionals through June 30, 2018
 - **Attorney:** Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso
 - **Architect of Record:** Garrison Architects
 - **Engineer of Record:** Federici and Aiken, P.A.

- **Financial Advisor:** Phoenix Advisors
- **Bond Counsel:** McManimon, Scotland & Bauman, LLC
- **Risk Management Consultant:** The Barclay Group
- **Substitute Employment Rates through Source4Teachers.** The Board approved the substitute employment rates for the 2017-2018 school year.
- **Nursing Services with Bayada Home Health Care Agreement.** The Board approved the agreement for nursing services with Bayada Home Health Care for 2017-2018 school year per the agreement on file in the Business Office.

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 of Education is scheduled for **Monday, June 19, 2017**, in the South Harrison Elementary School cafeteria and begins at 7:00 p.m.