

October 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 October 19th.

ENROLLMENT as of September 30, 2015

RESIDENT STUDENTS	356
CHOICE STUDENTS	27
TOTAL	383

PRESENTATIONS

- Elementary School Program Spotlight, Ms. Mesmer
- September Spotlight Students
 - 1st Grade – Gabriel Eisenhart
 - 2nd Grade – Gabriella Scaffidi
 - 3rd Grade – Olivia Carbone
 - 4th Grade – Ryan Visconti
 - 5th Grade – Alex Weatherby
 - 6th Grade – Claire Mathis

CORRESPONDENCE

- Transportation letter

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Student Transportation Procedures
- Superintendent and Board Goals
- Cooling Tower Replacement
- Stucco & Painting Improvements
- Preschool Trailer

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

2015 - 2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	Sept %	2015-2016 Current YTD Average %	2014-2015 Overall Average %
Pre-K 3	94.7	94.7	96.5
Pre-K 4	96.7	96.7	94.8
K	98.7	98.7	95.2
Average Pre-K & K	96.7	96.7	95.5
1	98.6	98.6	96.0
2	97.3	97.3	96.5
3	97.6	97.6	95.6
4	98.0	98.0	95.7
5	97.9	97.9	95.7
6	98.1	98.1	96.6
Average 1 - 6	97.9	97.9	96.0
Overall District Average	97.9	97.9	95.9

PERSONNEL***District Employment***

- Fuel Up to Play Advisors:
 - Michelle LaMalfa
 - Amanda Grabas
- Home Instruction 2015-2016 school year:
 - Sarah Brown
 - Linda Caltabiano
 - Jane Conroy
 - Shari Crouch
 - Jennie Dammingier
 - Jessica Devecchio
 - Beverly Donofrio
 - Nicole Eschenbach
 - Christine Fretz
 - Amanda Grabas
 - Lisa Henjes
 - Susan Kenderdine
 - Michele LaMalfa
 - Denise LaPalomanto
 - Jessica Lourie
 - Erin McLaughlin
 - Samantha Michielli
 - Linda Miles
 - Carolyn Olsen
 - Marguerite Paolone
 - Jamie Rohe
 - Cherie Sinor
 - Sarah Soback
 - Kathryn Tranz
 - Heidi Wagner

FIELD TRIPS

- **Creamy Acres Farm, 10/22/15** – The Pre-school class will be going to Creamy Acres Farm. The rain date is 10/28/15.

FUNDRAISERS

- **Trunk-or-Treat, 10/23/15** – Stokes is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event. Rain date is 10/24/15.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School / Date	Time	Drill Description
9/17/2015	Begin: 10:19am End: 10:21am	Fire Drill
9/23/2015	Begin: 11:17am End: 11:23am	Precautionary Lockdown

PROGRAMS/OTHER

The Board approved the following programs:

- 2014 – 2015 Nursing Services Plan
- [2015 – 2016 Student Handbook](#)
- [2015 – 16 Superintendent Goals](#)

UNITS OF STUDY – NEW/REVISED**CURRICULUM**

The Board approved the following curriculum:

- 2015-2016 South Harrison School District Course Adoption Phase 2
- 2015-2016 South Harrison Township Elementary School Courses of Study, including those with updated 2014 standards are available [here](#).

POLICY

- The following policies were presented to the Board for first reading/introduction:
 - (None)
- The following policies were presented to the Board for a second reading/adoption:
 - (None)

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List for September 2015.
- ***Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association, Inc. Grant.***
The Board accepted a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association, Inc. for Fuel Up to Play 60. The funds will be utilized to implement a Healthy Eating and Physical Activity program.

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 of the Board is scheduled for **Monday, November 16, 2015**, in the South Harrison Elementary School cafeteria and begins at 7:00 p.m.