

BOARD HAPPENINGS

December 10, 2013
January 7 and 21, 2014

DECEMBER 10th

Two **East Allen University** students, **Victoria Garcia** and **McKenzie Suggs**, presented their Advanced Health PBL project, "Farm to School" Program highlighted the educational, nutritional, and financial benefits of having school gardens. The girls asked the Board for permission to form a committee to pursue starting and maintaining a school garden for EACS. Their request was unanimously approved. **Bonnie Bonelli** is their teacher. **Doug Hicks** is the principal of **East Allen University**.

JANUARY 7th

Projects for the \$2M General Obligation Bond were approved: 1) Roofing Projects (**NHHS**, **CEEL**, **Service Center**); 2) Boiler Project (**LEHS**); 3) Elevators (**NHHS**, **NHMS**); 4) Fire Alarm (**NHMS**); 5) Asphalt (**LEHS**); 6) Window Replacement (**SOEL**); 7) Exterior Lighting (**SOEL**); and 8) Camera System Upgrade (**NHHS**, **LEHS**).

Approval to sell the former **Harlan Elementary School** building to Sunrise Chapel Mennonite Church was given.

JANUARY 21st

The Board held their annual Board of Finance Meeting.

A resolution was approved in accordance with the IN State Board of Accounts directive that school districts should have a resolution and guideline for schools and community groups to follow in the raising of funds and their use,

RECOGNITIONS



On 12/10 the **East Allen University** Spell Bowl Team champions were recognized. This is their first year to compete. They placed 3rd at the Class 4 State Championship. Team members include: **Brooklyn Boatright**, **Jordan Grogg**, **Bailey Hapner**, **Mitchell Lehman**, **Vanessa Payton**, **Autumn Quinn**, **Ben Sendo**, **Kennedy Thompson**, **Brittanie Wilson**, and **Nicole Winans**. Team coaches are **Susan Houck** and **Sheril Miller**. Job well done!

Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School junior **Jasmine Williams** received an Exemplary Sportsmanship Report from an IHSAA official for the outstanding sportsmanship she displayed on the basketball court recently. You make us proud!

Dr. Folks recognized our schools for their academic performance and improvement as measured by the A-F school letter grades announced by the IDOE. All EACS schools were graded as a C or above – 3 earned a letter grade of A: (**LEEL**, **CEEL**, **WOPS**); 6 schools earned a B: (**LEHS**, **WOHS**, **WOIS**, **NHIS**, **PCA**, **NHPS**); and 6 earned a letter grade of C: (**HEHS**, **NHHS**, **NHMS**, **PHJH**, **HEEL**, **SOEL**). 7 schools improved their grade from a year ago, including **NHIS** (C-B), **NHMS** (D-C), **NHPS** (C-B), **PHJH** (D-C), **PCA** (C-B), **WOHS** (C-B), and **WOPS** (B-A). We believe we have an 8th school that improved, **SOEL** (C-B), but we still need to convince the IDOE of that!

Dr. Folks added, "The performance and improvement of our schools would not have been possible without a team effort from everyone including students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the School Board. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of our schools."

PERSONNEL

~ Welcome New Hires ~

- **Michelle Badders**, paraprofessional, **WOPS**
- **Donna Clifton**, food service, **HEHS**
- **Alyssa Delagrange**, **PHLC**, paraprofessional
- **Jade Delagrange**, bus driver
- **JoAnn Franco**, **LEEL**, food service
- **Kristina Gerig**, **WOPS**, paraprofessional
- **Don Hampshire**, bus driver
- **Courtney Hause**, **PHJH**, paraprofessional
- **Kate Kemerly**, **PHLC**, paraprofessional
- **Johnnie King**, **SOEL**, paraprofessional
- **Aaron Lane**, District Homeless Student Liaison
- **Ernest Mazock**, teacher, **WOHS**
- **Angela Pepler**, teacher, **NHPS**
- **Jill Watkins**, **NHPS**, CRT

~ Resignations ~

- **Jennifer Boisvert**, bus driver, eff. 1/15/14
- **John Filutze**, teacher, **PHJH**, eff. 1/6/14
- **Whitney Harris**, custodian, **LEHS**, eff. 1/9/14
- **Irisan Manalo**, nurse, **NHHS**, eff. 1/2/14
- **Christina Mitchell**, **CEEL**, cafeteria monitor, eff. 1/8/14
- **Shawna Shane**, paraprofessional, **NHHS**, eff. 12/20/13
- **Theingi Tin**, language translator, eff. 1/17/14

~ Retirements ~

- **Thomas Franke**, bus driver, eff. 1/31/14
- **Kimberly Gilford**, paraprofessional, **NHPS**, eff. 12/20/13
- **Diane Lake**, teacher, **NHMS**, eff. 5/22/14