



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

BOARD HAPPENINGS

October 1 and 15, 2013

OCTOBER 1st

- Because the five year agreement with EACS' PPO Parkview/Signature Care is set to expire in December 2013, the PPO vendor Request for Proposal (RFP) process began in June 2013. Specs were sent to Parkview and Lutheran to bid on a new five year agreement starting January 1, 2014. Asst. Supt. [Kirby Stahly](#), along with Old National Insurance representative Steve Gille, explained the RFP criteria and process, as well as the proposal evaluation process.
- [Kirby Stahly](#) presented further Budget information along with additional proposed cost reductions. The Budget must be approved by no later than the October 15th Board meeting to meet the state deadline.
- [Doug Roemer](#), Director of Facilities, reviewed G.O. Bond information along with a list of prospective projects that could be completed with a \$2M G.O. Bond. The Board asks that a building utilization study be conducted.

OCTOBER 15th

- Several Presentations were given to the Board:
- Asst. Supt. [Marilyn Hissong](#) and [Kurt Dager](#), Corporation Test Coordinator shared ISTEP+ results for the district and fielded questions from the Board.
 - [Tamyra Kelly](#), Public Relations Liaison, shared information gleaned from the Student Exit Surveys.
 - Asst. Supt. [Kirby Stahly](#) and Rod Wilson of City Securities presented G.O. Bond information to the Board.
 - Asst. Supt. [Dr. Mike Shaffer](#) reported on our ADM and enrollment for this school year. We are down as a District approximately 100 students from the February count date.

RECOGNITIONS

The two 2013 [Leo High School](#) Academic Super Bowl Team(s) State Champions were recognized. Competing at Purdue University last May, both teams – a Social Studies team and a Fine Arts team - won the State title. They were recently awarded \$600.00 to be used for academic team growth

and success. The Social Studies team included: [Kaylyn O'Dell](#), [Justin Stuckey](#) and [Brandon Werling](#). The Fine Arts team included: [Paige Dempsey](#), [Jordan Schoonover](#) and [Rebecca Williams](#). Coaches are [Molly Baumert](#) and [Mary Hoff](#). LEHS Principal is [Dr. Neal Brown III](#).

As October is "National Principals" month, each of our principals was recognized for the essential role they play in making a school great. They are among the hardest working, yet often least recognized individuals in education. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication, and determination that provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success...we seek to honor these unsung heroes for their tireless efforts in pursuit of excellence in education. Thank you to each and every one of you:

Cedarville - Dr. Brad Bakle
 East Allen University - Doug Hicks
 EACS Alternative - Jeff Kline
 Heritage Elementary - Karen Charters
 Heritage Jr./Sr. High - Matt Widenhoefer

Leo Elementary – William Diehl
 Leo Jr./Sr. High - Dr. Neal Brown
 New Haven Primary – Teresa Knoblauch
 New Haven Int. - Alicia Gatewood
 New Haven Middle - Doug Pickett

New Haven High - Greg Mohler
 Prince Chapman Academy - Thelma Green
 Paul Harding Jr. High - Teresa Gremaux
 Southwick Elementary - Natalie Drummond
 Woodlan Primary & Int. - Michael Chen
 Woodlan Jr./Sr. High - Ron Kammeyer

PERSONNEL

~ Welcome New Hires~

- [Nayeli Contreras](#), CRT, NHPS
- [Kristina Fox](#), teacher, EAU
- [Whitney Harris](#), custodian, LEHS
- [Kayla Klingenberger](#), bus driver
- [Tobias Oo](#), bilingual support, SOEL
- [Shelley Rigdon](#), food service, LEHS
- [Brenda Sweger](#), teacher, NHPS
- [Lori Vaughan](#), CRT, NHIS
- [Aaron Walker](#), teacher, NHIS
- [Marsha Woods-Wilson](#), custodian, LEHS

~ Resignations~

- [Elizabeth Jerichow](#), paraprofessional, PHLC, eff. 9/27/13
- [Ellen Oberley](#), CRT, NHIS, eff. 9/6/13
- [Anthony Restivo](#), bus driver, eff. 9/19/13
- [Juana Reyes](#), CRT, NHPS, eff. 10/10/13
- [Zin Steger](#), bilingual support, SOEL, eff. 10/4/13

~ Retirement ~

- [Karen Schumm](#), food service manager, NHMS, eff. 6/1/14