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Highlights from the Keystone Oaks Board of School Directors Meeting

Meeting Information: Work Session, Thursday, November 13, 2014, 7:00 PM

Not in attendance: Rob Brownlee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters and the reorganization of district staff.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Board of School Directors recognized eight Keystone Oaks' students from Aiken and Myrtle Elementary Schools who recently took 1st and 3rd place at the annual History Bowl competition at the Heinz History Center.

Myrtle Elementary 5th grade students Shawn Snatchko, Luke White, Taylor Knavish and Keagan Elliott took First Place in this year's History Bowl at the Heinz History Center. This same team of students took first place last year too!

Another KO team of 4th grade students from Aiken and Myrtle Elementary Schools – Allison Voss, Maddox Fingers, Tia White and Grade Holiday – took Third Place in the competition.

Approximately 300 students from schools throughout Allegheny County participated in the History Bowl, an event that gives students the opportunity to explore the Heinz History Center while challenging students to find answers to questions, think and write creatively and practice problem-solving abilities. The program is sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Gifted and Talented Program.

During last night's Board of School Directors meeting, Assistant Superintendent Kathy Foster presented the **Report of Student Achievement**, which summarizes student performance on various assessments, including PSSA and Keystone exams, the PSAT and ACT tests, and presents the School Performance Profile score for each building in the District. The **Report of Student Achievement** will be presented to administrators and staff in the coming weeks and will be posted on the District's website at a later date.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Several new policies have been presented to the Board for consideration and the second reading for several of the policies will take place at next week's meeting. New

policies include: Investment of District Funds, GASB Statement 34, Taxable Fringe Benefits, Procurement Cards, Fund Balance and Nepotism. Copies of the proposed policies are available on the District's website, [within the agenda for the Nov. 13 Work Session meeting.](#)

FACILITIES REPORT

Next week, the Board will vote on a recommendation to hire Vincent Lighting Systems to provide replacement lighting for the high school stage at a cost of \$64,445.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The Business/Legislative Meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2014 beginning at 7 PM in the Board Room. [The final agenda will be posted on the website.](#)

Additional upcoming meetings:

- The annual School Board of Directors Reorganization Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 beginning at 7 PM in the Board Room.
- The December Business/Legislative Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 beginning at 7 PM in the Board Room.