

BOARD BRIEFS

News from the New Trier Township High School District 203

Board of Education Meeting

June 10, 2019

Students, Staff Recognized for Spring Accomplishments

The Board of Education held its spring Board Recognition Program to honor the many athletic, extracurricular, academic, and professional accomplishments of students and staff over the past few months. Honorees included:

Boys Lacrosse - State Champions

John Babnik, Hazard Bahr, Tyler Baird, Dylan Bruno, Brendan Chestnut, Liam Conley, Brian Dolby, William Ellerman, Vincent Flanagan, Henry Freedman, Johnny Hackett, William Hedley, James Hemmer, Joe Hielscher, Charles Hoban, Jimmy Hoban, Trent Kadin, Brian Kaskey, Mason Mackenzie, Terrence Maday, Matt Mathias, Tommy McAtamney, Matthew Moag, Ollie Montgomery, DJ Nolan, Tyler Nolan, Carson Ochsenhirt, Gavin Randle, Albert Scherb, Jesse Shapiro, Mitch Shelman, PJ Sitzer, Brian Sitzer, Brooks South, Nolan Swain, Jack Weisenberger, Andrew Witt, Cooper Yaccino

Coaches: Tom Herrala, Adam Dickson, Paul Newman, Jason Schoenwetter

Girls Lacrosse - State Champions

Mary Burke, Katherine Burnham, Katherine Busch, Valentina De La Torre, Rylin Douthit, Riley Gorham, Claire Gottreich, Ella Huber, Sammie Johnson, Lydia Kaup, Cassidy Keller, Izzi King, Charley Meier, Emma Merk, Lucy Murray, Amanda Nicholas, Lily Nicolaides, Anna Resnick, Margret Samson, Claudia Shevitz, Madison Smith, Alyce Smith, Annie Thompson, Olivia Zaban, Macy Zaban

Coaches: Peter Collins, Kristen Murray, Catherine Small, Michael Kanke, Darrin Jeziorski, Matt Koulentes, Sarah Cortesi

Rowing - 2019 Scholastic National

1st Place Girls Second Varsity 8+: Price Carlson, Lindsay Falk, Marilyn Gao, Molly George, Alex Gjaja, Hannah Lerner, Micaela Montembeault, Sabrina Morris, Jasmine Wu

2nd Place Girls Varsity Lightweight 4+: Sophie Burna, Diana Iovenescu, Noel Knight, Bethany Senuta, Rianne Wagner

3rd Place Boys Varsity Lightweight 8+: Jeff Croley, Aiden Grieff, Dennis Joyce, Thomas Kunkler, Michael O'Keef, John Payne, Evan Prendergrast, Griffen Schmelter, Enzo Sorano

Coaches: Rose Marchuk, Sandy Culver, Charles Richardson

Boys Tennis - 2nd Place State

Max Bengtsson, Dylan Drier, Colin Fox, Brent Saltzman, Jay Wagh, Jake Zipoli

5th Place Singles: Max Bengtsson

5th Place Doubles: Dylan Drier, Jay Wagh

6th Place Singles: Jake Zipoli

6th Place Doubles: Colin Fox, Brent Saltzman

Coaches: Tad Eckert, Kevin Anderson, Jack Martin, Jerry Morse-Karzen

Science Olympiad - 2nd Place State, 8th Place Nationals

Pranav Doradla, Isabelle Hester, Yetong Li, Eric Liu, Emilia McDougal, Asher Noel, Jibriel Saqibuddin, Louis Scheinfeld, Edward Seol, Karthik Srinivasan, Penelope Tir, Irene Xu, Grace Yu, Jonathan Yuan, Jason Yuan

Sponsors: Alex Howe, Don Wurth

Boys Volleyball - 3rd Place State

Peter Brown, Emmett Burnside, Patrick Condon, Joshua Glucksman, Colin Heath, Max Kocour, Charles LaFevers, Eli Lieberman, Joseph Monnig, Connor Pochetti, Aidan Rico, Zachary Salberg, Jay Saravis, Alden Schatz, Aaron Schatz, Jack Seminetta

Coaches: Sue Ellen Haak, Dick Dreis, Brian Doll

Girls Soccer - 3rd Place State

Heidi Bianucci, Jenna Birdsell, Courtney Charchut, Lily Conley, Josie Crumley, Meghan Dwyer, Caroline Faurot, Caroline Finnigan, Lilly Frentzel, Maggie Gifford, Julia Goldish, Alex Lampe, Juliette Lana, Naya Rhee, Kate Sawdey, Mia Sedgwick, Kendall Sierens, Ava Shah, Grace Walker, Fallon Warshauer, Emma Weaver, Alex Wirth

Coaches: Jim Burnside, Molly Lombardi, Dan Rogan

Girls Water Polo - 4th Place State

Jacqueline Andrews, Madeleine Beacom, Leah Caywood, Jane Dean, Caroline Jennings, Taylor Jones, Anastasia Kirie, Bridget McKenna, Emily McKenzie, Olivia Picard, Kasey Umlauf, Emma Wendt, Emilia Zientara

Coaches: Matt Wendt, Tom Saleh

Girls Track and Field

State Champions 4x800 Meter Relay: Emma Braband, Bridget Forbes, Marne Sullivan, Leah Ulrich, Paige Tangney

3rd Place State - 4x400 Meter Relay: Bridget Forbes, Sydney Kunkler, Marne Sullivan, Bridget Vitu

8th Place State - 800 Meter Run: Emma Braband

Coaches: Bob Spagnoli, John Burnside, Melissa Coughlin, Lisa Devereux, Jamie Klotz, Mike Richardson

Powerlifting

NASA Powerlifting National Champions - Girls Division: Chiara Awatramani, Maeve Gobeyn, Margaret Griffin, Kelly Hagedorn, Yida Hao, Mara Kapes, Bella Mendes, Mia Sedgwick, Ellie Song, Sabrina Tossing

NASA Powerlifting National Champions - Boys Division: Isaac Cho, Chamberlain Coffee, Max Dancey, David Davidkov, Ryan Fenner, Clayton Genty, Alex Hoopes, Kalev McCarthy, Joshua Oh, Sam Palmer, Dara Safe, Henry Thinnes, Jackson Tucker

IHSPLA State Runner-Up - Girls Division: Chiara Awatramani, Mary Bailos, Maeve Gobeyn, Margaret Griffin, Mara Kapes, Bella Mendes, Joelle Ohr, Mia Sedgwick, Chloe Shapiro, Sabrina Tossing, Rianne Wagner, Anya Weilandt

Coaches: Jim Davis, Rijad Pekmez, Alex Nadolna

IHSA Chess: 5th Place State

Adrian Calinescu, Eli Friedman, Sawyer Harris, Zach Larson, Roger Li, Max Malecki, Zach Marshall, Aryo Patel, David Peng, Roan Pluta

Illinois Chess Association Rising Star: Sawyer Harris, Justin Leo Weinzweig

Illinois Chess Association Warren Junior Scholar: David Peng

Coaches: Matt Mersch, Dan Kim

IHSA Math: 6th Place State

Adrian Calinescu (2nd Place Freshman-Sophomore Team, 4th Place Individual), Alice Hu (2nd Place Freshman-Sophomore Team), Asher Noel (5th Place Individual), Jesse Yang (1st Place Individual)

Co-Sponsors: John Carter, Katherine Linsenmeier

IHSA Journalism - 8th Place State

Molly George (1st Place Headline Writing), Stephanie Kim (4th Place Info Graphics), Alessia Liebovich (6th Place Editorial Cartooning), Sofia Papakos, Jack Soble (2nd Place Sports Writing)

Sponsor: Carlo Trovato

DECA International Development Conference Qualifier

Dillon Berlin, Andrew Circolone, Nina Pofcher, Sam Pomerantz, Kinar Prasad, Adam Ruzumna, Anna Shah, Zoe Siegel, Bethan Webb

Co-Sponsors: Bob Bollweg, Melissa Duffy

Illinois School Health Association Educator of the Year

Kate Goodman

Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame

Teri Rodgers

Science Olympiad Volta Middle School Partnership

Don Wurth

Northfield Campus Summer Work Focuses on Security

This summer, the Northfield Campus will undergo security changes that will make it easier for those with scheduled appointments to navigate the campus while assuring all visitors have been greeted and screened by security before entering campus grounds.

Over the past two years the District has been working closely with two school security consultants to provide guidance on enhancing safety measures at both campuses. Secure vestibules were installed at the Winnetka Campus last summer as a result of this collaboration, and the Northfield Campus improvements represent a second phase of security planning.

The project includes renovations to existing buildings to create secure check-in vestibules. The new welcome vestibules, staffed by security personnel, will be clearly marked on the east end of the B Building and west end of the D Building. The vestibules will provide consistency with the Winnetka Campus in the District's visitor entry procedures.

Due to the existing open nature of the campus, the project also includes the installation of fencing close to the buildings to establish a more definitive perimeter that will prevent unauthorized access to walkways and courtyards during the school day. The decorative and secure black metal fencing, separated by brick columns, includes enhanced landscaping and will blend into the existing architecture.

The Board of Education approved construction bids at its June meeting after reviewing the full project plans in February and will approve the final bids in July. Crews will work on the project throughout the summer, and it is scheduled to be completed this fall.

High-Performing Schools Consortium Shares Best Practices

Superintendent Paul Sally gave a presentation to the Board about New Trier's membership in Consortium 2031, an association of seven high-performing school districts from across the country that meets biannually to share best practices and learn from each other.

New Trier joined the consortium in 2008. Its purpose is to advance public education by focusing on the student experience, which includes benchmarking the student, staff, and school experience across districts. Discussion topics include college admissions, leadership development, technology use, school safety, community partnerships, graduate preparedness surveys, and social-emotional skill development, among many others.

The group's spring meeting took place in Austin, Texas, and included a tour of Westlake High School's Performing Arts Center, Design Lab, Incubator Lab, and Robotics classes; a comparison of districts' practices and policies around leadership development and technology use; a tour of Google Austin and a roundtable discussion with Google personnel about the best ways to manage technology use by students to promote learning, skill development, and well-being; and work groups of superintendents and assistant superintendents.

New Trier will host the consortium's September 2019 meeting, which will focus on social-emotional learning benchmarking as well as continued discussion of leadership development and responsible technology use. Plans include a tour of the Winnetka Campus; student panels to highlight work in student leadership development and special education; and visits with community partners such as Northwestern University.

Other News from the June 10, 2019 Meeting

- Superintendent Paul Sally gave a progress report on the first-year strategies for New Trier 2030, the District's strategic plan. Committees focusing on implementing 11 specific strategies for 2019-2020 met this spring to formalize their work and establish benchmarks and timelines. The full report can be found on the District's Strategic Planning web page: <http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/StrategicPlanning/>
- The Board approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Winnetka that would provide flood relief and allow the District to improve Duke Childs Field, the school's baseball and softball facility in Winnetka. New Trier and the village have been working on the proposed agreement for more than a year. It would allow for the installation of an underground stormwater detention system below the school's fields at Willow and Hibbard roads, providing protection from a 50-year storm on the site and in surrounding areas. The village also needs to secure agreements with the Winnetka Park District and School District 36 and get approval from the Cook County Board and Army Corps of Engineers for its plan to proceed.
- The District received numerous commendations in a compliance report from North Cook ISC/ROE5, the body authorized to conduct compliance visits of school districts within its region every four years. The team cited improvements at the Winnetka Campus, including the abundance of natural light in the new addition, flexible, modern learning spaces, a new library, multiple collaborative spaces, and the addition of two elevators to the campus. The report noted security improvements at both campuses. The team also was complimentary of the vision and strategies incorporated into the new strategic plan, New Trier 2030, stating: "Anchored in rich traditions and envisioning the future, the New Trier 2030 Strategic Plan establishes a pathway to embrace the exponentially changing world of the 21st Century and equipping students to thrive in that world. Your plan is well-conceived, and you have the team spirit to bring it to fruition. Follow your vision." There were no areas of non-compliance and no areas of concern.

The New Trier Board of Education generally meets on the third Monday of each month, with the business portion of the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. in Room C234 on the Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road.

Full videos of Board meetings are available online at <https://nthsmediaspace.kaltura.com/category/BOARD+OF+EDUCATION/>

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