

Former student thanks school board for support of science fair project

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OTTOVILLE — A former Ottoville Local Schools student sent a letter of appreciation to school board members for their support with her high school science fair endeavors.

Ashley Hoehn, now in her third year as a pharmacy major at Ohio Northern University, was successful in getting a paper published that was based on her high school science fair project on the effects of cinnamon on blood glucose values. Her paper, “The Effect of Cinnamomum Cassia on Blood Glucose Values are Greater than those of Dietary Changes Alone” was recently published in the peer-reviewed, open-access online journal Nutrition and Metabolic Insights.

Her letter states:

” ... All of the support that you, the Ottoville School Board, the Ottoville Local High School staff and most of Putnam County gave me to continue the progress on my science fair project was just what I needed to make the difference. ...”

Hoehn’s article can be read at www.la-press.com.

The board also accepted the following donations and awards:

- \$250 from Chase Bank – Ultimate Rewards Program;
- \$700 from Scholarship America;
- \$100 from the Ottoville Community Club in memory of Bob Hilvers; and
- \$5,837.33 from Big Green Athletic Boosters.

In other business, the board:

- Approved payment of the annual membership dues to the Ohio School Boards Association and Briefcase and School Management News subscriptions from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 for \$2,964;
- Approved Brian Beining as a volunteer tennis coach;
- Congratulated students, Audrey Rieger (4th year), Elizabeth Luersman, Jacob Turnwald, Kara Hoersten, and Ryan Kimmet for All County Band. Abby Siefker (4th year), Ryan Kemper, and Tim Feasel for All County Choir. The concert is at 2p.m. on March 10 at Ottawa-Glandorf High School; and
- Approve the Big Green Athletic Boosters to use the school facilities for their annual 5th- and 6th-grade basketball tournament which runs April 5-7.

The next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 20.

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