

board's the only app vote of the day session. SPH Director David Green had told the assembled commissioners that his comments were directed about the proposed rules prompting the outpouring.

During his on the podium moment were Art Gering, Boardman James Christensen, Scott Smith and James Fischer.

Another app vote, 8-0 with out abstaining, came on a concept plan for Westland Valley subdivision on the Northwest side of Campbell Station Road which was also proposed with amendments.

Trying to winn over the support of voters and outside parties and growth targets was turned by the commissioners in a 6-1 vote. The ordinance would have made voter facilities require a referendum before approval in Agricultural Districts.

David Greenwood of Bloomington came spoke against the idea saying it didn't give communities enough protection without the use of a large



Children from Amherst Elementary School march in the Parade of Champions in the opening ceremonies of the 2017 Special Olympics Track and Field International last week at Florida Valley Academy. The event played host to 100's of competitors.

# Student athletes compete in Special Olympics at HVA

By David Green

## adopts budget

By Peter Saville

After much discussion the three County Board of Education approved a general fund budget of \$475,340,000 which is an approximate 1% increase over the current budget year. This budget includes a 1% pay increase for teachers and a \$1.5 million increase for teaching assistant pay.

After much discussion the board unanimously approved a school maintenance budget of \$28,070,000 which includes a three percent raise for food services personnel. There was also no discussion and a unanimous vote for the school system's capital improvement budget. This budget includes \$5 million for the start-up of the two new middle schools, \$1.75 million for physical plant upgrades, \$200,000 for modular class rooms, \$200,000 for computer monitoring and medical pro-