

MASD Board Bulletin

November 25, 2013

Complete Minutes of the School Board Meeting can be found at raiderweb.org after next month's board meeting.

BOARD POLICIES

The board approved the revision of Policy 916 (School Volunteers).

Revisions to Policy 216 (Student Records) were presented for first reading.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The board approved to contract with JMSI Environmental Corp to conduct an asbestos survey and develop an asbestos abatement project design for the High School.

The board authorized the Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association to provide improvements to Field 15 in accordance with District specifications and upon verification of insurance requirements.

DISTRICT GOALS

The board approved the contract with PSBA to provide policy review services for the District.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The board approved an early dismissal (half day/PM) for students in grades 9, 10 and 11 on Friday, February 28, 2014 so that seniors may present their Career Action Plans.

RECOGNITIONS

John Carberry: November Student of the Month
Mr. Steve Smith: Educator who most influenced John
Megha Patel: November Rotary Student of the Month
Ms. Terri O'Neil: Educator who most influenced Megha
Hope Dehnert: Artwork selected for the District's holiday card
Zac Gates: Youth & Government Gold Lieutenant Governor

Mid-Penn All Stars and Qualifiers for Fall Sports season:

Jordan Arnold
Emily Bendgen
Steven Cain
Dylan Danilowicz
Hope Dehnert
Karlee Deibler
Nick Drawbaugh
Melvin Fager III
Kyle Finsterbush
Christopher Holloman
Cole Kautz
Brittany MacBlane
Megan Martz
Josh Matincheck
Emily Mattes
Johnnessa Mummert
Madison Rios
Christian Roberts
Rowan Sessa
Alyssa Stone
Julia Trout
Mitch Ward
Carlie Wolfe
Braelyn Zavoda
Brittney Zavoda

PRESENTATIONS

Bill Buffington from W.M. Buffington presented a \$1,100 check to the District as a result of their commitment to donate \$100 for every touchdown the Varsity football team scored at a home game during the Fall 2013 season

APPROVALS

The board approved a modification of agreements and handbooks for 2013-2014 to account for the addition of one day of holiday leave due to the closure of all offices in the District for the winter break as a cost savings measure.

1. Support Staff Handbook
2. Exempt Managerial Support Staff Handbook
3. All Administrator Agreements and Contracts

The board approved an increase in the Superintendent's annual salary of 3.75% for the 2013-14 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2013, based upon the results of her annual evaluation for the 2012-2013 school year.

The board approved to upgrade the WAN circuit from 100MB to 1GB for the duration of the contract through June 30, 2018 pending LLIU 13 board approval.

The board authorized the creation of a special sick leave donation program whereby District employees may donate sick leave days to benefit Heather Radabaugh and approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Middletown Area Education Support Personnel Association ("MAESPA") and Middletown Area Education Association ("MAEA") outlining the terms and conditions of the program.



EMPLOYMENT

Leona Berzowski, Data Systems Manager
Michele Bostdorf, Payroll and Benefits Accountant
Alison Chambers, PATHS/Ophelia Assistant
Laura Creek, Youth Center Assistant
Robert Flury, Substitute Custodian
Kaitlyn Kepler, Head JV Volleyball Coach, 14-15 Fall Season
Kenneth Martinez, Substitute Custodian
Lynn Miller, Head Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach
Michael Nauman, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach
Anastasia Neboga, PATHS Assistant
Thomas Palmer, Substitute Custodian
David Prough, Substitute Bus Driver
Ashley Reitz, Assistant Winter Cheerleading Coach
Steven Shuleski, Head Varsity Baseball Coach
Scott Souder, In-School Suspension Monitor
Joyce Stauffer, Part-Time Non-Instructional Aide
Ronald Stetler, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach

RESIGNATIONS

Michael Corradi, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and
Volunteer Strength Coach
Shannon Inners, Assistant Winter Cheerleading Coach

CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Cody Friedrich, from Part-time Custodian Student Worker
to Substitute Custodian

CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Jessica Hoopes, extended to January 30, 2014

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Lyle Ressler, Winter Track Club Volunteer Advisor
Llewellyn Skees, Winter Track Club Volunteer Advisor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski congratulated incumbent board members, Newton Davis, Mel Fager, and David John, who have been re-elected to serve for another term and thanked Sheila Evans for her service to the District. Dr. Suski welcomed Michael Corradi to the Board beginning December 5, 2013. She expressed her gratitude for the strong working relationship with the Board which is based on mutual respect and thanked them for the support she has received from them over the past year and half.

Last week American Education Week was celebrated across the country. The theme for this annual celebration was "Raise your hand for student success." A total of 387 parents visited their child's school to observe instruction or participate in activities during scheduled times. Dr. Suski thanked parents and the community for their support of MASD schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

The District has been involved with several efforts to assist the Radabaugh family in their time of need. Nearly \$4,000 was donated to the Salvation Army by the staff and students of the five schools. Accounting Manager, Cindy Hendershott, who will be retiring at the end of December, offered to donate her unused sick days to Heather Radabaugh. This selfless gesture led to discussions with both the teachers' and maintenance support staff unions resulting in the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding. All District staff will now have an opportunity to donate a sick day to Heather to enable her to continue to receive a paycheck and maintain her benefits through the duration of the 2013-14 school year. The administration wishes to thank Cindy Hendershott for initiating the idea which resulted in the establishment of this District-wide opportunity to support a fellow employee.

Dr. Suski thanked W.M. Buffington for their generous donation which will be divided evenly between the football team, cheerleaders and band.

Dr. Suski thanked Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association for their generous offer to enhance the field at Kunkel.

Dr. Suski thanked District Justice Mike Smith for his donation of the Witness Tree which was planted on the front grounds of MAMS on November 8, 2013 following the annual Veterans Day ceremony. This honey locust has been certified to be a seedling of the "Abraham Lincoln honey locust," which is the only tree that still stands today in the Soldiers National Cemetery that was present when Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address 150 years ago.

The District will soon release its first annual report to the community which will highlight the many accomplishments of our students and staff throughout the course of the 2012-13 school year as well as providing an accounting of facts and figures about the District. This publication will provide all residents with a better understanding of the Middletown Area School District.

The District will be closed from November 27 - December 2 for the Thanksgiving holiday break. Happy Thanksgiving to all and Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends who will begin their celebration later this week. The month of December will be very busy with concerts as well as athletic events. Please refer to the District website for dates and time of these activities.