

MASD Board Bulletin

October 27, 2014

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

RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

October Student of the Month - John Ponnett with teacher Mrs. Lori Hess

October Rotary Student of the Month - Mackenzie Lombardi with teacher Mrs. Terri O'Neil

Blue & Gold Club - Larry Etter and Tim Noll

PSBA 2014 Educational Publications Contest - Jody Zorbaugh, Honorable Mention for the MASD 2012-2013 Annual Report to the Community

Teacher Impact Spotlight - Fallon Aurentz and Trevor Davis for going above and beyond their teaching responsibilities and making an impact on the life of students.

EMPLOYMENT

Jacob Beitler, Head Jr. High Wrestling Coach and MAMS Health and Physical Education Teacher

Douglas Hoyer, Substitute Custodian

Katy Marconett, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

Cynthia McLaughlin, Mentor to Michele Appleby

Zachary Myers, Accounting Intern through the Senior Internship Program

Tammy Quackenbush, Substitute Crossing Guard

Sara Schell, Mentor to Katy Marconett

Llewellyn Skees, Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach

Scott Souders, In-School Suspension Monitor

Susan Wagner, Part-Time Non-Instructional Aide

Karen Williams, Special Education Teacher

POST SEASON PAY

Robert Alcock, Boys' JV Soccer Coach

Bryce Connor, Girls' JV Soccer Coach

Larry Kapenstein, Head Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach

Timothy Neff, Head Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach

Llewellyn Skees, Head Varsity Cross Country Coach

RESIGNATIONS

Christopher Hunter, Head Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach effective October 7, 2014

Suzanne Kern, Personal Care LPN, effective October 17, 2014

Christopher Hunter, Teacher, effective October 28, 2014

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski thanked Earl Bright, President of the Alumni Association, for planning and organizing this year's spectacular homecoming events. She noted that the fall sports season is coming to an end and that the boys' and girls' soccer teams will be honored at next month's Board meeting for making the play-offs.

Dr. Suski reminded the Board that with the first quarter ending on October 28, report cards will be issued on Wednesday, November 5 and elementary parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 24 and 25. She asked the Board to consider attending the Veterans Day program on Tuesday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. at Middletown Area Middle School which will include guest speaker Eric Fegley. She announced that early signing day will be held on November 12 at 3:00 p.m. for three student athletes who are committing early, and that the high school fall play entitled "Is there a Doctor in the House?" will be held on November 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Suski announced that due to the PA Department of Education's delay in releasing the School Performance Profile data, the presentation that was originally planned for tonight's meeting will be postponed until November.

Dr. Suski reported that on September 30, she, Ms. Layne and Mr. Franklin attended the kick-off videoconference at CAIU with 29 other sites participating across the Commonwealth on the Campaign for Fair Education Funding. Discussions surrounded the need to build public support for the campaign by being clear on what the goal of the campaign is, the inequities that exist in public school funding across the state, the relationship between state funding for schools and local property taxes, what the cost drivers are for public education and how to manage them, and how factors external to school operations impact the cost of public education. Part of the discussion centered on the need to dispel the myth about how public education is funded as well as what is involved in providing a quality public education. Finally, the discussion involved what resources and information are necessary to sustain involvement, engagement and leadership in this effort. Dr. Suski reported that each region has been appointed a circuit rider who is available to come out and speak with the Board and community about the Campaign for Fair Education funding. Our circuit rider is Dr. Patty Sanker, retired superintendent from South Middleton SD. Dr. Suski will be inviting Dr. Sanker to speak to the Board in the near future.

Dr. Suski shared that the HACC Delegate Body had an optional telephone meeting to review this year's budget information, financial status and results of the recent Middle States Accreditation. The District will see a savings of approximately \$32,000 in 2015-16 over 2014-15 in the total amount of money due to HACC.



CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Ronald Stetler from Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach to Head Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Cindy Lippy, Crossing Guard - Extend Leave Without Pay from October 6, 2014 through November 7, 2014

Valerie Walker, Teacher - Childrearing Leave beginning on or about January 23, 2015 through March 30, 2015

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board approved an early dismissal for students in grades 9, 10 and 11 on Friday, February 27, 2015 so that seniors may present their Career Action Plans.

FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved the use of two District vans on Saturday, November 8, 2014, for the High School Youth & Government Club to travel to the YMCA Youth & Government Eastern Election Convention in Springfield, PA.

CHANGE IN COMPENSATION

The Board approved to change the effective date for the compensation change of Terri Rushow to October 1, 2014.

The Board approved a motion to change game worker compensation to \$45 when a JV and Varsity event are held consecutively and the game worker is at both events effective with the 2014-2015 school year.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The Board approved the purchase of office furniture for the Administration building and a storage cabinet for a school store at the High School.

The Board approved the purchase of three 2015 Chevrolet Express passenger vans from Hondru Fleet.

AGREEMENTS

The Board approved an agreement with Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center to provide career awareness educational opportunities to District students.

The Board approved subgrant contracts with Capital Area Intermediate Unit for IDEA Part B funding for the 2014-2015 school year.