

# MASD Board Bulletin

August 24, 2015

Complete Minutes of the School Board Meeting can be found at [raiderweb.org](http://raiderweb.org) after next month's Board Meeting.

## RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Heidi Zula, Pennsylvania Registered School Business Official (PRSBO) Certification  
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Degrees:  
Dr. Elizabeth M. Gannon-Rittenhouse  
Dr. Brianna M. Miller

## PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Brianna M. Miller, MAHS Science Teacher and Amanda Rhinehart, MAHS Social Studies Teacher, presented an overview of their summer overseas experiences.

## BOARD POLICIES

The Board approved Policy #915 (Booster Clubs).

## APPOINTMENTS

The Board appointed Linda Mehaffie as a member of the Middletown Area School District Board of School Directors to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Pamela Price until December 7, 2015.

The Board appointed Barbara Layne as representative to the Joint Operating Committee of the Dauphin County Technical School effective immediately to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Pamela Price.

## FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved the annual Chesapeake Bay Foundation Canoe Trip for MAMS students on October 1, 2015.

## COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS

The Board approved to change the category of any Instructional Aides in Range 6 to Range 5 on the support staff hourly rate schedule.

The Board approved a \$500 annual stipend to Instructional Aides assigned to a low incidence classroom.

## MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

The Board approved Memorandum of Understanding #2 with the Middletown Area Education Support Personnel Association to establish the hours of work for the new budgeted Groundskeeper position.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski congratulated Mrs. Mehaffie on her appointment and welcomed her to the School Board.

Dr. Suski announced that 2,243 students were in attendance for the first day of school and that new students continued to be enrolled throughout the day. Dr. Suski said an updated enrollment report would be given at the September Academic Affairs Committee meeting. Dr. Suski thanked teachers, support staff and the administrative team who worked to provide a smooth opening for students – from registering students after business hours to coming in on evenings and weekends to prepare their classrooms. Dr. Suski said the District is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of employees who do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Dr. Suski thanked Mrs. Mostoller for her excellent coordination of the staff development sessions on August 11 – 13. Dr. Suski thanked teachers Trevor Davis, Dr. Beth Gannon-Rittenhouse, and Mike Zupanovic who presented to staff on Gifted Education, LGBT students, and differentiated instruction. Dr. Suski noted that elementary teachers received intensive training from Fountas & Pinnell on guided reading instruction and assessment.

Dr. Suski said that PIAA fall sports practice season is into its second week with scrimmages planned this week for volleyball, golf, tennis, field hockey, soccer and football. Dr. Suski informed the Board that she would send them athletic schedules electronically. Dr. Suski reminded Board members of the 3rd annual Meet the Raiders Night which is scheduled for Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. at War Memorial Field. Dr. Suski said that all fall athletes, coaches, cheerleaders and marching band personnel will be introduced that evening. Dr. Suski announced that the opening football game will be played the following evening, Friday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. vs. Lower Dauphin for the annual Iron Spike Bowl. Dr. Suski encouraged everyone to come out to War Memorial Field for this annual rivalry and support the Blue Raiders.

Dr. Suski reminded the Board that the 2015 PASA/PSBA School Board Leadership Conference will be held in Hershey from October 13 – 16 and anyone interested in attending should inform her this week.



## EMPLOYMENT

Patrice Baskerville, Instructional Aide  
Rebecca Becher, HS Assistant Band Front Director  
Lisa Billingham, Part-Time Non-Instructional Aide  
Carey Bonneau, Mentor  
Michele Bostdorf, Payroll and Benefits Accountant  
Ryan Boyles, HS Performing Arts Director  
Ryan Boyles, Performing Arts Set Construction Manager  
Sherry Boyles, HS Performing Arts Choreographer  
Christopher Bradford, Mentor  
Kenneth Britcher, National Junior Honor Society Advisor  
Sean Burke, Business, Finance & IT Pathway Co-Chair  
Anastasia Cerritelli, Yearbook Advisor - Fink (1/3)  
Michal Beth Chaffinch, Peer Helpers Co-Advisor (1/2)  
Alison Chambers, MS Band Front Co-Director  
Alison Chambers, MS Language Arts Department Chair  
Alison Chambers, Yearbook Co-Advisor - MS  
Mary Checco, Elementary Chorus Director  
Mary Checco, Yearbook Advisor - Reid  
Michael Checco, Elementary Chorus Director  
Stacey Collins, Instructional Aide  
Michael Corney, Elementary Health Department Chair  
Holly Criniti, Elementary Social Studies Department Co-Chair  
Lori D'Amour, Second Grade Chair  
Lori D'Amour, Mentor  
Cheryl Daily, First Grade Co-Chair  
Cheryl Daily, Mentor  
Greg Daily, Percussion Instructor  
Susan Davis, Mentor  
Trevor Davis, MS Academic Bowl Co-Advisor  
Trevor Davis, MS Academic Competitions Advisor (Position #1)  
Trevor Davis, MS Academic Competitions Advisor (Position #2)  
Michael DeFilippo, Peer Helpers Co-Advisor (1/2)  
Jonathan Dickey, Assistant Junior High Football Coach  
Jonathan Dickey, HS Special Education Department Chair  
Mary Dougherty, Student Council Advisor - MS  
Megan Dubbs, Head Junior High Field Hockey Coach  
Heidi Ebersole, First Grade Co-Chair  
Heidi Ebersole, Mentor  
Heidi Ebersole, Technology Co-Specialist - Kunkel  
Heidi Ebersole, Yearbook Advisor - Kunkel  
Christopher Etter, Mentor  
Cherie Fake, Library Department Chair  
Lynn Fallinger, Key Club Advisor  
Kate Ferrari, MS Special Education Department Co-Chair  
Jessica Fetter, Mentor  
Samuel Fisher, HS Band Director  
Samuel Fisher, HS Performing Arts Pit Orchestra Director  
Samuel Fisher, Jazz Band Director  
Peter Fox, HS Science Department Chair  
Cheryl Friedman, Guidance Department Chair  
Cheryl Friedman, Link Crew Co-Advisor (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Jennifer Friedrichs, MS Band Front Co-Director  
Elizabeth Gannon-Rittenhouse, Gay Straight Alliance Advisor  
Elizabeth Gannon-Rittenhouse, HS Academic Competitions Co-Advisor (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Elizabeth Gannon-Rittenhouse, HS Language Arts Department Chair  
Bronson Ganse, MS Science Department Chair  
Richard Givens, Mentor  
Richard Givens, Sophomore Class Advisor  
Richard Givens, Student Council Co-Advisor - HS (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Tammy Grimes, MS Math Department Co-Chair  
Brandon Heilman, Instructional Aide  
Melanie Hensel, Student Council Advisor - MS  
Lori Hess, World Language Department Chair  
Morgan Higgins, Full-Year Middle School Life Skills Support Long-Term Substitute Teacher  
Justin Hollenberg, HS Second Assistant Band Director  
Andrea Holtry, Family & Consumer Science Department Chair  
April Hughes, Yearbook Advisor - Fink (1/3)  
Caitlin Hunt, Youth & Government Advisor - HS  
Charlene Hurst, Junior Class Advisor  
Gail Jones, Elementary Language Arts Department Co-Chair  
Gail Jones, Mentor  
Gail Jones, Technology Specialist - Fink  
Wynter Jones, Fourth Grade Chair  
Emily Kasiske, Instructional Aide  
Catherine Kaslusky, Beginners Band Director  
Catherine Kaslusky, Elementary Band Director  
Nicole Kelley, MS Chorus Director  
Brian Keyser, Mentor  
Brian Keyser, Radio Station Advisor  
Emily Kreider, Youth & Government Advisor - HS  
Ellen Kreiser, Part-Time Non-Instructional Aide  
Aaron Lichtenwalner, HS Band Front Director  
David Martin, Business, Finance & Information Technology Pathway Co-Chair  
David Martin, HS Stage Manager  
Katherine Martin, MS Special Education Department Co-Chair  
Brian Massey, Yearbook Co-Advisor - MS  
Cynthia McLaughlin, Mentor  
Amy McPhilemy, Mentor  
Jenelle Miller, Benchmark Assessments Coordinator  
Lynn Miller, P R I D E  
Stacey Miller, Ski Club Advisor  
Mark Mohar, Mathcounts  
Mark Mohar, MS Math Department Co-Chair  
Stephanie Molnar, Kindergarten Chair  
Marta Monroig, Elementary Social Studies Department Co-Chair  
Marta Monroig, Mentor  
Marianne Moore, Elementary Math Department Chair  
Katelyn Murk, Freshman Class Advisor  
Michele Myers, Future Business Leaders of America Advisor  
Michele Myers, National Honor Society Co-Advisor  
Michele Myers, Work Study Coordinator  
Jodi Neuschwander, Nursing Department Chair  
Leroy O'Neill, Mentor  
Terri O'Neil, Health & Physical Education Department Chair  
Terri O'Neil, Science & Health Pathway Chair  
Joy Oberholser, Mentor  
Angela Pontius, Mentor  
Jamie Popp, Mentor  
Amanda Rhinehart, HS Social Studies Department Chair  
Amanda Rhinehart, Human Services Pathway Co-Chair  
Amanda Rhinehart, Key Club Advisor  
Amanda Rhinehart, Link Crew Co-Advisor (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Amanda Rhinehart, Sophomore Class Advisor  
Kristi Rothrock, Mentor  
Amy Sarson, Third Grade Chair  
Kathy Sayre, P R I D E  
Tiffany Schell, HS Academic Competitions Co-Advisor (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Tiffany Schell, Science Olympiad Co-Advisor  
Tiffany Schell, Senior Class Advisor  
Dana Schlader, Freshman Class Advisor

## **EMPLOYMENT (continued)**

Erich Schlicher, MS Band Director  
Erich Schlicher, Music Department Chair  
Adam Shaffer, Engineering & Industrial Technology Pathway Chair  
Adam Shaffer, Senior Class Advisor  
Adam Shaffer, Student Council Co-Advisor - HS (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Ray Shearer, HS Math Department Chair  
Ray Shearer, Mentor  
Ray Shearer, Student Council Co-Advisor - HS (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Justine Shippling, Arts & Communications Pathway Chair  
Justine Shippling, Business Education Department Chair  
Justine Shippling, Yearbook Advisor - HS  
Janelle Shuey, Yearbook Advisor - Fink (1/3)  
Llewellyn Skees, MS Social Studies Department Chair  
Llewellyn Skees, Youth & Government Advisor - MS  
Justin Smith, Elementary Language Arts Department Co-Chair  
Justin Smith, Elementary Science Department Chair  
Justin Smith, HS First Assistant Band Director  
Justin Smith, Technology Specialist - Reid  
Jared States, Art Department Chair  
Robert Stitt, Industrial Technology Department Chair  
Joan Swartz, Instructional Aide  
Heidi Tobias, Junior Class Advisor  
Stephanie Trafecanty, Mentor  
Andrew Vensel, HS Assistant Performing Arts Director  
Andrew Vensel, HS Chorus Director  
Denise Wade, National Honor Society Co-Advisor  
Jody Wenrich, HS Academic Competitions Co-Advisor (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Jody Wenrich, Link Crew Co-Advisor (1/3 of 2 positions)  
Jody Wenrich, MS Academic Bowl Co-Advisor  
Jody Wenrich, Science Olympiad Co-Advisor  
Liesl Yohn, Fifth Grade Chair  
Liesl Yohn, Technology Co-Specialist – Kunkel

## **CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

Steven Jumper, Second Shift Custodian to Groundskeeper/Trades Utility  
Tammy Quackenbush, Substitute Crossing Guard to Part-Time Crossing Guard  
Cory Smith, Groundskeeper/Trades Utility to Groundskeeper  
Patricia Zentmeyer, Part-Time Psychology Clerk to Full-Time Instructional Aide

## **RESIGNATIONS**

Cindy Lippy, Crossing Guard, effective July 31, 2015  
Lynn Williams, Assistant Junior High Football Coach, effective August 12, 2015

## **PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT**

The Middletown Area School District 2011-2015 Performance Audit Report of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Auditor General was attached for review. Dr. Suski noted that the District received a clean audit with no findings or observations.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

The Board approved to contract with Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates to produce fire evacuation and security maps for each building within the District.

The Board approved to contract with Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates to revise drawings for a new High School softball field alternate.

The Board approved to contract with Tanner Furniture to develop design specifications for the furniture and fixtures for the new High School.

The Board amended a motion approved on June 22, 2015 to revise the scope of work on the Kunkel parking lot based upon substandard asphalt identified by the contractors and the need to replace and upgrade the grease interceptor to code requirements.

## **APPROVALS**

The Board approved a renewal agreement with Keystone Service Systems, Inc. for the use of two classrooms, the playground, and bathrooms at Fink Elementary School for the operation of a Head Start program during the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 school years.

The Board approved the school bus stops and routes for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved the contracted school bus drivers for the 2015-2016 school year.

## **BIDS**

The Board rejected all bids received for the athletic field upgrades.

The Board awarded bids for maintenance and supplies for athletic fields and grounds to Andre & Son and Jamco Products.