

# MASD Board Bulletin

November 23, 2015

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

## TERMINATIONS

Elijah Trump, Custodian, effective October 21, 2015

## RESIGNATIONS

Lynn Williams, MAHS Library Clerk, effective December 4, 2015

## RETIREMENTS

Sherry Breckenmaker, Elementary Librarian, effective December 8, 2015

## CURRICULUM

The Board approved the purchase of materials for the Choices program.

## FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved a field trip for High School band/chorus students to Washington, D.C. and Baltimore on May 13-14, 2016.

## PROGRAMS

The Board approved to pay half of the cost of graduate caps and gowns for the class of 2016.

## APPROVALS

The Board approved the Comprehensive Plan for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

The Board approved an online software subscription at the Middle School with IXL Learning to pilot a supplemental mathematics program at a cost of \$500.

The Board approved the use of the High School Gymnasium to host a PIAA State Semi-Final Volleyball match on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. *(continued)*

## RECOGNITIONS

November Rotary Students of the Month:  
Brooke Sides with educator Terri O'Neil  
Michael Osayi with educator Robert Pelletier

Board Members' Years of Service:

Terry A. Gilman - 8 years  
Barbara N. Layne - 12 years  
David S. John - 16 years  
Michael S. Richards - 16 years

Board Service Appreciation:

Barbara N. Layne - School Board President  
Gordon A. Einhorn - School Board Treasurer

## EMPLOYMENT

Christopher Brown, MASH Advisor  
Kyle Dayhoff, Health & Physical Education Teacher  
Jason Koons, Second Shift Custodian  
Elena Morales, Instructional Aide  
Donna Margucci, Instructional Aide  
Kristina Myers, Assistant Girls' JH Basketball Coach  
Mark Vottero, Head Girls' JH Basketball Coach

## CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Dylan Sunday, from Head Custodian to Groundskeeper/Trades Utility  
Gregory Weikel, from Second Shift Custodian to Head Custodian  
Jason Koons, from Full-Time Custodian to Substitute Custodian

## POST SEASON PAY

Stephen Boyland, Assistant Varsity Football Coach  
Bryce Connor, JV Girls Soccer Coach  
Michael Dupes, Assistant Varsity Football Coach  
Samuel Fisher, HS Band Director  
Peter Fox, Head Varsity Cross Country Coach  
Bronson Ganse, Assistant Varsity Football Coach  
Brett Myers, Head Varsity Football Coach  
Timothy Neff, Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach  
Jose Ortiz, Assistant Varsity Football Coach  
Adam Shaffer, Assistant Varsity Football Coach  
Justin Smith, HS First Assistant Band Director  
Scott Souders, Assistant Varsity Football Coach  
Amelia Stetler, Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach  
Nikki Thomas, Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach  
Jessica Welsh, Head Fall Cheerleading Coach

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski reported that four MAHS students assisted at the polls on Election Day. She said that the Dauphin County Bureau of Elections was appreciative of the assistance from District students and that it is anticipated that more students will be needed to work the polls during the primary in the spring.

Dr. Suski announced that last week was American Education Week, and the District was honored to welcome back Middletown Area High School Class of 1960 graduate Chuck Wachob who was visiting in the area from Georgia. Mr. Wachob recently wrote a children's book called Why Ducks Waddle and Geese Don't. He visited Fink, Kunkel and Reid Elementary Schools to read his book to all students in Grades K – 2. Mr. Wachob commented to Ms. Drazenovich, Director of Student Services, that he was very impressed with the building principals and how well-behaved the students were. Dr. Suski said that Mr. Wachob donated a copy of his book to each school's library and several students purchased their own personal copies.

Dr. Suski congratulated two high school seniors who recently signed letters of intent to play ball in college next year. Jalynn Burton-Jones will be attending Robert Morris University to play Division I basketball, and Brandon Harper will be attending Millersville University to play Division II baseball. *(continued)*



### **APPROVALS (continued)**

The Board approved the following individuals as contracted school bus drivers for Boyo for the 2015-2016 school year.

1. Kay A. Smith
2. Leslie A. Ware Jr.

The Board approved revisions to the documents listed below effective July 1, 2015:

1. Compensation and Benefits Plan for School Administrators (Act 93)
2. Compensation and Benefits Plan for Director of Human Resources
3. Compensation and Benefits Plan for Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Operations

### **AGREEMENTS**

The Board approved an agreement with Ahold (Giant Foods) to establish a customer charge account.

The Board approved to add one day of holiday leave in the following agreements and handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year due to the closure of all offices during the winter break as a cost savings measure:

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

### **EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

The Board approved the purchase of keyboards and headsets for ESL student testing.

The Board approved to contract with G.R. Sponaule to replace existing heaters in the MAMS boiler room and add a baffle system.

The Board approved the purchase of the security equipment items to replace the Digital Video Recorder (DVR) systems at Kunkel, Reid and MAMS with Network Video Recorder (NVR) systems.

The Board approved a subscription agreement with Happy Fox Inc. to provide a technology ticket system through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved an increase in the Superintendent's annual salary by 2.4% for the 2015-2016 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2015, based upon the results of her annual evaluation for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)**

Dr. Suski congratulated the Blue Wave Marching Band who placed sixth place out of 21 bands in the Class A Tournament of Bands Championships at Central Dauphin's Landis Field on November 7, 2015. She also congratulated the band front for receiving third place out of 21 band fronts and senior drummer Nicole Whittle for receiving a \$1,000 scholarship from Tournament of Bands.

Dr. Suski reported that on Thursday, November 19, 2015, Middletown Area High School students participated in a Career Day Event that has been well-received by students and staff. Seniors participated in a senior interview workshop where they wrote their career plans. They also participated in a "Dress for Success" workshop sponsored by Men's Wearhouse. The junior class participated in Shadow Day with students traveling to various businesses to observe in areas of potential career interest. Sophomores traveled to Penn State Harrisburg in the morning for a post-secondary summit where they learned about NCAA clearinghouse, ROTC opportunities, and how to navigate the college application process. After lunch they traveled to HACC where they were divided by pathway and explored various programs related to their future career aspirations including such visits as the police academy and science and health programs. Freshmen participated in a STEM Summit and enjoyed a day of great hands-on activities. Dr. Suski acknowledged that there was a tremendous amount of logistical planning that went into this event, and she commended the work of Michele Myers, HS Career Coordinator and the Pathways Chairs for their efforts.

Dr. Suski congratulated the middle and high school students for their respective fall play performances over the past two weekends, and said that it was a great end to the fall sports season with the Boys' Soccer Banquet two weeks ago, Football's Banquet last evening, and Girls' Soccer Banquet in two weeks.

Dr. Suski announced that the fall Mid Penn All Stars and the Mid Penn Capital Division Coach of the Year, Brett Myers, will be recognized at the December Board meeting for their achievements during the fall season.

Dr. Suski reminded the Board that the District will be closed from November 25-30, 2015 for the Thanksgiving break and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.