

MASD Board Bulletin

February 1, 2016

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

RECOGNITIONS

January Students of the Month:

Katelynn Kennedy with educator Terri O'Neil
Mark Wagner with educator Cheryl Friedman
AP Scholars: Eric Belles, Samantha Romberger
AP Scholar with Honor: Andrew Yeich
School Board Directors Recognition Month

PRESENTATIONS

Every Student Succeeds Act presented by Dr. Lori A. Suski

EMPLOYMENT

Alexander Berresford, Substitute Custodian and
Substitute Groundskeeper
Cherie Fake, Mentor
Jennifer Gray, Part-Time Non-Instructional Aide
Tracey Hampton, High School Library Clerk
Ray Shearer, Mentor

VOLUNTEERS

Lacy Brubaker
Randall Miller
Nicole Schreiner
Jennifer Yospa

CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Jessica Welsh from Part-Time Non-Instructional Aide to
Full-Time In-School Suspension Monitor

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Jacob Barrett
Justin Srogota

RETIREMENTS

Effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year:
Cheryl Daily, Teacher
Lori Knittel, Guidance Counselor
Denise Wade, Teacher

AGREEMENTS

The Board approved an agreement with Penn State University to provide on-site clinical experience to nursing students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski reported that Kindergarten Registration started today and said that the online process that was implemented last year is having great success due to the work of John Brougher and his team. Dr. Suski said she was excited to announce that Raider Academy was nominated by CAOLA as an exemplary cyber program. She noted that Marie Drazenovich or Ray Shearer would be attending a conference that will recognize the exemplary programs. Dr. Suski said that the District has done a lot of work over the last few years to build its cyber program which has resulted in cost savings for the District because students are selecting to attend Raider Academy instead of attending other cyber schools. Dr. Suski said the Blue & Gold Club Dinner on Saturday night was a huge success. She thanked the Board for their donations which were put towards gift baskets and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Mehaffie for assembling the baskets. Dr. Suski reported that High School senior Brooke Myers would be signing a national letter of intent to play soccer for West Virginia University at signing day this Wednesday, February 3. Dr. Suski congratulated the High School Select Choir for being chosen to perform the National Anthem at the state wrestling championships.

Dr. Suski expressed appreciation to Mr. Meiser and the Operations Department for their exceptional work at clearing the snow left by Winter Storm Jonas from all District facilities. Dr. Suski said that several of the Operations crew members stayed overnight to help. Dr. Suski said that because of their hard work, all our facilities could have opened on Wednesday but unfortunately there were still concerns with buses navigating roads in the boroughs. Dr. Suski thanked Mayor Jim Curry, Chris Burkholder and the road crews who helped to clear the snow in Middletown Borough and Lower Swatara Township for their efforts.

Dr. Suski announced that on Tuesday night, February 2, 2016, the last regular season basketball game would be held in the High School gymnasium. She said that since this could be the final game ever held in that gym, alumni basketball players have been invited for a photo opportunity at halftime. Dr. Suski reminded the Board that the High School Jazz Band will be holding their "Souper Saturday" event this Saturday, February 6, 2016 in the High School cafeteria.



FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved the following field trips:

1. Grade 5 students to Philadelphia, PA on April 27, 2016
2. Select Grade 6 students on a canoe trip (Swatara Creek) on April 28, 2016
3. Grade 6 students to Kings Gap Environmental Center in Carlisle, PA on May 17 and 18, 2016

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The Board approved the purchase of cafeteria tables and chairs for the new High School.

APPROVALS

The Board approved the rental of Twin Ponds East batting facility for the baseball team to hold indoor batting and throwing practice for the 2016 season due to the demolition of the Life Fitness Center.

The Board approved Rhonda J. Nelson and Diane Tomlinson as contracted school bus drivers with BOYO for the 2015-2016 school year.

PARTICIPATIONS

The Board authorized the Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau to offer a 30-day interest-free grace period for the collection of 2015 delinquent School District real estate taxes.

EXONERATIONS

The Board exonerated the appointed and elected tax collectors from the responsibility to collect the outstanding 2015-2016 real estate tax bills and to charge the Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau with the collection responsibility.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Board approved an agreement with IntegraONE to provide a turnkey solution to decommission, move, install, and recommission server room equipment from the Administration Building to the new High School at a cost not to exceed \$32,637.50 using Capital Reserve funds.

PRINCIPLES FOR GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

The Board adopted the new PSBA Principles for Governance & Leadership.