

MASD Board Bulletin

April 25, 2016

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski acknowledged the many students who were recognized at the start of the meeting that have excelled in various areas both academically and in extra-curricular activities. Dr. Suski said the District is proud of the achievements of our students and credits the ongoing support of their families as well as the wonderful faculty and staff who work with our students daily.

Dr. Suski recognized the perseverance of our students in Grades 3 - 8 over the past two weeks of PSSA testing in English Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics. She noted that this annual state testing is a time of stress on children as well as teachers and administrators. Dr. Suski said that testing has gone smoothly thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Mostoller, District Test Coordinator, and all the School Counselors who served as the building test coordinators. Dr. Suski noted that the PSSA Science tests are being administered in Grades 4 and 8 this week, and then Keystone Exams will be coming up in a few weeks for MAMS Algebra I students and High School students in Algebra, Literature and Biology. Dr. Suski said that everyone has been working very hard this year, and the District hopes that all of the effort will be reflected in increased achievement on the exams.

Dr. Suski noted visits from two local news stations doing features on Middletown Area High School. Steve Knight from CBS 21 News featured several students as part of his segment called "Cool Schools." WGAL Channel 8 News reporter and Middletown Area High School alumnus Lori Burkholder visited the High School to take a walk down memory lane. Ms. Burkholder happened to be on site for the removal of the 1962 cornerstone where a time capsule was discovered which revealed many interesting artifacts which will be placed in the lobby showcase.

Dr. Suski congratulated Mr. Fisher, Mr. Vensel, Mr. Schlicher and all the student musicians for their impressive job tackling some very challenging pieces at the High School Jazz Band and Select Chorus and Middle School Jazz Band spring concert. Dr. Suski noted that the Spring Concerts for Concert Band and Chorus will be held at the Middle School on May 3 and 12 respectively and will feature performances by both

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

middle and high school musicians. Dr. Suski said the elementary spring concerts will be held in the month of May and that dates and times could be found on the District website.

Dr. Suski announced that on Friday, April 29, 2016, the High School will be hosting its annual Mini-THON to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. She noted that the High School students have been working very hard since the beginning of the year under the direction of advisor Cheryl Friedman to plan for this event and their goal is to raise a total of \$25,000. Dr. Suski asked those present to consider supporting Mini-THON with a donation to the cause.

Dr. Suski announced that Signing Day for Division III student athletes will be held at 3:00 p.m. on May 12, 2016 in the MAHS LGI Room. She noted that progress reports for the 4th marking period are scheduled to go home later in the week. Dr. Suski reported that the administration continues to work on the annual budget; a draft of which Mr. Franklin will be presenting at the May 10th Finance Committee meeting and again at the May 16th School Board meeting. Dr. Suski reminded attendees that the next day was a scheduled Staff Development Day and there would be no school for students.

RECOGNITIONS

April Students of the Month:

Rachel Applegate with educator Cheryl Friedman
Justin Shaver with educator Terri O'Neil

State Geography Bee:

Gabriela Przybylski, 9th place in the state

Capital Area Science & Engineering Fair Winners:

Amanda Lee, Aayushi Patel, Richa Patel, Kyle Brennan

Science Olympiad Middle School Team State Qualifiers:

Nicole Altland, Cayla Garman, Mason Garza, Alexis Habbershon, Jacob Hottenstein, Benjamin Hursh, Kayla Kauffman, Timothy Nevil, Aiden Sessa, Robert Southard, Sara Starliper, Angelina Torres, Marcus Williams, Noah Yeich, Justin Yohn

Science Olympiad Advisor:

Jody Wenrich - honored by Science Olympiad as the longest tenured Advisor

CAIU Computer Fair:

Chastity Davis, 1st place

Operations Crew:

Recognized for snow removal during Winter Storm Jonas

PENSPPRA Excellence in Education

Communications Contest:

Jody Zorbaugh, School Website Award of Honor Recipient

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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Fink Elementary: Jasmine Peiffer and Michael Barilla

Kunkel Elementary: Emily Boyer and Jaron Imler

Reid Elementary: Aurora Demko and Marquis Beasley

Middletown Area Middle School: Angelina Torres and Dane Ebersole

PRESENTATIONS

Youth and Government Year in Review:

Chloe Buckwalter and Sam Romberger

EMPLOYMENT

Barry Moyer, Second Shift Custodian, effective April 25, 2016

Extended School Year Services

1. Patrice Baskerville
2. Robert Brodish
3. Stacey Collins
4. Susan Davis
5. Melinda Geesaman
6. Susan Gibson
7. Pamela Humphreys
8. Robin Wolf
9. Mary Ziltz

Middle School Summer School Program

1. Christopher Etter
2. Bronson Ganse
3. Nicole Petrovich
4. Mary Webb

CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

George Billett, from Second Shift Custodian to Head Custodian, effective April 15, 2016

Michael Garman, from Head Custodian to Custodial & Facilities Supervisor, effective April 14, 2016

Dylan Sunday, from Groundskeeper/Trades Utility to Groundskeeper, effective upon the hiring of his replacement

RESIGNATIONS

John Sarson, Second Shift Custodian, effective April 11, 2016

RETIREMENTS

Terry McGarry, Teacher, effective June 1, 2016

Denise Tupnoski, Accounts Payable Coordinator, effective June 30, 2016

FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved a field trip for 12 students and 2 teachers in the High School Architectural Design course to Fallingwater in Mill Run, Pennsylvania on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

CURRICULUM

The Board approved the newly revised K-12 Health and Physical Education curriculum and the purchase of requested textbooks and materials.

APPROVED VOLUNTEERS

The Board approved the following volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year:

1. Angela Burke
2. Michelle Carnes
3. Lorre Cooper
4. Michael Devaney
5. Erika Dupes
6. Karen Eberly
7. Loren Foster
8. Kortni Gaffney
9. Stephanie Gatesman
10. Ayla Hallman
11. Eric Hemperly
12. Matthew Krajsa
13. Staci Krajsa
14. Laura Lawrence
15. Amanda Martin
16. Jon Moyer
17. Lisa Moyer
18. Laida Negrin
19. Julie Nolen
20. Lindsay Reigle
21. Kristen Rios
22. Karin Rodriguez
23. Sarah Ryan
24. Amy Schreffler
25. Tara Shaffer
26. Margaret Trefz
27. Ami Walker
28. David Wright
29. Kristie Young

APPROVALS

The Board authorized the use of UpCycle at a cost of \$90 per visit for future IT equipment disposal needs.

The Board approved Dusty Perez-Chajchalac as a contracted First Student school bus driver.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board appointed Dr. Andrew Welkie to serve as the District's dentist for the 2016-2017 school year.

CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Nutrition Inc. items: 2016-2017 Food Service Contract, Summer Food Program, operational budget.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board adopted a resolution to appoint David Franklin, Board Secretary, as the agent to execute forms and documents on behalf of the District to obtain disaster relief funds for the January snow storm.

POLICIES

The Board adopted the following policies:

1. Policy 100 (Comprehensive Planning)
2. Policy 101 (Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values)
3. Policy 112 (Guidance Counseling)

The Board approved a motion to change the date of the Academic Affairs, Personnel, and Finance Committee meetings from Tuesday, May 3, 2016 to Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Information Item: Policy 823 (Naloxone) was presented for first reading as a newly developed policy.

AGREEMENTS

The Board approved an agreement with The Caring Place to provide grief support training services to the District.

The Board approved an agreement with The Cooper Institute for the use of FitnessGram software for the health and physical education teachers.

The Board approved to renew an agreement with Shop Specialties Incorporated for shop machinery maintenance at the Middle School and High School.

The Board approved to renew an agreement with Diamantoni & Associates Family Practice to provide school health physician services during the 2016-2017 school year.

GRANTS

The Board approved a motion to apply for a Title I Innovation Grant and Title I Collaboration Grant for Fink Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year as a result of the school's High Progress status.

The Board approved a motion to apply for a Title IIB grant with Steelton-Highspire School District and Susquehanna Township School District and to retain Leann Tepsich-Cox to write the grant.

The Board approved a motion to apply for Fink Elementary School and Reid Elementary School to participate in the fresh fruit and vegetable program for the 2016-2017 school year.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Board approved to install temporary security fencing around the current High School during demolition.