

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

## RECOGNITIONS

YMCA Conference on National Affairs Awards

- Zeryab Ibrahim
- Angelina Torres

## PRESENTATIONS

RaiderPack Program – *presented by Cynthia McLaughlin and Marta Monroig*

Presentations by law firms for possible special counsel

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The Board conferred a High School diploma to Darius Jeffries for successful completion of graduation requirements.

## EMPLOYMENT

Carson Book, Middle School Autistic Support Teacher

Anastasia Cerritelli, Yearbook – Fink (1/3)

Nelson Diaz, Instructional Aide

Adrienne German, Office Assistant in the Administration Building

April Hughes, Yearbook – Fink (1/3)

Amber Kepler, Temporary Computer Technician

Caitlyn Kucera, Part-Time Crossing Guard

Jasmine Pinnick, Instructional Aide

Christian Plummer, Accounting Assistant in the Administration Building

Janelle Shuey, Yearbook – Fink (1/3)

Justin Smith, Temporary Computer Technician

Marisely Torres, Instructional Aide

Kristen Zlogar, Middle School Music Teacher

## RESIGNATIONS

Ashley Miller, Instructional Aide, effective August 8, 2017

Barbara Ravin, Instructional Aide, effective August 16, 2017

Jeremy King, Teacher, effective August 21, 2017

Lisa Scott, Instructional Aide, effective August 22, 2017

Nicole Kelley, Teacher, effective August 25, 2017

Christopher Klusewitz, Teacher, effective upon hiring of his replacement but no later than October 6, 2017

## APPROVALS

The Board approved participation in a class action claim against the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School for improperly charging for tuition between February 27, 2008 and June 30, 2012.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski thanked Linda Mehaffie and Dave John for attending the opening day inservice and for providing remarks as the District kicked off a new school year. The Administration recognized employees for their years of service beginning at 5 years and going up to 35 years and also introduced all new employees. Dr. Suski thanked Cindy McLaughlin and Marta Monroig, teachers at Kunkel Elementary School, for completing the research and legwork to launch the RaiderPack program.

Dr. Suski said the 2017-2018 school year is officially underway as the District welcomed back 2,326 students. Dr. Suski said that as she visited each school on the first day of school, she was reminded of how fortunate the District is to have such a great and caring staff from administrators and teachers to secretaries, paraprofessionals, and operations personnel. She noted that everyone plays a vital part in the success of the School District and MASD is blessed to have the individuals it does working with our children every day.

Dr. Suski said that the change in the immunization law went into effect and unfortunately, several students were sent home across the District on the first day of school due to non-compliance with required immunizations.

Dr. Suski said that the District received its refurbished Steinway grand piano at the High School. Dr. Suski said that when the old High School was demolished last June, she recommended to the Board to restore the original instrument in lieu of purchasing a new one. The piano has been under the care of Carr's Piano Service for the past 14 months where the structural components and action mechanism were completely rebuilt and the original wood casing was refinished in a high gloss hand rubbed black lacquer. Dr. Suski said she would like to plan a dedicatory recital to benefit the Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation featuring alumni pianists sometime late in the fall where the District can showcase the newly restored piece of history from our old high school.

Dr. Suski said the District expresses its deepest sympathy to the families of past School Board members Spencer Bevins and Ronald McNamara and teacher Jeanne C. Snyder, retired Fink/Kunkel kindergarten teacher, who all passed away over the past two weeks. Also, to the religious community of retired Health Room Nurse Sister Marie Poland, and the family of Mr. Berton Craft, retired MAHS Algebra teacher, who both passed away in July.

Dr. Suski invited everyone to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Meet the Raiders Night on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for fall student athletes, band and cheerleaders at War Memorial Field as well as the first home football game of the season on Friday at 7:00 p.m. vs. Lower Dauphin at War Memorial Field. Dr. Suski said she is looking forward to seeing all of our fall student athletes back in action this week as the regular season commences and also looking forward to seeing the marching band's field show called Gem Quest.

## POLICIES

The Board adopted revisions to the following policies:

1. Policy 203 - Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
2. Policy 204 - Attendance
3. Policy 204.1 - Educational Trips
4. Policy 215 - Promotion and Retention
5. Policy 218 - Student Discipline
6. Policy 218.1 - Weapons (*replaces former 218.2 - Possession of Weapons*)
7. Policy 218.2 - Terroristic Threats (*replaces former 218.4 - Terroristic Threats/Acts*)
8. Policy 218.3 - Student Fighting
9. Policy 218.4 - Gang Activity (*replaces former 218.5 - Gang Activity*)
10. Policy 222 - Tobacco
11. Policy 226 - Searches
12. Policy 235 - Student Rights & Responsibilities
13. Policy 247 - Hazing
14. Policy 248 and Attachment - Unlawful Harassment
15. Policy 716 - Integrated Pest Management
16. Policy 907 - School Visitors

The Board approved the deletion of Policy 226.1 (Search and Seizure) as language from this policy has been incorporated into the revised Policy 226 (Searches).

## AGREEMENTS

The Board approved new compensation schedules for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

The Board approved to petition the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) to approve a cooperative sponsorship agreement to allow girls in the Steelton-Highspire School District to play field hockey on the Middletown Area School District team during the 2017-2018 school year since Steelton-Highspire does not have its own field hockey team.

The Board approved an agreement with Mackin Educational Resources to assist with revisions to the library curriculum.

The Board approved the creation of the Charlotte Chubb Memorial Fund to provide funds that will be used to satisfy cafeteria debts for struggling families.