

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

RECOGNITIONS

October Students of the Month:

Keely Lombardi

Gabriel Wisniewski

Bowling Championships:

Darryl Bower, Volunteer Bowling Coach

PRESENTATIONS

Fall Sports Update

Sphero Robotics

VOLUNTEERS

1. Darryl Bower, Volunteer Bowling Coach
2. Amber Cross
3. Kristen Geiling
4. Shannon McPherson
5. Ronda Murchall
6. Tyisha Jackson
7. Karen Muller
8. Stacey Mulligan

EMPLOYMENT

Garrett Babula, Mechanic/Groundskeeper effective November 13, 2017

Susan Davis, Professional Staff Mentor

Coleen Mills, Substitute Nurse

Timothy Reason, Student Worker

Sara Schell, Professional Staff Mentor

Erich Schlicher, Professional Staff Mentor

Taylor Schwanzer, Substitute Nurse

Joelle Swift, Middle School Learning Support Teacher effective October 30, 2017

CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Ken Blouch from Groundskeeper to 3rd Shift Custodian effective October 18, 2017

Tammy Grimes from Middle School Math Teacher to High School Math Teacher effective November 3, 2017

RESIGNATIONS

Amanda Rhinehart, Teacher, effective upon hiring of a replacement, but no later than December 15, 2017

CONTRACTS

The Board approved to contract with Questeq to perform an educational technology assessment in order to analyze the personnel, infrastructure and equipment needs for MASD relative to the IT Department.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski congratulated Kunkel Elementary School for being featured on WHP 21's Cool Schools earlier this month. Dr. Suski thanked Linda Mehaffie, Mel Fager, John Ponnett and Bill Meiser for their efforts in putting together the first annual Night at the Races fundraiser for the Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation. Dr. Suski thanked all the District staff who assisted with the sealed bid sale of the old weight room equipment. Dr. Suski noted that the new state-of-the-art weight room is up and running and it is exciting to see so many students using it. Dr. Suski thanked Earl Bright IV and the Middletown Area High School Alumni Association for the wonderful Homecoming weekend.

Dr. Suski said that a preliminary glimpse of School Performance Profile (SPP) scores was provided to superintendents late last week. Dr. Suski said Districts are awaiting confirmation that the scores are "official" before formally presenting the data publicly. Dr. Suski said the Administration is planning to do a presentation of SPP scores at the November 14th Agenda Planning Meeting along with a presentation of the elementary and middle school PSSA data.

Dr. Suski said that she was recently contacted by the CAIU requesting that she meet with a representative from the United Way of the Capital Region. Dr. Suski met with Adrian Buckner, Vice-President of Community Impact for United Way, regarding their education pilot project (Ready for School – Ready to Succeed) to help at-risk, preschool children be prepared to enter kindergarten. Dr. Suski explained that the project involves the United Way hiring education liaisons that can connect families to community resources especially those focusing on early education efforts. Dr. Suski said that the liaison will act as the family's first point of contact in locating quality early education resources which can be within a preschool or a setting in which the family is most comfortable. The liaison will help families establish relationships with other community organizations to reduce educational barriers as well as host workshops to build community awareness. Dr. Suski noted they currently have liaisons in Mechanicsburg, Newport and Harrisburg, and would like to initiate dialogue with Middletown as a possible site for a liaison in 2018-2019. Dr. Suski said this initiative will dovetail nicely with the Pre-K Counts grant consortium that the District is participating in this year. Dr. Suski said she will keep the Board informed as to progress on both fronts as the year progresses.

Dr. Suski said that the first distribution of the RaiderPacks was held on Thursday, October 19. According to Mrs. McLaughlin, a total of 186 backpacks were distributed last Thursday evening or Friday afternoon which fed 370 students over the weekend. Additionally, nine (9) new families were added this week. Eight (8) of those new families were from the Head Start program at Fink Elementary School. Dr. Suski thanked all of the teachers and volunteers who made monetary contributions to the program or are assisting with the weekly packing of the food. As of last week, RaiderPacks has collected over \$10,000 in funds from employees, local businesses, and other private donors. Donations can still be made via the Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation. *(continued)*

POLICIES

The Board adopted the following policies:

1. Policy 210 - Medications
2. Policy 210.1 - Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers/ Auto-injectors
3. Policy 211 - Student Accident Insurance
4. Policy 212 - Reporting Student Progress
5. Policy 214 - Class Rank
6. Policy 219 - Student Complaint Process
7. Policy 220 - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
8. Policy 221 - Dress and Grooming
9. Policy 223 - Use of Bicycles and Motor Vehicles
10. Policy 224 - Care of School Property
11. Policy 228 - Student Government
12. Policy 229 - Student Fundraising
13. Policy 230 - Public Performances by Students
14. Policy 231 - Social Events and Class Trips
15. Policy 232 - Student Involvement in Decision-Making
16. Policy 234 - Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
17. Policy 235.1 – Surveys
18. Policy 236 - Student Assistance Program
19. Policy 239 - Foreign Exchange Students
20. Policy 250 - Student Recruitment
21. Policy 252 - Dating Violence

AGREEMENTS

The Board renewed an agreement with Robert (Tim) Starliper to serve as Chief Engineer of WMSS.

The Board approved an agreement with Caring Foundation to provide grief support services for students and families at no cost to the District.

APPROVALS

The Board approved the concurrent enrollment agreement between the District and Elizabethtown College for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

The Board approved the following agreements with Miller Brother Staffing:

1. Direct Placement Recruitment for Instructional Aides at a cost of 18% of annual salary
2. Temporary Help at a markup cost of 48% of the hourly rate

The Board approved Waiver of Expulsion Hearing Agreements for students 17-18-001, 17-18-002, and 17-18-003.

The Board approved the following contracted drivers:

1. Miguel Andrade (First Student)
2. Melissa Drayer (Boyo)
3. Rodney Keller (Boyo)
4. Dennis Klinger (Boyo)
5. Jennifer Miller (First Student)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

Dr. Suski said that after a long day of Homecoming activities, the Blue Wave Marching Band earned 1st place on October 14 at Central Dauphin High School with a score of 85.85. The following Saturday, October 21, the band earned 2nd place at Region VI Championships in Group 2 Open Class at Donegal High School with a score of 87.8. Dr. Suski said that Mr. Fisher, Band Director, explained that the rubric for Open Class is much more stringent than A Class and scoring is done on a different scale. The Blue Wave is currently ranked 17th out of 25 Group 2 Open Class bands. Group 2 A Class has an additional 42 bands. In essence, the Blue Wave is currently ranked 17th out of 67 bands. Mr. Fisher also said that when a band moves from A class to Open class, it historically takes a year or two for rank and score to increase. Dr. Suski said the band will compete in Atlantic Coast Championships at Hersheypark Stadium on Sunday, November 5 at 9:15 a.m. The award ceremony will be held at 3:30pm.

Dr. Suski noted that the Athletic Field Master Planning Steering Committee met last Thursday for its first meeting. Mr. Fager and Dr. Keating provided input on behalf of the Board. Mr. Horn developed an aggressive timeline for completion of the study – 14 weeks – with a target date of January 25, 2018. Dr. Suski said the steering committee will meet again in about 4 weeks. Meanwhile, Mr. Meiser and Mr. Smith were given a list of tasks to complete for Architerra.

Dr. Suski noted the following upcoming events:

November 6 - Early Dismissal for Elementary Students - Parent Teacher Conferences

November 7 - No School for Students - Elementary Conferences/Secondary Staff Development

November 8 - DRUGS 101 Program - 79 people have registered to date

November 10 - Veterans Day Program at MAMS – 9:00 a.m. – Guest Speaker is Ron Hostetler.

November 11 (7 pm) and 12 (2 pm) – MAHS Fall Play, “Almost, Maine”

APPOINTMENTS

The Board appointed the following individuals to the Outdoor Athletic Facility Master Plan Steering Committee:

1. Dr. Lori Suski
2. Mr. Melvin Fager
3. Dr. Brian Keating
4. Mr. Cliff Smith
5. Mr. William Meiser
6. Mr. David Franklin

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Board approved the purchase of a 12x20 structure from Pine Creek Structures for use as a concession stand at the softball field at a cost of \$5,230 using Capital Reserve Funds.

The Board approved the change order from Susquehanna Mechanical for the Concession Stand Project to:

1. Supply and install geotextile fabric under concession stand building at a cost of \$165
2. Provide additional excavation and grading work to prepare for concrete at a cost of \$670
3. Supply and install trench drain system and a micro channel drain system at a cost of \$3,359.69
4. Form and pour concrete at a cost of \$3,360

The Board approved change order #4 from W.G. Land Company, LLC for the Softball Field Project to install 4' fence and two (2) 4' gates at the softball field to improve field security at a cost of \$3,853.20.

The Board granted permission to advertise for bid the WMSS tower upgrade project.

The Board approved payment of up to \$240 toward the total cost of \$800 for replacing the Stenner pump at the community pool when the purchase is made.

The Board approved change order #5 from W.G. Land Company, LLC for the Softball Field project to do site preparation for a concession stand at a cost of \$6,457 using Capital Reserve Funds.