

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:

Kayla Finsterbush with Mrs. Tiffany Lewis

Levi Buckwalter with Mrs. Lori Hess

School Director Recognition

EMPLOYMENT

Venecia Ceballos, Work Experience Program

Michael Lupia, Head Varsity Baseball Coach

Griffen Radabaugh, Assistant Junior High Wrestling

Jade Senior, Work Experience Program

RESIGNATIONS

Suzanne Bologna, Part-Time Study Hall Monitor

RETIREMENTS

Rodger Crater, Trades Assistant, effective November 6, 2018

Tammy Feeser, Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year

Deborah Jones, Health Room Nurse, effective February 19, 2018

Erich Schlicher, Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year

Michael Zupanovic, Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year

VOLUNTEERS

Joy Finger

Carrie Lang

CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Terry Rabuck from First Shift Custodian (Custodian 1B) to Second Shift Custodian (Custodian 1A) effective January 22, 2018

Darryl Betts from Sports Turf Assistant (Trades 1A) to Mechanic/ Groundskeeper (Trades 1B) effective January 24, 2018.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board adopted the 2018-2019 academic calendar.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board adopted a resolution to indicate that a tax rate increase, if needed, for the 2018-2019 school year will not exceed the Act 1 limit and no Act 1 exceptions will be sought by the District.

PRESENTATIONS

Athletic Fields Master Plan presented by Architerra

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski extended sympathy to the family of Carl Tim Freeborn, retired MASD custodian, who passed away on New Year's Day.

Dr. Suski reported that at the request of the MAHS Key Club, the District will be holding two Friday employee dress down days (January 26 at the elementary level and February 2 at the secondary level) as a fundraiser for a high school student whose family lost everything in a house fire on January 3, 2018. For a minimum \$5.00 donation, employees can wear jeans to work to support this cause. All funds collected will be given directly to the family.

Dr. Suski congratulated Coach Brett Myers who was recently named the 2017 Class 3A Eastern PA Football Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Dr. Suski was proud to announce that five MAHS students were recently selected through rigorous audition to advance to the PMEA Region V Band Festival to be held at MAHS on February 22-24, 2018:

Eb Clarinet – Marie Chambers (1st chair at districts)

Bb Clarinet – Aaron McDevitt (4th of 30 at districts)

Alto Sax – Connor Leiby (1st chair at districts)

Bari Sax – Dane Ebersole (1st chair at districts)

Trumpet – Megan Burghdorf (1st chair at districts)

Dr. Suski said this is by far the most students to advance to this festival in the history of MAHS and the number of students who have attained first chair is also unprecedented in our District. The Region V Band consists of the top musicians from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties. Out of the 150 students who recently participated in the Upper District 7 Band, only 37 of them were selected to advance to Region V Band. Both Middletown Area High School and Hershey High School have 5 musicians followed by Cumberland Valley HS with 4. The following high schools have two (2) students selected: Annville-Cleona, Boiling Springs, Cedar Crest, Halifax Area, and Lower Dauphin. The remaining schools have only one (1) musician who qualified: Big Spring, Bishop McDevitt, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Central Dauphin, East Pennsboro, Greenwood, Harrisburg Academy, Mechanicsburg, Northern Lebanon, Red Land, Susquehanna Township, and Waynesboro. Dr. Suski invited everyone to attend the concert which MAHS is hosting this year on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the MAHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Dr. Michael Votta, Jr. from the University of Maryland is the guest conductor for the festival. Dr. Suski said this will be an incredible opportunity to hear a premier high school band. Dr. Suski noted that these outstanding musicians will be honored at the March School Board meeting in celebration of Music in our Schools month.

POLICIES

The Board adopted the following policies:

1. Policy 216 - Student Records
2. Policy 301 - Creating a Position
3. Policy 304 - Employment of District Staff
4. Policy 306 - Employment of Summer School Staff
5. Policy 307 - Student Teachers/Interns
6. Policy 308 - Employment Contract/Board Resolution
7. Policy 309 - Assignment and Transfer
8. Policy 348 & Attachment - Unlawful Harassment

CONTRACTS

The Board approved a contract with Houck Services, Inc. to replace the mansard roof at the Administration Building.

The Board approved a contract with Douglas A. Shope Excavating to add a handicap accessible ramp at the Keener Avenue entrance of Fink Elementary School.

The Board approved a contract with Susquehanna Mechanical to complete the plumbing and electrical connections for the softball field concession stand.

PARTICIPATIONS

The Board authorized the Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau to offer a 30-day interest-free grace period for the collection of 2017 delinquent school district real estate taxes.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Board approved change order #6 to the contract with W G Land Company to reimburse the District for concrete testing during construction at a deduct in the amount of \$2,028.75.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(continued)*

Dr. Suski noted that this past Saturday, January 20, the Blue & Gold Club held its annual dinner at the American Legion. Dr. Suski thanked Linda Mehaffie for organizing the School Board's donation to the auction. Dr. Suski also thanked Linda Mehaffie, Mike Corradi, David Franklin, Mike Carnes, Cliff Smith, Brett Myers, Linda Eppley and Heidi Tobias for attending the dinner and representing MASD along with her. Dr. Suski said it was a nice evening, and she hoped to have an update soon on how much money was raised for the Blue & Gold Club, which supports athletics and extra-curricular opportunities for the students of MASD. Dr. Suski said the Blue & Gold Club recently donated \$3,000 toward linens and other reusable items for this year's Prom. Dr. Suski said the District appreciates the support of this organization and urges everyone to become a member of the Club for \$10.00.

Dr. Suski informed the Board of two important student events coming up in the month of February:

On February 1, the High School will host the Inspire U.S. Assembly at 7:35 a.m. Inspire U.S. is a non-profit organization created to help gain young voters in our country, develop concerned and competent citizens and have more students involved with our government and country. Sarah Weber, Regional Coordinator for Inspire PA, will introduce the organization and talk about the Governor's Civic Engagement Award. The guest speaker will be Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth Robert Torres who will address the student body about the role young people have in PA elections and the importance of making their voices heard and holding elected officials accountable. The County Clerk will then walk students through the voter registration form in hopes of getting students who are 18 years of age to register.

On February 7, some students from MAHS will be participating in the student showcase for the Partnership for Career Development luncheon which will be held at the Best Western Premiere Hotel in Lower Paxton Township at 11:30 a.m. This is a wonderful event that showcases many of the best and brightest student internships in our region. Dr. Suski said that last year Mrs. Mehaffie and Mrs. Scott attended the event with her. Dr. Suski asked Board members to let her know if they are able to attend this year.

Dr. Suski reported that the MAHS Jazz Band will be holding its annual Souper Saturday fundraiser on Saturday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Cafeteria and elementary students will be participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart next month to raise money for the American Heart Association. Dr. Suski encouraged the Board to support the students in these events.

Dr. Suski asked that any Board member who plans to participate in the annual Senior Career/Post-Secondary Action Plan interviews scheduled for February 24 to please inform her by next week.