

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
April 22, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members in attendance were: Newton Davis, Gordon Einhorn, Sheila Evans, Melvin Fager, David John, Barbara Layne, and Pamela Price.

Members not in attendance were: Terry Gilman and Michael Richards.

Staff/Public in attendance were: Dr. Lori Suski, Superintendent of Schools; Christine Mostoller, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; David Franklin, Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Marie Drazenovich, Director of Student Services; Heidi Zula, Director of Human Resources; Joseph Harkins, Student of the Month; Alexandra Seiger, Rotary Student of the Month; Bailee Koncar (AFS Study Abroad Scholarship Recipient) and Brett Altland, Student Council Representatives; Natalie Souders, AFS Study Abroad Scholarship Recipient; Zac Gates and Stephanie Applegate, Youth & Government Delegates; Brett Altland, David Geisweit, and Joseph Harkins, Instrumental Music Honorees; Nathaniel Kinsey, Sara Starliper, Angelina Torres, and Chloe Erb, American Legion Essay Contest Honorees; Mai Dang, AJ Fischer, Shannon Reese, Zach Souders, Kathleen Troxell, Gabe Wisniewski, Penn State High Achievers Academic Quiz Bowl Honorees; Marley Kinsey, History Contest for Young Writers Honoree; Georgie Britcher and Erin Templeton, Scholastic Art and Writing Award Honorees; Jacob Spear, Shannon Reese, Harrison McKenna, Zachary Souders, Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair Honorees; Amanda Rehkop, H. Edgar Wisehaupt Outstanding Principal Award Recipient; Terri O'Neil, Lori Hess, Sam Fisher, and Jodi Sessa, High School Teachers; Dr. Chelton Hunter, Kunkel Elementary School Principal; Tom Shaffer, Fink Elementary School Principal; Kevin Cook, Middletown Area Middle School Principal; Chris Sattelle, Assistant Middle School Principal; Aaron Fischer and Shannon Reese, Outstanding Middle School Students; Ken Britcher, Jody Wenrich, Trevor Davis, Donlyne Layne, Middle School Teachers; Phyllis Zimmerman and Daniel Walmer, Reporters; Mary Geisweit, Jennifer Reese, Chris and Betsy Gates, Amy N.F. Nagle, Troy White, Tim and Julie Starliper, Chelsea Erb, Dawn Templeton, Nevin Altland, Harry, Andrew, and Wyatt McKenna, Mark and Sherri Harkins, Virginia Verna, Dorothy and Steven Koncar, Nathan Reese, Laura, Scott and Ryan Souders, Jackie and Don Bricker, Cathy Wisniewski, Judith and William Rehkop, Dale and Ann Rider, Steve and Jody Koncar, Theresa and Gary Kohler, Dale and Lorraine Altland, Robert and Michele Torres, Cheryl Seiger, Brad, Marley, and Jennifer Kinsey, Barbara and Joey Spear, Aaron and Debra Fischer, Bob Warble, Cheri White, and Barb and Richard Kinsey, Interested Students and Citizens; Joshua Bleacher, Computer Technician; and Shelley Witmer, Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order

Ms. Layne called the meeting to order and asked those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent

meditation.

Roll Call

Ms. Layne asked the Secretary, David Franklin, to call the roll. A quorum was present as noted above.

Ms. Layne said that Mr. Gilman and Mr. Richards were absent because they had business commitments.

Introduction of Meeting Guests and Presentations

Student Comments

Dr. Suski introduced Bailee Koncar and Brett Altland. The students reported on the activities of Student Council.

Recognitions

Dr. Suski introduced Joseph Harkins as the Student of the Month for April and Alexandra Seiger as the Rotary Student of the Month for April. Joseph Harkins selected Mr. Fisher as the educator who had most influenced his school career. Alexandra Seiger selected Mrs. O'Neil as the educator who had most influenced her school career. The students, Mr. Fisher and Mrs. O'Neil came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Cook introduced Aaron Fischer and Shannon Reese as the outstanding Middle School students. Mr. Sattelle showed a video clip of the students giving a brief description of the students' accomplishments. The students came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Fisher introduced Brett Altland (District Band Participant), David Geisweit (District Band, Region Band, and State Band Participant), and Joseph Harkins (District Band, District Orchestra, and District Jazz Band Participant) and explained the criteria for making it to each level. Mr. Fisher noted that Brett Altland participates in football and marching band and that Joseph Harkins is a budding composer. The students and Mr. Fisher came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mrs. Sessa introduced the American Legion Essay Contest Honorees, explained the criteria, and noted their accomplishments. The honorees were Nathaniel Kinsey, Sara Starliper, Angelina Torres, and Chloe Erb. The students and Mrs. Sessa came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Davis and Mrs. Wenrich introduced the Penn State High Achievers

Academic Quiz Bowl Honorees. Mr. Davis said that the team placed 1st out of 8 schools. The honorees were Mai Dang, AJ Fischer, Shannon Reese, Zach Souders, Kathleen Troxell, and Gabe Wisniewski. The students, Mr. Davis, and Mrs. Wenrich came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Davis introduced Marley Kinsey and said that she was the winner of the Junior Fiction Division in the History Contest for Young Writers. Mr. Davis said that she placed 1st out of 500 students. Mr. Davis also introduced Georgie Britcher and Erin Templeton and said that they received the Silver Key award in the Scholastic Art and Writing competition. The students and Mr. Davis came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Davis introduced the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair Honorees. Mr. Davis said that Jacob Spear received 1st Place in the Division, Best Overall Project in the Division, and won the Broadcomm MASTERS Middle School Program Award. Mr. Davis said that Jacob Spear may be selected to go to Washington DC to show his Plant Science project. Mr. Davis said that Shannon Reese placed 2nd in the Division and won the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Association Award. Mr. Davis said that Harrison McKenna received 2nd Place in the Division and Zachary Souders received Honorable Mention. The students and Mr. Davis came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mrs. Hess introduced Bailee Koncar and Natalie Souders and congratulated them for being recipients of AFS Study Abroad Scholarships. Mrs. Hess noted that both girls won full scholarships and said that Bailee Koncar will study in Spain and Natalie Souders will study in France. The students came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Dr. Suski introduced Amanda Rehkop and said that she was awarded the H. Edgar Wisehaupt Outstanding Principal Award. Ms. Rehkop said that she will receive \$1,000 to use towards tuition and will receive her principal certificate in December 2013.

Mr. John recognized Zac Gates for being selected as a delegate and Stephanie Applegate for being selected as an alternate delegate at the YMCA Youth and Government Conference. Mr. John said that being selected as a delegate is the highest honor.

Public Comment

Troy White of Beechwood Drive in Middletown spoke to the board about the Central Penn Car Show that was scheduled to be held at the High School in July. Mr. White discussed the concern about the event that was raised since approval was granted. Mr. White explained what the pin-up contest would be like that was part of the car show. Mr. White showed the school board pictures of what acceptable costumes for the contest would look like and explained the contest rules. Mr. White asked the board to not rescind the approval for the show. Mr. White introduced Amy Nagle and said that she is a Middletown alumnus and will be a contestant at the car show. Ms. Nagle said that she is a teacher at Lower Dauphin School District and is not looking to be in a lingerie contest. Mr. White said that pin-up is a reference to a type of "hair" and not a type of calendar. Mr. White noted that the contest will benefit the Feel Your Boobies foundation. Ms. Layne asked whether any consideration was made to have the car show without the pin-up contest. Ms. Layne noted that some of the costumes were revealing in her opinion. Mr. White said that he has final approval for all of the costumes that would be worn. Mr. White said that he would be getting pictures from the potential contestants with their applications. Mr. White said that he understands the concern of the school board and would make the contest as modest as possible.

Secretary's Report

Minutes

Ms. Price moved and Ms. Evans seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2013 School Board Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Communications

None at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Einhorn moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for March 2013. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Bill Lists

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the "**List of Paid Bills**" with totals by fund, as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$386,156.14
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$0
Fund 39 -	Capital Projects Fund	\$0
Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$58.85
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$175.51
Fund 72 -	Expendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 74 -	Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$6,487.18

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the "**List of Unpaid Bills**" with totals by fund, as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$460,066.71
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$95,413.26
Fund 39 -	Capital Projects Fund	\$0
Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$100,535.98
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$4,791.30
Fund 72 -	Expendable Trust Fund	\$1,200.00
Fund 74 -	Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$5,239.00

Old Business None

New Business None

Personnel Committee Report Mr. John reported for the Personnel Committee.

Communications The Minutes from the April 9, 2013 Personnel Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Retirements Mr. John moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve retirements of the individuals listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Robert Thistle, Custodian, effective May 1, 2013
2. Shelley Witmer, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, effective May 31, 2013
3. Kathleen Merriman, Teacher, effective June 28, 2013

Leave of Absence Requests Mr. John moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to approve the leave of absence requests listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Barbara Ebersole, Learning Support Instructional Aide - Leave without pay on March 25 and 26, 2013
2. Christine Shaffer, Learning Support Instructional Aide - Leave without pay from April 26, 2013 through May 3, 2013
3. Robert McGovern, Groundskeeper - Leave without pay from April 26, 2013 through May 9, 2013
4. Michael Garman, Head Custodian - Leave without pay from April 29, 2013 through June 7, 2013

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the leave of absence request for Christopher Etter, Teacher, to take leave

without pay from February 10, 2014 through February 21, 2014. The vote to approve the motion was Yes – 5, No – 2. Mr. Davis and Ms. Price voted no.

Mr. Davis said that he felt that request was excessive in length. Mr. Davis said that he believed that a more defined unpaid leave of absence policy should be developed. Mr. Davis suggested that the District survey the associations, the board and the administration for direction. Mr. Davis said he believed granting the request would be a disservice to Mr. Etter's students. Ms. Layne said that she agreed with the recommendation to develop a policy for the future. Ms. Layne noted that Mr. Etter cannot alter the length of his request because the Australian government will be paying the cost of the charter plane. Ms. Layne said that she is willing to grant the request because of the experience that Mr. Etter will bring back to share with his students.

**Change of
Employment Status**

Mr. John moved and Ms. Evans seconded a motion to approve the temporary employment status changes listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Matt Lavery from Custodian 1A to Custodian 2A at an hourly rate of \$11.75 to fill a vacancy created by the leave of absence of Michael Garman effective March 25, 2013 through on or about June 7, 2013
2. Brian Stehle from Trades Assistant to Trades 1A Groundskeeper at an hourly rate of \$14.30 to fill a vacancy created by the leave of absence of Robert McGovern effective April 17, 2013 through on or about May 9, 2013

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to extend the assignment of Denise Downing as a High School Long-Term Substitute Business Education Teacher at \$175 per day to fill a vacancy created by the leave of absence extension of Denise Wade beginning at the end of the current assignment until the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Employment

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the employment of the individual listed below, pending submission of all required clearances. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Kristen Lowery as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher at a rate of \$175 per day to fill a vacancy created by the leave of absence of Jennifer Martin effective April 4, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year
2. David Bridgewater as a Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher at a rate of \$125 per day to fill a vacancy created by the leave of

absence of Catherine Kaslusky effective on or about May 10, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year

Mr. John moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to approve the employment of the individuals on the listing attached to the agenda as substitutes, pending submission of all required clearances. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0. **(See Attachments)**

Agreements

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the agreements listed below, subject to review by the District solicitor. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Frontline Technologies, Inc. to provide an automated substitute placement and absence management system (Aesop) at an annual cost of \$7,025 and an initial setup and training cost of \$3,500
2. Substitute Teacher Service to provide substitute teachers and support staff for the 2013-2014 school year at the rates noted in the agreement

Contracts

Mr. John moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to contract with Kathleen Scott to provide special education consultant services at a rate of \$50 per hour for approximately 24 hours per week beginning April 15, 2013 through no later than June 28, 2013 due to the leave of absence of the Director of Special Education. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

**Academic Affairs
Committee Report**

Ms. Price reported for the Academic Affairs Committee.

Communications

The Minutes from the April 9, 2013 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Curriculum

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to allow any student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course to take an end of course, teacher-developed final exam or the AP exam. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Employment

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to employ the teachers listed below for Extended School Year (ESY) services at a rate of \$30.25 per hour through June 30, 2013 and \$30.50 per hour after July 1, 2013 and to receive an additional hour of compensation for planning time. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Jamie Popp
2. Chris Brown
3. Kathy Merriman
4. Sara Schell

5. Mary Ziltz

Agreements

Ms. Price moved and Ms. Evans seconded a motion to approve the agreements listed below for Extended School Year (ESY) services with all costs funded through IDEA and ACCESS funds. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. CAIU to provide classroom-based programs and related services for four students and itinerant ESY services for two students.
2. CAIU to provide transportation services for students attending CAIU classroom-based programs.

Ms. Price moved and Ms. Evans seconded a motion to approve an agreement with the American Red Cross for the District to participate in the K-12 School Partnership Program for first aid, CPR and AED training. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Contracts

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the contracts listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. School-House Direct Platinum to provide elementary planners for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$2,025.00
2. International Center for Leadership in Education to provide staff development training from Willard Daggett on August 20, 2013 at a cost of \$9,300 (including all travel expenses)
3. Living Unlimited to provide music therapy for students in special education classrooms at Kunkel Elementary School, Reid Elementary School and the High School during the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$300.00 per month per classroom
4. Arc of Dauphin County to provide services for a student between March 22, 2013 and May 31, 2013 at a cost of \$13.62 per quarter hour

Grants

Ms. Price moved and Ms. Evans seconded a motion to approve submission of a grant application for a Life Skills Training Program to aid in the instruction of drug and alcohol prevention during the 2013-2014 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Field Trips

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the field trip requests listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Eighth grade students to Washington, D.C. on May 29, 2013 with no cost to the District.
2. 15 students to the Science Olympiad Competition at Juniata College on April 26, 2013 with the cost of one substitute teacher provided by the District.

School Calendar

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve an early

dismissal for students on June 6, 2013. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

***Athletic/Activities
Committee Report***

Mr. Davis reported for the Athletics/Activities Committee.

Communications

The Minutes from the April 11, 2013 Athletics/Activities Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Employment

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve post-season pay for the individuals listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Mike Nauman - \$600.00
2. Tony Griffin - \$400.00

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to amend the motion adopted on March 25, 2013 to employ John Selcher as an Assistant Track/Field Coach at Step 1 and employ Mr. Selcher at Step 8. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Contracts

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the officials' contracts for the 2012-2013 school year as listed on the attachment to the agenda. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to contract with Pete Noon to recondition the fitness equipment at the Life Fitness Center at an annual cost of \$1,875. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

***Operations
Committee Report***

Mr. John reported for the Operations Committee.

Communications

The Minutes from the April 11, 2013 Operations Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Use of Facilities

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to add the following organization to the facility usage category list for the 2012-2013 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Team Supernatural - Category 5

Mr. John moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to approve the use of facilities on the listing attached to the agenda. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0. ***(See Attachment)***

Ms. Layne moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to rescind the

approval of Central Penn Car Shows to use District facilities in July 2013. Ms. Layne asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Mr. Fager asked if there was a way to work with Mr. White to make everyone happy. Mr. Fager suggested that perhaps this could be accomplished by not having the pin-up contest. Mr. White said that he would consider making some adjustment, if necessary, but would like to continue with the pin-up contest with modest costumes allowed. Mr. White said that he would allow the board to even approve the costumes. Mr. Davis said that he doesn't understand why the school board is now reconsidering the approval. Mr. Davis said that he doesn't think that we should withhold approval because the District failed to read the application thoroughly. Mr. Davis said that he doesn't know why this motion was even put on the agenda and that the District has been "holding this guy hostage". Mr. Einhorn said that he was not offended by any of the pictures. Mr. Einhorn suggested that if there were any questions about any of the costumes that perhaps they should be submitted to the Operations Committee. Mr. John said that he would oppose the motion to rescind the contest, but asked for extreme discretion to be made on the part of Mr. White. Mr. Fager asked for clarification about whether someone on the board was going to approve the costumes. Mr. White said he would only seek approval from the board for questionable outfits. Mr. White encouraged people to come out to the event.

Mr. John moved to table the motion on the floor. Mr. Einhorn seconded this motion. The vote to table the motion was 7 to 0.

Agreements

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the purchase of fuel through an addendum agreement between Wright Express Financial Services and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Grants

Mr. John moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to approve an application with Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency for up to \$5,000 in Act 147 funds to assist in preparation for an incident response at Three Mile Island. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Bids

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to award bids to the lowest responsible bidders for the Fink Elementary renovation project and Kunkel corridor heat project as listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Purcell Construction (general contractor - Fink Elementary

- renovation project) at a cost of \$407,900
2. Leer Electric (electrical contractor - Fink Elementary renovation project) at a cost of \$76,725
 3. H & R Mechanical, Inc. (Kunkel corridor heat project) at a cost of \$142,000

Mr. John moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to advertise athletic fields and grounds maintenance supplies for bid for the 2013-2014 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Einhorn reported for the Finance Committee.

Communications

The minutes from the April 9, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Resolutions

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Fager seconded to motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of an electronic signature by Dr. Lori A. Suski as official authorization for all contracts, agreements, grants and licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Department's e-grants system. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Ms. Layne explained that this is a requirement of PDE.

Agreements

Mr. Einhorn moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to approve an amendment to the sponsorship agreement with Harrisburg Area Community College for fiscal years 2013-2014 through 2016-2017. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to contract with the Pennsylvania Trust for the performance of GASB 45 valuation services at an estimated cost of \$6,000. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Contracts

Mr. Einhorn moved and Ms. Evans seconded a motion to continue the contract with Nutrition, Inc. to provide food service operations for the 2013-2014 school year and to approve the operational budget for the 2013-2014 school year with no increase in meal prices. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Grants

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve an application for a Communities that Care grant from Dauphin County Drug and Alcohol Services in the amount of \$44,300 for the 2013-2014

school year. The vote to approve the motion as 7 to 0.

Approvals

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve revisions to the Exempt Managerial Support Staff Handbook effective July 1, 2013. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve revisions to the documents listed below effective July 1, 2012 and applicable job title changes referenced in the documents. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Compensation and Benefits Plan for School Administrators (Act 93)
2. Compensation and Benefits Plan for Director of Human Resources
3. Compensation and Benefits Plan for Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Representatives

Capital Area Intermediate Unit

Ms. Layne said she has a meeting this week.

Dauphin County Technical School

Mr. Davis said they did not have a quorum at the meeting so a ballot has been placed at each board member's seat. Mr. Davis asked the board member to complete the ballots and they will be submitted to Dauphin County Technical School. Mr. Davis said that 2013-2014 DCTS budget shows a decrease in the District's contributions of 6.9%. Mr. Davis said that a new Assistant Director was approved last month.

Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee

Mr. Franklin said the DCTCC has distributed a banking RFP. Mr. Franklin noted that the minutes from the meeting were attached.

Harrisburg Area Community College

Ms. Layne thanked everyone for their support to approve the amendments to the agreement with HACC. Ms. Layne commented that the agreements with HACC have resulted in reduced funding to HACC by school districts and that Middletown Area School District and Lower Dauphin School District spearheaded these efforts. Ms. Layne said that 23 school districts are benefitting from the financial reductions.

Olmsted Regional Recreation Board

Ms. Layne said that there is a meeting this week. Ms. Layne said Mr. and Mrs. Schlicher will manage the summer playground program. Ms. Layne said that interviews will be conducted for pool staff to allow the new manager to be involved in the selection process.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. John said that the House Education Committee has proposed prevailing wage legislation. Mr. John said that it was difficult to know whether it would become law. Ms. Price commented on the regional legislative meeting that was recently held and said that it was well attended. Ms. Price said that many of the regional legislators were there, but that Representative Payne was not there. Ms. Layne commented that Senator Teplitz said that he would oppose prevailing wage reform.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Suski said that Wednesday is Administrative Professionals Day and said that she wanted to recognize Mrs. Witmer. Dr. Suski noted that approval was granted tonight to accept Mrs. Witmer retirement from the District. Dr. Suski thanked Mrs. Witmer for her dedication to the District.

Dr. Suski said the US Army Field Band concert will be April 30, 2013 and invited everyone to attend. Dr. Suski noted that admission is free and that some MAHS students will be participating.

Dr. Suski said that the spring concert season is in full swing and information about performances can be found on the District website.

Dr. Suski said the High School Youth & Government students won an award and will be recognized next month.

Roundtable

Ms. Price said that District students are doing extraordinary things and she is very proud of them. Ms. Price said she did not want to vote in favor of Mrs. Witmer's retirement and that she will miss her. Ms. Price congratulated Ms. Layne for the work she has done with the HACC agreement.

Mr. Davis acknowledged the students and said that he would miss Mrs. Witmer.

Mr. Fager commented on the Army Field Band concert and encouraged everyone to attend it. Mr. Fager said that Mrs. Witmer is the quiet enforcer for compliance requirements. Mr. Fager commented on the students that were recognized tonight, specifically noting the accomplishments of Joe Harkins. Mr. Fager said that he voted for the renewal of the agreement with Nutrition with the understanding that the food would improve and that he would be checking on that.

Ms. Evans thanked Mrs. Witmer and congratulated her on her retirement.

Mr. Einhorn congratulated the students for their achievements and thanked Mrs. Witmer for her service.

Mr. John congratulated all the students and Ms. Rehkop. Mr. John thanked Mrs. Witmer for her service.

Ms. Layne echoed the comments made by the other board members. Ms. Layne said that District staff work diligently with the students and that is what makes our students successful. Ms. Layne said we are fortunate to have the staff that we do and said that the student recognitions tonight are a reflection of the work of the staff. Ms. Layne said that Mrs. Witmer will be missed.

Adjournment

Mr. John moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

David A. Franklin, Secretary
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