

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
April 28, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members in attendance were: Mike Corradi, Newton Davis, Gordon Einhorn, Melvin Fager, Terry Gilman, David John, Barbara Layne, Pamela Price, and Michael Richards.

Members not in attendance were: None.

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/Board Secretary; Jody Zorbaugh, Communications Specialist/Recording Secretary; Josh Bleacher, Computer Technician; Heidi Zula, Director of Human Resources; Kevin Cook, MAMS Principal; Chris Sattelle, MAMS Assistant Principal; Jeremy King, MAHS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director; John Brougher, Director of Technology; Darren DiCello, Trevor Davis, Jodi Sessa, Emily Kreider, Bob Stitt, Suzanne Bologna, District Professional Staff; Dagen Hughes, Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Christina Brinton, Lisa and Jeremy Shaver, Jim, Cheryl and Courtney O'Hara, Brendan Parkhill, Rob, Paula, David and Josh Alcock, Bill Alcock, Brian, Kimberly, Morgan Kennedy and family, Bob, Julie, MacKenzie and Keely Lombardi, Mitch, Debbie and Jacob Spear, Jordan Smith, Gregg Sullivan, Rene and Samantha Romberger, Chris, Betsy and Zac Gates, Mark and Kathy Shipkowski, Gwen Martz, Dawn Templeton, Brian, Lori, Andrew and Noah Yeich, Roseann Yeich, Ken and Joyce Kieffer, Edward and Glenda Miller, Marlin and Judy Biesecker, Robert Southard, Joseph Southard, Aiden Sessa, Rowan Sessa, Piyush, Dimple and Aayushi Patel, Interested Students and Citizens; and Phyllis Zimmerman and Noelle Barrett, Reporters.

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.

Ms. Layne reported that the School Board met in Executive Session on March 29, 2014 for a board training conference.

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

***Introduction of
Meeting Guests
and Presentations***

Student Comments **Student Council:** Dr. Suski introduced Dagen Hughes and Jimmy Fitzpatrick. The students reported on the activities of Student Council.

Key Club: Dr. Suski introduced Christina Brinton and MacKenzie Lombardi.

The students reported on the activities of Key Club.

Recognitions

Dr. Suski introduced Courtney O'Hara as the Student of the Month for April and Jeremy Shaver as the Rotary Student of the Month for April. Courtney selected Ms. Suzanne Bologna as the staff member who had most influenced her school career and Jeremy selected Mr. Bob Stitt as the educator who had most influenced his school career. The students and educators came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Kevin Cook and Mr. Chris Sattelle presented the 2013-2014 Outstanding MAMS Students of the Year and spoke of their achievements: David Alcock, Morgan Kennedy, Keely Lombardi, and Jacob Spear. The students came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Trevor Davis presented the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair winners: Aayushi Patel, Aiden Sessa, Jacob Spear, and Noah Yeich. The students came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mrs. Jodi Sessa presented the American Legion Essay Contest winners: Anna Buffington, Sara Dintiman, Jordyn Dupes, Chloe Erb, Nate Kinsey (advanced to districts and states), Alex Monroig, Samantha Romberger (advanced to districts), Aiden Sessa, Rowan Sessa, Robert Southard (advanced to districts), Gregory Sullivan (advanced to districts), Gabriel Wisniewski, and Andrew Yeich. The students that were present came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Ms. Emily Kreider recognized Gregory Sullivan and said that he was elected PA Editor in Chief for the 2015 Youth & Government Conference. Gregory came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Presentation

Mr. John Brougher and Mr. Darren DiCello presented a progress report on the student iPad initiative. They began their presentation by playing an informative video explaining how the use of iPads has been instrumental in the educational process at MAMS this year. Staff members and the students recognized earlier in the evening were highlighted in the video. Then, Mr. Brougher explained the timeline of the iPad project from its inception in the Fall of 2012 to the current stage of preparing for the iPad launch at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Brougher noted that an investment in training – including staff training on MacBooks and iPads, student training, parent training, and ongoing teacher training – has been instrumental to the success of the project. Mr. Brougher described the distribution of the iPads at the various levels. Mr. DiCello shared how iPads have directly influenced the educational process for teachers, students and parents. Mr. DiCello said that teachers

are utilizing iPads to enhance instruction, track student progress, streamline assessment, and communicate with parents. Mr. DiCello explained how the iPad's "Anytime/Anywhere" student-centered learning approach has increased student participation, improved organizational skills and fostered creativity.

Dr. Suski thanked Mr. Brougher and Mr. DiCello for their dedication to this project and expressed appreciation for their time and efforts.

Public Comment Dawn Templeton, 10 Woodland Ave, complimented Mr. Brougher and Mr. DiCello on their presentation. Ms. Templeton said she appreciated that they included music in their presentation. Ms. Templeton thanked the School Board for allowing the High School chorus to perform in Pittsburgh this past weekend. Ms. Templeton said the High School music program has been an enormous success under the direction of Mr. Steve Smith. Ms. Templeton said that she believed Ms. Rebecca Martz did an incredible job overseeing the 89 students on the trip due to the resignation of Mr. Smith. Ms. Templeton complimented Ms. Martz on her ability to coordinate with event staff, deal with parents, communicate with the administration, and oversee the volunteers and chaperones while earning the respect of the students. Ms. Templeton said that she recommends Ms. Martz for the choral director position at the High School. Ms. Templeton implored the school board to continue to invest in the music program because of the benefits of music in education.

Secretary's Report

Minutes Mr. Richards moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 School Board Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Communications Mr. Franklin said the Board Committee Calendar for May 2014 was attached to the agenda and that changes to previously scheduled nights and times were in red.

Treasurer's Report Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2014. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. ***(See Attachment)***

Bill Lists Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the "**List of Paid Bills**" with totals by fund, as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. ***(See Attachment)***

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$369,624.32
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$70,099.40
Fund 39 -	Capital Projects Fund	\$0

Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$85.85
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$852.13
Fund 72 -	Expendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 74 -	Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$3,792.84

Mr. Einhorn moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to approve the "**List of Unpaid Bills**" with totals by fund, as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$1,073,558.73
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$131,042.44
Fund 39 -	Capital Projects Fund	\$0
Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$127,370.40
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$3,990.44
Fund 72 -	Expendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 74 -	Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$11,559.94

Old Business None

Academic Affairs Committee Report Ms. Pamela Price reported for the Academic Affairs Committee.

Communications The Minutes from the April 8, 2014 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Employment Ms. Price moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the employment of the individuals listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

1. Justin Smith as Elementary Science Department Chair for the 2014-2015 school year at a stipend of \$1,750
2. Stephanie Molnar as Elementary Kindergarten Chair for the 2014-2015 school year at a stipend of \$550

Curriculum Ms. Price moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve revisions to the Mathematics curriculum for the elementary schools and middle school as presented to the Academic Affairs Committee on April 8, 2014 for implementation in the 2014-2015 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to adopt the Glencoe Mathematics program for the middle school and approve its purchase at an approximate cost of \$40,000. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to adopt Pearson's EnVision Mathematics program for the elementary schools and approve its purchase at an approximate cost of \$135,000. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Memorandums of Understanding

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with seven other member districts to form the Dauphin County Online Consortium. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and Business Associate Agreement with Pennsylvania Counseling Services, Inc. for implementation of the truancy intervention "Check & Connect" model at the District, subject to review by the District solicitor. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Field Trips

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the following field trips. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

1. Sixteen 7th graders to attend the Pennsylvania State Science Olympiad Competition at Juniata College on May 2, 2014 with a District van and substitute teachers as the only cost provided by the District.
2. Eight Architecture course students to Fallingwater in Mill Run, PA on May 21, 2014 with a District van and substitute teacher as the only cost provided by the District.

Policies

Ms. Price moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to waive Policy #003 requiring a first reading and adopt the revisions to Policy #220 (Student Expression/Posting and Distribution of Material). The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

School Calendar

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve an open campus environment at the high school from May 30, 2014 through June 3, 2014 for seniors and June 3, 2014 through June 5, 2014 for underclassmen to administer final exams. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Ms. Price moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve an early dismissal for students on the last day of school, Friday, June 6, 2014. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Personnel Committee Report

Mr. David John reported for the Personnel Committee.

Communications The Minutes from the April 8, 2014 Personnel Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Resignations Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Jennifer Singer, Health Room Nurse, effective March 28, 2014. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Change of Employment Status Mr. John moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to approve the change of employment status for the individual listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

1. Lorraine Altland from a Substitute Nurse to a Long-Term Substitute Health Room Nurse at an hourly rate of \$18.66 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Paula Sembach from August 26, 2013 through October 4, 2013.
2. Lorraine Altland from a Long-Term Substitute Health Room Nurse to a Full-Time Health Room Nurse (Support Staff, Range 2) at an hourly rate of \$18.66 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Jennifer Singer effective April 9, 2014.

Agreements Mr. John moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve an agreement with Frontline Technologies, Inc. to provide an automated time and attendance system at an estimated annual cost of \$4,500 and one-time implementation cost of \$3,000. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Mr. John moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to approve an agreement with InfoSnap, Inc. to provide automated staff registration services at an estimated annual cost of \$4,350 and a one-time implementation cost of \$2,175. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Operations Committee Report Mr. Michael Richards reported for the Operations Committee.

Communications The Minutes from the April 10, 2014 Operations Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Use of Facilities Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to add the Middletown Historical Society to the facility usage category list for the 2013-2014 school year as a category 4 organization. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the use of facilities on the listing attached to the agenda. The vote to approve the

motion was 9 to 0. *(See Attachment)*

- Bids** Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to advertise athletic fields / grounds maintenance and supplies for bid for the 2014-2015 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.
- Athletic/Activities Committee Report*** Mr. Terry Gilman reported for the Athletics/Activities Committee.
- Communications** The Minutes from the April 10, 2014 Athletics/Activities Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.
- Resignations** Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Emily Kreider as the Assistant Junior High Track and Field Coach effective April 10, 2014. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.
- Field Trips** Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve six students and one chaperone to attend a student leadership conference at Penn State Harrisburg on May 6, 2014 at a District cost of \$35 per person. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.
- Employment** Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve David Brodish as a Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2014-2015 school year, pending submission of all required clearances. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.
- Finance Committee Report*** Mr. Gordon Einhorn reported for the Finance Committee.
- Communications** The Minutes from the April 15, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.
- Requests for Proposals** Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to award the food service management contract to The Nutrition Group for the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by the RFP review committee. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.
- Insurance** Mr. Einhorn moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to appoint Willis of Pennsylvania as the property and casualty insurance broker to the District for the 2014-2015 school year at the standard commission formula of the carriers with no additional compensation being paid by the District. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.
- Agreements** Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to renew an

agreement with Reliance Communications, Inc. to provide on-line communications software during the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$4,790.10. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Contracts

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to renew a contract with Dr. Andrew Welkie to serve as the District's dentist for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate of \$16.66 per student screening and \$12.01 per hour for dental assistants. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

New Business

***Academic Affairs
Committee***

Ms. Price read the attached resolution concerning Teacher Appreciation Week. Ms. Price moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to proclaim May 5 - 9, 2014 as Teacher Appreciation Week and extend the gratitude of the Board of School Directors to our teachers for their dedicated service. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. ***(See Attachment)***

***Personnel
Committee***

Mr. John moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to approve the retirements of the individuals listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

1. Marie Poland, Health Room Nurse, effective June 6, 2014
2. Jody Koenecke, Teacher, effective June 30, 2014

***Athletics/Activities
Committee***

Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve Daniel McGlone as a Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2014-2015 school year, pending submission of all required clearances. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0.

Representatives

**Capital Area
Intermediate Unit**

Ms. Layne had nothing to report.

**Dauphin County
Technical School**

Newton Davis pointed out the attached Dauphin County Technical School Blast newsletter.

**Dauphin County
Tax Collection
Committee**

Mr. Franklin had nothing to report.

**Harrisburg Area
Community**

Ms. Layne had nothing to report.

College

Olmsted Regional Recreation Board Ms. Layne had nothing to report.

PSBA Liaison Mr. John said that bills have been proposed for a new funding formula for special education with three tiers. Mr. John said that this formula starts to recognize the actual costs incurred by Districts to provide special education services. Mr. John noted that the formula only relates to new funding. Mr. John said that charter and cyber charter schools are upset with the new funding formula. Mr. John said that the new formula would help school district budgets and hoped that the legislation would be adopted before the end of June.

Superintendent's Report Dr. Suski extended sympathies to the families of two MASD retired educators: Dolores Bimle who served as a Health & Physical Education teacher for 39 years at MAHS and Kitty Fitzpatrick who served as a 4th grade teacher at Kunkel. Dr. Suski also extended sympathy to former school board member, Jay Burns, on the recent passing of his wife. Dr. Suski announced that the administration received notification on Saturday that Bill Meiser had safely arrived at his deployment destination in the Middle East. Dr. Suski congratulated the MAHS tennis team on their 11th victory last week and wished Eric Belles and Harry Kapenstein luck in the District III Doubles on May 9. Dr. Suski announced that the District was notified that the "Make A Wish Foundation" has granted the wish of a Kunkel Elementary student to go to Disney World. Dr. Suski said that the story was featured on Fox 43 News and CBS 21 News last week. Dr. Suski reminded those present of the following upcoming events: Thursday, May 1 – MAMS Spring Choral Concert at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, May 2 – MAHS mini-THON, 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.; Tuesday, May 6 – MAHS Spring Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 8 – MAMS Spring Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.; and Thursday, May 15 – MAHS Spring Choral Concert at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Suski noted that MAHS students have set a goal to raise \$20,000 at the mini-THON to aid in the fight to cure pediatric cancer. Dr. Suski announced that schools across America will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week next week. Dr. Suski said that the District is blessed to have a team of high quality educators who are dedicated to the District's students and to the profession as a whole. Dr. Suski said that as a thank you to the staff the District will be providing luncheons at each building next week compliments of the Nutrition Group. Dr. Suski thanked the Board in advance for helping to recognize the hard work of the District's educational professionals and support staff.

Roundtable Mr. Gilman congratulated students and coaches and thanked Mr.

Brougher and Mr. DiCello for their presentation.

Ms. Price appreciated the great recognitions and presentations that remind us why we do what we do. Ms. Price thanked Mr. Brougher and Mr. DiCello for their presentation and thanked the teachers of the District for their hard work.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Cook and Mr. Sattelle for featuring the MAMS students, congratulated all the students who were recognized, thanked Mr. Brougher and Mr. DiCello for the informative presentation and congratulated the Nutrition Group on their selection as the District's food service management company.

Mr. Richards agreed with everyone and said it was nice to see a full room to celebrate all the positive things that are happening that benefit the education of our students.

Mr. Fager agreed with his colleagues and said that he liked that four MAMS students were honored instead of just the usual two. Mr. Fager said that we have the best staff. Mr. Fager said that he is glad that the Nutrition Group was appointed again and complimented them on their food program.

Mr. Corradi thanked all the students and congratulated them. Mr. Corradi said it was nice to see a full room. Mr. Corradi thanked Mr. Brougher and Mr. DiCello for their presentation. Mr. Corradi expressed appreciation for the teachers and said he can't thank them enough for making MASD the best school district in the area.

Mr. Einhorn echoed the comments of his colleagues. Mr. Einhorn also thanked Mr. Brougher and Mr. DiCello for their presentation.

Mr. John congratulated the Nutrition Group and echoed Ms. Templeton's comments about the choral trip to Pittsburgh. Mr. John said that the students received expert advice from professors and he noted that we have many talented student musicians. Mr. John said that Ms. Martz did a fabulous job leading the event and it was a great trip for everyone.

Ms. Layne echoed her colleagues. Ms. Layne acknowledged the work of the teachers and said we would not have a room full of students tonight if it weren't for the teachers. Ms. Layne commented on the role that parents play in the success of the students. Ms. Layne said that she was impressed by the talent of the Mr. Middletown contestants who raised

\$2,400 for mini-THON.

Adjournment

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was 9 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

David A. Franklin, Board Secretary