

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
December 19, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Board Members in attendance: Mike Corradi, Melvin Fager, David John, Christopher Lupp, Linda Mehaffie, Darnell Montgomery and Jennifer Scott (Mrs. Scott joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m. after the roll call)

Board Members not in attendance: Dr. Brian Keating

Staff/Public in attendance:

District Administration: Dr. Lori Suski, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Chelton Hunter, Assistant to the Superintendent; David Franklin, Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary; Darren DiCello, Director of Instructional Technology & Digital Learning; Krystal Palmer, Director of Special Education; Earl Bright IV, Reid Elementary School Principal; Michael Carnes, MAHS Principal; Marie Drazenovich, Elementary Assistant Principal; Jeremy King, Director of Athletics/Assistant Principal; Christine Mostoller, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Brett Myers, MAHS Assistant Principal; Tom Shaffer, Fink Elementary School Principal

District Staff: Josh Bleacher, Trevor Davis, Sam Fisher, Pete Fox, Richard Givens, Chris Klusewitz, Tim Neff, Chrissy Shaffer, Justine Shippling, Justin Smith, Robert Stitt, Dawn Zimmerman, Jody Zorbaugh

Interested Students and Citizens: Lorraine Altland; Jeff & Kendra Ash; Anthony Barbato; Francis & Patricia Barbato; Mike & Robin Barbato; Jen Beaudet; Sandra Benson; John & Paula Bidoli; Annice Blank; Ed & Sharon Blouch; Bill & Emily Botterbusch; Stephen Boyland; Walter & Dianne Breininger; Christi Brenner; Karen Bright; Chris Brown; William Brown; Adam Buffington; Gus & Amy Burghdorf; Marie Chambers; John Cuneo; Mai Dang; Kate Davis; Scott & Amy Douglass; William Douglass; Dennis & Amy Ebersole; Karl & Maria Einolf; John & Heidi Etter; Aaron & Deb Fischer; Naomi Fischer; Mike & Destinie Fox; Madelin Gamble; Bruce & Julie Garman; Adrienne German; Lynn & Judy Goodling; Lisa Graham; Alexis Hile; Diane Holloman; Yvonne & Dennis Hursh; Sofiyah Ibidunni; Kimb, Lindsay and Chelsea John; Dave & Karen Judy; Brian & Kim Kennedy; Mike & Gina Knaub; Danielle Landis; Melanie Luther; Nick Macri; Jeanette Maisonet; Tim & Chris Mayersky; Tammy and Kayla McCoy; Michele McDevitt; Steven & Denise McGovern; Chris, Lori and Kara Miller; Corie, Madyson and Emma Miller; Kathy Moore; Betty Morley; John & Mary Morrow; Chris Nittinger; Michelle Noon; Keith & Jodi Ocker; John Ponnett; Manuel & Arlene Quinones; George & Heather Radabaugh; Kirk A. Ramsey; Stuart and Shannon Reese; Beth Robinson; Ivy Rusnov; Susan Saladin; BJ & Bonnie Smartneck; Scott & Kris Smith; Frank & Mary Snavely; Karen Snavely; Taylor Snavely; Tom & Jen Staker; Braxton Stetler; Kiley Stoltzfus; Robert Warble; and Robert Warble, Jr.

Reporter: Dan Miller

Recognitions: Individuals who were present for group recognitions are indicated in boldface in the attachments to the minutes. **(See Attachments)**

Call to Order

Mrs. Mehaffie called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Mehaffie asked those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation.

Oath of Office

The Honorable David H. Judy, District Justice, administered the Oath of Office to Darnell L. Montgomery, who was appointed to the Board of School Directors at the December 5, 2016 School Board meeting.

Roll Call

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

Introduction of Meeting Guests and Presentations

Student Comments

Key Club: There were no students present to report for Key Club.

Student Council: Dr. Suski introduced Mai Dang who reported on the activities of Student Council.

Recognitions

Dr. Suski introduced the December Students of the Month, Shannon Reese and Aaron Fischer. Shannon selected Mr. Trevor Davis as the educator who had most influenced her school career and Aaron 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.

Blue Wave Marching Band & Directors (See Attachment)

Class A Group 3 Atlantic Coast Champions

Remarks by Mr. Samuel Fisher, MAHS Band Director

The 2016-2017 school year has truly been off to a remarkable start for the students of Middletown Area High School. The student body opened the school year in a brand new, state of the art facility, provided to them by the Middletown Area School Board of Education. Athletic teams hit the ground running with much success. The band also enjoyed unprecedented success this year, capping their season off by earning the highest score in the history of the "Blue Wave" Marching Band.

On November 5, 2016 the band earned a score of 93.57 in the Tournament of Bands Group 3 - A Class competition. The band competed against bands from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and West Virginia. In this competition, the band earned 1st place

in Music and 1st place in Color Guard. The band also earned 2nd place in Visual and 2nd place in Percussion.

Two weeks prior, on October 22, the band started the day with the Homecoming Parade and then enjoyed seeing the football team beat my alma mater, Boiling Springs, 49-6. After being fed by the band boosters, the band traveled to Mechanicsburg Area High School to compete in Tournament of Bands Region VI Championships. The band won Region VI Championships, and took awards for High Music, High Visual, High Percussion and High Color Guard.

The success of the band is a result of a community who has committed themselves to the development of the whole child. We believe that students can be athletic and musical. We work together to afford our students the opportunity to be in the marching band and play on an athletic team. And...we are thriving.

Where else could you see someone play in the PIAA Eastern Division Conference Championship game at Hersheypark Stadium on a cold Friday night in December, who then woke up at 5:00 a.m. the next morning to audition on clarinet at District Band...and place in the top 10% of the section? Aaron McDevitt did it. He also made District Chorus and today competed at the FBLA Regional Conference.

Where else could you see four boys run in the Mid-Penn Conference and District Cross Country Championship, and then race to get to the band competition to give their all for their school one more time that day? Caleb Ocker, Justin Shaffer, Zac Malay and Dan Brenner did it.

Where else could you see boys and girls compete in a District soccer playoff game and then turn around and go to band practice the next night? David Alcock, Ashley Barni, Dane Ebersole, Thomas Einhof, AJ Fischer, Zeryab Ibrahim, Alex Kennedy, Ben Knisely, Mitchell Lee and Nate Nelson did it.

Where else could you attend a Winter Concert and be ushered to your seats by members of the baseball team? Coach Steve Shuleski, Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Jaxson Senior and Justin Yohn made sure that happened.

In closing, our students are doing great things at Middletown Area High School. It is a privilege to be a part of this community and a part of their educational journey.

2016 Fall Athletic Recognitions (See Attachment)

2016 Blue Raider Football Team & Coaches (See Attachment)

Mid Penn Capital Division Champions

District III Class AAA Champions

Eastern Region Class AAA Champions

First MAHS team to advance to State Championship Football Game

Remarks by Coach Brett Myers, MAHS Head Football Coach

First, we would like to thank the Board and the Administration for their support. Special programs like ours start with support of their core beliefs from the top and our football program gets that support from the Board and Administration and the results showed. We would also like to give a special thanks to Mr. Carnes and Mr. King for handling us through a very long season. They had to juggle a lot of things that we never had to handle around here before and they managed to do them well while staying behind the scenes. We would like to thank the School District for the medals the boys will receive today and the plaques the boys will get at a later date. We also thank the Raider Club for all they do and also for the gift they are giving the boys this evening. Thanks also goes to Men's Wearhouse for the gift card the boys received today in homeroom.

We must also thank the entire community that backed this team. This town has set the bar in the mid-state for community support of their kids. The Raider Club and the community has created a place no opposing team will want to come in the future and that is War Memorial Field. Everybody in the stadium had a role, and Middletown, you did yours to perfection; screaming and hollering to make it hard on any opposing team to focus. When everybody is pulling in the same direction, amazing things happen. And this season was proof, along with our record of 10-1 at home over the past two seasons. I'm guessing that tonight when we are done here, our gym is going to transform into War Memorial Field. That is my challenge to you, Middletown. Can you keep doing your role all winter?

(Addressing the team) Ok, men, your turn.

Record of 21-5 over the past two years

Won 14 games by an average of 28 points per game in 2016 season

14-1 Mid Penn Capital Champions

District 3 Champions

Eastern PA Champions
First Middletown football team to make the state finals

These boys brought Middletown football out of the past and into the modern day! Throughout the year these boys have talked about how they care about each other and who is the most important person in the room. They have been about team unity over self; about going as hard as the individual can for his teammates, giving perfect effort. Brady and Jaelyn's running, Tyreer's returned kicks, and the defense smothering people, all led to a crowd behind us as seen in the photo of the Hersheypark Stadium stands on December 10th. But I would like to read a few things about this group of men that you might not have heard about that have also led people to show up at Hershey.

Email from MAHS teacher, Mrs. Lori Hess:

"Mr. Myers: It probably doesn't come as a surprise to you that I am not a sports person. However, I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the football games that I attended this year. I have quite a few of your players in my classes. Throughout the entire season and the state tournament, you can really be proud of how the boys handled themselves. I never heard them brag or 'trash talk' the other team. They were attentive in class even on days when it would have been easy for them to be distracted. Their behavior motivated me to attend more games and support the team. Even though the outcome wasn't what everyone was hoping for on Saturday, you can certainly be proud. You have some great student-athletes on the team. Congratulations to you on an awesome season! Lori Hess"

Text from a Raider Club member:

"Coach: The Raider Club decided to pay for the team dinner last night at Aroogas and I was the one who went and told the team while they were eating, and was responsible for paying the bill. I just want you to know how proud I am of all the young men on your team. Not only were they very appreciative to me and the Raider Club for paying the bill, the manager and two waitresses who have waited on them every week, spent at least 10 minutes with me telling me how well mannered, respectful, humble and great these young men all are. 'Please, thank you, yes sir, no sir, yes ma'am, no ma'am' are all words they would hear from our Raiders on a weekly basis. And all this was coming from two 1991 Lower Dauphin grads. They said the players are all fantastic young men and wondered what we are doing in Middletown to produce a group of kids like that. I told them it was Raider Pride. Just thought you would like to know. Good luck

Saturday.”

In the end, there are so many people to thank for this past season: the football little league organizations, our coaches, the fans, the people at the school, the parents, and our bus drivers Mr. Beyers and Mr. Effner.

Men, we have one more request before you get your last thank you from us. Men, please, as time passes and you become the leaders of this community and go to places that your life takes you, please lead the way. You know how. Take care of the most important person in the room. Give perfect effort and please continue to be humble. Continue to be Clark Kent and only when needed, become Superman. So men one last time, thank you for a great year. One that no Middletown football team has had before!

Public Comment

No one came forward at this time.

**School Board
Director Resignation**

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Montgomery seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Terry A. Gilman as School Board Director and School Board Treasurer effective December 7, 2016. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

**Appointment of
School Board
Director**

Mrs. Mehaffie called for nominations for the appointment to the School Board to fill the seat vacated by Terry Gilman.

Jennifer Scott nominated John Ponnett. There were no other nominations. The vote to appoint John Ponnett to serve as School Board Director from December 19, 2016 through December 4, 2017 was 7 to 0.

Oath of Office

The Honorable David H. Judy, District Justice, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed School Board Director, John Ponnett.

Mr. Ponnett abstained from voting on all motions for the remainder of the meeting.

**Election of School
Board Treasurer**

Mrs. Mehaffie called for nominations for School Board Treasurer to serve from December 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Mr. Corradi nominated Mr. Lupp. There were no other nominations. The vote to elect Christopher Lupp as School Board Treasurer was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett).

Secretary's Report

Minutes Mr. Fager moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2016 School Board Meeting and the December 5, 2016 School Board Reorganization Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett).

Communications Mr. Franklin said the Board Committee Calendar for January 2017 was attached to the agenda and that changes to previously scheduled dates and times were in red.

Treasurer's Report Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2016. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett). **(See Attachment)**

Bill Lists Mr. Lupp moved and Mrs. Scott 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 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett). **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10 - General Fund	\$1,278,854.20
Fund 32 - Capital Reserve Fund	\$14,125.00
Fund 38 - High School Capital Projects Fund	\$0
Fund 51 - Food Service Fund	\$1,244.24
Fund 59 - WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$0
Fund 72 - Expendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 74 - Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 - Student Activities Fund	\$5,270.00

Mr. Lupp 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 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett). **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10 - General Fund	\$592,830.82
Fund 32 - Capital Reserve Fund	\$0
Fund 38 - High School Capital Projects Fund	\$3,576.05
Fund 51 - Food Service Fund	\$106,088.13
Fund 59 - WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$2,969.42
Fund 72 - Expendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 74 - Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 - Student Activities Fund	\$7,138.55

Old Business Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve a Settlement Agreement and Release and any other related documents for a former special education student subject to review and approval

by the special education solicitor. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett).

**Academic Affairs
Committee Report**

Mr. John reported for the Academic Affairs Committee.

Communications

The minutes from the December 6, 2016 Academic Affairs Committee meeting were made available as an information item.

Agreements

Mr. John moved and Mr. Corradi seconded a motion to approve an agreement with New Story to provide special education services for a District student at a cost of \$380.00 per day during the 2016-2017 school year using IDEIA grant funds. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett). Mr. Montgomery asked for clarification on what New Story is and Dr. Suski explained that it is an educational facility to meet the emotional needs of a student.

Field Trips

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the following field trips. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett).

1. Fifth grade classes to Philadelphia on May 10, 2017
2. Band/Chorus trip to Disney World from November 15-19, 2017

Policies

Mr. John moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to adopt the following policy revisions and additions after being made available for first reading in November. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnett). **(See Attachments)**

1. Policy 115 - Career & Technical Education (new revision from PSBA)
2. Policy 130 - Homework
3. Policy 137 - Home Education
4. Policy 137.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
5. Policy 138 - English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program
6. Policy 140 - Charter Schools
7. Policy 140.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
8. Policy 141 - Virtual/Online Courses
9. Policy 142 - Migrant Students (new policy)
10. Policy 143 - Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools (new policy)
11. Policy 144 - Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes (new policy)
12. Policy 146 - Student Services (new policy)

Personnel

Mrs. Scott reported for the Personnel Committee.

Committee Report

Communications The minutes from the December 6, 2016 Personnel Committee meeting were made available as an information item.

Resignations Mrs. Scott moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Laura Creek, Special Education Teacher, effective upon the hiring of her replacement but no later than January 20, 2017. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Finance Committee Report Mr. Lupp reported for the Finance Committee.

Communications The minutes from the December 6, 2016 Finance Committee meeting were made available as an information item.

Presentation of Financial Statement Audit for 2015-2016 - *presented by Mr. Matt Wildasin of Boyer & Ritter, CPAs*

Mr. Wildasin noted that there was a review of the financial statements at the recent Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Wildasin said that the District received a “clean” opinion from Boyer & Ritter on the basic financial statements. Mr. Wildasin also said that that there were no areas of concern that would result in a material weakness or significant deficiency on the report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards as included in supplementary information. Mr. Wildasin said that the District also received a “clean” or unqualified opinion on the report on compliance for each major federal program and report on internal control over compliance as required by Uniform Guidance. Mr. Wildasin said that each year the auditors must look at a percentage of the District’s federal programs. Mr. Wildasin said this is typically accomplished by rotating the programs that are reviewed. Mr. Wildasin said that the Title I program was reviewed for 2015-2016. Mr. Wildasin said that the District was required to implement Uniform Grant Guidance this year and stated that the Board and management adopted and implemented the new policies respectively. Mr. Wildasin said that there was one additional communication that was provided to the Board identifying how the audit went overall. Mr. Wildasin said that there were no significant or unusual transactions identified and any audit adjustments that were required to prepare the financial statements were minor to reporting. Mr. Wildasin commented favorably about the cooperation and reporting of the District over the past few years while engaged by the

District. Mr. Wildasin applauded the preparation of Mr. Franklin and his team.

Approvals

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Montgomery seconded a motion to approve the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, as presented by Boyer & Ritter, CPAs. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett). ***(See Attachment)***

Mr. Lupp moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to accept an annual donation of \$3,000 from an anonymous donor for the purpose of providing a scholarship to the graduating class in honor of James & Edith Booser. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Equipment Purchases

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the purchase of visitor security systems for each school building from School Gate Guardian, Inc. at an estimated total cost of \$28,725 using Capital Reserve funds for the amount not covered by the Safe Schools Grant received by the District. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Resolutions

Mr. Lupp moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to adopt the resolution appointing delegates to the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee for calendar year 2017 in accordance with Act 32. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett). ***(See Attachment)***

Participations

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve continued participation in the following cooperative purchasing agreements/contracts for calendar year 2017. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

1. Department of General Services of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Costars program
2. General Services Administration Advantage Online Shopping (GSA Advantage)
3. KPN - Keystone Purchasing Network
4. Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium
5. Lincoln Intermediate Unit
6. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Smart Contract
7. National BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program
8. National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
9. National Joint Powers Alliance
10. PACC - Pennsylvania Capital City Automotive and Equipment Contract

11. PEPPM - Pennsylvania Educational Purchasing Program for Microcomputers
12. Provident Energy Consulting (formerly CPEC – Central Pennsylvania Energy Consortium)
13. The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)
14. U.S. Communities
15. Western States Contract Alliance (WSCA)

**Athletic/Activities
Committee Report**

Mr. Corradi reported for the Athletics/Activities Committee.

Communications

The minutes from the December 8, 2016 Athletics/Activities Committee meeting were made available as an information item.

Policies

Information Item – The following revised policies were attached for first reading as part of the PSBA policy review.

1. Policy 122.1 (Co-curricular Activities)
2. Policy 123 (Interscholastic Athletics)
3. Policy 123.1 (Concussion Management)

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to adopt Policy 122 (Extracurricular Activities) which was previously presented for first reading. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett). ***(See Attachment)***

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Lupp seconded a motion to waive first reading as required by Policy 003 and adopt newly added Policy 123.2 (Student Cardiac Arrest). The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett). ***(See Attachment)***

**Operations
Committee Report**

Mr. Corradi reported for the Operations Committee.

Communications

The minutes from the December 8, 2016 Operations Committee meeting were made available as an information item.

Equipment Purchases

Mr. Corradi moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to contract with A. G. Mauro Co. to provide and install two sets of replacement doors at Fink Elementary School at a cost of \$10,875 and six sets of replacement doors at Kunkel Elementary School at a cost of \$31,520 using Costars and state contract pricing and Capital Reserve funds. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Use of Facilities

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Montgomery 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 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).
(See Attachment)

Approvals

Mr. Corradi moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to approve the following individuals as contracted school bus/van drivers for the 2016-2017 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

1. Harriet Baylor (Boyo)
2. Betty Cobb (Boyo)
3. Thomas Zuni (Boyo)

New Business

Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. John moved and Mr. Montgomery seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the Dauphin County Online Consortium. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Personnel Committee

Mrs. Scott moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Tracey Hampton, Library Clerk, effective December 23, 2016. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Mrs. Scott moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to accept the retirements of the following individuals. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

1. Justine Shippling, Teacher, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year
2. Cheri Yohe, Teacher, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year

Mrs. Scott moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to approve the following individuals for employment, subject to submission of all required clearances and disclosures. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

1. Logan Jones as an Emotional Support Teacher (MAEA Temporary Professional Employee) at a pro-rated annual salary of \$51,205 (Masters, Step 5) plus a pro-rated \$500 exceptional children stipend to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Laura Creek effective January 9, 2017.
2. Sierra Lenker as an Elementary Teacher (MAEA Temporary Professional Employee) at a pro-rated annual salary of \$45,000 (Bachelors, Step 1) to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Katrina Attinger effective January 3, 2017.

Finance Committee

Mr. Lupp moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve an addendum to the grant award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program to increase the award for Fink Elementary School to \$14,840.15 and to accept an award of \$24,450 for Reid Elementary School. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Mr. Lupp moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to authorize the District's depositories to honor all checks that are processed using the facsimile signatures on record until new paperwork can be processed to establish facsimile signatures reflecting the change in Treasurer that occurred at tonight's meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Athletics/Activities Committee

Mr. Corradi moved and Mrs. Scott seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Amelia Stetler, Assistant Winter Cheerleading Coach, effective December 15, 2016. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve post season pay for the following individuals. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

1. Stephen Boyland, Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$750
2. Gus Burghdorf, High School Band Percussion Instructor - \$100
3. Michael Dupes, Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$750
4. Samuel Fisher, High School Band Director - \$500
5. Christopher Klusewitz, Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$750
6. Aaron Lichtenwalner, High School Band Front Director - \$250
7. Brett Myers, Head Varsity Football Coach - \$1,000
8. JJ Ortiz, Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$750
9. Adam Shaffer, Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$750
10. Justin Smith, High School First Assistant Band Director - \$250
11. Scott Souders, Assistant Varsity Football Coach - \$750
12. Nikki Thomas, Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach - \$250
13. Jessica Welsh, Head Fall Cheerleading Coach - \$375

Operations Committee

Mr. Corradi moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the following individuals as contracted school bus/van drivers for the 2016-2017 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Ponnnett).

1. Derrick Keyser (Boyo)
2. Terry Taylor (Boyo)
3. Harmony Webb (First Student)

Representatives

Capital Area Intermediate Unit	Steelton-Highspire is currently holding the representative seat for Middletown.
Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee	Mr. Franklin reported that the reorganization meeting for DCTCC will be held in January.
Dauphin County Technical School	Mrs. Scott reported that she and Mr. Corradi, Dr. Suski, Mrs. Mehaffie and Mr. Lupp attended the reorganization meeting. Mrs. Scott reported that they began the paperwork to implement the process of adding Harrisburg School District. Mr. Corradi said the process had been held up by the JOC. Mr. Corradi noted that each Board member has a ballot at their seat to be completed and he is hoping the election of new officers can move the Harrisburg addition forward in a timely manner.
Harrisburg Area Community College	Mr. John updated the new Board members that the delegates are in the process of renewing the HACC agreement. Mr. John noted that last month he had good news with the potential new agreement and that the proposed agreement has been sent to all sponsoring school districts. Mr. John said they hope to have enough school districts respond in the affirmative to the new agreement.
Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation	Mr. Corradi reported that they did not have a quorum at their last meeting so they weren't able to approve the bylaws. Mr. Corradi thanked Reggie Williams for the idea for the Rowdy Raider towel. Mr. Corradi said the Foundation is still reaching out to businesses and was continuing to discuss naming rights.
Olmsted Regional Recreation Board	Mr. Lupp reported that there has been no meeting and they are waiting for peer to peer study recommendations about an Executive Director.
PSBA Liaison	Mr. John reported that the new members are waiting to take oaths and that there will be a new chair for the House Education Committee.
Superintendent's Report	<p>Dr. Suski congratulated and welcomed John Ponnett to the School Board and said she was looking forward to working with him and would be arranging for a meeting to begin his orientation to the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Suski said that since Newt Davis's resignation was received just hours prior to the School Board reorganization meeting two weeks ago, and Terry Gilman's resignation was received two days after that, she wanted to take the opportunity to publicly thank both Mr. Davis and Mr. Gilman for their years of service to Middletown Area School</p>

District. Dr. Suski noted that Mr. Davis served 6.75 years and Mr. Gilman served 9 years. Dr. Suski said that during his tenure, Mr. Davis served as President of the Board for the past year, chaired the Joint Operating Committee of the Dauphin County Technical School and formerly chaired the Academic Affairs Committee. Mr. Gilman served as the Treasurer of the Board for the past year as well as the Chair of the Finance Committee and Athletics/Activities Committee. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Gilman have served on the negotiations committee for both the teachers' contract and the maintenance support staff union contract. Dr. Suski said that as a retired educator, Mr. Davis was a huge supporter of public education and the work done daily by our teachers and administrators. Likewise, Mr. Gilman's knowledge of the energy field was beneficial to the District over the years and he supported the initiation of Act 129 funds to retrofit lighting at Reid Elementary School which earned the District the Energy Star rating. Dr. Suski said that both Mr. Davis and Mr. Gilman served the District well and she appreciated the many hours that they both put in to attend meetings regularly. Dr. Suski said their dedication to the District has been outstanding, and the administrative team wishes them both the best in their future endeavors.

Dr. Suski announced that on December 7, 2016, the District received word that the John Crain Kunkel Foundation, which is run by the family of the deceased congressman after whom Kunkel Elementary School was named, has awarded the school \$32,042 to be utilized to upgrade the sound system in the gymnasium, replace the projection screen in the gymnasium, replace the stage curtains in the multi-purpose room and purchase two new benches for the playground. Dr. Suski said the District is grateful to the Kunkel Foundation for this generous donation to fund these items that are in need of replacement or repair.

Dr. Suski thanked the MASD family of employees who generously stepped up to assist the Shaffer and Keating families after the recent tragedy they experienced. Dr. Suski said throughout the 4-day work week immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday, employees were given the opportunity to wear jeans to work for a donation of \$5.00 per day. Dr. Suski announced that in that short amount of time, the District raised over \$5,000. The funds will be distributed to the families to utilize as they see fit. Dr. Suski said that during this holiday season, the District remembers these two families and prays for the boys' continued recovery.

Dr. Suski announced that Friday is the last day of school before the

winter break and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Dr. Suski wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

Roundtable

Mr. John echoed Dr. Suski's remarks about Mr. Davis and Mr. Gilman and thanked them for their service. Mr. John welcomed Mr. Ponnnett and Mr. Montgomery and congratulated Mrs. Mehaffie, Mr. Corradi and Mr. Lupp as new officers and wished them success. Mr. John thanked those who organized the recognitions held at the start of the meeting. Mr. John wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Montgomery thanked the Board for their confidence to appoint him and appreciated their warm welcome. Mr. Montgomery said he was looking forward to learning from them all and was looking forward to a good year.

Mr. Ponnnett said that it is nights like tonight that remind him why he likes to give back. Mr. Ponnnett said he was proud of what the Board has accomplished and was looking forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Lupp said it was nice to see all the young men and women and coaches be recognized and it made him proud to be a Raider. Mr. Lupp said it was great to hear how the athletes present themselves in our community. Mr. Lupp congratulated Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Ponnnett and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Corradi welcomed Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Ponnnett and said he believes they will be good assets to move the District forward. Mr. Corradi said tonight was outstanding. Mr. Corradi said he heard that a School Director from Lower Dauphin saw a TV interview of one of our football players and remarked that he hasn't seen something like it in some time and commented that Middletown is doing something pretty remarkable.

Mr. Fager thanked Mr. Franklin for his hard work on the audit and for another "clean" report. Mr. Fager said that his work often gets overlooked. Mr. Fager welcomed Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Ponnnett. Mr. Fager said he sees all these kids getting good grades and representing themselves well to the public. Mr. Fager said his son had Coach Myers a few years ago and he remembers thinking how Coach Myers was going to take the program somewhere.

Mrs. Scott welcomed Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Ponnett and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Mehaffie welcomed Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Ponnett.

Adjournment

Mr. John moved and Mr. Lupp seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Mrs. Mehaffie reported that the School Board will meet in Executive Session after the Board Meeting to discuss real estate and review information provided by the District solicitor.

ATTEST:

David A. Franklin, Board Secretary