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## RECOGNITIONS

### Students of the Month

Abigail Grimland with Mrs. Terri O'Neil  
Joshua Brandt with Mr. J. David Martin

### Class of 2021 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Ayden Miller, Valedictorian  
Jordan Knaub, Salutatorian

### 2020-2021 Outstanding Students of the Year

Fink Elementary School:

Christina Eng  
Connor Geesaman

Kunkel Elementary School:

Kelten McDermott  
Jack Doran

Reid Elementary School:

Olivia May  
Austin Hartnett

Middletown Area Middle School:

Sofia Eshleman  
Tyson Bomberger

### MAMS Academic Bowl Champions

Eliza Artell  
Tyson Bomberger  
Zoe Handwerk  
Rashi Patel  
Noah Sheaffer

### Athletic Recognitions

Andrea Nauman, Cheerleading, Big 33 Game  
Tiana Noon, Cheerleading, PSFCA East vs. West  
All-Star Game  
Brock Welsh, Long Snapper, Big 33 Game

### MAHS Published Author

Ms. Christy Dietz, MAHS English Teacher

### Administrator Doctorate

Dr. Michael P. Carnes, Ed.D.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Suski extended sympathy to the following employees: Eric Graeff on the recent passing of his grandmother; Retiree Beth Paules on the recent passing of her mother; Amy Dintiman on the recent passing of her brother-in-law; Eric Fisher on the recent passing of his mother-in-law; Board member Mel Fager on the recent passing of his sister-in-law.

Dr. Suski thanked The Giant Company for their generous donation to Middletown Area School District via the Feeding School Kids Initiative. Dr. Suski accepted a check on behalf of the District in the amount of \$14,221 toward supporting food service programs in MASD. These funds were collected from January 4 – February 28, 2021 from Giant customers, and the Giant Company matched the first \$1.5 million in donations. Dr. Suski explained that funds must be linked to feeding students and could be used in a variety of ways such as extra weekend meals for families in need; just one of several examples. Dr. Suski said that the MASD food service team will work with Nutrition Group and the District to come up with some creative ways to utilize this donation to benefit students in MASD.

Since it was the last Board meeting before the end of the school year, Dr. Suski took the opportunity to thank the MASD administrative team, faculty, and support staff for their perseverance through the most challenging year of many of our professional careers. Dr. Suski also recognized the efforts of the students and the patience of the parents as the District has weathered the storm of COVID this year. Dr. Suski said that from ever-changing guidance at both the federal and state levels, school closures, and disruptions to activities, parent support has been greatly appreciated. Dr. Suski said she believes that there is a time and season to everything, and having navigated the District through its most challenging 15 months, she has fulfilled her purpose here and is ready to move on to new challenges. As noted in her retirement letter attached to the agenda, Dr. Suski said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the students and families of MASD the past 21 years; the last 9 as superintendent of schools. Dr. Suski said she was proud of the many, many accomplishments the District has experienced during her tenure, and she wished Dr. Hunter well as he moves into the superintendent's role in the coming months.

Dr. Suski said the administration will continue to chip away at the proposed tax increase and will bring back a balanced budget for adoption on June 22, 2021. Dr. Suski noted that ESSER funds totaling \$10M are expected which will be able to be used over multiple years, and because they are one-time funds, it is important that the funds be used carefully since they will not be sustainable over time.

## RECOGNITIONS *(continued)*

### American Legion Essay Contest Winners

American Legion Post 594 Award  
Emma Cleland, MAMS, Grade 7

American Legion Auxiliary Awards

Class I Winners:

- 1st Place - Joseph Berry, Reid, Grade 4
- 2nd Place - Micah Dixon, Kunkel, Grade 3
- 3rd Place - Henry Grayshaw, Kunkel, Grade 3

Class II Winners:

- 1st Place - Jillian Hess, MAMS, Grade 6
- 2nd Place - Seth Thomas, Kunkel, Grade 5
- 3rd Place - Reece Young, Reid, Grade 5

Class III Winners:

- 1st Place - Ellie LeKites, MAMS, Grade 8
- 2nd Place - Zoe Handwerk, MAMS, Grade 7
- 3rd Place - Strummer Woodworth, MAMS, Grade 7

Class IV Winners:

- 1st Place - Luke LeKites, MAHS, Grade 9
- 2nd Place - Katherine Yoder, MAHS, Grade 10

Class V Winner:

- 1st Place - Jake Hottenstein, MAHS, Grade 12

### 2021 Retirees

Dr. Michael Carnes, MAHS - 19 years of service  
Lori Clark, Administration - more than 13 years of service  
Edward Craig, Fink - 36 years of service  
Peter Fox, MAHS - more than 38 years of service  
Andrea Holtry, MAHS - 17 years of service  
Cathy Kauffman, MAHS - 9 years of service  
Tim Laraia, Operations - 3 years of service  
Lisa Krepps, MAMS - more than 20 years of service  
Cynthia McLaughlin, Kunkel - 34 years of service  
Elena Morales, Kunkel - 5 years of service  
Lisa O'Connell, MAHS - 13 years of service  
Mary Popp, Kunkel - more than 14 years of service  
Heidi Tobias, MAHS - 26 years of service  
Mary Ziltz, Reid - more than 23 years of service

### PRESENTATIONS

Effective School Solutions - presented by Laine Whitaker  
Elementary Interactive Display Panel Boards - presented by Jack Steiner, Director of Technology  
Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2021-22 - presented by Mr. David Franklin, Chief Financial Officer

### RE-ENTRY PLANS UPDATE

- Amended Mitigation Order - May 17 & May 31
- Pfizer Vaccination Clinic for Students – First Dose - May 19, Second Dose - June 9
- Recommendation for Full Return 5 Days per Week Effective August 30, 2021
- Parent Survey for Raider Academy/Full Remote Students

## EMPLOYMENT

### Summer Learning Program Teachers

Susan Blatt, ESY  
Phil Boehmer, MAHS  
Lisa Brenneman, ESY  
Ken Britcher, MAMS  
Alicia Burchell, Elementary  
Kehley Cimino, Elementary  
Lori D'Amour, Elementary  
Chris Davis, MAMS/ESY  
Trevor Davis, MAMS  
Susan Davison, ESY  
Alicia Denmark, Elementary  
Mary Dougherty, MAMS  
Jessica Drake, MAHS  
Janelle Dukes, Elementary  
Sam Fisher, MAHS  
Jen Friedrichs, MAMS  
Samantha Gisewhite, ESY  
Kelsey Hile, Elementary  
Lianna Houtz, ESY  
Gail Jones, Elementary  
Regina Knaub, ESY  
J. David Martin, MAHS  
Corie Miller, Elementary  
Aliza Mizak, Elementary  
Mackenzie O'Donnell, Elementary  
Roy O'Neill, MAHS  
Bob Pelletier, MAHS  
Tyler Petrousie, Elementary  
Cassandra Pribanich, MAHS  
Cynthia Raney, MAHS  
Erika Reigner, Elementary  
Josh Rytel, MAHS  
Sara Schell, ESY  
Dana Schlader, MAHS  
Adam Shaffer, MAHS  
Ray Shearer, MAHS  
Jannelle Shuey, Elementary  
Justin Smith, MAMS  
Megan Sokolowski, Elementary  
Lisa Stough, ESY  
Alyssa Thompson, Elementary  
Tara Vybiral, ESY  
Jody Wenrich, MAHS  
Carolyn Whittle, Nurse  
Heather Withum, MAMS  
Emily Wolfe, MAHS  
Dawn Zimmerman, Elementary

### Summer Learning Program Paraprofessional Employment

Lisa Billingham, ESY  
Sue Gibson, ESY  
Jordina Hughes, ESY  
Laura Lawrence, ESY  
Courtney McCall, ESY  
Leannette Morris, ESY  
Tina Vought, ESY  
Lisa Yeich, ESY

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Scott Acri, Careers Teacher (MAHS)  
Lisa Bivens, Seasonal Custodian  
Kathryn Bulgarelli, Learning Support Teacher (Kunkel)  
Ashley Cocuzza, Speech & Language Therapist  
Seth Decker, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach  
Kyle Guissanie, Elementary Teacher (Fink)  
Allegra Haberern, Seasonal Painter  
Tobias Hodges, Learning Support Teacher (MAHS)  
Stan Kuczawa, Learning Support Teacher (MAMS)  
Michael Osayi, Substitute Custodian  
Emily Quaca, Seasonal Grounds Worker  
Cynthia Raney, Junior High Field Hockey Coach  
Alicia Shriner, Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach  
Sarah Stephenson, Lunch Room Monitor (Kunkel)  
Tim Wagner, Seasonal Grounds Worker

## **CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

Kurt Klinger, from Sports Turf Assistant to Sports Turf Technician

## **POST SEASON PAY**

Emily Wolfe, Conference on National Affairs

## **RESIGNATIONS**

Diane Trafecanty, Kunkel Lunch Room Monitor, effective May 5, 2021

## **RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Board accepted the letter of retirement of Dr. Lori A. Suski, Superintendent of Schools, effective August 27, 2021.

## **APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Board appointed Dr. Chelton L. Hunter as Superintendent-Elect from July 1, 2021 through August 27, 2021, and thereafter appointed him as the Superintendent of Schools for a three (3) year term effective August 28, 2021, and approved the employment contract between the School Board and Dr. Hunter.

## **APPROVALS**

The Board approved a motion to purchase a streaming camera system for the MAHS Auditorium from KIT Communications at a cost of \$8,969.71 using grant funds.

The Board approved a motion to adjust the hourly rates for seasonal supplemental help as detailed below and increased the rates on an annual basis based upon the base Act 1 index:

- Painters (up to 3) - \$12.90 per hour
- Grounds (up to 2) - \$12.90 per hour
- Custodial (up to 2) - \$10.75 per hour
- Technology (2-4 depending upon device turnover or projects) - \$10.75 per hour
- Business Office (up to 1) - \$10.75 per hour
- Communications (up to 1) - \$10.75 per hour

## **APPROVALS (continued)**

The Board approved a motion to change the 2020-21 employment of Mackenzie O'Donnell and Jenna Riggs as co-fourth grade chairs and approved Jenna Riggs as fourth grade chair effective April 26, 2021 due to the leave of absence of Mackenzie O'Donnell.

The Board approved a motion to increase the stipends of the individuals listed below for the reasons noted:

1. Tina Shope, Temporary Transportation Assistant, increase by \$1,442.32 due to the resignation of Richard Reed
2. Justin Smith, Assistant Athletic Director, increase by \$8,080.11 due to the assumption of Athletic Director duties

The Board approved a motion to determine support staff compensation adjustments for the 2021-2022 school year based upon the PSBA matrix with "x" set at 1.60% for exempt support staff and 2.00% for hourly support staff to drive out an average increase by employee group equal to the base Act 1 index for the 2021-2022 school year with a minimum increase of 1.00% for all employees except any employee on uncompensated leave for the school year.

The Board approved a motion to adopt the resolution attached to the agenda proclaiming May 3-7, 2021 as Teacher Appreciation Week and extended gratitude to our teachers.

The Board approved a motion to approve a contract with Tents & Events for the rental of a stage and chairs for the commencement ceremony on War Memorial Field at a cost of \$3,237.26.

The Board approved a motion to renew an agreement with Effective School Solutions, LLC for mental health support services and six hours of coaching/professional development services at a cost of \$173,400 (subject to a 2% reduction if other professional development services greater than \$100,000 are also purchased); \$8,000 for a summer program for up to two mental health professionals (waived if agreement renewed by May 15, 2021); \$4,000 per additional mental health professional for the summer program; and \$50,000 for thirty additional days of coaching or professional development with all costs paid using grant funds to the extent possible.

The Board approved a motion to adjust amendment #6 to the agreement with Questeq to change the termination date of the existing agreement from March 31, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

### **APPROVALS (continued)**

The Board approved the purchase of 225 replacement MacBook computers and accessories for District staff at a cost of \$269,550 using PEPPM pricing and grant funds.

The Board accepted a donation of \$480 from the Class of 1971 to be used toward the placement of one Black Gum tree and two Red Sunset Maple trees at the turf stadium.

The Board approved Matthew Eckert, Kelly Ann Meyers, Danelle Stazewski, and Laurie Troutman as contracted drivers for Boyo Transportation for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board re-elected Christopher Lupp to serve as School Board Treasurer from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Board appointed David Franklin to serve as School Board Secretary from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 (four-year term per PA Public School Code).

The Board approved the reinstatement of an annual spring trip to the Cal Ripken Experience Baseball Facility in Myrtle Beach, SC as part of spring training beginning in the spring of 2022.

The Board renewed an agreement with Lifetouch to provide school portrait services for the 2021-22 school year.

The Board approved an agreement with Effective School Solutions to provide coaching/professional development services at each elementary school during the 2021-22 school year at a discounted cost of \$150,000 using grant funds.

The Board approved an agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit to provide school-age special education services (three student placements, support services, and transition services) for the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$221,695.60.

The Board adopted curriculum for a new course titled Introduction to Business.

The Board approved the use of College Board's curriculum for Advanced Placement Statistics.

The Board approved the revision of the academic calendar for the 2020-21 school year to allow for an early dismissal on the last day of school (June 2, 2021).

The Board approved the purchase of fifty-three (53) Clear Touch 75" interactive panels and nineteen (19) Clear Touch 65" interactive panels from Sage Technology Solutions at a cost of \$385,355.20 with freight included and professional development on the use of the panels at a cost of \$9,974.21 using PEPPM pricing and grant funds.

### **APPROVALS (continued)**

The Board approved a renewal agreement with Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for the provision of school district physician services during the 2021-22 school year at a cost of \$10,000.

The Board adopted a resolution to continue the appointment of David Franklin as the District Tax Collector for the 2021-22 school year as part of his regular job duties with no additional compensation provided.

The Board renewed the contract with The Nutrition Group to serve as the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) for the District and approved the operational budget for the food service program for the 2021-22 school year with a projected loss of \$69,297 and to authorize District representatives to sign any necessary documents to affect this action.

The Board approved continuation of the summer food service program during the summer of 2021 and to continue the contract with The Nutrition Group as the food service management company for the program's operation.

The Board approved settlement of the School District initiated tax assessment appeals listed below:

- Parcel 36-013-139-000-0000 for an assessment of \$31,115,000 starting July 1, 2021 (equates to a market value of \$49,000,000)
- Parcel 36-013-141-000-0000 for an assessment of \$10,223,500 starting July 1, 2021 (equates to a market value of \$16,100,000)
- Parcel 36-013-105-000-0000 for an assessment of \$6,921,500 starting July 1, 2021 (equates to a market value of \$10,900,000)

The Board adopted for public inspection the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year with expenditures of \$52,659,869, revenues of \$49,645,828 and fund balance utilization of \$3,014,041. Note: Final budget adoption will occur on or before June 30, 2021.

The Board approved a request from eci Construction to reduce the retainage on the construction contract from ten percent to five percent.

## APPROVALS *(continued)*

The Board approved the following change orders for the turf stadium project:

- Pending change order 14 to the general construction contract with eci Construction at no cost to extend the substantial completion date for permanent seeding to September 10, 2021 due to weather delays.
- Pending change order 3 to the mechanical construction contract with Frey Lutz at a deduct of \$2,477.44 due to ceiling height conflicts.
- Pending change order 4 to the mechanical construction contract with Frey Lutz at a cost of \$5,525 due to engineering changes at the amenities building associated with furnace 4 and ceiling conflicts with \$3,047.56 paid by design professionals (net cost after application of pending change order 3).
- Pending change order 15 to the general construction contract with eci Construction at a cost of \$2,885 to add rock wool at perimeter walls and interior walls in identified areas with \$1,778 of the cost to be paid by design professional (Spillman Farmer).
- Pending change order 11 to the general construction contract with eci Construction at a cost of \$2,794 to modify roof blocking detail to account for increased insulation thickness due to added tapered insulation with \$1,052 of the cost to be paid by design professional (Spillman Farmer).
- Proposed change order 7003 to the plumbing construction contract with SSM Industries at a cost of \$1,345 to supply hot water not tempered hot water to mop sink and wall hydrant.

The Board approved the following purchases for the turf stadium from the vendors listed as the lowest of quotes received using Capital Reserve funds:

- BSN Sports quote #7110060 at a cost of \$3,250.50
- Sportsman's quote #56149-00 at a cost of \$21,746.56 using Costars pricing
- Don's Kawasaki, Yamaha & Sea-Doo quote #4003263 at a cost of \$8,808.50
- Tanner Furniture quote 5-5-21 at a cost of \$2,957.39 using Costars pricing
- Singer quote at a cost of \$22,602.50 using Costars pricing
- Trimark quote 110303 at a cost of \$3,647.00 using Costars pricing
- 11400 Inc. quote 051121R2 at a cost of \$495.00