



BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS & NOTES

JANUARY 2022

SCHOOL DIRECTOR RECOGNITION MONTH

- As a token of appreciation, each School Board member was presented with a wooden patriotic flag created and made by students, Maddie Gery, Andrew Fields and Cole Thomas, from Mr. John Carley's class. Thank you for these wonderful gifts of art!

BOARD ITEMS APPROVED:

Students of the Month:

December:

- Fort Zeller, 2nd Grade – Greyson Anspach (Mrs. Lucky's class), Kenley Luckenbill (Mrs. Eshleman's class) and Matthew Morris (Miss Yeiser's class)
- Jackson, 2nd Grade – Harper Dermes (Mrs. Kleinfelter's class) and Jackson Ruth (Mrs. Altland's class)
- Intermediate School – Emma Grovenstein and Will Macchione (Mrs. Hibshman's class)
- Middle School – Kiersten Powell and Cole Doster
- High School – Vladyslav Dribnokhod, Brendon Stauffer (CTC – Welding), and Myah Yesko

January:

- Fort Zeller, K – Hudson Horning (Miss Kolovani's class) and Evelyn Miller (Mrs. Yocum's class)
- Jackson, K – Celia Bender (Mrs. Marquette's class) and Cameron Hostetter (Mrs. Gray's class)
- Intermediate School – Benjamin Ney and Emma Umbenhauer (Mr. Longenecker's class)
- Middle School – Alexis Hartz and Samuel Keener
- High School – Lucy Bickel, Alexis Shytle (CTC – Culinary Arts), and Jason Whelan

• Personnel Committee Items:

• Employment/Changes/Retirements/Resignations:

- Jessica Radu, resigned – full-time Food Services employee, effective November 17, 2021
- Jennifer Henry, change in status – *from* part-time Food Services employee *to* full-time Food Services employee effective and retroactive to November 18, 2021
- Ben Moser, new hire – Varsity Head Wrestling Coach effective and retroactive to November 22, 2021
- Derek Thomas, resigned – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach effective and retroactive to November 22, 2021
- Natalie Kidd, resigned – part-time Personal Care Assistant, effective and retroactive to December 10, 2021

- Karen Brown, resigned – full-time High School Administrative Assistant, effective and retroactive to December 31, 2021
 - Korissa Nauman, resigned – full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to December 31, 2021
 - Jessica Templin, rehired – part-time Paraprofessional 3 hours/day, 3 days per week, effective and retroactive to December 1, 2021
 - Maureen McGuire, change in building assignment – *from* full-time Paraprofessional at the High School *to* full-time Paraprofessional at the ELCO Intermediate School, effective and retroactive to December 7, 2021
 - Jaynili Negron Polanco, new hire – full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to December 6, 2021
 - Patricia Pasquale, new hire – full-time Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to December 16, 2021
 - Sarah Blakeslee, new hire – full-time Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to December 20, 2021
 - Tara Lutz, change in status – *from* elementary Reading teacher *to* Middle School Assistant Principal, effective January 20, 2022
 - Erin Harris, resigned – Head Varsity Softball Coach, effective December 23, 2021
 - Erin Snader, resigned – Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective at the completion of the 2021-2022 Winter season
 - Natasha Field, resigned – full-time Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to December 31, 2021
 - April Habecker, resigned – full-time High School Administrative Assistant, effective and retroactive to January 14, 2022
 - John Carley, retirement – High School Technology Education teacher, effective the last teacher day of the 2021-2022 school year
 - Jennifer Bachman, new hire – full-time High School Administrative Assistant, effective January 18, 2022
 - Debra Blouch, new hire – full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective January 24, 2022
 - Danielle Reber, change in status – *from* full-time Paraprofessional *to* full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective and retroactive to November 8, 2021
 - Melissa Bowman, change in status – *from* full-time Paraprofessional *to* full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective January 18, 2022
- **Wage Adjustments to Specialized Paraprofessionals:**
 - Michelle Hitz, retroactive to January 3, 2022
 - Leann Clark, retroactive to January 3, 2022
 - Justine Bewley, retroactive to January 3, 2022
 - Victoria Oswald, retroactive to January 3, 2022
 - Maria Fisher, retroactive to January 3, 2022
- **Virtual Academy Teachers:**
 - Kaila Ober – Elementary Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 school year
- **Non-precedent Setting Stipend:**
 - Lucas Sandoe for unanticipated work during the 2021-2022 school year
- **Travel/Trip Requests:**
 - Douglas Knepp, Intermediate School Dean of Students, retroactive approval to travel and attend Innovative Schools Summit, December 9-12, 2021, in Atlanta, GA
 - David Fair, HS Band Director, to travel and attend with qualifying students (no more than 4 students), the PMEA District 7 Upper Band Festival, to be held January 28-29, 2022, at Cedar Cliff High School, Camp Hill, PA

- Lucas Sandoe, FFA Advisor, one chaperone, and approximately 25 students to travel and attend the PA FFA ACES (Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success) Conference at the Sheraton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA, being held February 5-6, 2022
- Jonathan Bickel, HS teacher, chaperones, and approximately 45 students to travel and participate in the Veterans History Project in Washington, D.C., April 22, 2022
- **Sabbaticals approved:**
 - Suzanne Lucky, 2nd grade teacher – for a half-year sabbatical to occur the Fall semester of the 2022-2023 school year
 - Tamara Showers, 3rd grade teacher – for a full-year sabbatical to occur the 2022-2023 school year
- **ELCO Substitutes added for the 2021-2022 school year:**
 - Korissa Nauman – Para sub
 - Eric Stombaugh – IU sub, all areas
 - Natasha Field – Para sub
- **Brightbill Transportation, New Drivers:**
 - Emerald Shober
 - Trevor Kellenberger
 - Penny Hartman
- **Volunteers (new and/or renewals):**

Howard Kramer	Meredith Bender	Jeffrey Kapp
Stacey Thomas	Sara Sweitzer	Betsy Boyer
Tiffany Houtz	Shannon Ruth	Jeffrey Gumpert
Kirsten Whitman	Rachael Young	Chris Hibshman
Alicia Habecker	Sarah Jumper	Nicole Yeingst
Amanda Houtz	Karen Sanchez	Trista Everhart
Jeanne Miller	Salvatore Scutti	

- **Curriculum Committee Items:**
 - Approved the November 3, 2021, meeting minutes of the ELCO Agriculture Occupational Advisory Committee
- **Policy Committee Items:**
 - Approved 1st Reading of the following reviewed, revised, and new board policies, as listed:
 - Policy 000 – Local Board Procedures (reviewed)
 - Policy 005 – Organization (revised)
 - Policy 006 – Meetings (revised)
 - Policy 138 – English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program (revised)
 - Policy 200 – Enrollment of Students (reviewed)
 - Policy 201 – Admission of Students (revised)
 - Policy 205 – Postgraduate Students (reviewed)
 - Policy 206 – Assignment within District (revised)
 - Policy 207 – Confidential Communications of Students (reviewed)
 - Policy 208 – Withdrawal from School (revised)
 - Policy 218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault (New)
 - Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings (revised)
 - Policy 907 – School Visitors (revised)

- **Technology Committee Items:**
 - Approved agreement with TekSavers to purchase older laptops and desktops from the district
- **General Services Committee Items:**
 - Improvements to the Fort Zeller Right-Of-Way as requested by the adjacent property owner, Jeremy and Linda Horst, per the terms of the original Right-Of-Way agreement signed in 1972
 - Service contract with Trane to service the chillers at the Middle School, Fort Zeller and Jackson Elementary schools
 - Proposal from Good's Tree and Lawn Care for tree trimming on the tennis court and baseball field fence
 - AEM Architects and the administration to proceed with seeking bids for the stadium turf sitework scope
- **Finance Committee Items:**
 - Payment of bills made November and December 2021
 - Proposal from Asset Controls, Inc., for an asset inventory for GASB 34 Audit reporting
 - Resolution #01-18-2022-I, of the Board of School Directors of the Eastern Lebanon County School District, electing to not increase its tax rate above the Act 1 Index of 4.1% for the 2022-2023 school year
 - Contract with Kenmark, Inc., for backdrops for the High School musical
 - Proposal from SPRINTURF to install 114,000 square foot synthetic turf field in the ELCO High School stadium
 - 20-month agreement between (Supplier TBD) (School District Energy/Utility Rates Analysts) and Eastern Lebanon County School District for High School and Middle School natural gas starting March 2022 meter read dates, when prices reach appropriate target levels
- **Additional Board Action:**
 - President Ferrari removed Mr. Ray Ondrusek as Chair of the Policy Committee
 - Censure of Mr. Ray Ondrusek

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:

January 19, 2022 – End of Marking Period #2
 January 20, 2022, 6:00pm – Curriculum Committee Meeting
 January 24, 2022 – In-service K-12 (NO school for students)
 January 31, 2022 - New School Board Members Orientation at IU13

**Next Board of Education Meeting
 Monday, February 7, 2022**

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 creating learning opportunities for each student, every day.***