



Newsletter of the Board of Education

Board Happenings

Our goal is to distribute this newsletter shortly after each Board meeting that will communicate discussions, actions, and other items of interest. We welcome your comments and thoughts as we Empower and Inspire Every Student to Success. Questions or comments? Please [Click Here](#).

Welcome to the August 24th edition of Board Happenings, a semi-monthly Board of Education publication.

Regular Board Meeting - August 24th, 2020

Board Meeting Notes: August 24th, 2020

- Several District residents addressed the Board regarding their desire for five day in-person teaching for all grade levels, virtual class sizes, and general concerns regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year with one comment regarding a former district assistant swim coach. Board President Soderberg discussed a letter received from State Representative Dan Knodl in support of 5 day in-person attendance. Board Clerk Tom Barney invited everyone to eat at Café Zupas on August 25th to support Youth Futures. The Board discussed CDC guidelines and the risks and liability of too many students in school too soon and indicated that hopefully changes can be made by the September 28th Board meeting review.

- Director of Human Resources Mike Nowak presented an updated enrollment report.
- Director of Pupil Services Todd Lamb presented the 2019-2020 Annual Seclusion and Restraint Report.
- Transportation Committee Chair Ray Borden provided updates from the August 17, 2020 meeting with GoRiteway who presented their 2020-2021 bus procedures and indicated that GoRiteway information is also available on the District website under the back to school section.
- Approval of the preliminary 2020-2021 budget as presented.
- Approval of the 2020-2021 paper bid/purchase to Contract paper Group in an amount not to exceed \$22,711.20, charged to the appropriate accounts across the entire district budget, with any additional purchases in 2020-2021 brought to the Board for approval first.
- Approval from the Finance Committee to eliminate the non-mandatory transportation shuttle across parochial school boundary lines between Bethlehem North and St. Mary's beginning in January 2021.
- Michael Loth updated the Board on discussion that took place in committee regarding a line of credit with JP Morgan Chase Bank. A formal motion will be brought back to the Board for approval in September.
- Approval of a donation of \$500 from Martin Volk to the Germantown School District to be used for technology education, service clubs, or students in need. Motion carried.
- The Board continued discussion regarding back-to-school planning, reviewed the timeline of past week events regarding parental choice of virtual or in-school learning, principal meetings, staffing issues, and plans for implementing both virtual and in-school teaching. No new changes were made.
- Approval to hire an additional kindergarten and an additional first grade teacher for virtual teaching.
- Approval of the resignation of Vincent Daniels, thank him for his service to the District, and approve posting and filling the vacancy.

- Approval for the hiring of 1.0 FTE limited-term contract for Richard Meyers at \$60,000, the .50 FTE part-time contract for Kelly Herbst at \$36,500, and the .60 part-time contract for Bethany Thiede Wray at \$42,000.
- Approval to proceed with scheduling joint District and Village of Germantown Trustee biannual meetings. Motion carried.
- Approval of the retirement request of Kennedy Middle School Assistant Principal Mark Kaminski effective August 31, 2020.



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**UPCOMING
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Monday, September 14, 2020 Board
of Education – 7:00 p.m.
District Performing Arts Center