S P T L I G H T

February, 2019

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Recognitions - Student/Staff Accomplishments

State Teacher of the Year semifinalist

Congratulations to **Steve Balsomico** who was named semifinalist for the 2020 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. Mr. Balsomico is a world language teacher at Shaler Area High School and was chosen by the selection committee of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National State Teachers of the Year, with the guidance and assistance of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to advance to the semifinalist round of the state Teacher of the Year selection process. Mr. Balsomico has been an educator in Shaler Area for eight years and currently teaches Japanese classes.

Shaler Area High School presents "Beauty and the Beast"

Shaler Area High School students will present the musical "Beauty and the Beast" for two weekends: March 1-3 and March 8-9. The performances will be 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 and March 8-9, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, at the high school auditorium, located at 381 Wible Run Road.Tickets are $13 for reserve seating or $10 for general admission. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. Tickets are available online (online sales end two hours before each show) at www.showclix.com/event/sahs-2019-musical. They also can be purchased in person at the Shaler Area High School Activities Office Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. or at the Shaler Area High School Auditorium Ticket Booth, which opens one hour before each performance. For more information, contact the high school activities office at 412-492-1200 Press 8 and ext. 1530.

PMEA All-State Jazz Band

Congratulations to **Zachary Spondike**, a sophomore, for being one of 19 students in the state selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Jazz Band. Zachary Spondike was selected to play baritone saxophone following the audition process for the ensemble. The Jazz Band rehearsals and performance will take place at the 2019 PMEA All-State and NAfME Eastern Division Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on April 4-7, 2019. This year's state conference is at Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

PMEA Region Chorus

Congratulations to the three Shaler Area High School students who advanced to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region Chorus. Sophomore **Zoe Babbit**, and juniors **Alex Almonte** and **Kelsey Marshall** earned the opportunity to audition for the ensemble after being selected for the PMEA District 1 Chorus. They auditioned with 200 other talented vocalists. The PMEA Region 1 Senior High Chorus festival will be held at Greater Latrobe High School March 20-22, 2019. The students will rehearse their music for one month individually and then come together for two days to rehearse as an ensemble. The concert will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

PMEA Western Region Orchestra

Congratulations to senior **Marissa Fukas** for being accepted into the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Western Region Orchestra. Marissa Fukas earned the opportunity to audition for the ensemble after being selected for the PMEA District 1 Orchestra. She placed 4th in violas, which allowed her to advance to the region level orchestra ensemble. The PMEA Western Region Orchestra will be held at Hollidaysburg Senior High School on February 21 - 23, 2019. The guest conductor will be Scott Laird from The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is the Fine Arts Coordinator and Instructor of Music.

Strings North Orchestra

Congratulations to the 12 Shaler Area high school and middle school students were accepted into the Strings North Orchestra Festival ensemble. Strings North Orchestra was hosted at Hampton Middle School on Wednesday February 13. Students rehearsed during the day and the concert was at 7:00 p.m.

High School	Middle School
Felicity Agostino (grade 9) violin 1	Allison Ai (grade 9) viola
Jackie Geyer (grade 12) viola	Gina Aluise (grade 9) violin 2
Siroun Petersen (grade 12) violin 1	Mikaylah Cousins (grade 9) violin 2
Maeve Snyder (grade 9) viola	Tia Jarosinski (grade 9) violin 2
Camryn Turner (grade 12) viola	Emily Mellinger (grade 9) violin 2
Morgan Visconti (grade 12) violin 1	Talia Montgomery (grade 9) violin 2

2019 SkillsUSA District 8

Congratulations to the following Shaler Area A.W. Beattie Career Center students who competed in and placed in the 2019 SkillsUSA District 8 competition, which challenges the talents and knowledge of career and technical education students:

Alana Steinmetz (Ad Design): Prepared Speech competition – 1st Place
Joshua McCaffrey (Ad Design): Action Skills competition – 2nd Place
Marcus Killmeyer (HVAC): Electrical Construction Wiring competition – 2nd Place
Tristan Viale (Ad Design): Employment Application Process competition – 2nd Place
Andrew Demchsin (Carpentry): Carpentry competition – 3rd Place
Cassandra Kagle (Culinary Arts): Culinary Arts competition – Competitor
Benjamin Scariot (Emergency Response Technology): Job Skill Demo A – Competitor
Morgan Perry (Cosmetology): Nail Care competition – Competitor
Steve Shipman (HVAC): Sheet Metal competition – Competitor

A.W. Beattie Career Center

Congratulations to the following Shaler Area A.W. Beattie students who were recognized for their accomplishments and named Students of the Month for **December/January**:

Zvy Finucan	**Advanced Computer Programming**
Morgan Perry	**Cosmetology**
Brittany LeDonne	**Health Science Technology**
Aminata Maida	**SMART-EST**
Mya Wood	**Veterinary Sciences**

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Voting Meeting
February 20, 2019 – Administration Building

ITEM #

EDUCATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

A.1 Approve the Shaler Area School District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

A.2 Approve the PA School Code, Section 1502 Resolution – Official Local School District Holidays for the 2019-20 school year as follows:

November 29, 2019
December 24, 2019
December 26, 2019
April 10, 2020

A.3 Approve the dates of Extended School Year (ESY) for Summer 2019: July 8 to August 1, 2019 (Monday thru Thursday only).

A.4 Approve the dates of the Shaler Area STEAM Camp for June 17 to 20, 2019.

A.5 Approve a lease agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit DART Program at Burchfield Primary School beginning August 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020.

A.6 Approve an agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide special education services during the 2018-19 school year.

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PERSONNEL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

B.1 Approve the following **Leave of Absence (LOA):**

a. Nicole Nowaczynski, Speech & Language Clinician, Elementary School & Reserve Primary, for an extension to her unpaid parental leave of absence, effective May 1, 2019 and returning to work at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

B.2 Approve the following **Long-Term Substitute (LTS)** teachers**:**

a. Steven Baleno, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, for an extension to his Long-Term Substitute (LTS) contract, Japanese teacher, Middle School, for Gerra Gembarosky, February 28, 2019 to June 10, 2019, at 85% of the Master's Step 3 salary level (prorated).

b. Abby Thomas, a graduate of California University of Pennsylvania, as a FT 1.0 LTS Family & Consumer Science teacher, High School, for Laura Garman, effective retroactive to October 5, 2018 to on or about April 5, 2019, at a Master's Step 1 salary level (prorated).

c. Katrina Barger, a graduate of Clarion University, for an extension to her Long-Term Substitute (LTS) contract as a Speech & Language Clinician, Elementary School & Reserve Primary, for Nicole Nowaczynski, effective May 1, 2019 to on or about June 10, 2019, at 85% of the Master's Step 1 salary rate (prorated).

B.3 Approve the Change in Status from **Temporary Professional Employee (TPE)** to **Professional Employee (PE)** for the following teacher:

	Name	**Effective Date of PE**
a.	Elizabeth Van Horne	December 18, 2018

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PERSONNEL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL (cont.)

B.4 Rescind the Supplemental Contract for **Department Chair Coach** for the 2018-19 school year

a.	Music K-6	Scott Albert

B.5 Approve the following **Department Chair Coaches** for the 2018-19 school year. Compensation shall be in accordance with the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

a.	Music K-6	Kelly West (50%) (effective 2/21/19) Angela Evans (50%) (effective 2/21/19)

B.6 Rescind the following Supplemental Contracts for **Sponsors** for the 2018-19 school year:

	High School	
a.	Marching Band-Majorettes	Scott Albert
	Elementary School	
b.	Band Concert Director	Scott Albert
c.	Dramatics: School Musical	Scott Albert
d.	Dramatics: School Play	Scott Albert

B.7 Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for Sponsors for the 2018-19 school year. Compensation will be in accordance with the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

	Elementary School	
a.	Dramatics: School Musical	Cassandra Dudley (50%)
	Middle School	
b.	Store Manager(s)	Tom Gray (50%)
c.		Jay Hellinger (50%)
	High School	
d.	Marching Band: Majorettes	Kelsey Coyle (25%) (effective 2/21/19)
e.		Alyssa Rihn (25%) (effective 2/21/19)

B.8 Rescind the following Supplemental Contracts for **Coaches** for the 2018-19 school year:

	Track (Spring)	
a.	Girls Head Varsity Coach	Abby May
b.	Girls Assistant Varsity Coach	Cory Williams

B.9 Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for C**oaches** for the 2018-19 school year:

	Lacrosse (Spring)	
a.	Boys JV Coach	Kenneth Sines
	Track (Spring)	
b.	Girls Assistant Varsity Coach	Sara Krivacek
c.	Girls Assistant Varsity Coach	Victoria Soeder
d.	Boys Assistant Varsity Coach	Scott Hughes
e.	Boys Assistant Varsity Coach	Tim Storino
	Baseball (Spring)	
f.	Head 8th Gr. Coach	Dean Mosesso

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PERSONNEL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL (cont.)

B.10 Approve a Summer Employment Program for up to 30 Students to assist in the District's custodial and maintenance work beginning May 1, 2019.

B.11 Approve the following day-to-day Substitute Teachers for the 2018-19 school year:

a. Teresa Bartel, Early Childhood N-3
b. Natalie Grice, Early Childhood N-3
c. Nathan Fine, Math 7-12, Physics 7-12 & Bus-Computer-Info Tech 7-12
d. Anne Rideout, Registered Nurse
e. Colleen Harkins, Registered Nurse

B.12 Approve the following applicants in the Shaler Area Community Swim Program:

a. Nicholas Druga, Instructor Aide

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FINANCE & OPERATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

C.1 **APPROVE FUND PROFILES:**

A. General Fund – Schedule of Bills and Addendum
B. Cafeteria Fund – Schedule of Bills
C. Budget Transfers
D. Year-to-Date Financial Reports
E. Fund Profiles and Investments
F. Bond Proceeds – Schedule of Bills
G. Student Activity Funds & Investments – High School, Middle School and Elementary School (October 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018)

C.2 Cafeteria Fund Operating Statement

C.3 Approve the Shaler Area School District's Audit Report and Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2018 as prepared by Maher Duessel.

C.4 Approve additional ABC Transit personnel.

C.5 Approve the disposition of surplus equipment from the Building & Grounds Department.

C.6 Approve and direct the Administration to take necessary action to optimize the tax assessment base for the school district.