



S P T L I G H T

April, 2017

SHALER
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District Recognitions - Student/Staff Accomplishments

Greg Mason: Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to **Greg Mason**, Shaler Area High School science teacher, for being recognized as one of 12 finalists for the 2018 state Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Mason has been an educator for 11 years, with the past six years at Shaler Area. He currently teaches physics and works with a team of teachers to host the annual Shaler Area STEAM Competition, which attracts students from school districts across the region.

Kristin Tepshich: Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist

Congratulations to **Kristin Tepshich**, Shaler Area High School choral teacher, for being recognized as a semi-finalists for the 2018 state Teacher of the Year award. The Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year program celebrates excellence in teaching, honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the young people of Pennsylvania, and selects a nominee for the National Teacher of the Year award.

Town Hall Meeting: Substance Use & Mental Wellness: Solutions for a Better Tomorrow

Shaler Area School District will host an educational Town Hall Meeting to address substance use and mental wellness on Thursday, April 20, from 6-9 p.m. at the Shaler Area High School, 381 Wible Run Road. The Town Hall Meeting is being presented and organized by Trinity Wellness Services and will shine a light on the growing opioid epidemic and provide information on warning signs, prevention, education, and treatment options. The event will include interactive workshops as well as a Speaker Series, which will start at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The speakers include:

Dr. Tom Brophy

Emergency and Addiction Medicine
(Shaler Area Class of 1997)

Connor Lamb

Assistant Federal US Attorney

Joe Demore

Butler County Jail Warden
(Shaler Area Class of 1995)

Detective Shawn Stelitano

Shaler Township Police Department

Festivals of Music

Shaler Area High School students returned from the Festivals of Music, held in Myrtle Beach, S.C. in April, with top awards as well as the Dr. Tim Lautzenhauser's Esprit de Corps award presented for the students' exemplary attitude of positive support and outstanding personal behavior. About 260 Shaler Area High School students from the concert band, marching band and auxiliaries, choir, and orchestra participated in the Festivals of Music, an adjudicated competition. Students receive ratings for their performances (fair, good, excellent, superior) as well as placement within their competition categories. Several additional awards also are given for top scores within the categories (Best in Class) and top overall scores, regardless of competing scores.

Band

Wind Ensemble – Superior Rating (1st Place)

- Best Overall Concert Band

Jazz Band – Superior Rating (1st Place)

- Outstanding Jazz Soloist: Michael Zang, Trumpet

Concert Band – Excellent Rating (1st Place)

Marching Band

Marching Band – Superior Rating (1st Place)

Dance Team – Superior Rating (1st Place)

Drum Line – Superior Rating (1st Place)

Silk Line – Superior Rating (1st Place)

Majorettes – Superior Rating (1st Place)

Choir

Chamber Choir – Superior Rating (1st Place)

- Outstanding Vocalist: Paige Milavec
- Best Overall Concert Choir

Women's Choir – Superior Rating (1st Place)

Concert Choir – Superior Rating (2nd Place)

- Outstanding Accompanist: Madeline Bartosh

Orchestra

String Orchestra – Superior Rating (1st Place)

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 February and March:

Paul Reaghard

Noah Zunic

Hunter Boyle

Automotive Collision

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HVAC

Shaler Area's Got Talent: All-District Fundraiser

Shaler Area School District will present Shaler Area's Got Talent, a family-oriented variety show, on Friday, May 5, at Shaler Area Middle School auditorium. "Shaler Area's Got Talent" is this year's all-district fundraiser. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. All proceeds will be divided between each of the District's PTO groups. For more information, visit sites.google.com/view/shalerareadistrictfundraiser/home or contact shalerareadistrictfundraiser@gmail.com.

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Voting Meeting
April 19, 2017 – A. W. Beattie Career Center

ITEM

EDUCATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- A.1 Approve a Settlement Agreement for Student #6.
- A.2 Approve the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for 2017-18.
- A.3 Approve the adoption of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's policies and procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300.
- A.4 Approve the IDEA-Part B Use of Funds Agreement for 2017-18.
- A.5 Approve the purchase of the following textbooks for use in the Business & Information Technology Education Classes at the high school:
 - a. *Entrepreneurship: Owning Your Future* 12th Edition by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship ©2017. 30 texts @\$103, total cost to the district approximately \$3,399 which includes 10% shipping.
 - b. *Principles of Business 9e* by Dlabay, Burrow, Kleindl ©2017. 30 texts @\$110.50, total cost to the district approximately \$3,646 which includes 10% shipping.
 - c. *Marketing, 4E* by Burrow/Fowler ©2016. 30 texts @\$107, total cost to the district approximately \$3,531 which includes 10% shipping.
- A.6 Approve the second reading of the following new policy:
 - a. Policy No. 827 – Conflict of Interest
- A.7 Approve the second reading of the following revised policies:
 - a. Policy No. 005 – Organization
 - b. Policy No. 404 – Employment of Supplemental Contract Employees
 - c. Policy No. 701.1 – Naming/Renaming District Facilities

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PERSONNEL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- B.1 Approve the following Leaves of Absence:
 - a. Justin Eskra, for an Educational Sabbatical, effective for the entire 2017-18 school year.
- B.2 Approve the following Retirement:
 - a. Dennis Dudley, Science teacher, High School, effective at the end of the work day on June 5, 2017.
- B.3 Approve the following employees for the Summer School Program, held at the Middle School/High School, effective from 6/15/17 to 7/21/17, at an hourly rate of \$27.00, per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:
 - a. Summer School Coordinator/Supervisor David DiPasquale
High School Program
 - b. Science & Math Instructor Jeff Ward
 - c. English & Social Studies Instructor Jared Dahlgren

Middle School Program

- d. English Instructor (AM Only) Brian Duermeyer
- e. Math & Science Instructor (AM Only) Darren Herrle

B.4 Approve the following employees for the **Summer STEAM Camp Program**, held at the Elementary School, effective from 6/12/17 to 6/15/17, at an hourly rate of \$27.00, per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

- a. Coordinator/Teacher Cari Brandt-Kelm
- b. IKS Titan Michael Penn
- c. IKS Titan Heather Oros
- d. Art Kristin Barbour
- e. Math William Schleicher
- f. Music Kelly West
- g. Nurse Christina Erdlen
- h. Robotics Albert Dietrich
- i. Science Joseph Malloy

B.5 Approve Bethany Baker, as an **Act 93 employee**, and FT 1.0 Communications Specialist, Central Office, effective July 1, 2017, including all salary and benefits entitled to an Act 93 employee.

B.6 Approve the following supplemental contracts for **Coaches** for the 2016-17 school year (Spring Sports Season). Compensation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Track (Spring)

- a. Girls Volunteer Asst. Jessica Hamrick

B.7 Approve the following day-to-day **Substitute Teacher** for the 2016-17 school year:

- a. Scott Hughes, Grades PK-4 & Special Ed PK-8
- b. Bryan Wigginton, Health & Phys Ed K-12 & Safety Ed/Driver Ed 7-12

B.8 Approve the following day-to-day **Clericals** for the 2016-17 school year:

- a. Janice Henry
- b. Eric Ramberg
- c. Rebecca Hirt
- d. Anupama Viswanath
- e. Kristen Warner

B.9 Approve the following 8 students for **temporary summer employment** for 2017, according to the provisions set forth in the **Summer Employment Program**, adopted by the Board on February 15, 2017, but reducing the total allowed to a maximum of 17, instead of 30, summer student employees. The 8 applicants below are college students, who can start in May. The remaining 9 positions will be presented for approval at the May Board Meeting.

- | | Name | Start Date |
|----|------------------------|-------------------|
| a. | Natalie Abt | 5/15/17 |
| b. | Christopher Kagle, Jr. | 5/16/17 |
| c. | Adam Kazmierczak | 5/8/17 |
| d. | Samuel Panza | 5/8/17 |
| e. | Emily Platania | 5/1/17 |
| f. | James Schafer | 5/20/17 |
| g. | Eddie Vance | 5/15/17 |
| h. | Zachary Weidner | 5/15/17 |

B.10 Rescind the following Supplemental Contract for **Sponsors** for the 2016-17 school year:

Jeffery Primary

- a. Yoga Club Jen Rowe

B.11 Approve the following Supplemental Contract for **Sponsors** for the 2016-17 school year:

Jeffery Primary

- a. Yoga Club Nicole Nowaczynski
- b. Art Show Coordinator Erin Remaley

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FINANCE AND 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. Bond Proceeds – Schedule of Bills
- D. Year-to-Date Financial Reports
- E. Fund Profiles and Investments
- F. CR&R – Schedule of Bills

C.2 Cafeteria Operating Statement

C.3 Recommend the award of the following bids that were opened on Monday, March 6, 2017.

Athletic Supplies	Recommend as listed
Athletic Medical Supplies	Recommend as listed
Medical Supplies	Recommend as listed
Janitorial Supplies	Recommend as listed
Custodial/Maintenance Uniforms	Recommend as listed

Total bids awarded are contingent upon the availability of funds within the 2017-18 General Fund Budget.

C.4 Recommend approval of Access Door System Contract at the Shaler Area Elementary School and Building & Grounds to Communications Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$10,541.50 to be paid from \$10,000 Safe School Grant balance to be paid from 2016/17 budget.

C.5 Recommend approval of Structured Cabling and/or Installation of Network Equipment in Burchfield Primary, Marzolf Primary and Reserve Primary contract to Communications Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$25,505 to be paid from the 2017/18 budget.

C.6 Recommend approval of Cisco Network Equipment in Burchfield Primary, Marzolf Primary, Reserve Primary and New Primary buildings contract to ePlus, Inc. in the amount of \$160,524.