



S P T L I G H T

May, 2017

SHALER
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District Recognitions - Student/Staff Accomplishments

Distinguished Student

Congratulations to Jeffery Primary School third-grader **Kiersten Bork**, who was recognized as a Distinguished Student at the annual Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs Coordinators (PAFPC) Conference on May 8. Kiersten represented Jeffery Primary and Shaler Area School District by speaking about the benefits of the Title I reading program during the annual conference at Seven Springs. Kiersten is one of only three students in the state chosen to speak at the annual conference because of her participation in the Title I program and her demonstration of outstanding academic achievement as a result of being a part of the program.

National Latin Exam

Congratulations to the Shaler Area students who participated in and received recognition for their performance on the National Latin Exam, which tests their knowledge of Latin vocabulary, Roman culture, and mythology, and their translation skills. The National Latin Exam is a test given every year to students in Latin I-V. Congratulations to the following National Latin Exam Award winners:

Latin I

Outstanding Achievement award: Kassidy Steinmetz, Kelsey Marshall, Olivia Jarzynka, Lydia Nebiolo, Owen Berret, Brindle Walzer, Sonny Demasi, Gabriella Greco, Dylan Matthews, Dylan Sarnowski, Samuel Baird, Jonathan Schimmel, Anjolie Girton, Caitlin Fedorek, Emilee Miller, Chloe McHale, Abby Harangozo, Alec Battaglia, Anna Grzegorzcyk, Julia Falgione, Autumn Roney, Samuel Heim

Latin II

Elisa Gabriel, Silver Maxima Cum Laude
James Engel, Magna Cum Laude
Mara Gillespie, Cum Laude

Latin III

Alyssa Krause, Gold Summa Cum Laude
Adam Seibert, Magna Cum Laude
Emily Kelly, Magna Cum Laude
Alexandra Evans, Magna Cum Laude
Justin DeSabato, Magna Cum Laude
Alyssa Ferianc, Cum Laude

Latin IV

Rosalia Paras, Cum Laude

Shaler Area teams advance to playoffs

Congratulations and good luck to all Shaler Area athletes who advanced to and will be competing in playoff games this week.

Baseball
Softball
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse
Track & Field
Boys Volleyball

Souls of Shaler Area

In April, Shaler Area Middle School students in Brenda Barner's English classes launched the Souls of Shaler Area blog. Similar to the Humans of New York project, the Souls of Shaler Area blog aims to showcase the human-interest story in all of us. Students have tried to build a bridge to the Shaler Area community by interviewing the many people of Shaler Area and putting their stories online for all to enjoy. Students interview a person with pre-selected questions and then determine which small segment of that interview will end up on the site as a quote to give insight into the common human condition. Souls of Shaler Area blog can be found here: soulsfshalerarea.blogspot.com.

PPG Innovative Classroom Grants

Congratulations to Heather Oros and Mike Penn for writing two successful grants, and to Shaler Area Elementary School for being the recipient of two PPG Innovative Classroom grants that will benefit students by introducing additional resources into the classroom. One \$1,000 PPG Innovative Classroom Grant will fund the purchase of three Lego robotics sets to expand opportunities for students in the classroom and the school's Robotics Club to explore coding and programming. A second \$1,000 grant will fund the purchase of a wireless weather station and several wireless cameras to monitor the outside environment, including a bird observation station and underwater fish habitats.

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 March and April:

Anna Hyatt	Cosmetology
Diana Stropkaj	Early Childhood Education
Hailey Staudt	Emergency Response Technology
Logan E. Barie	Health & Nursing Sciences
Jason Moore	HVAC
Joshua Wirkowski	HVAC
Alyson DeLandro	Pastry Arts

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Voting Meeting
May 17, 2017 – Administration Building

ITEM

EDUCATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- A.1 Approve MOU's with the following Law Enforcement Authorities as required by the Safe Schools Act:
- Etna Boro Police Department
 - Millvale Boro Police Department
 - Reserve Township Police Department
 - Shaler Township Police Department
- A.2 Approve the purchase of the following Science textbooks for grades 7-12:
- a. *Life Science* (Grade 7) ©2017 by McGraw Hill Education. 40 student texts @ \$92.64, and 340 eStudent subscriptions @ \$76.59. Shipping cost is \$189.96. Total cost to the district \$29,936.16.
 - b. *Physical Science* (Grade 8) ©2017 by McGraw Hill Education. 40 student texts @ \$92.64, and 334 iScience subscriptions @\$76.59. Shipping cost is \$208.50. Total cost to the district \$29,495.16.
 - c. *Miller Levine Biology - CP* (Grades 9 & 10) ©2017 by Pearson Education. 75 student texts @ \$101.47, and 140 student licenses @\$86.47. Shipping cost is \$570.77. Total cost to the district \$20,286.82.
 - d. *Miller Levine Biology - Honors* ©2017 by Pearson Education. 75 student texts @ \$101.47, and 45 student licenses @ \$86.47. Shipping cost is \$570.77. Total cost to the district \$12,072.17.
 - e. *Introductory Chemistry* (Grades 10 & 11) ©2015 by Pearson Education. 90 student texts @ \$128.97, and 140 student licenses @ \$105.47. Shipping cost is \$1,977.98. Total cost to the district \$28,351.08.
 - f. *Chemistry – the Central Science AP Edition* (Grades 11 & 12) ©2018 by Pearson Education. 25 student texts @ \$163.47, and 40 student licenses @120.97. Shipping cost is \$306.51. Total cost to the district \$9,232.06.
- A.3 Approve the first reading of the following new policies:
- a. Policy No. 209.3 – Diabetes Management
 - b. Policy No. 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs
- A.4 Approve the first reading of the following revised policies:
- a. Policy No. 246 – Student Wellness
 - b. Policy No. 609 – Investment of District Funds
 - c. Policy No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance
 - d. Policy No. 808 – Food Services
- A.5 Approve the following out-of-state class trip:
- a. Shaler Area High School Music Department (band, chorus, and orchestra) travel to Orlando, FL – April 12 to April 17, 2018 to attend Festival Disney Adjudication & Parade. Students will fundraise individually through booster-sponsored fundraisers. Cost to the district 8 substitute teachers for 4 days.

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PERSONNEL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- B.1 Approve the following **Leaves of Absence**:
- a. Kelly Himes, Elementary teacher, Elementary School, for a Leave of Absence, effective on or about November 13, 2017 to on or about January 15, 2018 (the non FMLA portion of her leave).

- B.2 Approve the following **Retirements**:
- a. Joyce Barna, Speech & Language Clinician, Burchfield Primary, effective at the end of the work day June 5, 2017.
 - b. Mary Lou Bentrem, School Psychologist, effective at the end of the work day June 30, 2017.
 - c. Steve Disk, Custodian, Middle School, effective at the end of the work day June 30, 2017.
 - d. Carol Kristoff, Class II Paraprofessional, Elementary School, effective at the end of the work day June 5, 2017.
 - e. Karen Tobias, Elementary teacher, Marzolf Primary, effective at the end of the work day June 5, 2017.
- B.3 Approve the supplemental contracts for **Department Chair Coaches** for the 2017-18 school year. Compensation shall be in accordance with the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- B.4 Approve the supplement contracts for **Grade Level Chair Coaches – Grades K-3 (Non-Building Specific Positions)** for the 2017-18 school year. Compensation will be in accordance with the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- B.5 Approve the employment of the following **Extended School Year (ESY) employees for summer employment**:
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| a. Julia Igims (Program Supervisor) | j. Kim Armstrong (Nurse) |
| b. Cathy Fischer (Primary Teacher) | k. Andrew Sieber (Counselor/Social Skills) |
| c. Kim Young (Primary Teacher) | l. Marti Beer (Speech Clinician) |
| d. Cassandra Dudley (Primary Teacher) | m. Scott Albert (Music Teacher) |
| e. William Schleicher (Primary Teacher) | n. Steve Seidelson (Substitute Teacher) |
| f. Melissa Goetz (Secondary/Life Skills Teacher) | o. Erin Abel (Substitute Teacher) |
| g. Linda Hrynyszak (Secondary Teacher) | p. Amy Scariot (Substitute Teacher) |
| h. Allison Tomko (Secondary Teacher) | q. Robin Frye (Substitute Teacher) |
| i. Amanda Carter (Secondary Teacher) | |
- B.6 Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for **Coaches** for the 2017-18 school year (Fall Assistant Coaches) Compensation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.:
- Cross Country (Fall)**
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| a. 9 th – 10 th Assistant | William Baine |
| b. 7 th – 8 th Assistant | Cecilia Petro |
- Football (Fall)**
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| c. Assistant Varsity | Cam Saddler |
| d. Assistant Varsity | Steve Buches |
| e. Assistant Varsity | Brian Tarrant |
| f. Assistant Varsity | Mike Francis |
| g. Assistant JV | Craig Aguglia |
| h. Head 9 th | Cory Oaks |
| i. Assistant 9 th | Anthony Morocco |
| j. Head 7 th – 8 th | Jim Ryan |
| k. Assistant 7 th – 8 th | Louie Iezzi |
| l. Assistant 7 th – 8 th | Allan Tinkey |
| m. Assistant 7 th – 8 th | Gerald Rispoli |
| n. Volunteer Asst. Coach | Benjamin Kloepping |

- o. Volunteer Asst. Coach Jordan Popinski
- p. Volunteer Asst. Coach Jesse Hayward
- q. Volunteer Asst. Coach Pat Schaefer
- r. Volunteer Asst. Coach Jake Hartman

Golf (Fall)

- s. Boys Assistant Varsity Pete Brough

Soccer (Fall)

- t. Boys JV Nicholas Kolarac
- u. Boys 7th – 8th – 9th Assistant Brian Opiela
- v. Boys 7th – 8th – 9th Assistant Dan Monahan
- w. Girls JV Carlo Prati
- x. Girls 7th – 8th – 9th Assistant Robert Yarnot
- y. Girls 7th – 8th – 9th Assistant Bill Ament

Tennis (Fall)

- z. Girls Assistant David DiPasquale

Faculty Managers (Fall)

- aa. Gr. 9-12 Faculty Manager Doug Kepreos
- bb. Gr. 7-8 Faculty Manager George Alexander

B.7 Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for **Winter Head Coaches** for the **2018-19** school year (they were previously approved through the 2017-18 school year; this adds a year, to provide them with a 2-year contract):

BASKETBALL (Winter)

- a. Boys Head Varsity Robert Niederberger
- b. Girls Head Varsity Cornelious Nesbit

BOWLING (Winter)

- c. Boys Head Varsity Shawn Pilyih
- d. Girls Head Varsity Samantha Smyers

SWIMMING (Winter)

- e. Boys/Girls Head Varsity Keith Simmons

INDOOR TRACK (Winter)

- f. Boys/Girls Head Varsity James Ryan

WRESTLING (Winter)

- g. Head Varsity Drew D'Agostino

B.8 Approve the following 9 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. (8 applicants were approved at the April Board Meeting).

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| a. | Michael Bushem | 6/6/17 |
| b. | Jacob Early | 6/5/17 |
| c. | Matthew Fisher | 5/22/17 |
| d. | Isaac Panza | 6/5/17 |
| e. | Robert Pennington | 6/5/17 |
| f. | Jack Quinn | 6/12/17 |

- g. Colby Schibler 5/22/17
- h. Joshua Wikert 6/12/17
- i. Joseph Wilson 6/5/17

B.9 Approve the employment of all Special Education, Speech and Gifted teachers for summer evaluations, Individual Education Plan (IEP) writing and curriculum writing (cost estimate \$5,000, including Social Security and other payroll costs).

B.10 Approve an additional \$5,000 for services provided by Dr. Renee Catanzaro, part-time School Psychologist, retroactive to May 1, 2017.

B.11 Rescind the following Supplemental Contracts for **Sponsors** for the 2016-17 school year:

Elementary School

- a. Girl Power Club Beth Zelinko (50%)
- b. Laurie Cortazzo (50%)

B.12 Approve the following day-to-day **Substitute Teacher** for the 2016-17 school year:

- a. Tiffany Schneider, Grades PK-4 & Special Ed PK-8

B.13 Approve the following day-to-day **Substitute Clerical** for the 2016-17 school year:

- a. Gabrielle Panza

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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. CR&R - Schedule of Bills
- D. Bond Fund – Schedule of Bills
- E. Budget Transfers
- F. Year-to-Date Financial Reports
- G. Fund Profiles and Investments
- H. Student Activity Funds & Investments – High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Accounts – January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017

C.2 Cafeteria Operating Statement

C.3 Resolved, that the proposed 2017-18 A.W. Beattie Center Budget dated 03/23/17, as approved by the A.W. Beattie Center Joint Operating Committee on 04/27/17, totaling \$9,160,985. The Shaler Area School District share is as follows:

	2017-18 School Year	Change
Beattie Operating Budget	\$1,279,474	\$34,244
Capital Budget	\$3,348	(\$13)
Debt Service	\$190,099	(\$15)
Total	\$1,472,921	\$34,246

C.4 Recommend the award of the following bids that were opened on April 3, 2017.

Art Supplies	Recommend as submitted
Consumable Products	Recommend as submitted

Lumber	Recommend as submitted
Science Supplies	Recommend as submitted
Physical Education	Recommend as submitted

- C.5 Approval to renew the School District Physician agreement with Ted. C. Schaffer, MD., for a period of three years beginning July 2017 through 2020. Annual compensation shall be \$21,450 for each year of the agreement and to be paid in quarterly installments (this price reflects NO increase from the current agreement.)
- C.6 Approval to appoint Gary Mignogna as District Treasurer effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- C.7 Approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Division of Food and Nutrition Annual Food Service Management Company (FSMC) renewal year contract with The Nutrition Group to provide the operation of the food service program for the District. Approval of The Nutrition Group's budget which includes a guaranteed profit in the amount of \$10,000.
- C.8 Recommend the adoption of the 2017-18 Proposed Final Budget in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania and request authorization for the budget to be made available for public inspection for 20 days beginning not later than May 31, 2017. The 2017-18 Proposed Final Budget is estimated at \$83,836,735 with the levying of 23.2819 mills. Approval of the 2017-18 Final General Fund Budget is scheduled for June 21, 2017.

REVENUES	2016-17 FINAL BUDGET	2017-18 BUDGET
6000-Local Sources	\$50,571,721	\$52,082,629
7000-State Sources	\$26,322,640	\$27,057,283
8000-Federal Sources	\$1,018,988	\$908,426
9000-PSERS Retirement Reserve		
9000-Other (Fund Balance)		\$3,788,397
TOTAL REVENUES	\$77,913,349	\$83,836,735
EXPENDITURES	2016-17 FINAL BUDGET	2017-18 BUDGET
1100-Regular Instruction	\$35,403,899	\$35,609,799
1200-Special Education Instruction	\$11,453,779	\$11,984,079
1300-Vocational Education Instruction	\$1,360,070	\$1,412,027
1400-Other Instructional Programs	\$1,465,768	\$1,466,695
2100-Pupil Personnel	\$2,572,729	\$2,660,969
2200-Instructional Staff Services	\$1,509,932	\$1,113,137
2300-Administration	\$3,675,349	\$3,970,904
2400-Pupil Health	\$1,153,415	\$1,207,218
2500-Support Services-Business	\$766,244	\$791,584
2600-Operation & Maintenance	\$7,487,677	\$7,673,563
2700-Student Transportation	\$4,888,708	\$5,232,844
2800-Support Services-Central	\$1,516,203	\$1,617,885
2900-Other Support Services	\$58,500	\$61,425
3200-Student Activities & Athletics	\$1,419,541	\$1,469,380
3300-Community Services	\$53,323	\$10,700
4600-Building Improvement	0	\$45,000
5100-Refunds from Prior Years' Expenditures/Beattie Debt Service	\$237,206	\$474,884
5200-Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$2,891,000	\$7,034,642

Total Expenditures	\$77,913,349	\$83,836,735
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- C.9 Approve change orders with Plavchak Construction Co., Inc. as follows for a deduct in the amount of \$10,302:
- a. Credit for unused 4" PVC conduit allowance. Deduct \$18,750
 - b. Credit for unused base bid conduit. Deduct \$3,213.20
 - c. Replace conduit and communication cabling at scoreboard. Add \$1,372.64
 - d. Additional asphalt repair of existing west pole location and new east subpanel. Add \$3,634.40
 - e. Install aggregate trench backfill in lieu of onsite soils inside oval due to soil/cement stabilization of subgrade. Add \$2,958.36
 - f. Provide new conduit elbows for new pull boxes in lieu of reusing existing. Add \$3,696

For information: The above change orders reflect adjustments for unused conduit quantities, replacing conduit and cabling at the scoreboard, asphalt repairs at the existing west light pole and new east subpanel locations, installing aggregate trench backfill in lieu of unsuitable on site materials under the turf areas, and providing conduit stubs for the new pull boxes in lieu of reusing the existing. The total amount of change orders amount to a deduct of \$10,302. As of the last payment in September, the District has paid a total of \$356,478.49 of the \$398,400 contract.