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The Board elected the Governor Mifflin Board of School Directors 2012 Officers and appointed the 2012 Committee Chairpersons, as presented.

The Board approved the 2012 Board meeting dates and advertisement of same as per the "Sunshine Law," as presented.

The Board appointed Jayme Babczak and Andrew Lesko as Student Representatives to the Board for the remainder of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Personnel

The Board approved the following:

- Request of Kristine Rosenberger (Director of Curriculum & Instruction) to complete a one-year PA Superintendency Internship, as required by Nova Southeastern University, January, 2012 through December, 2012, with Dr. Daniel Bulinski, Superintendent, serving as Mentor.
- The Resignations of Mary Pahl, HS, Special Education Aide; effective September 1, 2011; Mae Miller-Dieter, MP, Lunch Aide; effective December 5, 2011; Tammi Peck, MP, 1:1 Instructional Aide; effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year; Linda Schmitz, GM AEP Program, Special Education teacher; effective November 22, 2011.
- The Employment of Mary Bright, CE, Lunch Aide; effective December 12, 2011 - in addition to existing Substitute Aide position (replaces Janell Cavallucci); Ann Gollub, BE, Lunch Aide and Substitute Aide; effective December 2, 2011 (replaces Lara Strunk); Virginia Grumbling, Substitute Custodian; effective December 9, 2011 in addition to existing MP Food Service position: Leah Soloff - Homebound Instruction and Instruction-in-the-Home; effective December 1, 2011; Kathryn Stuckert, Long-Term Substitute, MS, English; effective for the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year (covering for Melissa Lease - Sabbatical); Christina Wilson, Daily Substitute Teacher, effective January 3, 2012; Christina Wilson, Long-Term Substitute, Secondary Gifted; effective for the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year; updated clearances pending (covering for Cathleen Scarborough - Sabbatical Leave).
- The Employment of the following After-School Title I Tutoring Program Teachers/Substitutes (max 27 hours, at rate of \$34/hour, to be paid from Title I funding): Angela Bereski, Shayna Clark, Mandi Dervarics, Barbara Guenter, Diane Heck, Karen Houck, Dara Koch, Erin Lichty, Pam Richardson, Karen Smith, Kristin Swanson, Heather Troxell, Jessica Weisman, Alyssa Westover, Jessica Wilson, Julie Yoder.
- The Employment of the following Homebound Instruction Teachers for 2011-2012 (rate is \$34/hour): Cory Heller, Melissa Azzarello, Patrick Sisk, Katie Ciccarone, Katie Fick, Matt Davis, Sue Dempsey, Brenda Jones, Karen Makatche.
- The Co-Curricular Employment of Amy Dobrosky, 2011-2012 Grades 7-12 Math Department Liaison; Lindsay Gerhart, HS Winter Cheerleading, Co-Head Coach; effective November 21, 2011; remuneration \$1,300; Brian Hayes, MS Baseball, Assistant Coach, effective for the Spring 2012 season; remuneration \$1,915.20 (replaces Kurt Henry - position change); Scott Piergrossi, 2012 Spring Swing Accompanist; remuneration \$1,277; Kristin Swanson, 2011-2012 K-12 Library Department Chairperson; Todd Williams, HS Baseball, Assistant Coach; effective for the Spring 2012

- season; remuneration \$3,739.64 (replaces Chris DeNunzio).
- The Change of Status of Shayna Clark, CE, Floating Substitute to CE, Long-Term Substitute, Kindergarten; effective December 2, 2011 through approximately February 6, 2012 (covering for Elizabeth Jablonski - Family Medical Leave); Carrie Foight, Long-Term Substitute, HS, Math to Long-Term Substitute, MS, Math; effective approximately February 6, 2012 and continuing through approximately June 1, 2012 (covering for Heather Boltz - Child-Rearing Leave).
 - The Change of Co-Curricular Status of Kurt Henry, MS Baseball, Assistant Coach to HS Baseball, Assistant Coach; effective for the Spring 2012 season; remuneration \$3,591 (replaces Chris Hole - position change); Lisa Kahres, HS Winter Cheerleading, Head Coach to HS Winter Cheerleading, Co-Head Coach; remuneration adjustment from \$1,755.60 to \$1,300; Mary Pahl, HS Winter Cheerleading, Assistant Coach; remuneration adjustment from \$1,077.30 to \$900.
 - The Leave of Absence of Gwen Drexel, returning to working status from Medical Leave of Absence, effective November 1, 2011 (CE, Lunch Aide); Maria Gieringer, Leave of Absence; effective March 1, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year (MS, Food Service); Valerie Shannon, Family Medical Leave, followed by Child-Rearing Leave, effective approximately February 19, 2012 and continuing through the end of the 2011-2012 school year (MP, Kindergarten); Terrance Shunk, return to working status from Medical Leave of Absence, effective December 12, 2011 (Maintenance); Kristin Wiedemann, extension of Child-Rearing Leave through the end of the 2011-2012 school year (CE, Grade 3).
 - The Employment of the following Co-Curricular Volunteers:
HS/MS Girls Basketball: Matt Sowers, Chiara Renninger; Freshman Boys Basketball: Matt Carley; MS Wrestling: Patrick Fleming.
 - In-Service Tuition Reimbursement Requests for Alison Clark (HS, English) from Alvernia University (2 courses); Maureen Coleman (MS, LS) from Cabrini College; Michael Evak (GMIS, Grade 6) from Wilkes University; Emily Gumpert (CE, Grade 1) from Cabrini College (2 courses); Thomas Miller (MS, Social Studies) from Wilkes University (2 courses).
 - In-Service Tuition Reimbursement Requests - Masters Plus for Dan Gassert (HS, Social Studies) from American Military University; Cathy Scarborough (Secondary Gifted) from Learners Edge (3 courses).
 - In-Service Tuition Reimbursement Requests - Administrators for Kristine Rosenberger (Director of Curriculum & Instruction) from Nova Southeastern University.
- Curriculum/Instruction**
- The Board approved the following:
- Awarding of 2011 Diploma to Scott L. Cummings, who has met all requirements for graduation.
 - Request of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) to attend a state conference in Hershey, PA; April 16-18, 2012; cost to the District is one Substitute Teacher for three days and use of a school van, as presented.
 - Request of the Service Learning (Interact) Club to hold an "Overnight Homeless Experience" at the high school; Tuesday, January 31 - Wednesday, February 1, 2012; at no cost to the District, as presented.
 - Placement of Grade 10 Student #805576 into the Governor Mifflin Alternative Education Program, as presented.
 - Placement of Grade 10 Student #100652 into the Governor Mifflin Alternative Education Program, as presented.
 - Placement of Grade 11 Student #100478 into the Alsace Alternative Education Program (in lieu of Expulsion), effective immediately.
 - Request of Laura Sensenig to complete her senior year at Governor Mifflin, as per Policy.
 - Utilization of the Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT) assessment instrument as a diagnostic tool for Grades 6-12, effective of the rest of the 2012-2013 school year.
- Athletic/Co-Curricular**
- The Board ratified the following:
- Receipt of Bids for Spring 2012 Sports Equipment & Supplies; Bids opened November 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. with Pat Tulley and Denise Goodhart in attendance.
- The Board awarded the following:
- Bids for Spring 2012 Sports Equipment & Supplies, as presented.
- Property**
- The Board approved the following:
- Buildings and Grounds Use Requests, as presented.
- 2012 Board Meeting Schedule**
- Beginning in 2012, the Board of School Directors will meet according to the following schedule:
- Work/General:**
- 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Education Center
**Due to the winter holiday, the January work meeting will take place on January 9, 2012.*
- Property:**
- 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Education Center
**Due to the winter holiday, the January property meeting will take place on January 9, 2012.*
- Voting:**
- 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., Education Center
- Curriculum:**
- 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., Education Center
- Meetings for Finance, Personnel, Policy, Athletic and Technology will be advertised and held on an as-needed basis.
 - The Board is authorized to conduct voting activity at ALL meetings.
- 2012 School Board Officers**
- James Ulrich, President
 - Ronald Dunkelberger, Vice President
 - Mark Naylor, Secretary
 - Robert Rhoads, Treasurer (*non-member*)

Governor Mifflin School District

Voting Meeting

December 19, 2011

Appendix A - Public Comments

1. Robert Moyer
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- Mr. Moyer expressed concern about rising property taxes and cited examples of district residents who have successfully appealed their property tax assessments. It was noted that this activity reduces the district's local revenue.
- Mr. Moyer noted that the highest cost of his property is the school tax and expressed frustration that he cannot control this expense. He requested that board members consider the local residents who do not receive high salaries or pensions.