MEMORANDUM

To: Staff
From: Doug Wagner
Date: January 2020
Re: Board Meeting and General Information

SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION/NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
Our School Board held their annual reorganization meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, and we’d like to welcome our newest Board members, Mrs. Holly Waugh and Mrs. Linda Baskwell to our District. School Board members and their positions are as follows:

- Judith Herbstreith – President
- Janis Krieger – Vice President
- Scott Wamsley – Treasurer
- Linda Baskwell – Board Member
- Christopher Greene – Board Member
- Johnathan Jones – Board Member
- Ann Lipari – Board Member
- Allyson Palinkas – Board Member
- Holly Waugh – Board Member

January is designated School Director Recognition Month in Pennsylvania. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate and recognize the challenging and vital work our School Board members do on behalf of our students, schools and families. On average, our School Directors devote up to 10 hours per month to the complex responsibilities of school district business. Their service is unpaid, and their desire to give back or contribute is the main motivation for their involvement. During this month, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to each of our School Directors for the time and effort they give year-round. The job they do is not easy. However, it is very important because it ensures our schools continue to provide opportunities for success for every student. Thank you so very much for all you do for the children of the Wilson Area School District.

2020 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES
For your convenience, we have listed the 2020 School Board meeting dates:

***7:00 p.m. at the William P. Tollinger Administration Building
- January 13, 2020
- February 3, 2020
- March 2 and 16, 2020
- April 20, 2020
- May 4 and 18, 2020
- June 1 and 15, 2020
- July 13, 2020
- August 17, 2020
- August 20, 2020 – Building Tours
- September 14, 2020
- October 5 and 19, 2020
- November 2 and 16, 2020
- December 7 (Reorganization) and 21, 2020
- Thursday, August 20, 2020 – (5:30 p.m.)
PROFESSIONAL STAFF RECOGNITION
The following professional staff members were recognized by The District for their exemplary attendance during the 2018-19 school year. (Bold italicized – perfect attendance)

AVONA ELEMENTARY
Sharon Ann Burns
Alyssa Gillmer
Renee Hampton
Kayla Lohman
Gwendolyn Rose-Weidner
Trudi Wilson

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY
Donna Dillon
Carly Glantz
Kimberly Helm
Heather Maginn
Rayanne Parry
Samantha Strickler

WILSON BOROUGH ELEMENTARY
Stephanie Borger
Ashley Dally
Laurie Federico
Teresa Soden
Patricia Ulshafer

WILSON AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Susan Austin
Linda Jo David
Michael Falcone
Nicole Fenton
Sarah Fox
Amy Hertzog
Sherie Miller Cunningham
Julia Morrissey
Regina Moyer
James Murphy
Rosemarie Reider
Jessica Riehl
Jami Silfies
Brandon Tigar
Ruth Wells
Michele Wohlbach

WILSON AREA HIGH SCHOOL
Wendy Baltz
Kristin Boyer
Michael Browne
Donna Chuss
Carlyn Evans
Christina Everett
Erik Everett
Tyler Graffius
Jennifer Harbison
Alexander Hirsch
William Johnson
Kari Maskalis
Ryan Poticher
Race Roth
Carrie Saylor
BethAyn Tarsi
Ashley White

WILSON AREA PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
WELCOME 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
Wilson Area High School seniors can begin to apply for a $1000.00 scholarship through the Foundation. Applications are available on the District website and in the High School guidance office. The submission deadline is March 9, 2020.

WILSON AREA PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
AWARDS GRANTS TO INNOVATIVE PROJECTS
The Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation is proud to award the following two grants that honor the Foundation's vision to grow the vitality of public education in the Wilson Area School District.

1. The 2019-2020 Investing in Education Innovation Grant for the amount of $2500.00 is awarded to the Wilson Area Intermediate School Green Power Club. Greenpower is a national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project that will provide career opportunities in the areas of mechanics, marketing, technology, electrical engineering and design by building a battery powered race car.

2. The 2019-2020 Enhancement of Educational Practice Grant for the amount of $1,000.00 is awarded to the Wilson Area Intermediate School student multimedia makeover initiative. The funds will be used to upgrade the broadcast equipment and applications that enhance digital streaming and provide for more effective multimedia learning experiences for students.
Thanks to the generosity and support of our donors, the Wilson Partners in Education Foundation is able to provide grants that support our children. Without this support, the Foundation would be unable to continue to fulfill its mission to ensure the highest level of educational innovation.

**BOARD MEETING UPDATE:**
Below is a summary of action taken by the Board in December and January.

**Board Reorganization/Approval of Board Meeting Dates/and Committee Appointments**

**Under Recognition** – The Board recognized the following:
- Alexandra Mindler – 2019 PBS KIDS Early Learning Champion
- Charolotte Frankenfield – 2018-19 Support Staff Person of the Year

**Under Policy** – The Board approved the following:
- Revision to Policy #5113 – Attendance

**Under Finance** – The Board approved the following:
- Appointment of Northampton TCC Delegates
- 2020-21 Preliminary Budget – Per Act 1 Requirements - $43,838,804.02 – 60.68 mills (1.995 mill increase or 3.4%)
- General Obligation Bonds and Refinancing of General Obligation Notes
- PSBA’s Policy Services – $7,900

**Under Personnel** – The Board approved the following:

**Resignation:**
- (1) Teacher; (1) Computer Technician; (1) Assistant Coach

**Retirement:**
- (1) Teacher

**Appointments:**
- (1) Teacher; (1) Custodian; (4) Volunteer Coaches

**Change of Status:**
- (1) Bus Driver

**FMLA Request:**
- (1) Teacher

**Substitutes:**
- (4) Teachers

**Under Miscellaneous** – The Board approved the following:
- (3) Trips
- Establishment of a New High School Club and an Activity Account

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** “Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.”

-Kahlil Gibran