

# On BOARD

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## *Board Meeting*

The Board held its annual reorganization meeting on Thursday, December 6.

### **Election of Officers**

Mrs. Crocenzi was elected Board President and Mr. Kambic was elected Board Vice President.

### **Recognition of the Public**

No members of the public addressed the Board.

## *Study Session*

The Board met in study session on Thursday, December 13, with President Crocenzi presiding.

### **Board Policies**

Dr. Argot shared proposed revisions to Board Policies 006: Meetings, 311: Reductions in Staff, and 701: Facilities Planning. He also shared a proposed new Board Policy 908.2: Custodial Rights to replace the existing policy on Parent of Record.

### **Introduction to 2019-2020**

#### **Preliminary General Fund Budget**

Mrs. Stuck provided the Board with an overview of the work being done on the 2019-2020 preliminary general fund budget and the administration's recommendation that the District does not increase taxes beyond the base index. Her presentation to the Board, including expenditures, revenue, and a budget timeline, is available on the Business Office page of the [District website](#).

## *Board Meeting*

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, December 20, with President Crocenzi presiding.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Board and members of the public enjoyed holiday music by Allen Middle School seventh grade students Mikayla Gay, Elizabeth Lonkart, Caleb Masshardt,

Kieran McNulty, and Brighton Pearson with eighth grade students Natalie Brown, Kyla Sellars, and Jade Sellers. The orchestra students performed under the direction of Mr. Buterbaugh.

Red Land High School's JROTC Color Guard presented the colors for the evening. JROTC members included Sophomore Christina Waller, Junior Peyton Mohn, and Seniors Sarah Border and Robert Shank.

Allen Middle School's seventh and eighth grade orchestra members also performed the National Anthem.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held November 19, 2018, were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2018, showing invested and available funds of \$52,545,773.53.

### **Communications**

Dr. Stoltz distributed a copy of the latest legal update from the solicitor's office. Dr. Argot shared the Central Treasury Reports for Cedar Cliff and Red Land High Schools.

### **Board Reports**

Mrs. Williamson shared how sorry she was that Board members were unable to attend the scheduled Board visit to Lower Allen Elementary.

Mrs. Crocenzi and Mrs. Schwager shared highlights from the Board's recent visit to Red Mill Elementary.

Mrs. Tierney shared that the [West Shore Foundation](#) was currently reviewing applications for Educator Innovation Grants to be awarded after the new year. She also asked everyone to mark their calendars and plan to attend the Highmark

Walk for a Healthy Community fundraiser on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Mrs. Crocenzi indicated she attended the recent Capital Area Intermediate Unit meeting. She also shared that sixth grade students at Crossroads and New Cumberland will be attending [Junior Achievement's BizTown](#) and recently conducted real world interviews. Allen students will also be participating in BizTown next school year.

Mr. Kambic provided a detailed overview of the recent District Advisory Council meeting.

Mrs. Moyer shared a brief update on Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School (CPAVTS) which included a potential change in the school's name and acquisition of corporate sponsors for several programs. Dr. Stoltz added information about the ninth grade exploratory night on January 15, and the upcoming expansion of the health services program at CPAVTS.

Mrs. Williamson announced she will be stepping down from the Board when her term ends in December 2019. She offered to assist anyone interested in running for her seat (region two).

Mr. Guistwhite provided an overview of the last Board Finance Committee meeting and commended those involved with the Crossroads Middle School band concert.

Mrs. Tierney reported back on the progress of the Feasibility Committee and the work being done to catalog District facilities and their maintenance schedule.

Mr. Kambic highlighted the savings obtained in borrowing money with the improved bond rating.

### Recognition by the Board

The Board recognized Ma Katrina Martin, fifth grade student from Washington Heights



### HOLIDAY CARD WINNERS

Congratulations Hermiony Valdes and Morgan Faranov...winners of the District's 2018 Holiday Card Art & Verse Contest!

Elementary, who had artwork selected for the 2019 Pennsylvania Attorney General's Drug-Free calendar. In addition to being featured in the calendar, she received \$529 for her Pennsylvania 529 College and Career Savings Program account.

The Board recognized Allen Middle School seventh grade student Hermiony Valdes for her winning illustration of animals celebrating the holidays which was featured on the District's 2018 holiday card.

The Board also recognized Cedar Cliff High School Sophomore Morgan Faranov for her winning verse which was also selected for the holiday card.

Next, the Board recognized Mr. Starrett and the West Shore Marching Band and Color Guard for their third place overall with first place honors in both Visual and Color Guard captions at the USBands Pennsylvania State Championship; third place with Best Color Guard at the USBands Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship; and third place at the USBands National Championship.

Seniors Jessica Stevens and Aubrey Dawson presented Board reports for [Red Land](#) and [Cedar Cliff](#) respectively. Their reports can be downloaded from the Daily Announcements page of each school website.

### Board Shout Outs

Mrs. Crocenzi gave a shout out to the Cedar Cliff High School Octet for entertaining the Soroptimist Club at a recent meeting. She also shared the octet's decision to donate funds earned for that performance to the Foundation for Women's Cancer.

Mrs. Williamson commended the staff, students and parents of the musicians who performed at Red Land High School's concert on their amazing performance. She also gave a shout out to Red

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Land students for their courteous driving each morning prior to the start of school.

Mr. Kambic thanked Lower Allen VFW Auxiliary Post 7530 for their generosity and commitment to our school community. VFW officers presented Highland, Lower Allen/Rossmoyne, Allen, and Cedar Cliff each with a check for \$5,000.

Dr. Stoltz mentioned the CPAVTS' diesel program appreciated the District's garbage truck donation. He also shared how impressed he was with the concerts and the ways in which students at different levels and different schools support each other in the music department.

Lastly, Dr. Stoltz commended Red Land's DaVinci class on the variety of student-driven projects being completed and the student collaboration taking place.

### **Recognition of the Public - Opportunity for Students to Speak/Agenda Items**

No one addressed the Board.

### **Business Items**

#### ***Bills for Approval***

The Board approved bills for the period November 15, 2018, through December 12, 2018, listing checks which totaled \$3,100,217.96.

#### ***Refunds***

The Board approved two refunds which totaled 3,588.70, as presented.

#### ***Personnel***

The Board approved all personnel items as presented.

#### ***Agreement for Stop Loss Insurance Renewal***

The Board approved a renewal agreement in the amount of \$533,463.12 for Specific Stop Loss Insurance through Sun Life Financial.

#### ***2019-2020 CPAVTS Operating Budget***

The Board approved the proposed 2019-2020 CPAVTS Operating Budget which shows an estimated cost for the District of \$1,321,470 for 2019-2020. This cost is based on West Shore's average student enrollment of 20.04% over the previous five years.

### ***Contract for Speech Services***

Due to a shortage of qualified substitutes, the District has an obligation to provide compensatory time for students who did not receive speech therapy. The Board approved an agreement for services to be provided by Soliant Health, Inc. at a rate of \$75 per hour.

### ***Course Selection Manual 2019-2020***

The Course Selection Manual continues to serve as an interactive planning guide for students which encompasses the four years of high school and beyond. The Board adopted the 2019-2020 Course Selection Manual as presented. The manual is available for download on the [District website](#).

### ***High School Baseball Trips***

The Board approved trips for the Cedar Cliff baseball team to Orlando, Florida, from March 13-17, 2019, and the Red Land baseball team to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from March 13-16, 2019.

### ***Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings***

The Board approved the requests for staff attendance at professional meetings as presented.

### ***Roof Repairs***

The Board approved the cost proposal from Lobar Associates Construction to perform repairs that will preserve the integrity and extend the lifespan of the existing roof at Fishing Creek Elementary.

### ***Agreement for Design and Consulting Services***

The Board approved an agreement for design and consulting services with ELA Sport to develop plans for improvements at Lowther Field.

### ***Information Items***

Dr. Stoltz received direction from the Board to move forward with a natural gas rate lock.

Mr. Linkey from RLPS Architects shared a completed 3D rendering of the new Rossmoyne Elementary. The video, which takes viewers around the outside and inside of the new school, is available on the [District website](#) along with a descriptive list of building features.

### ***Recognition of Public - General Items***

No community members addressed the Board.