

## Student Recognition

### Recognition – Deer Lakes School District Board of School Directors

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1. Voted on the following **Business and Finance** items as listed:
  - Approved the minutes from the Agenda Meeting, November 12, 2013; the Regular Meeting, November 18, 2013; and the Reorganization/Regular Meeting, December 3, 2013;
  - Accepted the Treasurer's Reports for November and December, 2013;
  - Approved the general fund bills for payment;
  - Approved L. Douglas McCausland as the nominee for the trustee position of the Northern Region for the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium;
  - Approved a request for Jackie Jaros and Christina Beaufort to attend PETE & C (Penna. Educational Technology Expo and Conference) in Hershey, PA, February 10 - 12, 2014 at no cost to the District except substitute teachers for three (3) days. Ms. Jaros and Ms. Beaufort were selected to present during the workshop relating to the bullying program and technology at Deer Lakes School District;
  - Adopted a Resolution certifying that Deer Lakes School District will not increase any school district tax for 2014-2015 at a rate that exceeds the "index" as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (2.7%). Also, the Board certifies that increasing any tax rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its budget for the 2014-2015 school year;
  - Approved the submission of "Plancon Part H: Project Financing, Board Transmittal" for the Curtisville Project to the Department of Education;
  - Amended the Early Retirement Incentive for members of DLEA approved by the Board at the December 3, 2013 Board Meeting. The amended change is in the number of years the District will pay the premium cost of health insurance from "the earlier of Medicare eligibility or seven (7) years" to "the earlier of Medicare eligibility or eight (8) years". This amendment will be retroactive to December 6, 2013;
  - Appointed Janney Montgomery Scott as the District's Bond Underwriter for the School Year ended June 30, 2014. This resolution pertains to a new "Municipal Advisors Rule" as administered by the Security & Exchange Commission. The Rule establishes who is a municipal advisor, what it

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- means to provide “advice” even if it is uncompensated advice, and requires the Bond Underwriter to be officially “engaged” by its client in order to provide advice.
- Approved the Audited Financial Statements for the Allegheny County Schools Insurance Consortium for the Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, the Supplemental Schedule as of June 30, 2013 and Independent Auditor’s Report;
  - Granted permission for Student Council vice president, Josh Yourish, and John Baker, Student Council advisor, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils meetings – March 6-8, 2014 and one in July/August and the conference in November. There is no cost to the district except a substitute for John on March 7, 2014 and a substitute in November. While at the host school, Josh will stay with a host family secured by the host school. Advisors will lodge at a local hotel;
  - Adopted a resolution (lease and easement) between DLSD and West Deer Township regarding the premises and public works building. Mr. McCaskey, in his capacity as president of the board, is authorized to sign the lease on behalf of the District;
  - Authorized HHSDR Architects/Engineers to proceed with the preparation of the bid/construction documents for the exterior masonry repairs at Deer Lakes Middle School and Curtisville Primary Center at an hourly cost not to exceed \$8,500 plus a fixed cost of \$4,000 for the new chimney flue design for a total cost of \$12,500.
2. Voted on the following **Education** items as listed:
- Revised the school calendar to include April 22, 2014 as the snow makeup day for January 7, 2014 when school was cancelled due to the Polar Vortex;
  - Approved the expansion of the "Kids of Steel" program to East Union Intermediate Center. Mrs. Fletcher will facilitate and there will be no cost to the District. This program is currently at Curtisville Primary Center;
  - Approved a proposed nine day tour/trip of Peru for World Language Students through EF Tours for June/July 2015. The cost of the tour is \$3,200 and is all inclusive;
  - Approved Homebound Instruction for a 6th grade student for at least 8 weeks, beginning as soon as possible.

3. Voted on the following **Policy** items as listed:
  - Approved a second reading of the following revised policies:
    - ✓ Policy No. 237 - Electronic Devices;
    - ✓ Policy No. 239 - Foreign Exchange Students;
    - ✓ Policy No. 239.1 - District Students Studying Abroad;
    - ✓ Policy No. 248 Unlawful Harrassment (with Attachment)
  
4. Voted on the following **Personnel** items as listed:
  - Accepted the resignation of Dr. Thomas A. Lesniewski, Middle School Principal, effective February 14, 2014;
  
  - Reassigned Mr. David T. Campos to Middle School Principal from Assistant High School Principal, retroactive to January 2, 2014 at a salary of \$95,000;
  
  - Hired David L. Wilson as a consultant in the capacity of substitute interim Assistant High School Principal, at \$300 per day, effective January 6, 2014;
  
  - Accepted the following resignations for the purpose of retirement, under the provisions of the DLEA Early Retirement Incentive of December 6, 2013, effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year:
    - ✓ Dr. Deborah L. Beresik - Title I Reading Specialist - East Union Intermediate Center
    - ✓ Marlene H. Burns - Special Education Teacher - Deer Lakes Middle School
    - ✓ Margaret M. Carlson - World Language Teacher - Deer Lakes High School (Contingent upon the results of the Northeast Regional Teacher of the Year award in March. If Mrs. Carlson wins, she will retire at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.)
    - ✓ Cheryl L. Cisek - Elementary Teacher - East Union Intermediate Center
    - ✓ MaryEtta Filotei - Elementary Teacher - East Union Intermediate Center
    - ✓ Deborah A. Helwig - Work Experience Coordinator - Deer Lakes High School
    - ✓ Paula Pellafone - Elementary Teacher - East Union Intermediate Center
    - ✓ Virginia Slomkowski - French Teacher - Deer Lakes High School;
  
  - Accepted the resignation of Robert Otterbeck, Custodian, for the purpose of retirement, effective December 6, 2013;

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- Hired Tina M. Cadamore as a full time bus driver;
  
- Approved the following substitutes in the capacities indicated, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. (All are current substitutes in other departments.)
  - ✓ Pamela Brazer - Hall Monitor
  - ✓ Dena Reekie - Bus Matron
  - ✓ Donna Blair - Bus Driver