

School Board President's Report

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Extra Mile Awards

Tonight, I am pleased to honor two Extra Mile Award recipients who were nominated by their school administrators for helping students in their schools in a critical moment of need.

Our faculty and staff are trained every year to recognize basic emergency situations and how to respond to them until medical help arrives. This training was recently put to the test at the high school and Jefferson Elementary School.

Our first Extra Mile recipient is Jen Sloan, a Personal Care Assistant at the high school. Jen was present in the cafeteria and observed a student who began to display symptoms of choking. Jen immediately went over to the student and did not hesitate to perform abdominal thrusts and the food became dislodged. The nurse was notified and the proper protocol was followed.

Our second Extra Mile recipient Joe Mirt, a custodian at Jefferson Elementary School, was working in the cafeteria during lunch and noticed a child who was choking and appeared to be in distress. Without hesitation, Joe approached the student and provided abdominal thrusts which dislodged the food.

We are very thankful for Joe and Jen's awareness and action by using their training to assist our students in distress. I applaud them for their quick recognition and action to help our students.

I would like to ask Jen and Joe to step forward so we may present you both with an Extra Mile Award.

Science Award

Shell Oil and the Pittsburgh Steelers sponsored a recent competition called **Powering Pittsburgh – Make the Future Design Challenge** for students in Allegheny, Beaver and Washington Counties.

Teams of 4 students presented their idea of the future for powering Heinz Field or the city of Pittsburgh. Nine teams competed in the final round at Heinz Field on November 15. Two teams of Mt. Lebanon students in the STEM Academy advanced to this final competition and the 10th grade team named "**Future Female Scientists**" was named the **2018 Champions of the High**

School Division of Powering Pittsburgh. These students, along with STEM Academy Director Susan Gillette Meer, received a check for \$1,500 for the STEM program and a Steelers Game Day Experience on December 2 where they were honored in a video at the Steelers' game and presented with a check on the field.

Please come up when I call your name to receive a certificate of achievement from the School Board.

Chloe Spikula

Carmen Hagerty

Maddie Snyder

Ava Duchin

Jan Klein Recognition

Last but certainly not least, tonight we honor our Business Director Jan Klein on the occasion of her retirement from the District. This month, Jan will leave the District after a stellar 37 year career as Director of Business. She is acknowledged by her colleagues in the school district and across the state as the gold standard for school finance directors.

Over her career, Ms. Klein has worked with seven superintendents and 62 school board members. Through the years she has also cultivated a strong working relationship with staff at the Mt. Lebanon Municipality.

In her role as Director of Business, Ms. Klein is responsible for providing all business services for the \$99 million school system. During her tenure, Ms. Klein oversaw the financing of the renovation of the two middle schools in the late 1990's, the seven elementary schools from 2000-2005, and most recently, the \$110 million renovation and new construction of Mt. Lebanon High School.

Ms. Klein is known for her ability to explain complex financial issues for all to easily understand ranging from the nuances of budget discussions, to the complexities of the State Plan Con process and bond refinancing. She leaves the District in excellent financial health with the highest Moody's rating of any school district in Western Pennsylvania.

Ms. Klein also chairs the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACHSHIC), a \$250 million self-insured healthcare trust led by 24 trustees which are half labor and half management. The Consortium is comprised of sixty one public schools and community colleges

providing health benefits to about 20,000 employees covering almost 55,000 lives. Ms. Klein has been a trustee and chairperson for the ACHSHIC since 1997.

Ms. Klein is a member of the Board for the Pittsburgh Business Group on Health, was past president of PASBO and served on the board of ASBO.

Ms. Klein has garnered many awards over the years such as the ASBO Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the ASBO Meritorious Budget Award and various PSBA, NSPRA , PennSPRA and PASBO Awards.

In addition to these honors, she was recently presented with a Proclamation from Allegheny County in recognition of her service by designating December 5 as Jan Klein Day in Allegheny County.

On behalf of everyone in the Mt. Lebanon School District and the School Board, I would like to present a certificate appreciation to Ms. Klein. We wish her the best, and much happiness in her retirement.