

President's Report

May 21, 2018

Budget

Tonight the Board will vote to approve the 2018-2019 final budget for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$98,933,314 setting the millage rate at 24.32, a .39 mill increase over the 2017-2018 millage rate, utilizing \$750,000 of the Fund Balance. The only change to the Proposed Budget approved in April was a reduction to some supply accounts in the amount of \$25,000. The final budget will not have any program reductions from the instructional program offered students in 2017-18. Some of the early reductions were for staffing savings from retirements not anticipated earlier in the year and savings in transportation costs due to negotiated changes with a new transportation company.

Remake Learning Champion

Congratulations to Jefferson Middle School 8th Grade Language Arts teacher, Mike Hladio, for being selected as 1 of 11 teachers in Western Pennsylvania to be honored as a "Remake Learning Champion" by the Remake Learning Council. Mr. Hladio believes in leveraging technology to amplify student voice, enhance collaboration, remove boundaries to learning, and provide students with choices and independent learning paths. Mr. Hladio has been a teacher in the Mt. Lebanon School District for 17 years. I would like to welcome Mr. Hladio to the front to receive a certificate of achievement from the School Board.

Extra Mile Award

I am pleased to announce that Corey Connor is being recognized with the Extra Mile Award this month. Corey is the District's Student Information Systems Specialist and supports our student management applications including PowerSchool, Dashboard, and SchoolMessenger. Additionally, Cory assists others in the District in their effective use of these applications. Corey was nominated by Rob Smiley, the Information Manager in our Technology Department.

According to his nomination, “Corey has demonstrated his PowerSchool gifts from administration to customizations. We can truly call him our “PowerSchool Guru.” With over 20 years of PowerSchool experience, and with a consistently-displayed willingness to do everything it takes to get the job done (with a smile), Corey is a key asset to the district.

In the last year and a half we had a large task of updating to a more current version of PowerSchool along with updating the 80 plus customizations that comprised hundreds of lines of code. He took this challenge head on and completed it. With all his accomplishments, I want to thank Corey for his tireless dedication in always making things better for everyone at the district. He is truly a guru not only in PowerSchool, but as a professional as well. This message of excellence has been echoed by others in the district.”

I’d like to welcome Corey to step up and receive a certificate of achievement from the School Board.

ASBO Award

I am pleased to announce the Association of School Business Officials International has awarded the Mt. Lebanon School District with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. ASBO International’s Certificate of Excellence recognizes districts that have met the program’s high standards for financial reporting and accountability. The District earned the Certificate of Excellence for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended 2017. This is the 33rd year the District, under the financial leadership of our Director of Business, Ms. Jan Klein, has been honored with this recognition.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report informs parents and other stakeholders about the financial and economic state of the district, making it an important communications tool for building trust and engaging with the school community.

By participating in the Certificate of Excellence program, school districts demonstrate their commitment to financial transparency. Applicants submit their Comprehensive Annual Financial

Report for review by a team of professional auditors. A district's participation in the COE program can facilitate bond rating and continuing bond disclosure processes.

I would like to present Ms. Klein with the award and want to congratulate her on behalf of the School Board for her excellent fiscal oversight of the school district over the years.

Annie

I would like to congratulate the cast, crew, orchestra and faculty members for the outstanding production of "Annie" performed last week at the high school. Our high school musical is a community event and the support was outstanding. Congratulations to all on a great run.

Negotiations

We continue to meet regularly with the MLEA in teacher negotiations and we look forward to achieving a positive outcome in the coming months.