

School Board Report
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Board President

Good Evening. I would like to start tonight by introducing the 3 new members on the board. Valerie Fleischer is the Chief Operating Officer at Riverlife in downtown Pittsburgh. She has 2 children at Howe. Jacob Wyland is a defense attorney with the Wyland Law Group. He has 2 children at Hoover. Justin Hackett is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the California University of Pennsylvania. He has 1 child at Mellon and 2 at Howe. I am looking forward to working with all 3 of them.

One of the items on tonight's agenda may seem a bit early, but budgeting timelines change for school districts in presidential election years. Tonight we will be discussing and voting on a resolution not to exceed the ACT 1 index. This means the maximum tax increase the school district can have is 0.64 mils. We know the administration will work hard to keep the tax increase well below this threshold, as they have done in previous years, while still maintaining the quality education the community expects.

Board Committees

Tonight I would also like to announce the new committee assignments for the Board:

- Policy - Dr. Aviva Diamond (Chair), Justin Hackett
- Board Development - Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer
- Environmental Sustainability - Hugh Beal
- MLFE - Elaine Cappucci
- Municipal Liaison - Dr. Justin Hackett
- Parkway West CTC - Michael Riemer, Hugh Beal (Alternate)
- Pathfinder - Valerie Fleisher, Hugh Beal (Alternate)
- PSBA - Stephen Strotmeyer
- SHASDA - myself

I want to thank everyone in advance for the work they will undertake in their committees for the new year. These are important assignments that are vital to the Board's governance, and representation in local and state partnerships.

I would like to wish the entire community a very happy holiday season. May your holidays be filled with joy. And wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.