

# PROGRAM

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concerns of holding a summer program at the school, saying such a program would result in a second shift of janitors.

"I'm just concerned about our building," Traver said. "It has a lot of wear and tear. Hildebrandt is using it as if it is an extension of their arm."

Board members voted 8-1 not to extend Hildebrandt's contract for the following school year. The board plans to vote on whether or not to put out a request for proposal for before- and after-school care for the fall.

"I think the concern was there are providers out there and we don't want to compete with them," said Board President Karen Kyle. "The other concern is the wear and tear on our buildings."

## Summer school

Jack Wegga announced that the district's summer school program will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday from June 15 to July 19. Reading enrichment is available for students who finished kindergarten through sixth-grade and math enrichment is open to students who finished kindergarten through fifth-grade.

Wegga says this will be the 14th year for the district's summer

school program. Transportation is not provided.

## Project Labor Agreement

Jack Figured, who has been involved in the local construction trade for 30 years, addressed the board on using Project Labor Agreement in building the new high school. Project Labor Agreement is an agreement that requires contractors who are awarded a bid to use local labor for sub-contracting.

"The people from Luzerne, Wyoming counties, they're the people who are going to be paying the taxes on this," Figured said. "And we want to make sure they're the ones who will benefit from this."

Figured said the Project Labor Agreement allows continuous flow of construction without labor disputes, a consistent source of trained employees and it combines labor contracts.

In addition, Figured says many local, young apprentices also benefit from the agreement by receiving free training.

## Hires

Cathy Gawlas was appointed the assistant coach of the middle school track team for the 2008-09 season. She will be paid \$639.

Thomas Pealer was appointed Dallas Middle School Housekeeper No. 2 at a salary of \$11.26 an hour effective Feb. 16, 2009 in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Dallas School District and

Dallas School Educational Support Personnel Association.

Lois C. Manley was appointed a special needs aide at a salary of \$8.10 an hour.

Julie Curry and Sallyann Cuzma were approved as lifeguards at salaries of \$10 an hour.

Clarence Hogan was approved as a driver for the district for the 2008-09 school year, pending all clearances and appropriate licensing. Hogan will be paid \$10.50 an hour as a van driver and \$13.50 an hour as a mini-bus driver.

Three people were hired as marching band advisers for the 2008-09 school year at a salary of \$1,864 in accordance with the agreement between the Dallas School District and the Dallas School District Education Association. Rachel Hamlen was hired as band front coordinator, George Levandowski was hired as marching coordinator and John Bender was hired as rhythmic coordinator.

## Retiring employees

Letters of intent to retire at the end of the school year by four professional employees were accepted by the board. The employees are M. Jay Pope, 37 years of service; Elizabeth Cannon, 36 years of service; Sharon A. Nardone, 34.5 years of service; and Maryann T. Yurko, 15 years of service.

A letter of intent to retire on Jan. 3, 2010 by Nancy Biscontini, who has 14 years of service with

the district, was accepted by the board.

## Leave of absences

An extended leave of absence was approved for Susan Berecin, a high school math teacher, from September 18, 2008 to May 29, 2009. The leave was previously approved until April 30, 2009.

The board also approved a leave of absence for Shannon Forrer, a high school special education teacher, for September 11, 2009 to May 14, 2010.

## Former employee mourned

Superintendent Frank Galicki asked for a moment of silence to honor Ruth N. Young, a former secretary at the old Westmoreland School. Young, 85, of Shavertown, died Sunday, April 19, 2009 at home.

## Pay increase

It was adopted to increase the support staff substitute pay from \$8 an hour to \$8.50 an hour.

## Meals

Metz & Associates, LTD will be paid for total meals served to students during the first two months of the year. Metz will be paid \$68,968.55 for meals served in January and \$74,983.90 for meals served in February.

## Lock-in

The Dallas Graduation Lock-In 2009 Committee will receive \$5,000 in district money for the event.



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Students from Dallas High School recently placed third in a JETS/TEAMS event held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. From left, first row, are Jake Reinert and Kyle Piazza. Second row, John Barnes, Penn State Wilkes-Barre; John Fredericks, coach; A.J. Thomas, Monica Esopi, Nicole Clemson, Emily Baut, Megan Jordan, Norman Johnstone, Society of Professional Engineers, Luzerne County Chapter; and Drew Clouse.

# DHS students participate in JETS program at PSU

Nearly 90 students from seven different high schools recently spent the day at Penn State Wilkes-Barre competing for regional, state and national recognition.

Students from grades 9-12 participated in the Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science or TEAMS competition.

The Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) sponsors this one-day, two-part event which challenges high school students to work together as a team and apply knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world engineering scenarios.

Competitions are held on college and university campuses across the country and inspire

creativity, team-work, critical thinking and peer-to-peer cooperation.

The local event was held under the direction of John Barnes, admissions officer at Penn State Wilkes-Barre and TEAMS regional coordinator. The JETS TEAMS competition introduces various engineering disciplines to over 14,000 students from across the nation. The program is an exceptional way for students to learn about and prepare for future careers in Engineering.

The 2009 regional award winners were Wyoming Area High School, first place; Wyoming Valley West High School, second place; and Dallas High School, third place.

# SAFETY

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\$38,510 with the initial assignment as Speech and Language Pathologist, effective May 4.

Accepted the resignation of Jacqueline M. McHale as Board Secretary, effective Monday. McHale, who is the district's director of Human Resources, served as the board secretary for 19 years.

Appointed Mary Jo Casaldi as board secretary, effective Monday at a stipend of \$2,600 per year. Casaldi is also an administrative assistant to the superintendent.

Approved payment to Quad Three Group in the amount of \$6,242 for professional services through February 28, 2009 for the Ross Elementary project.

Executed a Sports Medicine Service Agreement between the district and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, effective July 1, at a rate of \$33,000 for a one-year term.

The meeting was recessed and will continue on May 4 in the library of the junior-senior high school.

Immediately following the board meeting, a student presentation called "Flip the Switch" was held in the junior-senior high school auditorium. High school students showcased

projects they created using the school's state-of-the-art computer and camera equipment which was purchased through a state Classroom for the Future Grant.

Lake-Lehman was among eight school districts in the county to receive funding and was awarded \$211,666 for the 2007-2008 school-year.

Kelly Cave-Mattie, an English teacher at the high school and also the CFF coach, said the school received 250 laptop computers, three web cams, three still cameras, four video cameras, four network printers, 10 wireless access points and eight mobile carts used for transporting the laptops from room to room.

The school also received two ActivExpression interactive student responder systems.

"It's like Jeopardy," Cave-Mattie said, adding that students view a lesson on a whiteboard and choose their responses using a hand-held clicker. The results are then calculated and projected onto the whiteboard.

Students in grades 9 through 12 use the computers in all of the core subjects.

Twenty-five classrooms have been outfitted with whiteboards and projectors and an additional five classrooms will be outfitted by the end of the year.

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