



**PENFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
*United in Excellence*

# *The Broadside*

**June 2018**

## President's Column



For my June President's column, I wanted to touch on two items as we close out the school year.

### Day 188:

- Our Day 188 will actually be our first day back for the new school year, Wednesday, August 29. This will be a regular six-hour work day beginning with our opening day ceremonies at the high school.
- Scheduling Day 188 at this time will allow us three work days at the beginning of the year without students. When we were able to have these three days in the past, the idea was well received, and the PEA and the district negotiated that Day 188 be accommodated in that manner this year.
- Additionally, this schedule will hopefully alleviate multi-hour faculty meetings squeezed into two opening days that some schools have had to endure in the past. **You will be assured of the equivalent of one full day of unencumbered work time in your classroom.** You will not be required to come in to school at any other time during the summer to “sign the log,” and you do not have to work an additional six hours throughout the year to fulfill the Day 188 requirement.



### Union Commitment Cards:



At present, we have 94% of our members who have signed their union commitment cards. Some members have respectfully declined to do so, and that is an individual choice for each union member. We have yet to hear the outcome of the Janus Case before the Supreme Court, but a decision could come at any time.

NYSUT has informed local union presidents that it intends to personally reach out to members who have not signed a commitment card. I want all PEA members to know that I am personally opposed to this plan, but local leaders had no input in the decision. This is a NYSUT initiative, not a PEA plan.



As another year “goes in the books,” I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have done to make Penfield such an outstanding school district. I am honored to work in partnership with you for the benefit of our district's students.



Sincere congratulations to our district retirees. Your dedication and commitment to Penfield is much appreciated. On behalf of the PEA, I wish you much good health and happiness as you begin your well-earned retirement.



Have a safe and happy summer vacation!

Together, we remain Union Strong.

In solidarity,  
Bob Young



## **Board Watchers Minutes**

School Board Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 22, 2018

### **7:01 Meeting Begins**

#### **Public Hearing on School Safety Plan**

Alan McNiff presents traditional yearly School Safety Plan review

- discusses Emergency Response Plan and District Plan as required by NYS (SAVE Law)
- current District plan is online
- encompasses plans for many types of events
- each building has their own plan

#### **\*CHANGES\***

Section 1.2 District is required to appoint a Chief Emergency Officer- Dr. Putnam appointed to this role

Section 3.7 (effective 7/1/18)

Mental Health instruction will be included in curriculum and instruction- lesson plans being developed for the start of the 2018-19 school year

#### **Safety Initiatives: 2018-2019**

1. Capital Security Project
  - Intruder style locksets for all elementary classrooms installed this summer
  - Exterior window blinds to limit outside visibility installed this summer
2. Partnership with Monroe County Sherriff's Office
  - Issued exterior access cards
  - Building tours during non-activity times to familiarize officers with building layouts
  - Looking to run additional drills with their involvement
3. Other: High School limited to 2 entrances at start of day

## **Textbook Presentation**

Kristin Williamson presents results of SuperKids K-2 reading program pilot and pending adoption

- Superkids is program developed by LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling)
- Resource that integrates spelling and reading in authentic, yet systematic way
- Pilot teacher consensus very positive, students really enjoy the resources,

## **Technology Plan presentation**

Ed Turkowski presents Tech Plan for 7/18-6/21

- NYSED vision for Tech Plan- shift from equipment focus to instructional
- Alignment with District instructional goals
- District Tech goals: support engaged learning, use tech to foster collaboration across Penfield, provide resources to ensure instructional and operational tech is available to all.
- District plan is submitted to NYSED for approval by 10/26/18
- Plan is still in draft form and is work in progress, will be presented to Board again
- Questions from Board Members to Ed Turkowski and Jim Peiffer regarding plan (How will we know if tech use is effective? How will we measure? Why no parents on tech committee? How do we provide access to tech for students who do not have home access?)

## **Public Speaking Period**

Community member John Polidore spoke about concerns with SCHOOL SAFETY; has been in frequent contact with Dr. Putnam regarding desire for SRO's in all buildings, Single Point of Entry, and Metal detectors

## **Student Representative presents Highlights Around The District**

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Teacher Mike Geraci wins Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award and donates \$5,000 winnings to Suicide Prevention Foundation
- Bob Kaye-named Transportation Employee of the Year
- Penfield named "Best Community for Music Education"
- PHS performs well in Envirothon Competition

## **Professional Development Plan presentation**

Jim Peiffer presents and says there are minimal changes to the plan; revisions are out to committee for review and approval

## **Approval on Contracts/Policies**

Gas and construction bids reviewed

## **Policy Review**

- 50-10 Reviewed- District Wellness Policy
- Pilot Policy for Therapy Dog at Indian Landing (with counselor Tessa Greeno) approved for one school year. Final policy for 2018-19 being written.

## **President's Remarks**

Budget vote and Board member vote results announced.

Budget #1 Y-1045 N-228	Yeager: 1019
Budget#2 Y-1076 N-197	Dean: 1071
Budget#3 Y-1066 N- 207	Elledge: 1136

## **School Board Tours Report**

Visits to Harris Hill and PHS and Board received very warm reception and departing member Carole Nasra received a fond farewell and THANK YOU for her contributions to the District.

## **9:00 Meeting Adjourns**

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted*

*By Jessie Nimeh*

*Indian Landing Third Grade Teacher*

## **Who Is My Building Representative?**

<p><i><u>High School</u></i></p> <p>Dave King Eric Wallen Dave Pugsley Mark Vogt</p>	<p><i><u>Bay Trail</u></i></p> <p>Matt Vaccarella Chris Grayeski Kristin Keeley</p>	<p><i><u>Cobbles</u></i></p> <p>Renee Yandow Wayne Smith</p>
<p><i><u>Harris Hill</u></i></p> <p>Jeanne Crowther Randy Hartmann</p>	<p><i><u>Indian Landing</u></i></p> <p>Steve Newman Tessa Greeno</p>	<p><i><u>Scribner</u></i></p> <p>Sherrill Moon Carol Koncelik</p>

### **Additional Resources**

<http://penfieldea.ny.aft.org/>  
PEA Website

<http://penfieldea.ny.aft.org/documents-3>  
PEA Contract Resources

<https://www.nysut.org/>  
NYSUT Website

<https://www.nysut.org/members>  
NYSUT Member Benefits