

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held a Work Session on February 8 and a Legislative Meeting on February 22, 2024

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Teacher of The Year Finalist Recognized by State Representatives

State Representatives Lisa Borowski and Leanne Krueger presented a distinguished citation to **Sharon Williams**, an 8th-grade Language Arts teacher at Springton Lake Middle School, for being named a finalist for 2024 Teacher of the Year by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Sharon was initially nominated by a former student and subsequently progressed through a rigorous evaluation and screening process to become one of twelve finalists in Pennsylvania.



Hoops For Hope

In his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Meloche highlighted the recent Hoops for Hope event at Springton Lake Middle School. This annual event features basketball games between the school's 8th-grade teams competing against teams of teachers and staff members.

"There was a palpable energy that filled the gym during the hotly contested games!" said Dr. Meloche. The Eagles Autism Foundation benefits from this event.



Other Board Actions

- The Board of Directors approved the following policies after a second reading:
 - 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information, 200 Enrollment of Students, 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students, 203 Communicable Diseases and Immunization, 218.1 Weapons, 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability, and 254 Educational Opportunities for Military Children.
- The Board of Directors approved the following academic calendars:
 - [2024-25 School Year](#)
 - [2025-26 School Year](#)
- The Board of Directors reviewed the following policies during a first read:
 - 815.1 Retired - Acceptable Use of District Information Technology
 - 815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers, and Network Resources
 - 338.1 Compensated Professional Leave

Points of Pride

- **HS winter athletics are finalizing seasons amid state tournaments -**
 - Congratulations to the cheer team for their tremendous performance at Nationals!
 - Congratulations to the indoor track team for their success at Lehigh University! Good luck at Penn State!
 - Good luck to all still competing!

- **Gryphon Receives National Accolades -** Penncrest High School's Literary Magazine, *The Gryphon*, received the ranking of Superior in the 2023 National Council of Teachers of English Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines program. The NCTE congratulated Mr. Zervanos and his students on this exceptional publication.

Congratulations to the editors of the 2023 magazine: seniors Gwen Chorney and Lauren Troy, 2023 graduate Rebecca Bernstein, and Mr. James Zervanos, the Gryphon advisor.



- **The Board accepted the retirement of the following employees and thanked them for their service:**
 - **Lisa McCarthy**, Social Studies Teacher, Springton Lake Middle School.
 - Ms. McCarthy joined the staff of RTMSD in 1998. She is retiring after 26 years of dedicated service.
 - **Elizabeth Hennessey**, Special Education Teacher, Glenwood Elementary
 - Ms. Hennessey joined the staff of RTMSD in 2002. She is retiring after 22 years of dedicated service.

Upcoming Board Meetings

All board meetings, work sessions, and legislative meetings are live-streamed on the District's YouTube Channel, [RTMSD Media](#).

Special Working Meeting: Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.
Springton Lake Middle School Library
This Special Working Meeting will focus on the 2024-25 budget

Work Session: Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
Springton Lake Middle School Library

Legislative Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Penncrest High School Auditorium

Legislative Meetings are the business meetings of the Board. The agenda includes recognitions, presentations, and matters that require the vote of the School Board. Seated with the Board at the conference table are the Superintendent of Schools, the District Solicitor, the Board Secretary, who records the votes of the meeting, and Student Liaisons. All items brought before the Board for vote have been presented or discussed at the Board's Work Sessions or Executive Session meetings.

Policy Meetings center on discussion of policies that govern the organization and operation of the school district, as presented in the [Policy Manual](#). District policies are reviewed regularly by the Administration and School Board; revisions are made and new policies are created as needed.

Work Sessions are the planning and discussion meetings of the Board. The Superintendent and Administration provide information regarding the management of the School District and items to be considered for approval at upcoming Legislative Meetings. The public is welcome to attend and ask questions about agenda items.

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