

Highlights

Board Elects New Leadership

At its annual Reorganization Meeting on December 5, the Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors elected a new president and vice president. Dr. Theresa Napson-Williams was elected board president and Mr. Ken Dinitz was elected board vice president.

Ms. Susan Henderson-Utis, who remains a board director, completed three years of service as board president. Dr. Napson-Williams served as the Board's vice president for the last three years. In addition to his new duties as vice president, Mr. Dinitz also serves as the Board's communications liaison.



The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held a Reorganization Meeting on December 5, 2022 and a Legislative Meeting on December 15, 2022

Board of Education Members

Theresa Napson-Williams
President

Ken Dinitz
Vice President

Hillary Fletcher

Jackie Gusic

Susan Henderson-Utis

Shelley Hunt

Robert Kelly

Susan Layne

Kelly Schaffer

Student Liaisons

Joy Chen

Jason Lanka

Neil Sen

Superintendent

Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen

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Honoring Dr. D Upon her Retirement

The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors paid tribute to Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen at its Legislative Meeting on December 15. Dr. D officially retired on December 26, after 30 years in public education, 20 years in the Rose Tree Media School District, and the last five years as district superintendent.

The Board presented Dr. D with flowers and a gift in recognition of her leadership and service to the district and “for her commitment to always putting children in the district first.” Board President

Theresa Napson-Williams described Dr. D as “a positive role model for people in the district, for the school board, and in particular to women and girls all over Delaware County.”

Dr. D thanked board members, staff, and the community for their support and engagement during her tenure as superintendent. “This amazing place that I’ve been so lucky to call home ... it has been a blessing and an honor. And I will always remain RTM proud,” said Dr. D.

Mr. William Dougherty, RTMSD Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, will serve as acting superintendent through June 30, 2023, while the Board conducts a search process for a permanent superintendent.

Act 1 Resolution and New Policies Approved

At its monthly Legislative Meeting on December 15, the Board of School Directors approved a resolution to not exceed the District’s Act 1 index of 4.1 percent for the 2023-2024 school year. The Act 1 Index is Pennsylvania's measure for determining property tax increases justified by wage inflation, calculated annually for each school district.

The Board also approved the following policies following a second reading:

- [006 Meetings](#)
- [105 Curriculum](#)
- [609 Investment](#)
- [918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement](#)

Points of Pride

- Penncrest educator **Chris Grouzes**, a finalist for [2023 Pennsylvania National Teacher of the Year](#), presented to the Board and shared his platform that earned him this honor. You may view his presentation, beginning at the 26:40 mark, via [the video recording of the December 15 Legislative Meeting](#).



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