

November 2022

## Highlights

### District Administration Changes and Appointments

**Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen**, Superintendent of Schools, will retire effective December 26, 2022. The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors officially approved her retirement at its Legislative Meeting on November 17.

Dr. D joined the staff of Rose Tree Media School District in 2000. During her tenure, she served as a Psychologist, Principal of the Simon Youth Academy, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education, and Superintendent. Dr. DiMarino-Linnen is retiring after 34 years of public education service and 22 years in the Rose Tree Media School District.

The Board also approved **William Dougherty** to serve as Acting Superintendent of Schools from December 27, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Mr. Dougherty is currently RTMSD's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction.

Finally, the Board approved the appointment of **Michelle Britton** as the next principal of Indian Lane Elementary School. For the past seven years, Britton has served as an assistant principal at Springton Lake Middle School. Earlier in her career, Britton was a teacher and guidance counselor in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, as well as a special education teacher in the Springfield School District. Britton holds a master's degree in education from Widener University and a bachelor's degree in special education and teaching from West Chester University of Pennsylvania. She received a principal certification from Cabrini University in 2014.



Britton will begin her new role on January 2, 2023. She replaces John Reid, who has accepted a position with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit as assistant to the executive director for student services.



The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held a Legislative Meeting on November 17, 2022

*Next Legislative Meeting:*  
December 15, 2022

#### Board of Education Members

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#### Superintendent

Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen

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## Independent Auditors Issue “Clean” Audit of District

An independent auditing firm has offered a “clean” opinion of the District’s financial statements for the 2022 fiscal year. A clean audit means that the District’s financial statements are free from material misstatements and the District’s operations are in compliance with governance principles and applicable laws.



At the Board’s Work Session on November 10, representatives from Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLC presented the results of the audit for the period ending June 30, 2022. The auditors issued unmodified (“clean”) opinions on the District’s governmental and business-activities, each major fund, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards during FY 2022. They also issued unmodified opinions on compliance related to the District’s internal controls and the District’s compliance with Federal award program rules and regulations.

## Points of Pride

- At its Legislative Meeting on November 17, the Board accepted the retirement of **Anthony Brazunas**, Bus Driver, after 14 years of dedicated service to the District.
- The Board recognized **Eli Shah** (Golf District and State Medalist), **Gavin Mogck** (Cross Country District and State Medalist), and **Coach George Munro** and the Penncrest High School Boys Cross Country Team (District and State Medalists): **Nicholas Fante**, **Shane Hall**, **Brendan Hefferan**, **Rory McAfee**, **Edomias Mulugeta**, **Kadin Salaria**, and **Jackson Sigda**.
- Joy Chen, student board liaison, proudly reported that Penncrest High School’s **David Stango** is a nominee for the Simon Youth Foundation’s Administrator of the Year award and that Penncrest educator **Chris Grouzes** is a finalist for 2023 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year.



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