



The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held its monthly Legislative Meeting on April 28, 2022

Next Work Session:
May 12, 2022

Next Legislative Meeting:
May 26, 2022

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Susan Henderson-Utis
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Mckenzie Grant
Neil Sen

Superintendent

Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen

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Highlights

RTM Board Recognizes Efforts of Administrators, Staff, and Students

On behalf of the entire Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors, Board President Susan Henderson-Utis read the following statement at the Legislative Meeting on April 28, 2022:

As we emerge from more than two years of turbulence, the Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors would like to acknowledge the work, sacrifice, and dedication to excellence of our teachers, staff, administrators, and students.

Despite evident challenges, the District continued to deliver high-quality education and support services. Under the steady leadership of Superintendent Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen, RTMSD weathered the pandemic without losing focus on its mission: “Students first... always.” We are thankful for Dr. D's unrelenting commitment to our students.

Working alongside Dr. D, the RTMSD administration and our school principals went above and beyond to ensure students and families were as prepared as possible for the necessary learning adjustments at home and in school. The dedication and multilevel care our teachers and support staff have provided students has been immeasurable.

Lastly, we want to express our appreciation for our students. The pandemic has changed your lives more than we may ever know, and still you persevered. We know the past two years have been difficult, but every day we see you walking the halls, chatting with friends, performing on stage, practicing for a game, or preparing for an academic competition, we are reminded of your resilience. You truly embody the hope and promise of the Rose Tree Media School District.

As we move beyond the pandemic, we look forward to re-engaging in work and advancing the ongoing objectives that encourage our students to reach their intellectual, emotional, social, and physical potential.

Proposed Final 2022-23 Budget Approved by Board

The RTM Board of School Directors must carefully balance the needs of our students and taxpayers. Our goal is to craft a budget that preserves our district's excellence, maintains property values, and minimizes the financial impact on our community.

Approved by the Board at the April Legislative Meeting, the proposed final 2022-2023 General Fund Budget for the Rose Tree Media School District includes expenses of \$111,174,067 and revenues of \$106,664,195, and a \$4,509,872 usage of fund balance. The budget also includes an Act 1 index tax increase of 3.4%. Adoption of this proposed final budget is a procedural step required of all Pennsylvania school boards. The statutory deadline to adopt a final budget is June 30, 2022.

District administration and the Board of School Directors have several priorities that guide our efforts to create a sound annual budget, including:

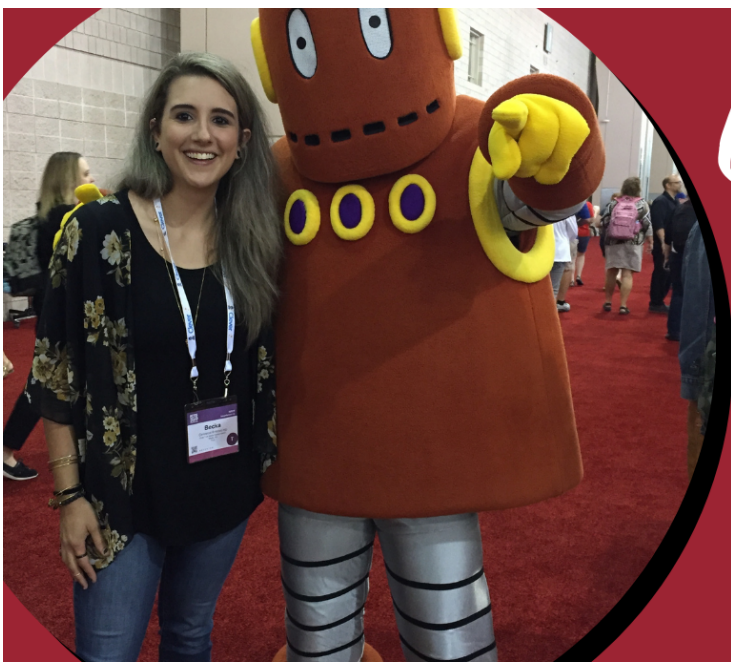
1. Maintaining high-quality programs
2. Providing safe and functional facilities
3. Preserving smaller class sizes
4. Meeting the needs of a diverse student body
5. Offering ongoing curriculum and staff development
6. Satisfying state and federal requirements
7. Supporting contemporary models of teaching and learning, and
8. Preserving the district's excellent credit rating and fund balance.



Additional information about [the District's budget](#) is available on the RTMSD website.

Board Honors Keystone Technology Innovator Award Recipient

At its April Legislative Meeting, the Board and Superintendent Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen recognized Becka Cancelosi, a 4th-grade teacher at Indian Lane Elementary, for being named a [2022 Keystone Technology Innovator](#) by the Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology. With this honor, Ms. Cancelosi joins a group of Pennsylvania teachers who are using technology in creative ways to engage learners and raise student achievement across grade levels.



Congratulations

**Teacher Becka
Cancelosi Named a
2022 Keystones
Technology Innovator!**

RTMSD Receives Communication Award

The Rose Tree Media School District has received a 2022 [Award of Honor](#) from the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association for its monthly [Board of School Directors updates](#).

The award recognizes the district's efforts to ensure greater transparency and engagement into the work of the board. The updates are part of RTMSD's focus on improving its communication and community engagement over the past three years.



Calendar Adjusted for 2021-22 School Year; Last Day Now 6/15

At its April Legislative Meeting, the RTM Board of School Directors approved a [revised school calendar](#) for the 2021-22 school year. Now, the last day of school for all grades will be an early-dismissal day on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 (10:15 PHS, 11:00 SLMS, 12:00 elementary).

News & Notes from Board Liaison Reports

- In April, the [2022 State of Education Report](#) was released by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association in partnership with the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators. The annual report provides a high-level overview of the key indicators of the state of public education in the commonwealth.

Points of Pride



- Penncrest High School has once again placed in the top 50 of [Best High Schools in Pennsylvania](#), 48th out of 676 public high schools in the commonwealth and 36th out of 292 schools in the Philly Metro area.
- The Pennsylvania Music Education Association has named five Penncrest High School students to the All-State Band: Josie InTham, clarinet; Sophia Lenderman, trumpet; Garret Lynn, bass clarinet; Benjamin Werner, trombone; and Niklas Umland, tuba.
- The Board accepted the retirement of several long-time RTMSD employees:
 - Amy Somerville, 6th-Grade Teacher, Springton Lake Middle School, 31 years of dedicated service.
 - Michael Price, Facility Foreperson, Media Elementary, 17 years of dedicated service.
 - Charles Olson, Bus Driver, 8 years of dedicated service.



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