

Board of School Directors UPDATE

September 2021

The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors held its monthly Legislative Meeting on September 23, 2021

Next Committee Meeting:
October 12, 2021
Next Legislative Meeting:
October 28, 2021

Board of Education Members

Susan Henderson-Utis President

Theresa Napson-Williams *Vice President*

Hillary Fletcher
Jackie Gusic

Shelley Hunt

Robert Kelly

Susan Layne

Jim Morrison

Kelly Schaffer

Student Board Representatives

Ava Finnegan Mckenzie Grant Neil Sen

SuperintendentDr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen

More information available at www.rtmsd.org/administration/board

Highlights

Board Appoints Supervisor of Special Education - Elementary

The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors <u>appointed</u> Jennifer Marvil to serve as the district's next Supervisor of Special Education - Elementary. Marvil previously served in a similar position with both the William Penn School District and the Coatesville Area School District.

Marvil holds a master's degree in educational administration from Drexel University, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Neumann College and an applied behavior analysis certification from Penn State University. Her appointment is effective November 22. She will replace Bonnie Keiles, who is retiring October 29.

Superintendent Heralds Efforts of School Nurses and Educators

In her <u>monthly superintendent's report</u>, Dr. Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen honored the work of Rose Tree Media educators and nurses. She cited efforts to keep students safe through the use of health and safety protocols and COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Specifically, the superintendent thanked "school nurses who are working tirelessly to complete needed testing, contact tracing, and notification." Dr. DiMarino-Linnen also described on-going adjustments to teaching and learning strategies to enable academic and social/emotional recovery for all students as they reacclimate to in-person learning.

RTM to Launch "Youth Truth" Survey

The Rose Tree Media School District will administer the <u>Youth Truth Survey</u>, beginning in November. This comprehensive, research-based survey of students, families and staff will ask stakeholders questions about issues such as communications, engagement, culture, health & well-being, learning styles, school safety, professional development, and more. This data will help us to further improve our schools through student-centered approaches.

New Option for Viewing Board Meetings

Beginning with the Legislative Meeting on September 23rd, the Rose Tree Media School District community will be able to watch Board of School Directors meetings on the district's YouTube channel, <u>RTMSD Media</u>. These meetings will be aired live and archived. As always, board agendas, minutes and meeting summaries are also available on the <u>district website</u>.

Board Welcomes New Student Liaisons

The RTM Board of School Directors would like to welcome student board representatives from Penncrest High School. Seniors Ava Finnegan and Mckenzie Grant enter their second year of service on the board, and junior Neil Sen joins us for his first year of service. Congratulations - and welcome!