

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS: The regular meeting of the Smethport Area School District Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 14, 2016, in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

The following agenda items were approved:

- ❖ The following supplemental positions:
 - (1) Assistant Softball Coach:.....Christine Lightner
 - (2) Volunteer Assistant Softball Coaches:..... Dani Newman & Courtney Schuler
 - (1) Assistant Baseball Coach:..... Mark Kossack
 - (3) Assistant Track Coaches:.....Jesse Cheadle, Corey Cochran, & Bill Stephen
 - (1) Volunteer Assistant Track Coach: Max Simms
- ❖ The following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher IU9 Guest Program List for the 2016-17 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 - Carmine Cicalese, Emporium, Emergency
 - Jeanmare Holjencin, Emporium, Emergency
 - Jamie Thomas, Shinglehouse, Emergency
- ❖ The following addition(s) to the Substitute Support Staff List for the 2016-17 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 - Amy Cunningham, Cyclone, Cafeteria, Clerical/Teacher's Aide, and Custodial
 - Deanna Tronetti, Smethport, Teacher's Aide
- ❖ The following addition(s) to the C.L. McKeirnan Substitute Bus/Van Driver List for the 2016-17 school year:
 - Chrystal Costello, Smethport, Van
- ❖ Katie Freer as Mentor for Sarah Kois for the 2016-17 school year.
- ❖ A FMLA Leave of Absence request from Colleen McClain for intermittent days for the 2016-17 school year.
- ❖ The Football Helmet Guidelines as presented.
- ❖ A resolution for The Rural, Regional College of Northern PA to recognize and support regional College and technical degree programs and offerings in our region.
- ❖ Denied a request from Dan Zeigler for graduate credit reimbursement beyond the maximum of 12 credits per fiscal year for reasons stated in his request.

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to the Boys' Cross Country Team who finished the season with a 30-2 record and was undefeated in NTL meets and won the NTL Championship race along with a 1st Place at the Cuba Rushford Invitational. Individual results were: **Darion Gregory** took 32nd out of 188 seeded runners at the McQuid Invitational; he took 2nd with a time of 17:33.3 at the NTL Championship CC meet in Oswayo Valley; took 3rd at the Cuba Rushford Invitational; and qualified for the PIAA Class A CC Championships in Hershey where he took 29th Place. **Christian Tanner** finished 16th out of 188 seeded runners at the McQuid Invitational; took a 2nd at the Bradford Invitational; he broke a seven (7) yr old championship run record while taking 1st Place at the NTL Championship CC meet in Oswayo Valley with a time of 17:08.2 with the old record was 17:23; finished 2nd at the Cuba Rushford Invitational; took a 5th Place with a time of 17:23.30 at Districts; and finished 22nd at the PIAA State Meet with a time of 17:04. This was the 2nd year for both Darion and Christian to attend the PIAA State Meet. **Jordan Pavlock** finished 1st at the Bradford Invitational while finishing 7th at the Jr. High Small School race out of 471 runners at the McQuaid Invitational, where teammate **Kyler Alexis** finished 33rd.
- SASD hosted the I.U. 9 Gifted Consortia Academic Elementary / Middle School Quiz Bowl. There were 108 students from the I.U. 9 area competing. Smethport took 1st place in the 6th – 8th grade division which consisted of Kassidy DiDomizio, Brandon Higley, Anna Holohan, and Jordan Pavlock. SASD also took 1st place in the 4th – 5th grade division which consisted of Brennan Donovan, Madison Faes, Mara Ours, and Caleigh Wolosewicz. The event was coordinated by Mrs. Kelly Tarbox.
- Congratulations to Justin Tanner who was named to the Boys' UAVSL (Upper Allegheny Valley Soccer League) District 9 North All-Star Team for the 2nd straight year, Andrew Gallup was named as an Honorable Mention and Brittany Szarowicz and Sam Tanner were named to the Girls' UAVSL D9 North All-Star Team.

- Congratulations to Connor Alfieri and Michael Hill who qualified for the District Golf Tournament at Bavarian Hills Country Club. The team of Conner, Michael, Ethan Dennis, and Zach Dittman took 2nd place at the North Penns Woods Golf Championship with a team score of 235, which was only 2 pts behind the 1st place team. Conner was also named MVP of the North Penns Woods Golf League All-Star Team.
- Congratulations to the Girls' Volleyball team who won the 10-school Kane Tournament on October 15th with the team consisting of Faith Button, Meagan DeLuca, Alana Durphy, Haleigh Larson, Kiara Orner, Emily Treat, Katie Treat, Abbey Woodard and coached by Teri Spittler. The volleyball team qualified for Districts and played Curwensville beating them 3-0 in the 1st round to qualify for Semi-Finals against ECC where they fell short of a win. Great season Lady Hubs.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- American Education Week is observed the first full week before Thanksgiving with that Wednesday being National ESP Day. National ESP Day honors and recognizes the contributions education support professionals make to public education. November 16, 2016, is *NATIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS DAY* ~ the day set aside to honor all the "other people" that provide invaluable services to our schools: bus drivers, cafeteria workers, classroom aides, custodial/maintenance personnel, paraeducators, secretaries, security services, and technical services. This year marks the 95th annual American Education Week.
- The Board of Education has been given the following policies for first reading with possible approval in December:
 - #247 Hazing
 - #000 Board Policy / Procedure / Administrative Regulations
 - #001 Name & Classification
 - #002 Authority and Powers
 - #003 Functions
 - #004 Membership
 - #005 Organization
 - #007 Policy Manual Access
 - #011 Principles for Governance and Leadership
- Last month the Board approved a basis fee to Vineyard Oil and Gas for Natural Gas at -\$0.53 per Dth. The day they processed our contract, the rate dropped even lower so they are providing us with a rate of -\$0.66 per Dth effective 11/1/16. This increases our annual savings from about \$6,700 to \$8,400.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- ❖ **November 24th – 29th** ~ No school / Thanksgiving Vacation / Deer Season
- ❖ **December 23rd – 30th** ~ No school / Christmas Vacation / New Year's Vacation (School resumes on Monday, January 2, 2017)
- ❖ **January 16th** ~ No School for students / Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- ❖ **January 20th** ~ Report Cards Distributed
- ❖ **February 17th – 20th** ~ President's Day Weekend / No School / Make-up



Friday, November 11th, we celebrated Veteran's Day. A number of Veteran's gave a brief presentation at the high school. After the presentation, they visited different classrooms in our elementary school for questions that the children had. Thank you to all who have served in our armed forces and all who are serving in our armed forces. Everything you have done and are doing has been greatly appreciated and certainly not forgotten!



A big THANK YOU to Mr. Miller, High School Principal, for applying for the STEM program to be displayed at the Smethport Jr.-Sr. High School. Shell Appalachia sponsored an all-day event at the high school which was presented by Viva Technology out of Los Angeles, CA. The program was titled *Great Minds in STEM*. The program was a two day event, which involved staff, parents, and

students. The purpose of the program was to offer an overview to those in attendance of the importance of STEM careers and to encourage students to seek out careers and post-secondary education in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). As teams, the students were given several competitive challenges throughout the day to solve a series of problems using STEM processes. Team advisers consisted of local university students and Shell employees.


