

Superintendent's Report
July 7, 2015

Congratulations to Marie and Justin Anderson on the birth of their first child, Ryan, born, June 26, 2015.

Congratulations and welcome to our new District Clerk, Tina Fazi.

The school year ended successfully and we were very pleased with the attendance at all the graduations and the end of year activities. This year for the first time, the high school hosted a Senior Awards Night and Rhame Avenue School held a Sixth Grade Awards Assembly. The graduations were beautiful and we wish all of our students and families the best.

Summer got off to a busy start. District Administrators and Department Chairpersons attended a leadership retreat on June 29. Dr. Jarvis Director of Penn State Equity and Excellence initiative facilitated the retreat. Thank you to Adelphi University for hosting and providing refreshments during the workshop.

Beginning in September, all students in Grades 5 and 9 will be provided with tablets. A parent meeting will be held in the fall to discuss the tablet initiative, their use and the user agreement. Grade level teachers are involved in training this summer for this initiative.

Teachers are also actively involved in curriculum writing for the implementation of our new Middle School Advisory Model. Student groups will meet with an advisor during the second half of lunch, which will be led by a teacher. Dr. Doda, consultant, will be returning during the 2015-16 school year to continue professional development in support of this initiative. High School teachers are working on the Advanced Placement curriculums.

The district will be launching a Facebook page on website. Please like us on Facebook.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee has completed its work. During the summer months district administrators will begin the work on the district's Strategic Plan. The information and data collected will be presented to the community at the November Board of Education meeting.

Thank you to the buildings and grounds crew for the beautification of the gardens and oval at the high school.

At that point Mrs. Ruiz asked Mr. Quercia of the status of the Beautification Project. Mr. Quercia explained that Hugh Howard and some of his students helped design the new landscaping with the goal of trying to keep a nautical theme.

The Superintendent asked James P. Robinson to provide the Board of Education with updates on construction projects. Mr. Robinson provided the following reports.

Floor replacement work started throughout the Technology Building.
Equipment was moved and storage containers were delivered on the grounds.

Mr. Robinson indicated that SED documentation for the window replacement has been submitted but this work will most likely not commence until next summer due to the lag time of SED approvals.

Mr. Robinson indicated that renderings for the electronic marquis sign for the High School have been received and both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Quercia were discussing various options to present to the Board of Education prior to the work commencing.

Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Quercia for his planning and coordination in getting these projects underway.