

UPDATE

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT PETTIT—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

The Board presented the Legend Award to the family of the late Paul Koscielski and to retired Rooney Principal Melanie Schrand for their impact in education and the legacy of Blue Devil spirit and pride they've created.

- Paul Koscielski began as a physical education and health teacher at Quincy Junior High School in 1969. He transferred his teaching responsibilities to Quincy Senior High School in 1973, where he was also Dean of Students. Paul coached wrestling, girls golf, and varsity football. He then served as principal of Baldwin West, Adams School and QHS.
- Melanie Schrand started her career in 1988 as a 6th grade teacher at Baldwin and then from 1989 to 2004 she was a 5th grade teacher. She became principal of Baldwin West in 2004. She was there until she was named principal of Rooney in June 2018. She retired in June 2022. Mrs. Schrand's priority was always her students and fellow educators. She was constantly working to make their job easier, celebrate their successes and create a welcoming learning environment.

District Highlights:

- * The Rotary Club of Quincy donated \$3,500 to KidzPacks. They helped pack 2,000 snack bags that were distributed to more than 1,000 students.
- * QJHS eighth grade Girls' Basketball team won the Class 4A State Championship.
- * The QHS Wrestling program took 4th place out of 33 teams at the Mascoutah Invitational Wrestling Tournament on December 17. Owen Uppinghouse pinned his way through the tournament at 160 lbs. Bryor Newbold also took 1st place at 182 lbs.
- * The QPS Music Department had over 175 students attend a trip to Disney World to showcase their talents.
- * The Blue Devils Boys' Basketball team placed second overall. Our Blue Devils competed with respect and sportsmanship and we are proud of you. Congratulations Bradley Longcor III on being named an All-Tournament Team Member.
- * The QHS Blue Devil Wrestling team took 1st place at the KSA Championships in Orlando, Florida on December 28. Congratulations to Coach Neally and team.
- * The QHS Blue Devil Wrestling team took first place at the 61st Murdale Wrestling Tournament held in Carbondale, IL. Hugh Sharrow, Owen Uppinghouse, and Bryor Newbold all won in their weight class. In the girl's tournament, Lilly Florea took 3rd and Maggie Quinn took 4th.
- * Congratulations to Molley Rost & Dawsyn Perry-Broekemeier who were nominated as Rotary Students of the Month for January.
- * Quincy Senior High School had four pieces selected to be displayed at the New Artworks by High School Artists Showcase. Only 28 pieces were selected for this showcase. These pieces will be displayed at one of the Bank of Springfield locations from January 20-April 20.
- * Congratulations to all the students who made it into the 49th Annual High School Student Art Competition at the Quincy Art Center. Out of 375 entries, only 100 pieces were selected. Quincy Senior High School had 18 pieces make it into the show to be held on January 28 from 1-3pm at the Quincy Art Center.
- * The QHS Wrestling team defended the team championship at its own invitational, scoring 253.5 points in the 16-team event at the QHS gym on Saturday, January 17.
- * The Quincy FFA Department held its banquet on January 19. This was an opportunity for the parents, grandparents, community members, and supporters to watch the students show off their hard work.
- * The Quincy Shootout was held January 20 & 21. It was a great showing of talented basketball teams from across the country.
- * Best wishes to 2000 QHS Alum Dan Nichols for his Grammy nominations for Best Engineered Album and Engineer of the Year.

Dr. Todd Pettit
Superintendent



The Board approved the following school calendar for 2023-2024.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

Monday, August 14	Teacher Institute
Tuesday, August 15.....	Teacher Institute
Wednesday, August 16.....	First Student Day
Monday, September 4	No School--Labor Day
Thursday, October 5.....	1/2 Day School--1/2 Day School Improvement
Friday, October 6	No School--Quincy Conference
Monday, October 9	No School--Columbus Day
Friday, October 13	End of 1st Quarter
Thursday, October 26.....	1/2 Day School--Parent/Teacher Conference
Friday, October 27	No School--Parent/Teacher Conference
Wednesday, November 22.....	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 23.....	No School—Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24	No School--Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, December 20	End of 2nd Quarter
Thursday, December 21-Tuesday, January 2.....	No School--Winter Break
Wednesday, January 3.....	School Resumes
Monday, January 15	No School--Martin Luther King Day
Friday, February 16.....	1/2 Day School--Parent/Teacher Conference
Monday, February 19.....	No School--Presidents' Day
Friday, March 15.....	End of 3rd Quarter
Monday, March 25-Monday, April 1.....	No School--Easter Break
Tuesday, May 21	Last Day for Students (if no emergency days)
Wednesday, May 22	Teacher Institute (if no emergency days)
Monday, May 27.....	No School--Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 22-Thursday, May 30	Proposed Emergency Days

In other action, the Board approved:

- * Licensed and Educational Support Staff Seniority Lists
- * Spring Food Bid submitted by Kohl Wholesale in the amount of \$645,695.53



PERSONNEL

Appointments

DAKOTA BARNETT—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN
CANDY BARTLEY—ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT—QHS
ABBY BEMIS—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – ILES
BRITTANY BLEICHNER—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
ROCHELLE BOUCHEZ—DRIVER/TRANSP (176-DAY ROUTE)
TIFFANY BREWER—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
CHRISTINA BURTON—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – ILES
REBECCA COOKSON—COOK—QHS
CHANDRA CRAWFORD—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – ILES
SCHAENON ELBUS-4TH GRADE TEACHER—BALDWIN
COURTNEY ERFFT—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
JEANNIE EWERS—KITCHEN HELPER—QHS
KRISTEN FENNELL—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
NANCY GALLAHER—DRIVER/TRANSP (176-DAY ROUTE)
DEBORAH GEHRING—PARA—QHS
KARI GOSTELI—PARA—ROONEY
JAMIE HAMBY—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
BRIANA HELMS—BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CC SUPR—ROONEY
ERIN HENKENMEIER—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – ILES
JOANNA HOCHGRABER—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – ILES
MARTHA HOGGE—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
BETH JOHNSON—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN
LEANNE JONES—SPECIAL ED RESOURCE TEACHER—ROONEY
BRANDY KELLEY—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
PAUL LANDSOM—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – BALDWIN
SAMANTHA LANDWEHR—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER— BALDWIN
LINDA LITTLE—DRIVER/TRANSP ECFC/SEIU MID-DAY ROUTE
JULIE PETER—CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE—QHS
AUSTIN RIESE—SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHER—QHS
HALEY RUTHS—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – DENMAN
JOHN SCHILD—SECONDARY PE TEACHER/QHS
MELISSA SEALS—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – ILES
HOLLIE SHOWALTER—TITLE 1 EXT DAY TEACHER – ILES
SARA SMITH—COOK —QJHS
AMANDA SMITH—PARA—ROONEY
CHASE WALTON—MID-DAY CUSTODIAN—ILES
ANTHONY WEAR—MID-DAY CUSTODIAN—DENMAN

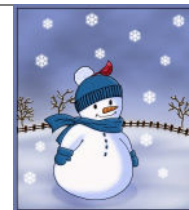
Resignations

COLE BUHRMESTER—CHILD CARE ASST/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 01/23/2023
KANDY CHATTEN—COOK/QHS 01/13/2023
DON DURBIN—DRIVER/TRANSP 12/29/2022
NANCY GALLAHER—DRIVER/TRANSP (166-DAY ROUTE) 12/16/2022
JAMIE GRIFFIN—PARA/QHS 01/13/2023
MARANDA HOWSER—KITCHEN HELPER/DENMAN 01/20/2023
CANDICE LIVERETT—GUIDANCE OFFICE SECRETARY/QHS 01/20/2023
GRACE REED—PARA & CHILDCARE ASST./ILES 12/16/2022
GAYE RICHMILLER—PARA/QAVTC 12/19/2022
DAVID SCHLOSSER—SECURITY GUARD/QHS 12/16/2022
NOLAN SPENCER—TEACHER/TBD FOR 2023-24 SCH YR 01/11/2023
MARY TOWNLEY—PARA/QJHS 02/03/2023
KATEY TURNER—COOK/QJHS 01/01/2023
BRETT WEGMAN—STUDENT SUCCESS CTR SUPR/QJHS 01/17/2023

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**Friday, February 17—Parent/Teacher
Conferences
1/2 Day for Students**

**Monday, February 20—President's Day
NO SCHOOL**

QPS FOUNDATION 2022 CAMPAIGN

The Quincy Public Schools Foundation ended their 2022 Dream Big Annual Campaign on a high note, raising a record-breaking **\$321,078.62** in donations and pledges. This is the most raised during a Dream Big Campaign, exceeding last year's record of \$310,551.

Proceeds from this year's campaign will be allocated to the five "pillars" of the Foundation: curriculum, technology, fine arts, athletics and endowment, operations of the Foundation, and special projects within the district.

QHS WINTER PLAY LITTLE WOMEN



**The production runs February 9-10-11 at
7:00 pm in the QHS Theatre. Tickets are
\$8 for students and \$12 for adults.
Tickets: www.qps.org/music**