

# UPDATE

Quincy Public  
Schools  
Newsletter

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## FROM SUPERINTENDENT WEBB—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

The Omicron variant has impacted staff and students and there have been days where it has been a struggle to fill all positions. We seem to be seeing a plateau which follows the state trends. Staff in every role have reconfigured on a daily basis and managed to keep us afloat. The transportation department miracle workers have doubled up routes and every single available staff member has been driving a bus in order to get kids safely transported to and from school. QPS has an incredible team, and we appreciate all the hard work and perseverance.

The Superintendent Search Committee has narrowed it down to two finalists and the plan will be to make a decision soon which will allow for a smooth and seamless transition.

The Board recognized four legends at last night's board meeting—the late Bill Brothers, Bill Fessler, Dick Moore and Charles Akright. These four men lived a life of service to our district with compassion, character and integrity. President Ali said the Board decided to establish the Legend Award to recognize the impact they made on our schools.

- ◆ Bill Brothers retired from the Quincy Fire Department, then started driving a bus full-time for QPS.
- ◆ Bill Fessler spent 33 years as an educator as a teacher and a principal, and inspired two of his children to become teachers.
- ◆ Dick Moore, taught at QJHS and QHS and retired as QHS assistant principal.
- ◆ Charles Akright was a teacher, principal and Title IV director over a 36-year career and retired as the assistant regional superintendent.

Plans call for presenting the award again in January 2023.

### **In other action, the Board approved:**

- \* **Licensed and Educational Support Staff Seniority Lists**
- \* **Spring Food Bid submitted by Kohl Wholesale in the amount of \$550,760.31**
- \* **QHS Student Council Field Trip to IASC State Convention May 5-7, 2022**
- \* **Bids for School Buses from Central States Bus Sales at a cost of \$481,540.57**
- \* **Lease for 3 new vehicles for Security from Enterprise at a total monthly rental cost of \$437.35 for 60 months for each vehicle**
- \* **Switching the meeting days of the Finance and Building Committee. Finance Committee will meet monthly on Tuesday of the board meeting week and Building Committee will meet quarterly on the Monday of that week. Times will remain the same with the meetings at noon.**
- \* **Adding Will Duryea to the Finance Committee and Damion Dodd and Jason Allen to the Building Committee.**

## PERSONNEL

### Appointments

TRISTA ANDERSON – COOK/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
WHITNEY BARKER - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
HALLE BARNES – 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER – BALDWIN  
FEN BIGELOW - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
MARK BRASSFIELD - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
JORDAN BURKHOLDER-EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
JAROD CLARK - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
NATALIE CORNWELL - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
CASSIDY COTTINGHAM – SECRETARY/ROONEY  
JAMES COTTRELL - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
TANNER COX – MID-DAY CUSTODIAN/DENMAN  
MICHELLE DEEGE – MATH ACADEMIC CURRICULUM LIAISON – QHS  
KAYLA EPLEY - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
MARTHA HOGGE - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC CO-COORD - QJHS  
KATIE HOLLBROOK - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
ADRIANA HUNSAKER – EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
MICHAEL KLOTZ – 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE CO-TEACHER – ILES  
AUTUMN LOMAX - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
KEN MACDONOUGH - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
JULIE MARSHALL - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC CO-COORD - QJHS  
CHRISTINA MEYER – CARD CLUB/ 21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR  
MARY MEYER - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
MADISON MEYER – PARA/QHS  
CHRISTINE MILLER – COOK/ECFC  
JENNI MORAN – GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE CLUB SPONSOR/QHS  
PAIGE PARSONS – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
KATHRYN POWELL – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CO-TEACHER – ROONEY  
EMILY PRITCHETT - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
DARLA RARDON – PM OFFICE DISPATCH  
LYDIA SCHRAND – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER – ROONEY  
NICOLE SCRANTON - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
ELIZABETH SEALS - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC DEAN/COUN - QJHS  
KATIE SMITH - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER – QJHS  
BRUCE TERSTEGGE – SECURITY GUARD/VOCATIONAL  
STEVE WALKER - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR - QJHS  
TYLER WHEELER – GAMING CLUB, DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB,  
CHESS CLUB/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC SPONSOR  
KATHRYN WISKIRCHEN-EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS  
MICHELLE WITTLER - EXTENDED DAY/21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC TEACHER - QJHS

### Resignations

JUDY BAINTEK – PARA/DENMAN 01/07/2022  
RUTHIE BURTON – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 12/31/2021  
EMILY DRUFFEL – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 01/18/2022  
KATHERINE FREEMAN – DRIVER/TRANSPORTATION 12/31/2021  
CAROL JAMISON – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 12/17/2021  
DOUGLAS JOHNSON – ASST TRACK COACH/QHS 01/05/2022  
ABIGAIL LANGIN – CHILD CARE/DENMAN 12/17/2021  
SCOTT MIKKELSON – DRIVER/TRANSPORTATION 12/31/2021  
JOE MUELLER – SPED SUPERVISOR/TRANSPORATION 01/28/2022  
HEATHER NEISEN – SECURITY/QHS 02/02/2022  
DARLA RARDON – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 12/17/2021  
RYAN ROHN – MECHANIC/TRANSPORATION 01/21/2022

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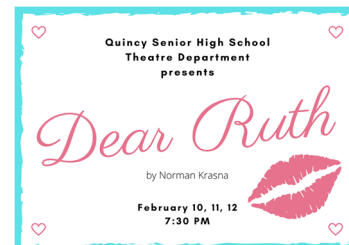
**Friday, February 18—Parent/Teacher Conferences  
1/2 Day for Students**

**Monday, February 21—President's Day  
NO SCHOOL**

### QPS FOUNDATION 2021 CAMPAIGN

QPS Foundation far exceeded its \$200,000 *Dream Big* goal for 2021. The final total of \$310,551 was announced Friday night during halftime of the boys varsity basketball game. Exceeding the campaign goal by more than \$100,000 took work by a dedicated group of volunteers and some new approaches to raising money in the midst of the ongoing COVID pandemic. The annual campaign supports the foundation “pillars” of curriculum, technology, fine arts, athletics and endowment.

### QHS WINTER PLAY



**The production runs February 10, 11, 12 at 7:30 pm in the QHS Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the QHS music office at 224-3774.**