

UPDATE

Quincy Public
Schools
Newsletter

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FROM SUPERINTENDENT PETTIT—BOARD MEETING REVIEW

Each year November 15 is designated as “School Board Members Day” in Illinois. The theme this year is “Partners in Excellence”. This theme is fitting as we recognize the dedication of our incredible seven board members as they support our teachers, students, and education professionals to achieve our personal excellence. Thank you to Sayeed Ali, Shelley Arns, Latonya Brock, Richard McNay, Carol Nichols, Rachael Petty, and Jim Whitfield for your commitment to Quincy Public Schools.

We also give a great big Blue Devil shout-out to:

- ◆ QJHS 7th grade girls basketball team for their first round regional win and a great season.
- ◆ 7th through 12th grade jazz musicians on performances at the ILMEA District 4 All-District Jazz Festival and to the Music Department for hosting this event.
- ◆ Elaina Easterling, from Lincoln-Douglas for spearheading a food drive along with her entire 5th grade class and teacher Mrs. Saalborn. They collected over 5,000 items to donate to Kidzpacks.
- ◆ QHS Scholastic Bowl Team A for first place in the Culver Stockton College Scholastic Bowl Invitational.
- ◆ Cast and crew of Hairspray as they performed to sold-out audiences.
- ◆ 2022 QPS Dream Big Campaign was a huge success and they hope to surpass their \$200K goal.
- ◆ Dream Big Staff Choice Award winner Max Mosley from QHS.
- ◆ ILMEA All-District musicians—QPS had 106 students, 5th through 12th grade, representing Quincy at Macomb on November 5.
- ◆ Maggie Mahoney medaled 5th in the 100 Fly at the IHSA girls sectional swim meet in Pekin, IL.
- ◆ QHS Football team had a great season and finished with an 8-3 record.
- ◆ QJHS Haunted Halls was a huge success with the student council presenting the Quincy Salvation Army with a \$1,300 donation and over 700 canned goods for the WGEM Fall Harvest Food Drive.
- ◆ Congratulations to QHS student McKinley LeNoble on being selected as the Blue Devil for the 2022 basketball season.

With Blue Devil pride,
Dr. Todd Pettit
Superintendent



PERSONNEL

Appointments/Change in Assignment

MATT ANDERSON – DRIVER/TRANSPORTATION 11/02/2022
ANDREW BAKER – MS SCIENCE TEACHER (CBE)/QJHS 11/07/2022
DOMINIQUE BLUNIER – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 11/21/2022
VELVET BROWN – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 10/24/2022
MARYANN CORNWELL – CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR/QAVTC 11/01/2022
TAMMY FOSTER – CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR/QAVTC 11/03/2022
LAMAR HICKMAN – ASST. WRESTLING COACH/QJHS 2022-23
NYAH HICKS – SECURITY GUARD/ECFC 11/09/2022
MARISSA HICKS-DENTON – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 10/31/2022
ERICA JOHNSON – PARA/ECFC 11/28/2022
LYDIA LINDBERG – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 10/27/2022
TROY MCNAY – ASST. WRESTLING COACH/QJHS 2022-23
VALINDA NIXON – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 10/26/2022
KIM ROBERTSON – CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR/QAVTC 10/27/2022
AMANDA WALKER – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 10/21/2022

Resignations

SIERRA ERKE–7TH GR ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH/QJHS 10/17/2022
SUSAN HUMPHREY–CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR/QAVTC 03/31/2022
RHONDA JOHNSON -FOOD SERVICE/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS 11/09/2022
RHONDA JOHNSON–CHILD CARE ASSISTANT/ILES 11/09/2022
CANDICE LIVERETT–GUIDANCE OFFICE SECRETARY/QHS 11/25/2022
JACOB MORRISON – ART TEACHER/QHS 11/04/2022
KAYLA SMITH – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 10/24/2022
GEORGE STAERKER–DRIVER/TRANSPORTATION 10/27/2022
AMANDA WALKER RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 10/31/2022



The Board also approved:

- Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2022, set public hearing for 12/14/22, and direct compliance with Truth in Taxation law as necessary
- Discipline Improvement Plan Progress Report

Clarity Healthcare received a four-year grant to partner with QPS and Quincy Medical Group to provide two Behavioral Health Interventionists at QHS. This will help address much needed services and health care for our students.

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NO SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING BREAK

**Wednesday, November 23–
Friday, November 25**



WINTER BREAK BEGINS

**Monday, December 19
Staff and Students Return
Tuesday, January 3**



QHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT VESPERS 2022



**Sunday, December 11, 2022
2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Admission is \$15 for adults and
\$10 for students. Tickets are on
sale beginning
Wednesday, December 2.
www.qps.org/music**