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School Board Names Successor(s) to Business Administrator Post

Consultant and New Business Administrator Both Appointed on February 21st

(FALLSINGTON, PA – February 21, 2019) The Pennsbury Board of School Directors appointed William R. Gretton, III, a retired professional with many years of school district experience, to serve in a consulting capacity to provide business administration services for Pennsbury, effective February 27th. The announcement was made during the public School Board meeting held on February 21st.

Mr. Gretton will bridge the gap between the previous consultant, Jeffrey Bader, who until recently served as an interim Business Administrator for the School District, and the arrival of the new, full-time Business Administrator, Christopher Berdnik, to ensure continuity of services and support. Mr. Gretton will receive a per diem rate of \$700 for a period to be determined at the sole discretion of the District to handle daily operations of the Business Department. Mr. Gretton has served since 2008 as an interim and acting Business Administrator for a number of school districts since he retired from the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs for the Harrisburg School District.

The Board also approved Christopher Berdnik as the new Pennsbury Business Administrator, effective upon his release from his current position as Chief Financial Officer for the Centennial School District. He has held this position since 2016, having also served there previously in the same role from 2011 to 2014. Mr. Berdnik worked as Director of Business Operations in the Bensalem School District from 2014-2016, and previously as Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer for the School District of Pittsburgh from 1995-2010. He earned a Master's degree in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. Mr. Berdnik is a Registered School Business Administrator through the PA Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) and has received numerous awards from PASBO and the Association of School Business Officials International, among others.

“Mr. Berdnik is recognized as one of the best in the state and I am very excited that he is joining us,” said TR Kannan, School Board President. “I am also glad that we continue to attract top talent as we solidify our top level administrative team to move Pennsbury forward.”

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The Pennsbury Business Administrator is responsible for all business affairs of the School District and serves as the Board Secretary. This individual also oversees Pennsbury's implementation of the state's Act I legislation, which mandates specific regulations with regard to school district budget planning. Responsibilities of the position include leading the preparation, control, and reporting of the annual general fund and capital budgets, as well as future year operating and capital budget projections. The Business Administrator is responsible for the management of financial services, plant facilities, transportation, warehouse, print shop, purchasing, and payroll departments. In addition, the position calls for administration of professional service agreements and contracts, including those for food services, KidsCare, the School District's aquatics program, architectural and engineering services, legal services, insurance, financial advisor services, accounting, auditing, and health benefits. In Pennsbury, the Business Administrator also serves as the Open Records Officer for the School District.

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