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## Winslow Twp. Board of Education provides HIB update

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FOR THE GAZETTE

The Winslow Township Board of Education met on September 27 at the Winslow Township Middle School. The board held a presentation about the Harassment, Imitation and Bullying (HIB) report period and new pouches on the school buses.

District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and Director of Human Resources, Dion Davis, presented to the Board of Education the Harassment, Imitation and Bullying (HIB) report.

This report broke down the incidents that occurred between January 1 and June 30 at each school in the district.

“I am here to report and seek approval for the Winslow Township School District’s data, which includes information on the school district’s weapons, violence, vandalism, substance abuse and harassment and intimidation and bullying incidents for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023,” Davis said to the board.

Davis reported the types of incidents that occurred at each school. There were nine incidents at School 1, one incident at School 2, two incidents at School 3, one incident at School 4, 21 incidents at School 5, 13 incidents at School 6, 68 incidents at Winslow Township Middle School and 41 incidents at Winslow Township High School. The total number of incidents in the school district were 156 incidents.

A new item that was implemented for this school year is Narcan pouches on school buses for bus drivers to access. There was an incident at another school district in Camden County in which a student overdosed while on a school bus.

By the time that paramedics arrived on the scene, the student did not survive. Though the board of education does not expect any issues, it was felt that it would be better to be prepared.

“One of the things that we have been discussing with the Camden County Health Department was making sure that our bus drivers are prepared in the event that something of that nature...Prior to the opening of school, all of our bus drivers were trained on how to administer the opioid nasal spray called Narcan Nasal Spray. This spray can be administered by the bus driver in the event of an emergency until medical staff arrive,” Superintendent Dr. H. Major Poteat said.

Every bus driver in Winslow Township received a kit called the Emergency Overdose kit. It will include Narcan Nasal Spray and can be used in case of emergency.

There was another discussion to implement parent visitation to classrooms throughout the school district. Guidelines and expectations of parents were distributed to the board for review.

Some policies that parents or guardians would need to follow would include that there is no cell phone usage, a dress code and limiting the amount of parents or guardians per room. The guidelines will be given to

parents and teachers prior to the visitation.

“I will go down them briefly and of course, open to discussion. One visit per school year, one parent or guardian per visit, only adults are permitted to attend and that will become even more clear as we go down the list...proper attire is required. We are asking our parents of course to come dressed appropriately for the visit. Visitors will sign in at the main office, await to be escorted to the classrooms,” Poteat said.

There will be a possibility of extending the parent visitations throughout the school year in order to give all parents and guardians a chance to visit the classrooms. However, the board will see how the first parent visitation operates before establishing more dates.

Applications will also be available to the public to become a part of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

The application will become available during the month of October with interviews going on through the month of November and December. Those who successfully complete the process will begin on the CAC beginning in January. This is a volunteer opportunity for those who are interested. The application can be found on the Winslow Township School District’s website.

The Board of Education meeting concluded with board members retreating to a closed meeting. The next Board of Education meeting was scheduled to be held on October 11 at 7 p.m. at the Winslow Township Administrative Building.

## Mullica Twp. recognizes September Leaders of the Pack students

Mullica Township School District recognized their September Leader of the Pack students.

These students were recognized because they abide by the Coyote Calling: Be Responsible, Be Ready and Be Respectful.

**PreK:** Logan Frazee, Hunter Morgan, Avery Paquette, Scarlett Blanco, Kenzie Heffley, Robert Boddy Goldenberg, Gunner Unversaw

**Kindergarten:** Dane Daly, Daniel Newby, Maxwell

Panarello

**First Grade:** Calum Arce, Maxfield Keller, Kion Bowden, William Kember

**Second Grade:** Mia Cruz, Harbour Hoatson, Annalise Engelman

**Third Grade:** Jaxon Singletary, London Cintron, Dylan Conroy

**Fourth Grade:** Colt Forvour, Anthony Castro-Mendez, Hayden Zipfel, Conner McCurry, Jaxon Defeo

**Fifth Grade:** Aleeah

Tijerin, Maleek Lambert, Jacob Stasium

**Sixth Grade:** Autumn Kurtz, Luke Waddell, Phaedra Pagan

**Seventh Grade:** Isabella Braun, Bradley Conroy, Jaidel Rivera, Jane Vogel

**Eighth Grade:** Lariyah Ten-

nant, Brianna Jimenez-Arias, Kiley Vargas, Xavier Bennett, Abigail Ditzel, Delianna Stamoulis



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