

HASD Welcomes New Administrators

The Hempfield Area School District welcomes several new members to the administrative team and announces several changes in assignments.



With the retirement of Mrs. Marty Rovedatti Jackson and Mr. Aaron Steinly, two Elementary Principals were hired at the June 17, 2019, school board meeting. Mr. Kozuch has been named as the Principal of Maxwell Elementary School where he served in an interim capacity during the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Kozuch has twenty-four years of experience with the district, with most being as a middle school teacher. Jeff earned his Bachelor degree in Elementary and Kindergarten Education from The Pennsylvania State University. He also holds certifications in Mid-Level Mathematics and Mid-Level Science. His Master's Degree was earned from the University of Pittsburgh in Administration and Policy. He resides in Latrobe with his wife and five children. Mr. Kozuch is looking forward to continuing his role as the principal of Maxwell Elementary.



Ms. Lauren M. Weisser was also named as an Elementary Principal at the most recent school board meeting. For the past ten years, she has been employed with the Woodland Hills School District, serving in a variety of teaching positions, including fifth grade, sixth grade, and autistic support. Since January of 2018, she served as the Assistant Principal at Wilkins Primary School, a Pre-Kindergarten through third grade building. Lauren received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Special Education, with a Middle Level Mathematics certification, from Mercyhurst University. She then completed her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Gannon University, and Principal's Certification from Robert Morris University. Lauren is looking forward to joining the Hempfield team.

The 2019-2020 school year will bring several changes in school assignments of Principals. Mr. John Behrendt has been assigned to Fort Allen Elementary School, which was vacated due to the retirement of Mrs. Rovedatti Jackson. For the past three years, Mr. Behrendt was the Principal of Stanwood Elementary. Ms. Weisser will replace Mr. Behrendt as the Principal of Stanwood Elementary.

Ms. Deanna Mikesic served as the Principal of Wendover Middle School for the past thirteen years and has been reassigned to West Hempfield Middle School for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Mikesic will be replaced by Mr. David Vezendy. Mr. Vezendy was the Principal of West Hempfield Middle School for the past two years and an Assistant High School Principal since the 2011-2012 school year. The changes in school leadership will occur over the summer months to assure a smooth transition.