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ASD School Board Names Sara Jane Brace to fill Open Position

Allentown, PA (March 2, 2017) At a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, March 2, the Allentown School Board of Directors named Sara Jane Brace to fill the Board Member position vacated by Michael Welsh (R) at the end of last year. Brace will serve in this position until the first Monday in December 2017.

Brace, a resident for the past seven years, is the Executive Director of the Liberty Bell Museum located at Historic Zion's Church in Allentown. She holds a Master's in Education from DeSales University and has worked with children in various settings – from the museum to Pre-K Counts programs to the Pittsburgh Public School system.

Three candidates applied for the open position. In addition to Brace, Rachel Lessig-Boyer and Robert Walker were interviewed for the Board vacancy. Candidates for consideration had to be at least 18 years old, a resident of the district for at least one year, could not hold other public office, could not be employed by the school district, and had to be registered in the same party as the member being replaced.

Each candidate was interviewed for approximately 20 minutes and were asked the same questions. As per Pennsylvania School Code, the interviews will be conducted in public.

About Allentown School District

ASD serves more than 17,000 students in a network of 22 early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools throughout the City of Allentown, PA. The District is the third largest urban school district out of 500 districts in the Commonwealth. The District's Mission focuses on providing a safe, rigorous, and engaging educational experience that prepares all students to excel in learning and life to guide ASD students on their individual journey to realize their aspirations whether they be college, career or technical focus. ASD goals are aligned and compatible with the Pathways to Success Framework while providing a balanced education to all students. Allentown School District employs approximately 2,200 teachers, staff and administrators. The District, founded in 1866, serves students from 51 countries speaking 26 languages with nearly 90 percent of households qualifying as low income. ASD is committed to ensuring that all students have equal access to education programs and resources.

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