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The Susquehanna Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) awarded the Laretta Woodson Award at a Susquehanna Community School Board meeting on Wednesday, April 18. The recipients were Ellen Rockwell, an elementary teacher, and Diane Terpstra, a district office secretary. The awards were presented by PASR members Bob McNamara and Ellen Holdredge.

The award is named after Dr. Laretta Woodson, a distinguished Pennsylvania educator and active PASR member. It recognizes individuals who have demonstrated creativity, initiative, and productivity in education, significantly influencing children's learning and growth.

Ellen Rockwell, an educator at Susquehanna for 28 years, received the award for a professional employee. She is recognized for her dedication and passion in teaching and adapting strategies to meet diverse student needs. Her impact is reflected in the feedback from parents who noted her as a teacher to multiple family generations.

Diane Terpstra, who also has 28 years of service in the district office, was honored with the award for a support staff member. Her responsibilities include supporting the superintendent and the business manager, contributing to transportation, and serving on the safety committee. Her work ensures the smooth operation of district functions, which is crucial for student education.

Both recipients were awarded a framed certificate, a gift card to Susquehanna Scoops, and cakes from the district to celebrate their lasting positive impact on the Susquehanna Community School District. The PASR expressed pride in honoring these dedicated individuals.