



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held April 9, 2013

Summary of Key Discussion & Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at Ringing Rocks Elementary School.

During the **Education Report**, the following was presented/discussed:

Personnel Budget Presentation - Dr. Rodriguez presented the proposed 2013-14 Personnel budget in which the need for several new positions and one support staff reclassification were presented. These include a curriculum and staff development coordinator, two professional special education teachers, and four support-staff employees at a total salary cost to the district general fund of \$56,981 plus benefits. Federal grant funds through the Access program will be used to fund the special education positions and Title II federal grant funds be used to fund a portion of the administrative position.

Math Resources Adoption Presentation - Dr. Burke-Stevenson and Mrs. Bilinski along with several professional staff members presented the recommended mathematics adoption which includes Every Day Math Version III Common Core Edition (grades K-5); Connected Math supported with Cognitive Tutor (grades 6-8), and Carnegie Learning Mathematics supported with Cognitive Tutor for Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. Agile Minds Intensified Algebra Program is also being recommended as a course for selected students. All of the recommended programs are research-based and aligned to the Common Core State Standards and Mathematical Practices. The resources will now be on display in the district office for thirty days prior to Board approval.

In addition to the regular monthly reports and business, the **Board took action on the following**:

1. **Chiller Replacement Project.** The Board approved the payment of the Pottsgrove High School Chiller Replacement Project invoice for the current amount due at a cost of \$81,733.50.
2. **Chartwells Food Service Management Contract.** The Board approved the Chartwells food service management contract for the 2013-2014 school year. The new contract reflects minor price increases in the ala carte menu as follows:

- Breakfast \$1.50 (reflects an increase of \$.10)
- Elementary Lunch \$2.55 (reflects an increase of \$.05)
- Middle School Lunch \$2.90 (reflects an increase of \$.10)
- High School Base Lunch \$3.00 (reflects an increase of \$.05)
- High School Premium Lunch \$3.30 (reflects an increase of \$.10)

The personnel report included approval of a number of professional and support personnel actions.

In addition to the regular monthly reports and business **the Board discussed the following new business**:

1. **Budget Discussions.** Mr. Nester updated the Board on the current status of Pottsgrove's budget as well as components in the Governor's budget proposal that could impact the District. Prior to factoring in the additions discussed in the Human Resources budget presentation, the District's budget reflects a deficit of approximately



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\$669,000. Of this amount \$550,000 is the planned use of funds set aside to defray the rising cost of the pension system. Options to eliminate the deficit and reduce the proposed tax increase were discussed. A proposed final budget will be presented to the Board for adoption at the next meeting. Budget discussions will continue until the final budget is adopted in June.

2. **Western Montgomery Career and Technical Center Meeting.** The Western Montgomery Career and Technical Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting was held Monday, April 8, 2013. Principal Robert Weneck reported that due to outreach efforts the projected 2013-14 enrollment is up 20% in total from the current enrollment which reflects a 25% increase in enrollment among Pottsgrove School District students. Some of the more popular programs are auto tech, cosmetology, culinary arts and protective services.
3. **High School Feasibility Study.** Ms. Feola explained that on April 23, 2013 at 7:30 pm (high school cafeteria), KCBA Architects will present to the Pottsgrove School Board their feasibility study findings, recommendations and cost estimate for a potential renovation project at Pottsgrove High School. KCBA has been working with a team of District Administrators since January 2013, evaluating the High School educational programs, classroom grouping for adequate building flow and large group areas. KCBA also reviewed the building architectural structure, finishes, mechanical systems and exterior surroundings.
4. **Commencement.** Ms. Feola explained that after conferring with the high school administration, June 12, 2013 is being recommended for commencement. This date was chosen to accommodate end of year testing and end of year senior activities.

Upcoming Dates:

04/23/13 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – **Relocated** to the High School Cafeteria