



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held September 10, 2013

Summary of Key Discussion & Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the Pottsgrove District Office.

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

MS Marching Band – The Pottsgrove Middle School marching band performed for the Board of Education. Mrs Williams, Middle School Band Director, presented that this program was created about eight years ago to afford all middle school band students an opportunity to see what it is like to be in a marching band prior to their high school experience and has served as an excellent feeder program for the high school marching band.

Fuel Up To Play 60 – Mrs. Eaton, Middle School Physical Education Teacher, presented an overview of the Fuel Up to Play 60 program including highlights from the past year. The “Touchdown School” Banner was also awarded to Dr. Ramage and Dr. Ziegler for the middle school’s participation in this program.

Superintendent Remarks – Ms. Feola reported that Monday, September 9, 2013 she attended and spoke at the Gateway to College Orientation at the Montgomery County Community College. The board previously authorized this partnership with the Montgomery County Community College to afford selected students an opportunity to complete their high school requirements while accruing college credits through participation in a structured cohort. Three Pottsgrove students were selected to begin this program.

Additionally, Mr. Nester represented the district through attendance at the House Democratic Policy Committee Meeting public hearing hosted by Representative Mark Painter later that same day. Mr. Nester presented testimony to describe the Education Funding Cuts’ Impact on Property Taxes.

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

1. **Employee Compensation and Benefit Plans.** The Board approved revisions to several non-union classified employee compensation and benefits plans.
2. **Special Education Contracts.** Districts are required to provide education to all special education students who reside within their boundaries. The Board approved contracts with two outside agencies including the Children’s Home of Reading (CHOR) at an annual cost of \$27,000 per student and the Progressions School at an annual cost of \$26,100 per student to provide educational services for students from the Pottsgrove School District with significant needs.
3. **School Bus Bids.** The Board authorized the purchase of two 72-passenger buses from Wolfington Body Company, Inc at a total cost of \$161,584.00 and two 20-passenger buses from Rohrer Bus Sales at a total cost of \$88,996.00 to be paid from the general fund budget. The board authorized the purchase of one 9-passenger van from Wolfington Body Company, Inc at a total cost of \$39,352.00 to be paid for through the capital reserve fund.

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



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

1. **Facilities Committee Meeting.** Mr. Fulmer reported on the discussion that occurred during this committee meeting which preceded the regular board meeting. Mr Katzenmoyer informed the committee that the District has contracted with Tomlinson-Bomberger Lawn & Landscaping to provide turf management services. Tomlinson-Bomberger works with 70 school districts in Pa. including local schools such as Exeter, Daniel Boone, Twin Valley and Kutztown University. They will be providing weed management applications for athletic field turf, baseball infield maintenance and consulting services.
2. **Drug and Alcohol Task Force.** Mrs. Landes reported that the Drug and Alcohol Task Force comprised of various district stakeholders met this evening. The task force was launched to analyze current student data with regard to drug and alcohol use, recommend strategies and actions to address the identified issues and concerns, and monitor implementation of identified strategies and actions in order to raise awareness and provide services to students and families in need of support.
3. **Transportation Committee Meeting.** The Board Transportation Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at the district office to discuss concerns expressed over non-public school transportation.

An Executive Session was called immediately following the regular board meeting to discuss possible litigation.

Upcoming Dates:

- 9/11/13 – Back to School Night @ 6:30 p.m. – Rocks
- 9/12/13 – Back to School Night @ 6:30 p.m. – West
- 9/17/13 – Back to School Night @ 6:30 p.m. – High School
- 9/19/13 – Transportation Committee meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- 9/19/13 – Back to School Night @ 7:00 p.m. – Middle School
- 9/24/13 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – District Office