



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held October 8, 2013

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School.

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

Retiree Recognition – Pottsgrove School District retirees Janis Pascal (Custodian) and Patricia Robinson (Instructional Assistant) were recognized for their many years of dedicated service to the district.

School Performance Profile – The Pottsgrove Administration presented a detailed overview of the newly created and released Pennsylvania School Performance Profile (SPP). The SPP serves as a new multiple measures accountability system, replacing Adequate Yearly Progress and can be reviewed at <http://www.paschoolperformance.org>. The Superintendent and building principals shared how the district comprehensive plan and building school improvement plans that include goals, strategies and actions serve as a blueprint for continuous growth. These plans can be reviewed at www.pgsd.org/comprehensiveplan.

Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School Writing Program Implementation – Instructional coach, Christy Kirsch, demonstrated a process whereby teachers collaboratively review student-writing samples in order to come to consensus with regard to student expectations for writing at every grade level.

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

1. **Transportation Contract.** The Board approved an agreement with CMD Services, Inc. to provide transportation services for the 2013-2014 school year. The contract has a variety of components that have increased between 0% and 2.5% over last year.
2. **Assessment Appeal Settlement.** The Board authorized Fox, Rothschild to execute a settlement agreement with Brookside Country Club in connection to an assessment appeal.
3. **Special Education Consultation.** The Board approved a contract with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams for special education consultation and professional development in the amount of \$5,268.00.

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

Mr. Christopher Becker was approved to serve in the capacity of the Middle School Assistant Principal at an annual salary of \$93,000 (prorated).

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

1. **Non-Public Transportation.** Mr. Nester reviewed a proposal for a two-tier transportation system developed in conjunction with CMD Services for non-public school students residing in the District. The District attempted to resolve as many of the issues raised by the non-public school parents as possible. After discussing the proposal and taking public comment, the Board authorized administration to implement the system effective October 21, 2013.



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- 2. Incident During Today's PM Bus Run.** Ms. Feola updated the Board regarding Bus 49 that was carrying Bus 7 middle school students. While crossing Rt 100 at State St., a NB motorist allegedly pulled a firearm and shot the lower bus door panel window, which damaged the glass but did not shatter it. The driver and students were **not** injured. Authorities were contacted and an investigation is underway.

Upcoming Dates:

10/22/13 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – District Office

10/29/13 – District Community Connection Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. – Middle School: This is the first Community Connection Meeting for the 2013-14 school year. The topic for this evening will be Effective Home and School Communication and Student Success.