



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held October 22, 2013

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at District Office.

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

PIMS Report – Mr. Wagman, Director of Technology and Communications and Rebecca Luft, Data Systems Specialist, presented an overview of and recent expansion in the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS). PIMS is a data warehouse; a repository for data uploaded by school districts to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in compliance state and federal reporting requirements. As these reporting demands continue to increase in quantity and frequency, it will necessitate additional internal personnel to adhere to requirements.

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

1. **Credit Change:** The Board approved a credit change order in the amount of \$3,557 to compensate the District for the replacement of choral risers damaged during the roof replacement project at the Pottsgrove High School.

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

1. **Resignation of Board Member.** Mr. Fulmer announced the resignation of Board Member, Jodi Adams effective immediately. The Board will accept letters of interest through November 1, 2013 by submitting a letter articulating qualifications to serve in the capacity of school board member to the attention of Justin Valentine, Board Secretary, Pottsgrove School District, 1301 Kauffman Road, Pottstown, PA 19464.
2. **Bullying Initiatives.** Ms. Feola summarized programs and interventions addressing bullying prevention at each level as part of the District Comprehensive Plan goal to address the needs of at-risk learners.
3. **Policy Committee Meeting:** A Policy Committee meeting was held prior to the board meeting to discuss Board Policy #137 Home Education Programs and a new Policy regarding a Student Board Representative.
4. **Community Connection Meeting.** The first Community Connection Meeting for the 2013-14 school year will be held on October 29, 2013 at the Pottsgrove Middle School. The topic for this evening will be to discuss tools and strategies for promoting strong communication between school and home.
5. **Addition of a K-2 Emotional Support Classroom.** The administration asked for support to establish a new K-2 emotional support classroom at West Pottsgrove Elementary School, which will include one classroom teacher and two classroom assistants at an approximate cost of \$171,056. After some discussion this program was supported by the Board due to current student needs within the district.



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Upcoming Dates:

10/29/13 – District Community Connection Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. – Middle School

10/31/13 – End of 1st Quarter (secondary)

11/03/13 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/05/13 – Staff Day – No Students

11/08/13 – End of 1st Trimester (elementary)