



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held September 24, 2013
Summary of Key Discussion & Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at the Pottsgrove District Office.

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

Preview Curriculum Department Web Resources – Dr. Barbara Burke Stevenson previewed curriculum information and resources available on the district web site for parents and other stakeholders including the new K-12 math programming and a STEM overview. This information can be accessed at <http://www.pgdsd.org/domain/43>.

PA School Performance Profile (SPP) – Ms. Feola reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Education did not release the SPP data to Pennsylvania school districts yesterday as expected. More information will be forthcoming as it is made available.

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

1. **Teamsters Contract.** The Board ratified a collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local No. 384 representing the district's custodial, maintenance and grounds employees. The contract is for a term of 3 years and calls for average annual increases below 3%.
2. **Administrative Contracts.** The Board approved the ACT 93 and Executive Administrative salaries effective September 1, 2013 through August 21, 2014 at an overall average of 2.5%. Additionally, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. George Giovanis to serve under an employment contract as the Interim Middle School Assistant Principal effective September 25, 2013 for the amount of \$450.00 per day.
3. **Special Education Contracts.** Districts are required to provide education to all special education students who reside within their boundaries. The Board approved contracts with three outside agencies, including Education Alternatives at a rate of \$95/hr for Board Certified Behavior Analyst services, Theraplay Inc at a rate of \$180/hour for evaluation services and Wordsworth Academy at an annual cost of \$72,285.00 for one student with significant needs.
4. **Psychiatric Services Agreement.** The Board authorized permission to enter in to an agreement with Penn Psychiatric to provide outpatient psychiatric services at Pottsgrove High School, Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School, West Pottsgrove Elementary School and the district's Alternative Education School. The district will provide a secure space in each location in which to conduct therapy. Students' medical insurance will be billed for services. There is no cost to the District.
5. **Contracted Nursing Support.** The District periodically experiences shortages in nurses available to support our students at school or on field trips. The Board has approved two contracts, one with Maxim Healthcare Services at a rate of \$50/hour as needed and one with Associated Health Care at a rate of \$29.85/hour.
6. **Roof Replacement.** The Board authorized payment of \$14,850.00 to the Warko Group in connection with the replacement of the roof on the auditorium and gymnasium at Pottsgrove High School.



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7. **Sanitary Sewer Change Order.** The Board approved a change order in the amount of \$1,908.00 in connection with the sanitary sewer replacement project at Pottsgrove High School.
8. **First Amendment Curative Amendment Settlement Agreement.** The Board approved a First Amendment Curative Amendment Settlement Agreement with the Upper Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners granting a modification to permit the township to alter their original land use proposal. This will have no effect on projected changes in student enrollment.

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. **Transportation Committee Meeting.** The Board discussed the results of the Transportation Committee meeting that occurred last week. One of the recommendations proposed by administration was to move the transfer point to Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School in the morning. This change will help the district deliver students attending Pope John Paul to school on time. The Board supported this move. The Board also reviewed a proposal from School Bus Consultants to review the district's transportation system. Due to the high cost of this proposal (not to exceed \$15,000.00), the administration recommended that the current software provider for bus routing, Bus Boss, provide some additional training for CMD employees and Mr. Nester in order to determine additional routing options. The Board accepted this recommendation but also directed the administration to provide relief in the shorter term by looking into the effect of adding buses temporarily and/or to provide for a two-tiered system where there would be an early and later pickup time in the morning.

Upcoming Dates:

10/08/13 – Board Member Reception to Meet New Teachers @ 6:45 p.m. – Lower Cafeteria

10/08/13 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School

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