



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held February 25, 2014

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Pottsgrove District Office.

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

Naming Rights Presentation – The Board approved a proposal to name the *H. Todd Kelly Stage* in honor of Mr. H. Todd Kelly, distinguished English teacher and Dramatics Advisor. Mr. Kelly began his teaching career here at Pottsgrove on Sept. 8, 1987. For every year since his arrival, Mr. Kelly has directed and produced at least one play, musical, children’s show or a combination of each. He has served as the English Department chairperson since 1999 and has distinguished himself as one of Pottsgrove’s most outstanding educators throughout his career.

The Board also approved a proposal to name the high school stadium field the - *Richard C. Pennypacker Field* in honor of Mr. Richard C. Pennypacker, distinguished physical education instructor and Head Football Coach since he began his career here at Pottsgrove on Sept. 5, 1989. Mr. Pennypacker has become one of Pennsylvania’s outstanding head football coaches during his tenure. He has captured a league record, 9 championships in the Pioneer Athletic Conference. He holds the record for most wins in league history. His teams have won 2 PIAA District One titles. His teams have qualified for post-season play for ten seasons.

Results of Bond Sale – Jamie Doyle from Public Financial Management, Inc. presented the results of our online action of General Obligation Bond Series of 2014. This is the initial phase of borrowing to finance the renovation of Pottsgrove High School.

Special Education Budget – Ann Myers, Director of Pupil Services, presented the district special education budget, a copy of which can be located on the district website’s budget information page at <http://www.pgsd.org/business>. This is the first of six department budget presentations that will occur over the next several months.

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

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Bond Series 2014– The Board approved the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,980,000. This is the first installment for the high school renovation project.

2014-2015 Calendar - The Board approved a district calendar for 2014-2015. This calendar can be found on the website homepage under Pottsgrove Headlines at <http://www.pgsd.org>.

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

During the **Committee Reports** the following was presented/discussed:

1. **Athletics/Co-Curricular Activities:** The minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting were approved.



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2. **Curriculum/Technology/Student Affairs:** The minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. **Policy:** The committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed policies 004.1- Student Advisory Member to the Board, 701 – Naming Rights and Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyber Bullying.
4. **Operations/Facility:** The committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed signage and the project management selection process for the high school renovation project as well as the middle school secure vestibule project timeline.

The Board Committee meeting schedule, agendas and minutes are available at <http://www.pgisd.org/schoolboard>.

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

1. **Budget Update** - Mr. Nester presented an update on the Governor's budget proposal as well as the status of the 2014-2015 budget for the District. More detailed budget information can be reviewed on the district website's budget information page at <http://www.pgisd.org/business>.
2. **Senate Bill 1085 – Charter Reform** – The Board discussed Senate Bill 1085 positioned for vote by the Senate to alter the manner in which charter schools are approved and funded. The Board agreed to consider a resolution opposing this bill at their next meeting.
3. **Video Recording Board Meetings** – The Board requested that administration provide options for and costs/benefits of digitizing Board proceedings and Board packets. The administration will provide this information at their next meeting.
4. **Identification of Operational Inefficiencies** - The Board discussed implementing a protocol to assist in the identification of inefficiencies within the District's operating budget.

Upcoming Dates:

02/28/14 – End of 2nd Trimester (Elementary)

03/09/14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

03/10/14 – School in Session

03/10/14 – Parent Conferences 4:00 – 7:45 p.m.

03/11/14 – Parent Conferences 4:00 – 7:45 p.m.

03/11/14 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School