



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held April 22, 2014

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at the District Office.

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

Student Recognition – The following high school students were recognized for their athletic success:

- Nico Demetrio – District Champion, Wrestling
- Patrick Finn – 2nd in State – Wrestling
- Morgan Schreiber - - District Champion - Swimming

Grade Scale Change & Grading Practices – Ms. Feola presented an overview of the information and discussions that have been taking place in the Curriculum, Technology and Academic Affairs Board Committee throughout the winter and early spring pertaining to a possible grading scale change from the current seven point to a ten-point scale. She also presented the Board with various options and timelines for how modifications to the grading scale and grading practices, as defined in Ms. Feola's, could be implemented in the Pottsgrove School District, while being mindful of other initiatives and mandates reflected in the current district and state approved comprehensive plan. After discussion, the Board voted 6-2 to direct the administration to implement the ten-point scale in the 2015-2016 school year and to make the necessary accommodations in the comprehensive plan.

Public Comments – No public comment

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

1. Appraisal Services - The Board authorized the Administration to obtain appraisal services in connection with assessment appeals at an amount not to exceed \$10,100.

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

During the Committee Reports the following was presented/discussed:

Policy: The Policy Committee met prior to the board meeting and discussed one new policy # 006- Broadcasting of Meetings and one revised policy #009- Formulation of Policies.

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

1. Food Service Budget - Chartwells representatives reviewed issues impacting our food service program and causing a recommended price increase for 2014-2015. New regulations continue to impact the District. As a result there is a need for a modest increase in the meal price for next year.

Chartwells put together a breakeven budget scenario. This calls for an increase of \$.05 per lunch and an increase of \$.10 per breakfast. This would cause some minor price increases in the a la carte menu. This proposal would result in meal costs as follows:

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| • Breakfast | \$1.60 |
| • Elementary Lunch | \$2.60 |
| • Middle School Lunch | \$2.95 |
| • High School Base Lunch | \$3.05 |
| • High School Premium Lunch | \$3.35 |

The Board approved the new price plan for the 2014-2015 school year.



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2. School Bus Bids – Mr. Nester discussed whether the Board is interested in moving forward in authorizing the administration to bid for two school buses and two 9-passenger vans which will be paid for out of next year's budget prior to budget approval in June. The rationale is to allow for additional time to permit the vendors to deliver equipment prior to the beginning of the school year. The projected cost of these vehicles will be within the amount budgeted for transportation equipment in the 2014-2015 budget. The Board approved the request to begin the bid process.

3. Live Streaming/Recording of Meetings – The Board discussed the possibility of utilizing Pottstown Community Television (PCTV) to live stream or record and broadcast regular Board meetings. After the discussion, the Board with a 6-2 vote authorized the administration to enter into an agreement with PCTV to record and broadcast Board meetings beginning in the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$200 per meeting, pending approval of the associated board policy.

4. High School Bidding Update - Ms. Feola provided an update pertaining to the bidding of the high school renovation project. **The Board will be reviewing the bids and making a determination on the project and alternate project costs during the special meeting scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014 beginning at 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria.**

5. Board members provided updates on upcoming events in the District and Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center.

Board discussed possible cuts to reduce the size of the 2014-2015 budget while maintaining the ability to meet future challenges.

Upcoming Dates:

- 04/28/14 – Board Meeting – Special Session to discuss bids submitted for high school renovation project @ 7:00 p.m. – Relocated to the High School Cafeteria
- 04/29/14 – Community Connection Meeting @ 7:00 – High School
- 05/13/14 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – (preceded by 2nd Annual Tech Expo at 6 p.m.) High School
- 05/26/14 – Memorial Day – No School
- 05/27/14 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – District Office