



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held August 12, 2014

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at Pottsgrove District Office.

The Board honored three retirees.

The Education Report included updates on:

- Work conducted over the summer in educational and communication technology, curriculum writing, assessment, and academic intervention planning
- Opening day for teachers is Tuesday, August 19 (Students begin August 25)
- The August 29th football game will be preceded by a field naming ceremony

Public Comment: A resident/parent raised a concern about the timing of the release of Keystone scores to parents and interventions planned for students who do not achieve proficiency.

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

1. The Board approved all personnel items as presented in the agenda.
2. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with MCIU to provide Special Education Supervisory Support on site three days per week until a permanent replacement is hired to fill the vacant Director of Special Education position. Cost to the district is \$450.00 per day.
3. The Board approved salary increases for the classified employee group (including Non Certified Nurses, Intervention Tutors, Instructional Assistants, Library Assistants, Building Aides, In-School Support Monitors, Student Assistants, and Duty Aides)
4. After discussion about the appropriate funding source for this purchase, the Board authorized administration to accept a quote for purchase of new classroom projectors at the Pottsgrove High School at a cost of \$234,226.92 to be paid from the construction budget. These items were not included in the construction bids since the District has existing relationships with the vendors from installations in other buildings and could obtain more favorable pricing.
5. The Board authorized administration to accept a quote for installation of security cameras in the Pottsgrove High School at a cost of \$172,333.66 to be paid by the Capital Reserve Fund. These items were not included in the construction bids since the District has existing relationships with the vendors from installations in other buildings.
6. The Board authorized administration to enter into transition services agreements to provide job coaching services to seven special needs students at a projected cost of \$17,290.00.
7. The Board authorized administration to authorize administration to amend the contract with Education Alternatives for an additional ABA-Trained CPI-Certified Aide for one student at a rate of \$32 per hour.
8. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement to provide services to help



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seven special needs students transition into the workplace at a projected cost of \$17,290.00.

9. The Board agreed to enter into an agreement with EdBeCo for behavioral support services for a new student at a cost of approximately \$7,220.00.

10. The Board authorized the execution of tuition agreements with the following schools for special education or alternative education placements:

- Progressions School – 3 students – approximate cost \$81,000.00
- Buxmont Academy – 2 students – approximate cost \$42,786.00
- George Junior Republic – 1 student – approximate cost \$14,940.00

11. The Board approved an agreement with The Lincoln Center for counseling services at the High School and Middle School at a cost of \$153,000.00 for the 2014-2015 school-year.

12. The Board approved an agreement with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for nursing services to a special needs student at a rate of \$47/hour.

13. The Board authorized the renewal of an agreement with Agile Mind for intensified algebra training in the amount of \$10,800.00.

14. The Board approved an easement for the construction of a new emergency access roadway that will connect the Coddington View development to the Pottsgrove Middle School driveway. This easement will also permit the district to install a natural gas line to the Middle School if approved by PECO.

15. The Board agreed to enter into a security services agreement with The Security Advisors in the amount \$22/hour.

16. The Board agreed to renew the contract with CMD Transportation Services for student transportation services for the 2014-2015 school year.

17. The Board approved the payment of invoices to Walter Brucker, Inc. in the amount of \$35,670.60 in connection with the Pottsgrove Middle School Secure Vestibule project.

18. The superintendent's annual goals were discussed and approved by the Board. The approved goals will be posted on the district website.

Discussion:

Jim Keiffer from KCBA Architects presented two change orders for acoustical improvements required to attain LEED Gold status and qualify for the ACE grant that the district has applied for. The total cost of these change orders will be \$61,583.75. The need for the improvements was known, but their cost was only recently determined.



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The Board discussed the purchase of a Gator vehicle to use at athletic events and to move equipment from place to place. The administration proposed the use of up to \$9,000 from the Market Street sponsorship fund to purchase a new vehicle. The board approved this proposal.

Committee Reports:

The Policy Committee and Operations and Facilities Committee asked for acceptance of the minutes from their last meetings. The Board accepted the minutes.

Upcoming Dates:

8/12/14 - Pottsgrove Educational Foundation Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. – High School Library

8/12/14 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 – District Office

8/19/14 – First Staff Day

8/22/14 – District Closed

8/25/14 – First Student Day

8/26/14 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 – District Office

8/29/14 – District Closed

9/01/14 – District Closed – Labor Day

Visit the website, www.pgsd.org for a complete list of district events.