



# POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held September 23, 2014

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at Pottsgrove District Office.

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

## **EDUCATION REPORT:**

James Hanna, from D'Huy Engineering, updated the Board and the progress being made on the High School Renovation project. We have received the initial occupancy permit for the Maintenance offices and the Trainer's room. Foundations are being poured for the gymnasium addition and demolition is taking place in the locker room area followed by the music/art classroom wing.

Superintendent Feola provided a Community Connection Update with a brief overview of the 1:1 Parent Meetings, Resources on Drug Awareness for Parents Meeting, Cyber-Bullying/Sexting/Internet Safety Workshops and Math & Reading Parent Nights.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Bill Parker expressed his displeasure with current Board spending practices and announced his candidacy for a seat on the Board at the next election cycle.

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 approved all student teacher assignments as presented in the agenda.
3. The Board approved the Board Certified Behavior Analyst job description as presented in the agenda.
4. The Board approved several employees to attend conferences as presented in the agenda.
5. The Board approved the overnight trip for the high school band students to Norfolk, VA & Williamsburg, VA April 16 - 18, 2015. The approximate cost is \$750 per student with all expenses paid for by the students.
6. The Board approved the Principal Effectiveness Training in the amount of \$2250 to be paid to Bucks County I.U. to be held at Pottsgrove on November 14, 2014.
7. The Board approved the following policies:
  - Policy 004 Membership
  - Policy 224 Care of School Property
  - Policy 237 Electronic Devices
8. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Green Valley Academy for the education of one student for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$26,000.
9. The Board authorized administration to execute an agreement with KenCrest Services for transition services for one special needs student. The cost is estimated to be \$13,083 through December 31, 2014.
10. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Associated Healthcare Personnel, Inc. for supplemental nursing services.
11. The Board approved the purchase of wireless access points for the High School in the amount of \$96,348.00 to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund.
12. The Board also approved the purchase of camera systems to outfit the remainder of the bus fleet in the amount of \$40,260.00 also to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund.
13. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams, LLP for the sum of \$2,500 for Technology Pool Counsel services.



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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mr. Katzenmoyer, Director of Facilities, discussed the condition of the Middle School cooling tower and cited in a report from Moore Engineering and recommends repair of the interior components of the tower. Mr. Katzenmoyer does not believe full replacement is needed. Detailed specifications were not available this evening but the board discussed the project proposal. Mr. Katzenmoyer will return in October with detailed specification for board consideration and action.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Operations and Facilities Committee asked for acceptance of the minutes from their last meeting on September 16. The Board accepted the minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Grimm reminded the Board and community of Friends Helping Friends soccer match to raise money to support local cancer patients scheduled for this Saturday at Pottsgrove High School.

Mrs. Cherico reminded the Board about the upcoming Pennsylvania School Boards Association officer election. Each school board in Pennsylvania gets one vote. PGSD Board voted for the endorsed candidates.

Mr. Valentine reminded the Board and community about Military Appreciation Night at our football game this Friday evening.

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

9/24/14 – Act 80 day, 2 hour early dismissal

9/26/14 – Military Appreciation Night @ 7:00 PM – Pennypacker Field

9/27/14 – Friends Helping Friends Soccer Match between PGHS and Springfield Delco @ 11 AM – PGHS Stadium

9/30/14 – Key Communicator Meeting @ 7:30 PM – District Office

10/7/14 - Curriculum, Technology and Student Affairs Committee Meeting @ 6:30 - District Office

10/7/14 - Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee Meeting @ 7:30 - HS Library

10/10/14 - Homecoming @ 7:00 PM - Pennypacker Field

10/11/14 - Damon's 5K Fun @ 10:00 AM - Pennypacker Field

10/13/14 - Staff Development, No Students

10/14/14 - Operations and Facilities Committee Meeting @ 6:30 - Lower Pottsgrove Elementary

See next page for Community Connection Dates and Topics

View the Comprehensive Calendar of District events at <http://www.pgsd.org/Page/2>

Visit the Board website at <http://www.pgsd.org/board>

For Renovation information, visit <http://www.pgsd.org/facilities>

Board meetings are now recorded for viewing on PCTV twice weekly, Wed., at 6:30 PM, Sun., at 6:00 PM and on demand from the District website.



# Community Connections

## October Events

- 16 - English Language Arts Parent Night 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ WPE
  - 21 - English Language Arts Parent Night 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ RR
  - 23 - English Language Arts Parent Night 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ LPE
  - 27 - 1:1 Parent Meeting 7:00 PM @ HS (Four informational meetings are planned. Parents of students 6-12 need only attend one at either location. More detail to follow)
  - 27 - Resources on Drug Awareness for Parents 8:00 PM @ HS
  - 29 - 1:1 Parent Meeting 7:00 PM @ HS
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  - 30 - 1:1 Parent Meeting 6:30 PM @ MS
  - 30 - Cyber-Bullying/Bullying/Sexting/Internet Safety Workshop for Parents 7:30PM @ MS
- All Parents K-12 invited, more details to follow



## November Events

- 5 - Math Parent Night 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ RR
- 6 - Math Parent Night 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ WPE
- 6 - 1:1 Parent Meeting 7:00 PM @ MS
- 6 - Resources on Drug Awareness for Parents 8:00 PM @ MS
- 13 - Math Parent Night 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ LPE

