



# POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held September 9, 2014

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at Pottsgrove Middle School.

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

**Unity Day** – The Middle School has designed Unity Day to be an experience planned for the first weeks of sixth grade, reinforced in seventh and eighth grade, then continued throughout the academic year. Unity Day creates opportunities for students to engage in team building, growing trust, and learning about our Falcon Four to build a learning community at school that is Safe, Positive, Respectful and Responsible.

Students and teachers experience a wide range of large group and small group activities designed to address bullying, cyber-bullying, diversity, and conflict management skills. Unity Day is one of the programs we include with our No Place For Hate certification each year.

Tonight four Middle School students are sharing some of their insights about Unity Day and the way it's impacted them personally. The four students are: Daniel Roskos, Tulasi Nidamarthy, Ranya Amiri, and Gabe Applebach, grade 8

**Public Comments:** No public comment

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

1. The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Maura Roberts, Ph.D. to the position of Director of Pupil Services
2. The Board approved mentors for all new teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. The Board approved all personnel items as presented in the agenda.
4. The Board approved several employees to attend conferences as presented.
5. The Board approved the student teacher assignment as submitted.
6. The Board approved the Wordsworth Academy agreement for one student for the 2014 – 2015 school year
7. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Glen Mills Schools at a cost of \$111 per day per regular education high school student and \$127 per day per special education or regular education middle school student.
8. The Board approved the authorization to enter into agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit for District membership in the Brandywine Virtual Academy Consortium as presented.
9. The Board authorized administration to execute an agreement with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit to provide occupational therapy services through the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit for the 2014 – 2015 school year.
10. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Hopewell Trucking & Excavating. We are projecting a cost of \$14,000.00 for this year's snow removal services, but the weather will determine the ultimate cost.
11. The Board approved and authorized payment on several High School Renovation Project invoices as presented.
12. The Board authorized payment of the Middle School Secure Vestibule Project invoices as presented.



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13. The Board approved senior, Chloe Klaus, to serve as the student board representative for the 2014-2015 school year.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Miss Klaus presented her student report in which she updated the Board on the renovations at the high school. She also discussed the increase in the number of high school advanced placement courses and elaborated on the new environmental science course. The environmental science course is also offered as a dual enrollment credit.

Superintendent Feola discussed the community publication, *The Achiever*. After much discussion, the Board decided *The Achiever* will be published three times this year rather than four, as has been past practice, and sent to all homes in the school district.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Cherico discussed the upcoming Pennsylvania School Boards Association elections.
2. Mrs. Grimm informed the Board about Friends Helping Friends, a soccer match between Pottsgrove and Springfield Delco to raise money to support cancer patients. Pottsgrove students have directly benefitted from this effort. More information will be posted on the District website in coming days.
3. Mr. Nester informed the Board about a lifting of the moratorium on construction reimbursements, meaning Pottsgrove should be receiving money owed by the state on the Ringing Rocks project.
4. Mr. Nester also informed the Board of the expected release by the state of the Act 1 index for budget year 2015-2016. The base index is expected to be 2%.
5. Mr. Nester also updated the Board on House Bill 2124, proposed revisions to the Plan Con process that relates to school construction subsidies. More information on this will be posted on the District website in coming days.

### Upcoming Dates:

- 9/10/14 – HS Back to School Night @ 7:00 PM
- 9/11/14 – WPE Back to School Night @ 6:30 PM
- 9/18/14 – MS Back to School Night @ 7:00 PM
- 9/16/14 – Operations and Facilities Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM – Middle School Library
- 9/23/14 – Policy Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM – District Office
- 9/23/14 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 PM – District Office
- 9/24/14 – Act 80 day, 2 hour early dismissal
- 9/26/14 – Military Appreciation Night @ 7:00 PM – Pennypacker Field
- 9/30/14 – Key Communicator Meeting @ 7:30 PM – District Office

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 and can also be streamed from the district website. As soon as the days and times are established, we will communicate that information through multiple district channels.