



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held October 28, 2014

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at District Office.

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

HS Renovation Project Update - Mr. Hanna reported that the project remains on track with respect to the phasing timelines. PowerPoint slides showed images of work in progress. The 400 Wing is almost complete. Good progress is being made on the new gym and preparations are underway for the cafeteria expansion.

DiLE Update– Ms. Feola and Mr. Wagman discussed the parent meetings and upcoming events at the Middle and High Schools leading to mobile device distribution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Thornton representing the YMCA inquired about accessing school facilities for their programs. Ms. Feola took his contact information and will follow-up with the information and discuss further. Mr. Leach, District resident, read a statement regarding math course sequence beginning in the Middle School, expressing his concerns about the accelerated track. Ms. Feola responded and offered a meeting to discuss in detail each concern. Mr. Vorhis, Director of Education, clarified several points made.

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

1. The Board approved all professional and support staff items as presented in the agenda.
2. The Board approved all student teacher assignments as presented in the agenda.
3. The Board approved Student Teacher Assignments.
4. The Board approved the supplemental/Special Payments as presented in the agenda.
5. The Board approved the payment of the Pottsgrove Middle School Secure Vestibule Project invoices as presented.
6. The Board approved several employees to attend conferences as presented in the agenda.
7. The Board approved the following policies:
 - Policy 004 Comprehensive Planning
 - Policy 237.1 District Issued Mobile Devices: Student Use, Rights and Responsibilities
 - Policy 893 Remote Access, Monitoring and Tracking of District-Issued Mobile Devices

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Request to Extend Property Tax Exemptions – Mr. Nester discussed two non-profit organization letters requesting that tax exemptions already granted on property effective July 2015 be made retroactive to July 2014. The Board discussed the cost and benefits before approving the requests.

Revised PSERS Reserve Utilization Plan – Mr. Nester discussed the pension utilization plan connected to the reserve fund established by the Board to pay for steep increases in mandatory pension contributions. The Board accepted the plan.

West Pottsgrove Elementary School Chiller – The school experienced a failure of a compressor on the school chiller related to a lightning strike. The quote for repair of the damaged component was \$29,800. The Board approved the expenditure for the repair.

Metal Roof Deck Change Order Proposal (HS Renovation) – Mr. Kiefer, KCBA Architect, discussed the change order to purchase and install a metal roof deck at a cost of \$26,000 to be paid from the building contingency fund. In addition, Mr.



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Kiefer explained the purpose of and impact of this change order on the contingency fund. Contingency funds and project allowances are built in to the cost of the project. The rate of change orders is very low at this stage of the project. The Board approved the change order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Operations/Facilities asked for acceptance of the minutes from their last meeting on October 14, 2014. The Board accepted the minutes.

Mr. Alexander discussed the two policies examined this evening at the Policy Committee meeting. The policies included athletic eligibility and student dress code. No action on the athletic eligibility policy is recommended. The high school administration will continue to review the dress code policy and return with recommendations, as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Gallion asked about the Pennsylvania Department of Education Eligible Content Review website. Information will be sent out to parents and community should they wish to review eligible content of the new PA Core Curriculum and offer comments.

Mr. Nester invited Board members to participate in the District Audit Exit Conference on November 4.

Mrs. Grimm commended the Boys Cross Country team for their PIAA Regional Championship. They now move on to the state finals. Mr. Valentine reminded the community to go out and vote on November 4 and remember the importance of fair funding for public schools when considering their vote.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 10/29/14 - 1:1 Parent Meeting & Resources on Drug Awareness for Parents @ 7:00 - High School
- 10/30/14 - 1:1 Parent Mtg & Cyber-Bullying/Bulling/Sexting/Internet Safety @ 6:30 - Middle School
- 10/30/14 - End of First Quarter (MS & HS)
- 11/3/14 - Maroon and White Game @ Pennypacker Field
- 11/4/14 - Staff Development, no students
- 11/5/14 - Math Parent Night @ 6:30 - Ringing Rocks Elementary
- 11/6/14 - 1:1 Parent Meeting & Resources on Drug Awareness for Parents @ 7:00 - Middle School
- 11/6/14 - Math Parent Night @ 6:30 - West Pottsgrove
- 11/11/14 - Operations & Facilities Committee meeting @ 6:30 - Ringing Rocks Library
- 11/13/14 - Math Parent Night @ 6:30 - Lower Pottsgrove Elementary

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

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