



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held November 11, 2014

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at Ringing Rocks Elementary.

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

Mrs. Jones, Principal of Ringing Rocks, presented the district effort for increasing family involvement in academics through “Family Nights” sharing strategies with parents to support math and language arts development.

Mr. Vorhis, Director of Education and Assessment, discussed the Professional Learning Day this past November 4 including a video highlighting some of the activities from that day.

Mr. Vorhis and two members of the Pottsgrove professional staff reviewed the math course sequencing from grades six through twelve. Further, Mr. Vorhis discussed the transition from the Pennsylvania legacy standards to the new Pennsylvania Core standards in math.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: An Upper Pottsgrove resident expressed some concerns in response to the course-sequencing portion of the education report.

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 authorize administration to execute a contract addendum with Education Alternatives to increase amount of service to approximately 90 hours per month.
3. The Board authorized administration to execute a transition services agreement with Ken’s Krew for one special needs student at a projected cost of \$5,000.
4. The Board authorized administration to participate in the SEC’s Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative.
5. The Board approved authorized the Pottsgrove Recreation Board’s 2015 budget as presented.
6. The Board approved the quote from Griffin Consulting Services, Inc. for appraisal services in the amount of \$1,400 for the initial review.
7. The Board authorized Fox Rothschild to enter into a settlement agreement for parcel number 60-00-02827-01-1 as presented.
8. The Board approved budget transfers for October 2014 as presented.
9. The Board approved the payment of the Pottsgrove High School Renovation Project invoices as presented.
10. The Board approved the mentors as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chris Turtell, Accountant with Herbein and Company, Inc., provided the 2013-2014 Audit Review of the School District. The District received “highest possible opinion” (commendation) on its financial statements. Mr. Turtell reviewed some of the key points in the audit report, as well as recommendations moving forward.

Mr. Nester, District Business Manager, also advised the Board of a change in accounting standards anticipated next year requiring all school districts across the country to show their share of unfunded state pension obligations on their books.



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Mr. Coffelt reminded the Board that it is Veterans Day and commemorated it with a quote from John Adams. "I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy...."

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Klaus, Student Board Representative, discussed the student 1:1 meetings she attended last week at the High School, sharing some of the student questions. She advised the Board that her next report would focus on activities at the Middle School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Policy Committee asked for acceptance of the minutes from their last meeting on October 28, 2014. The Board accepted the minutes.

Operations/Facilities Committee: Mr. Coffelt reviewed some of the topics discussed at the O/F Committee meeting that preceded the regular School Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Grimm, Pottsgrove's Board representative to the Joint Operating Committee shared some of the events occurring at the Western Center including some of the services they are offering to the community. Visit <http://www.westerncenter.org> for details. Mrs. Grimm also discussed the recently approved ninth grade program and noted that on Wednesday, Dec. 3 the Western Center will be holding an open house for students, parents and community. Again, check the website for details.

Mr. Rabinowitz discussed the recently released School Performance Profile.

Mrs. Grimm commended the Boys Cross Country Team for their PAC 10 and regional championships. They ranked 6th overall in the state. The Board voted to provide the team with championship jackets.

Mr. Faulkner reminded the Board about Pottsgrove's football game this Friday at Springfield Delco and encouraged fans to ride the fan bus, as parking will be tight. The cost of the fan bus is \$3.

Mrs. Gallion reminded the Board about our upcoming holiday concert season.

UPCOMING DATES:

11/13/14 - Math Parent Night @ 6:30 - Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
11/14/14 - HS Varsity Football, 2nd round playoffs vs Springfield Delco @ 7:00 - Springfield PA
11/22/14 - HS Fall Ball @ 6:00 - Spring-ford Country Club
11/24 & 25/14 - Parent Teacher Conferences, no students
11/26 - 11/28/14 - District Closed

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

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

For Renovation information, visit <http://www.pgdsd.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.