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POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held January 13, 2015

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at West Pottsgrove Elementary School.

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

Sgt. Will James of the Lower Pottsgrove Police Department was recognized for fourteen years of exemplary service to Pottsgrove School District as the High School's Resource Officer.

In honor of Board Recognition Month, students from West Pottsgrove Elementary School read their letters of appreciation for all the board members do for Pottsgrove Schools.

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 all personnel items as presented in the agenda.
2. The Board approved the acquisition of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment tool as presented.
3. The Board approved budget transfers for November and December.
4. The Board authorized administration to execute an addendum to our Internet Consortium Agreement with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for an additional 200MB bandwidth at a cost of $4,200.
5. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Firely Nursing Services to provide services for medically fragile students during transportation to and from school and during school hours, as needed, at a rate of $40 per hour.
6. The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Helping Hands, Inc. for one special needs student at a cost of $3,888.
7. The Board approved two change orders for the Pottsgrove High School renovation project at a total cost of $31,267.86.
8. The Board authorized administration to execute a contract with PASBO for the services of an interim facilities director at a rate of $56 per hour.
9. The Board adopted a resolution urging the General Assembly to establish a fair, equitable and adequate funding formula for basic education.
10. The Board authorized administration to execute a contract with Media Leaders, LLC for the January 26, 2015 Josh Ochs presentations in the amount of $5,150.00 plus travel reimbursement as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Pending Change Orders: Mr. Jim Hanna, construction manager, presented sketches and photos of two areas of the High School currently under renovation. Contractors discovered that structural supports and new flooring would need to be installed over an existing tunnel. The second recommended change order permits the replacement of some existing undersized piping to support the new HVAC system.

High School Financing and Refinancing Options: Mr. John Fey of PFM Asset Management discussed the advantage of refinancing some eligible existing bonds at near historic low interest rates, reflecting savings to the school district. Mr. Fey also discussed strategies for near future borrowing to complete the High School renovation project at the lowest available interest rates.

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BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Meeting with Pottstown SD Student Reps: Ms. Chloe Klaus, Pottsgrove's student representative to the Board, visited Pottstown High School where the practice of appointing a student representative to the Board has been in place for some time now. She shared her learning with the Board and will be presenting some ideas that may enhance the efficacy of this new program in Pottsgrove.

Proactive Approaches to Cyberbullying: Ms. Klaus reported on recent incidents of cyberbullying and the positive and proactive response to these events coordinated by students, faculty, administration and local law enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Nester highlighted the state-required budgeting timeline and we will be posting a preliminary budget for discussion with the Board in detail at the January 27th meeting.

Superintendent Feola reminded the Board about the High School's Annual Color Day and student speeches next Friday, January 23. The theme this year is *respect*.

Mr. Nester informed the Board about Pottsgrove's presence at an upcoming Lower Pottsgrove Township Zoning Commission meeting, seeking zoning relief for signage associated with the High School renovation project.

Mr. Valentine highlighted the recent District Annual Report distributed to the community through postal mail.

Mrs. Gallion publicly thanked the community for its outpouring of support for the Morris Family.

UPCOMING DATES:

1/19/15 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – District Closed
1/20/15 – HS Midterms Begin
1/23/15 – End of 2nd Quarter at MS/HS & High School Color Day
1/26/15 – Community Connection Meeting: Social Media Awareness for Parents – 7PM Middle School Aud.
1/27/15 - Board Committee Meetings – **6:30 in the District Office** – Open to the public

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.

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Meeting Held December 1, 2014

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