



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held August 11, 2015
Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at District Office.

During the Presentations/Recognition/Awards report, the following was presented/discussed:

Retirement Recognition – School District personnel who recently retired were recognized and honored. Retirees include: Janet Lindley, Jeff Madden, and Rick Moore.

Superintendent Feola provided an update on the High School Renovation Project. See recent photos at <http://www.pgisd.org/Page/4028>. We remain on track for an on-time September 8 opening. Classrooms will be ready. The library and cafeteria may not be ready until mid-September but the kitchen will be functional and the old gym may serve as a temporary cafeteria space.

Superintendent Feola provided an update on the Ringing Rocks Gymnasium clean up. The Board authorized the administration to enter into an agreement not to exceed \$45,000 for the remediation using funds from capital reserves.

Dr. William Ziegler presented the High School Pride Period. See the presentation slides at <http://www.pgisd.org/hs>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comment

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

The Board approved all personnel items as presented including the hiring of Mr. Eric Daney as the assistant principal of Pottsgrove High School. Additional details will be posted on the high school website later this week.

The Board authorized administration to execute an agreement with Advanced Protection Services for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$22 per hour.

The Board awarded the bid for the purchase of 3-72 passenger school buses to Wolfington Body Company as presented.

The Board authorized Fox Rothschild LLP to enter into an agreement for the property located at 550 Highland Road in Lower Pottsgrove Township, identified as Tax Parcel No. 42-00-00848-00-1, setting the property's assessment at (i) \$402,500 for tax year 2015 (school tax year 2015-16) and (ii) \$393,400 for tax year 2016 (school tax year 2016-17) and for each subsequent tax year until there is a change in assessment as permitted by applicable law.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Susan Cleaver for speech and language services for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$70 per hour.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Progressions School for 2-3 special needs students for the 2015-2016 school year at an approximate cost of \$83,700.00.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with New Story for one special needs student for the 2015-2016 school year at an approximate cost of \$67,500.00.

The Board authorized administration to execute an agreement with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for substitute nursing services for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$47 per hour.



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The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with CMD Services, Inc. for transportation services for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

The Board ratified the payment of the Pottsgrove High School Renovation Project invoices as presented.

The Board ratified the payment of the Pottsgrove Middle School Cooling Tower Project invoices as presented.

The Board approved the payment of the Pottsgrove High School Renovation Project invoices as presented.

The Board approved the conference attendance as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board approved a Resolution regarding the Overuse of Standardized Testing. The approved resolution will be posted on the District homepage later this week.

Mrs. Cherico reminded the Board of the upcoming PA School Boards Association election and the new voting procedures.

Mr. Rabinowitz raised the concern of the rising cost incurred by volunteers in compliance with Act 151. Mr. Rabinowitz specifically discussed the added financial burden of the required TB test. The Board asked the administration to look into this issue to see if there is any way to provide some financial relief to parents who wish to volunteer in the schools.

Mr. Rabinowitz raised the issue of Keystone remediation and the possibility that the District consider summer remediation and retesting.

Mr. Rabinowitz raised the concern regarding the new Board committee format adopted last school year and the Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of returning to its former committee structure. This issue will be discussed further with a recommendation forthcoming.

UPCOMING DATES:

8/17/15 – Lower Pottsgrove Elementary Self-Guided Tour 9:00 – 11:00 AM
8/20/15 – Ringing Rocks Elementary Open House 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
8/20/15 – Ringing Rocks Elementary Kona Ice Social 5:00 – 7:00 PM
8/25/15 – Ringing Rocks Elementary Self-Guided Tour 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
8/25/15 – School Board Meeting @ District Office
8/26/15 – 9th Grade Orientation @ MS Auditorium 9:00 – 10:00 AM
8/27/15 – Ringing Rocks Elementary Open House 1:00 – 4:00 PM
8/27/15 – West Pottsgrove Elementary Open House 1:00 – 4:00 PM
8/29/15 – West Pottsgrove Elementary PTA Kindergarten Picnic 11:00 – 1:00 PM
8/31/15 – 9th Grade Orientation @ MS Auditorium 9:00 – 10:00 AM
8/31/15 – Ringing Rocks Elementary Kindergarten Orientation
8/31/15 – West Pottsgrove Elementary Kindergarten Orientation
9/1/15 – 6th Grade Welcome Night 4:00 – 7:00 PM
9/1/15 – 9/4/15 Staff Development Days
9/7/15 – District Closed (Labor Day)
9/8/15 – First Student Day
9/8/15 – Middle School PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
9/8/15 – School Board Meeting @ District Office 7:30 PM



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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.