



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held October 13, 2015

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

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

During the **Presentations/Recognition/Awards** report: Dr. Bill Ziegler and Mr. Gary DeRenzo recognized high school junior Diane DiLabio. Miss. DiLabio was chosen to represent Pottsgrove at the All-National Honor Music Ensemble Band in Nashville, TN later this month. She is one of only thirty-three students selected from across Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Yolanda Williams, Mr. Steven Sieller and Ms. Jennifer Flanigan introduced the Student Leaders of Lower Pottsgrove. Those leaders are: Karli Adams, Nicolette Bardsley, Samuel Baumgardner, Madison Blake, Ava Bond, Isabella Confino, Nick DeFrancesco, Dominic Demeno, Benjamin Drago, Taylor Dryden, Lily Guerrette, Adam Hofstader, Sean Irvin, Riley Kalejta, Jenna Kempf, Madison Kern, Cyenna Martinez, Morgan Maxey, Abigail McDonald, Shane Nelson, Keleigh Nihart, Naiya Norris, Victoria Palma, Mailei Schechterly, Jenna Shea, Ava Sibley, Emma Singleton, Laya Srour, Chelsea Wasdick and Sarah Yaccarino. The student leadership team will plan school spirit and other school-wide events. They will also be planning community service projects and be student hosts at community events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Megan Delena, president of the Pottsgrove Education Association, presented a petition to the Board signed by members of the PGEA to resolve the unsettled contract.

Two parents, Darlene Robinson and Danielle Walsh, spoke in support of the teachers in the contract negotiations.

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

The Board approved all personnel items as presented

The Board approved the budget transfers for July through September 2015 as presented.

The Board authorized administration to execute an agreement with Devereaux for one student with a requirement for a 1 to 1 aide at a cost of \$25,200 as presented.

The Board authorized administration to purchase 25 Kajeet branded Smart Spot 4G LTE devices with management tools and wireless access through Verizon Wireless. The cost for the initial year is \$9,364.01 with the devices being a one time cost. Subsequent years will cost approximately \$5,840 depending upon data needs. The entire purchase and ongoing costs will be covered by revenue received through Pottsgrove's e-waste recycling program

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

The Board approved the conference attendance as presented.

The Board approved the mentors as presented.

The Board recessed briefly for an executive session to discuss negotiations and upon return described the current Board offer on the table including an overview of proposed annual salary increases and health care provisions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Update – Mr. David Nester explained the parameters of the 2016-2017 school budget process including the Act I index. No decisions from the Board were requested at this time.



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PSBA Board Training – Superintendent Feola discussed the PA School Boards Association board member training to support current and new school board members at a cost of \$600.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATION

Dominique Johnson introduced himself to the Board then gave an update on each of the schools as follows:

West Pottsgrove Elementary last week welcomed the West End Fire Company for Fire Safety Week. West will be starting Title I reading groups this week.

Ringling Rocks Elementary also celebrated fire prevention with the firefighters, as well as an anti-bullying assembly last week. This week the teachers' professional learning focused on data analysis.

Lower Pottsgrove Elementary is moving forward with the Golden Ticket program where students are recognized for demonstrating the Falcon Four (Respectful, Responsible, Positive and Safe). This week they will have fall pictures.

Pottsgrove Middle School last week held Unity Days with all sixth grade students and teachers. Unity Days reinforces expectations of the Falcon Four and build community to prevent bullying. Also last week, teachers worked in the classrooms with our Apple professional development coach, Mr. Chris Hyde, in a continuation of support for our DiLE initiative. This week they met King Author from the Harlem Wizards in preparation for the game on November 4th.

Pottsgrove High School voted for the homecoming court and class officers. I am pleased to announce that Nakita Harper will be the Senior Class President. This week they are excited about homecoming activities with the bonfire on Thursday, homecoming game is Friday, and dance on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rabinowitz expressed how proud he is of the Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School students honored tonight as student leaders

Mrs. Grimm reported that 519 students are currently attending Western Center programs. 175 students are from Pottsgrove Mrs Grimm also noted that the Western Center's open house for interested students is on Dec. 3 and urged parents to visit the Western Center website, <http://www.westerncenter.org>.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 10/14/15 -Booster Club Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - High School
- 10/16/15 -Varsity Football Homecoming @ 7:00 p.m. - Pennypacker Field
- 10/19/15 -HS PTSA @ 7:30 p.m. - High School
- 10/20/15 -Athletics/Co-Curricular Board Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. - District Office
- 10/20/15 -Curriculum Night @ 7:00 p.m. - Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
- 10/20/15 -Curriculum/Technology/Student Affairs Board Committee Meeting @ 7:30 - District Office
- 10/21/15 -Act 80 Day, 2 hour early release
- 10/21/15 -Book fair @ 6:00 p.m. - Ringing Rocks Elementary
- 10/21/15 -Lower Pottsgrove PTA meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - LPE Library
- 10/21/15 -Curriculum Night @ 7:00 p.m. - Ringing Rocks Elementary
- 10/24/15 -Trunk or Treat @ 3:00 p.m. - West Pottsgrove Elementary
- 10/25/15 -Trunk or Treat @ 4:00 p.m. - Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
- 10/27/15 -Policy Board Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. - District Office