



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held January 26, 2016

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice-monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at District Office.

Superintendent Shellie Feola requested a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Art Bean, a district employee who passed away Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

OPERATIONS/FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

HS Renovation- Mr. Jim Hanna, Project Manager, reported on the status of the high school renovation project. He reported that the social studies classroom renovations are being completed on schedule and the new guidance suite is also on schedule for completion by spring. He also reviewed the next phases with some alteration of the timelines to assure better use of time this summer and contingency budget usage to date. The PowerPoint presentation can be found at <http://www.pgsd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1385>.

Utility Audit – Mr. Jeff Cardwell, Facilities Director, requested approval to have an audit conducted of energy bills received and paid over the last three years in order to look for overcharges and meter irregularities that might result in refunds back to the school district. ERC, the firm that would conduct the audit, has worked with school districts and Intermediate Units across Pennsylvania. There is no initial cost to the district, as ERC receives a commission based on the amount of money returned to the school district. The Board will vote on this request at their February meeting.

PMS Paving Project – Mr. Cardwell also discussed the need for asphalt repaving at the middle school and some sections of the Lower Pottsgrove campus that also needs repaving. The Board approved a request to begin the bidding process so that work might commence over the summer.

Records Purge Update – Mr. David Nester, Business Manager, updated the Board on the paper record streamlining process. The student records portion of the project is complete and an additional 200 hours was requested to completed the Human Resources portion of this project. The Board will act on this request at their February meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Class Rank – The change of grading scale necessitated a discussion by the Curriculum, Technology & Student Affairs Committee at their meeting last week regarding implications for our current seniors. From that meeting came a recommendation to weight honors courses at .5 and AP courses at 1.0 for class ranking purposes. This change would require a modification of the current course guide at the high school. This modification requires Board action. Class rank will proceed in accordance with existing policy for the 2016 graduates.

Board Docs – The administration reported on functionality and costs associated with Board Docs, a system to manage workflow in creating Board documents in advance of meetings and sharing information with the public, among numerous other functions. The Board authorized the administration to contract with Emerald Solutions for the implementation of Board Docs Pro at a one time cost of \$1,000 for startup and training and an annual cost of \$9,000.

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



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The Board approved all personnel items, which included Professional, Support Staff and Supplemental/Special Payment as presented.

The Board approved the conference attendance as presented.

The Board approved the High School Course of Study Guide modifications as presented.

The Board approved policy # 627 Post Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures for Tax-Exempt Bonds and Policy # 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum/Technology/Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Leach reported on the work of the committee including the discussion referenced above regarding AP weighting as well as the practice of ranking students, grading practice changes in the district and bullying prevention programs in the school district.

Policy Committee Report – Mr. Alexander reported on Board passage of two policies noted above that were approved by the committee last fall and posted for public inspection. The committee also worked on modifications of a proposed policy on cyber education (# 141), revisions to the graduation requirements (# 217), bullying/cyberbullying (# 249), new and revised policies in special education (#s 103, 113, 113.3), and Board operations (# 005). The cyber education and special education policies will be posted for public inspection before full Board action and the other policies are still in committee for continued work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Grimm reported on Color Day held at the high school last week. She spoke passionately about the tradition and especially the quality and depth of the student speeches on the theme of resiliency.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 1/27/16 – LPES Beginning Orchestra Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
- 1/28/16 – LPES Beginning Band Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
- 1/29/16 – LPES Someone Special Dance (Boys) @ 6:30 p.m.
- 1/29/16 – HS Marching Band Banquet @ 6:30 p.m.
- 1/30/16 – LPES Someone Special Dance (Girls) @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2/2/16 – MS PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2/3/16 – Music League Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2/4/16 – HS AP/Dual Enrollment STEM Night @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2/2/16 – Elementary PTA Bowling Bash @ 6:00 p.m. – Limerick Bowling Alley
- 2/9/16 – Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – Middle School

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

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