



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held April 26, 2016

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

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

Mr. Rabinowitz announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss Teamsters negotiations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment

The Board took action on the following:

- The Board approved all personnel items as presented.
- The Board approved the Special Education Plan for submission to the PA Department of Education.
- The Board approved the conference attendance as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget: Mr. David Nester reviewed the current state of development of the 2016-2017 district operating budget. He stated that all indications are that a budget could be achieved that would necessitate a property tax increase under 1% and possibly without any tax increase. Department directors reviewed highlights and features of their departmental budgets. Summaries of the budgets of the athletic, technology, facilities, pupil services, and curriculum departments are online at <http://www.pgsd.org/Page/1344>. Mr. Nester discussed the next steps which include adoption of a “*proposed* final budget” at the May 10 meeting, followed by public inspection, possible further modifications, and adoption of a final operating budget for 2016-2017 to occur no later than June 30.

Business Office Department Improvement Plan: Mr. Nester discussed organizations that review and certify school budgets to assure best practices were observed in the development and communication of the budget. There is a cost to receive certification of best practice. Weighing the cost and benefits, Mr. Nester felt that reviewing Pottsgrove’s budget development process with those of districts that have certification would be useful. This was informational only. No Board action was requested or taken at this time.

Graduation Ceremony: Superintendent Feola, following up on a tabled motion presented by Mr. Leach at the April 12 meeting, discussed a recommendation endorsed by the high school guidance department and class advisor to recognize seniors who achieved academic honor at the graduation ceremony. Recognition is as follows:

Salutatorian & Valedictorian – Medallion, Gold Rope, Gold Tassel, Special Sash

Distinguished Honors – Medallion plus Gold Rope plus Gold Tassel

High Academic Honors- Medallion plus Silver Rope

Academic Honors – Medallion

National Honor Society – Blue Sash

All of the honors above are denoted in the graduation program and individually recognized during the senior awards ceremony.

The Board accepted this recommendation.



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Data Analytics: Superintendent Feola discussed a proposal to enter into an agreement with ECRA Group to assist the school district in the establishment of quantitatively measurable goals and the analytic tools and expertise to gauge district progress toward the achievement of those goals along with the associated costs. The Board discussed the proposal briefly. No action was taken at this meeting.

UPCOMING DATES:

4/27/16 - RR Art Show/Book Fair @ 6:00 PM

4/29/16 - LPE 3rd & 4th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:30 PM

4/30/16 - HS Prom @ 6:30 PM

4/30/16 - HS After-prom @ 11:00 PM

5/3/16 – LPES Teacher Appreciation Lunch

5/3/16 - MS/HS Spring Orchestra Concert @ 7:30 PM

5/4/16 - Special Meeting of the Board of Directors @ 7:00 PM - HS Cafeteria

5/5/16 – HS Choir Spring Concert @ 7:30 PM

5/6/16 – MS Art Show @ 6:30 PM

5/6/16 – MS Band Spring Concert @ 7:30 PM

5/9/16 – LPES Beginning and Advanced Orchestra Spring Concert @ 7:30 PM

5/10/16 – Athletics Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM – HS Cafeteria

5/10/16 – Operations/Facilities Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM – HS Library

5/10/16 – School Board Meeting @ 7:30 – High School Cafeteria

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