

# SOUTHERN FULTON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Date: February 21, 2012

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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

District Report

**Kendra K. Trail**  
Superintendent

High School Report

**Meredith Hendershot**  
High School Principal

Elementary Report  
Federal Programs Report

**Theresa Corle**  
Elementary Principal

Facilities Manager Report

**Michael Shaw**  
Facilities Manager

Business Manager Report

**Debra Schetrompf**  
Business Manager

Technology Specialist Report

**Doug Leisher**  
Technology Specialist

Supervisor of Special Education Report

**Diane Younker**  
Supervisor of Special Education

## Southern Fulton School District Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

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### District Report

#### Testimony

- For twenty consecutive months, June 2009 through January 2011, Fulton County had the second highest unemployment rate in the state, as per the PA Department of Labor and Industry; consequently, the free and reduced lunch rate for the school district is nearly 47% which has risen from 32% in 2002.
  - Thanked the General Assembly for continuing the PreK Counts Grant - SFSD has been a recipient of this grant since its inception during the 2008-2009 school year
  - Extremely concerned that funding for the Accountability Block Grant has been completely cut – these are the students who are most critical.
  - During the 2002-2003 school year SF employed 7.5 special education staff while currently, the district employs 21 staff dedicated to special education because, again, student needs have increased significantly. We, as a district, cannot control the needs of students who move into the district. Southern Fulton is projected to receive \$462,766 from the state; however, our budget for special education is \$1,382,690. Consequently, the state pays 33% of the cost while the local taxpayers pay 67% of special education costs.
  - Please keep in mind with Act I limitations, the amount of additional money that can be brought into the SFSD is only \$78,841.
  - The Southern Fulton School District's boundaries covers five townships and 220 square miles which unfortunately creates a challenge for some students riding a school bus more than 90 minutes to school and more than 90 minutes for the trip home. Also, special transportation services are increasing due to student needs. During the 2003-2004 school year, two vans were being utilized for students with special needs – currently 5 vans and one mini bus are being utilized. SF is slated to receive \$699,748.00 from the state for pupil transportation for the 2012-2013 school year while the cost of transportation during the 2010-2011 school year was \$826, 068.00.
  - Charter School spending over five years – approx. ½ million dollars
  - Facility issues, rising cost of gas, electricity, food service program
- During the 2008-2009 school year, Southern Fulton Elementary School was recognized as a National Title I Distinguished School. In 2009, the District was recognized by Governor Rendell as one of the top 50 schools that made significant progress on the PSSA's over the course of several years. In September 2010, the District was notified by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of PA Joint State Government Commission as one of twenty-five school districts

- across the state as “lower-spending and deemed high-performing in the Costing Out Study”. Also, during September 2010, the district was one of three school districts selected to accompany Governor Rendell to a press conference relating to the release of the 2010 PSSA scores. Southern Fulton has significantly tried to do “more with less”; however, I believe our district is at the point where student achievement will negatively be affected, because we have to take a serious look at furloughing more staff members.
- I realize there is only one pot of money, so to speak, and many state programs are vying for state funding, but I respectfully urge you to not allow the Governor to place extraneous appropriations into our precious basic education funding, both giving the false impression of a funding increase, and creating a political superhighway to shift funding, and the responsibility for it to our local school district taxpayers.

### **Budgets**

Debbie and I have met with all administrators for the first round of budget meetings except for Mr. Hendershot regarding athletics and Mrs. Hendershot regarding the high school.

Budget meetings March 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>?

### **Comprehensive/Strategic Planning Meeting**

The first comprehensive/strategic planning meeting was held on February 6. A new mission statement and core values were developed. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the high school auditorium.

### **Vo-Tech**

The FCAVTS meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 16 was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bus Route #14**

Once kindergarten registration is completed at the end of February/beginning of March, I will have information to determine whether or not we need to advertise for bus route #14.

## **High School Report**

### **FFA News**

The FFA record book contest was a huge success this year for the Warfordsburg FFA. The following are the students who participated and the award that they won:

Steven Meyer-1 gold and 1 silver

Tiffany Wilson-1 silver

Harlie Wills-1 bronze  
Jessie Divelbliss-1 bronze  
Cody Sheeder-1 bronze

The FFA is also planning its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet. Please mark your calendars for the tentative date of April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. During the banquet, we will be recognizing all Warfordsburg FFA alumni and will have the opportunity to listen to our guest speaker Mr. Mike Brammer, Pennsylvania FFA Advisor. The FFA is also inviting the new Secretary of Agriculture but we have not yet heard back if he will be able to attend.

### **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program**

The Southern Fulton High School has implemented the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program this school year. This has been a 6 month process, starting with a Core Team of teachers at the high school attending a 2 day training session during the summer. This core group of teachers, consisting of: Angie Booth, Van Duncan, Yvonne Griest, Kent Hendershot, Wendy Ritz, Linda Schriever, Justin Sholes and Karen Solomon, trained the entire staff at the high school with the assistance of the IU and Fulton County Center for Families. In addition, there was a student kick-off program in January that involved a skit by the Interact students (led by advisor Heather Kauffman) and a special agent from the PA Attorney General's office spoke to the entire student body. There was a parent kickoff to for the program on the evening of February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

### **Guidance Update**

The ninth grade students attended the AVTS orientation on Friday, January 27, 2012. Students first went to McConnellsbug where they attended a 20 minute session on each program offered. Students attended sessions on drafting, allied health, agriculture mechanics, child care and welding. Students then went to Forbes Road and attended 20 minutes sessions on diversified occupations, construction trades, agriculture science, technology and computer networking.

Juniata College provided a FAFSA completion workshop on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Students and parents were able to log onto the computer and work through the FAFSA along with submitting and application for their PIN.

The ASVAB was offered to any interested juniors and seniors on Thursday, February 9, 2012. There were 18 students who took the test.

Students have been registering for their classes for the 2012-2013 school year. Most of the requests are in Power School at this time.

Elyse Bennett took 8 students on a field trip to Franklin and Marshall College. The students toured the college and attended different sessions on the admissions process.

## **Semper Fi Memorial - The Lance Corporal Steven Szwydek 5K Run / Walk**

This annual event is in its third year. Each year, as it is planned, will alternate between the three Fulton County School Districts that the memorial fund benefits. This year the run / walk will be held at the Central Fulton School District on April 21, 2012. The event is being organized by Mr. Mac Miller at CF, Mr. Jeremy Hollinshead at FR, and Mrs. Missy Barton and Ms. Angie Booth from SF.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- February 29 – 2:00 p.m. Camp Cadet Presentation for Grades 7-9 – Auditorium
- March 2 – HCC Trip
- March 2-3 – County Chorus, Chambersburg High School
- March 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Sports
- March 9 – 9<sup>th</sup> Period – Club
- March 12 – Mobile Dentist
- March 12-23 PSSA Math & Reading Window
- March 16 – PSSA Day 1 – Reading & Math
- March 19 – PSSA Day 2 – Reading & Math
- March 20 – PSSA Day 3 – Reading & Math
- March 20 – Senior Project Presentations in Auditorium (am)
- March 20 – Olweus Bullying Class Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> period
- March 19-31 – Book Fair

## **Elementary Report**

### **Events**

Day two of Olweus training was held on January 20, 2012. We are using the program with class meetings occurring two times a month at the elementary.

Kindergarten Transition meetings were held on January 19, 2012, in planning for incoming Kindergarten students for next year. We currently have 42 children slated to attend our Kindergarten Registration on February 29 and March 1, 2012.

I attended the mandatory PSSA training on February 16 at Intermediate Unit 8. I will be training PSSA coordinators for each building. This statement is taken from an email to school districts from the Pennsylvania Department of Education: “To prevent any suspicion of testing anomalies, PDE strongly encourages districts/charter schools/CTCs not to allow teachers to be test administrators of their own classes. As such, it is recommended that other teachers be used as test administrators, or that a proctor be in the

testing room with the teacher if the teacher acts as the test administrator of his/her own class.”

### **Pre-K Counts**

The monitoring visit for our PreK Classroom occurred on February 6 and 7, 2012. A formal evaluation will be sent to the school. There has been a 5 % cut to the PreK Counts program for next year; however, OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning) has been able to absorb that cut so it is not passed to providers such as Southern Fulton School District.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### February

21	PTA “Wolfgang Candy” fundraiser begins
22	Wacky Wednesday
29	Kindergarten Registration

#### March

1	Kindergarten Registration
5	PTA “Wolfgang Candy” fundraiser ends
11	Daylight Saving Time begins
12	PTA Meeting 6:30 PM in the Elementary Library
12-23	PSSA Reading and Math ( No 3-6 Bible Release on March 14)
19	End of Marking Period Three
20	Grade 1 Poison Prevention Assembly

## **Federal Programs Report**

I am still waiting for updates to our allocations for Title I and Title II for this school year. Our district is being monitored this year as part of our three year monitoring cycle. Our monitoring date is slated to be April 25, 2012.

## **Facilities Manager Report**

I will be attending a tour of schools with biomass boilers on Wednesday.

The tempering valve needed replaced at the high school for the domestic hot water.

An entrance point was patched on the high school where bats were getting in.

The Ag classroom did pass framing rough in inspection. The electrical rough in is to be done this week.

## **Business Manager Report**

I have completed the reconciliation of real estate and per capita taxes for the 2011 tax year. All accounts are in order. Exoneration lists for the 2011 tax year will be presented at the next board meeting for approval. Delinquent 2011 per capita taxes have been sent to Powers, Rogers and Speaks for collection.

I emailed the Request for Proposals to PDE for preapproval for Food Management Services for the 2012-2013 school year. Advertisements have been sent to two different newspapers as per guidelines. A walk through has been scheduled for March 14, 2012 at 10:00AM and the deadline for proposals is March 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

As per Board motion made on October 18, 2011, \$1,850,000.00 has been transferred from unassigned fund balance (PLGIT/PLUS) to committed fund balance in the Capital Reserve Account for capital improvements.

## **Technology Specialist Report**

### **Electronics Recycling**

Greg Reineke of the Fulton County Conservation District has set up sheds that people can use to recycle electronics. The shed for Warfordsburg is off-white and located at the Bethel Township building. I'll start taking all our electronic recyclables there.

### **PIMS HQT Submission:**

The PIMS Highly Qualified Teacher submission has been completed. I'm waiting for PDE to make available reports so I can check the data for verification.

## **Supervisor of Special Education Report**

### **PDE Annual Conference**

The PDE Annual conference will be held on February 29 – March 2, 2012. I will be attending with no expense to the district.

### **Special Education Advisory Meeting**

Special Education Advisory meeting will be held on March 7, 2012, at IU 11. This will be an all-day training for Supervisors of Special Education.

