

SOUTHERN FULTON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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District Report

Meeting with Senator Scarnati

I received an email from PSBA asking if I would be interested in attending a meeting with Senator Scarnati to discuss the proposed PlanCon moratorium. The meeting will be held on May 23 at 9:30 am in the state capitol building. There will also be representatives from PSBA, PARSS, PASBO, AIA (American Institute of Architects), and a contractor group at the meeting.

State Budget

The Senate passed its own version of the state budget, increasing funds for education and rejected the governor's call for block grant funding.

The following are highlights of the state budget as communicated via email on May 11, from Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC).

The Senate Budget (SB 1466) would:

- Add \$50 million for Accountability Block Grants
- Add \$50 million to the Basic Education line for "distressed schools." Basic education subsidy would increase to \$5.405 billion
- Restore \$4.1 million to Pre-K Counts
- Restore \$1.9 million to Head Start
- Maintain special education funding at \$1.026 billion
- Restore \$2.7 million to Public Library Subsidy
- Increase pupil transportation by \$4.3 million
- Restore most higher education funding to current year (2011-2012) levels:
 - Adds \$64 million to Penn State
 - Adds \$40.2 million to Pitt
 - Adds \$42 million to Temple
 - Adds \$82.6 million the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)
 - Adds \$8 million of \$19 million cut from PHEAA student grants
 - Restores institutional assistance grants (IAGs) and the Cheney University Keystone Academy to 2011-2012 levels.

SASMD – Standards Aligned System Model District

Becky McHugh from Pennsylvania Department of Education called last week to ask if SF would be interested in becoming a SASMD. I informed her that we would. We applied to become a SASMD last year and unfortunately they only selected 9 districts. This year they are extending the program and personally inviting us to sign up. The first commitment is on June 20-22, 2012, for a kick off conference and we will need a 5 member team in place. The team should include the superintendent and a math person because we will be working on Keystone items.

Strategic Planning Meeting

The next strategic planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2012, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Ministerium Meeting

The administration will be meeting with the ministerium on Thursday, May 17 at 8:00 AM.

High School Report

Envirothon

Congratulations to the Envirothon team of Steven Meyer, Justin Mellott, Jonah Ensor, Christian Barnhart, and Sean Bright. These students won the Fulton/Franklin Envirothon with the high scores in wildlife, aquatics, soils, and current issues. The team has qualified for the state competition May 22nd and 23rd at UPJ. Seleen Shives is the Fulton County Conservation District Manager and her comment to Mr. Hollenshead after the contest and awards should make all of SFHS proud. She said that this group of boys gives her hope for her 4 year old and she was impressed with how humble, gracious, and respectful they were. We usually only hear when our kids are bad, but with the craziness of this time of year, it is good to hear what a great job the staff is doing here at SF. The success of this group and their character has been built over the last 13 years here at SF.

Prom

The Southern Fulton High School prom was held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at the Orchards Restaurant. Southern Fulton received HUGE praise from the staff at the Orchards for how well behaved and polite our students were during the entire evening. The event was spectacular with good food, ample room for dancing and socializing, photographers in the room and restrooms designated for our event only. The evening was concluded with Whitney Ritz being named the prom queen and Seth Hall as the prom king.

Baccalaureate

The Class of 2012 has requested to hold the Baccalaureate ceremony on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Graduation

Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be distributed during graduation practice, which begins on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. If any board members would like tickets to attend, please see Mrs. Hendershot by Monday, May 21, 2012. Tickets are required for entrance as seats are assigned and designated.

PreSchool Graduation/Child Care Class

Mrs. Schriever's childcare class of 16 students just completed the spring preschool program they had 19 children on Wednesday, and Friday, and 11 children on Thursday. Graduation was last week we had a good and successful program.

PSU Study

Southern Fulton junior high students completed the Penn State research study and completed the post-test. The administrators from Penn State conducted this study in Pennsylvania, California, Ohio, and Illinois, and they said that our students were one of the top-performing schools in the nation during the study. They were very impressed!

Artist In Residency

Southern Fulton High School is currently hosting dancers/performers Nancy Walker (Artist in Residence) and Jeff Savage (Guest Artist) for an historical dance program. The 10 day residency commenced on May 3rd and will finish on May 21st, with a Dance Showcase in the School Auditorium. Walker and Savage are teaching 10th Grade English Literature students dance and related arts of Renaissance, Colonial, Civil War, Ragtime Era, the Roaring 20's and the 1950's - 70's. In addition, they provide workshops to other grades covering subjects requested by the teachers.

The program gives students a complete immersion into the history, life and cultures of these eras using historical social dances as a basis to enhance the curriculum. The importance of dance and its social context, etiquette, the origins of the dances and how the dances are reconstructed from period dance manuals will all be covered. Related topics such as period fashions, music, and etiquette will also be covered.

This project is supported by Southern Fulton High School, stARTSomething, a regional program of the Cultural Alliance of York County and Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), the regional arts funding partnership of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency. State government funding comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by Cultural Alliance of York.

The project will finish with a free Dance Performance Showcase in the School Auditorium, open to family and friends of the participating students and to the General Public.

Come and support your local school students and reward their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work. Dance Performance Showcase, Southern Fulton High School, 13083 Buck Valley Road, Warfordsburg : Monday, May 21st @ 2:00pm in the Auditorium.

Student Council

Student Council/BUSTED members sponsored Decades Week the last week of April as a fun way to learn about the popular culture of America's past. Students were encouraged to dress accordingly from the 1950's through the 1990's. Music was also played from each of the decades and the student body seemed to enjoy this fun week-long activity. They also honored Southern Fulton's teachers during Teacher Appreciation week by providing a luncheon for the Faculty and Staff.

Semper Fi Trip

On Friday, May 11th, roughly fifty members of the senior class were able to visit Washington, D.C. due to the generosity of Nancy and Mike Szwydek. The Semper Fi Memorial was established after their son Steven, a Southern Fulton graduate, was killed during his second deployment to Iraq. The students were able to visit Arlington cemetery, the Smithsonian's American History Museum, as well as various memorials.

AT&T Aspire Grant

The High School has been invited to apply for a grant opportunity through AT&T, which was acquired through the process of applying via a pre-survey. Southern Fulton High School was selected to complete the full application process. That application was submitted on May 9, 2012, with the focus of dropout prevention by instituting a Mentoring program for students in grades 8th & 9th. Notification will occur prior to June 20, 2012.

PHEAA CAPs Grant Update

The trip on Friday, April 27, by the Physics and Adv. Physics kids (23 of them) to the USA Science and Engineering Festival at the Washington Convention Center was a huge success. The trip on the metro was the first trip for many of the students. They came back with so many activities they had seen at the festival. Several are doing the activity for the "Physics is Phun" Day. Some of the students met famous authors (such as Homer Hikam, October Skies author).

Also, advanced chemistry, physics, and advanced physics (40 students) are going to the elementary school on the morning of May 21, to do physics and chemistry demos for the 6th graders.

UPCOMING DATES:

- May 21 – a.m. Physics is Phun Day
- May 21 – Pds 7-9 Awards Assembly in Auditorium Grades 7-12
- May 22 – Graduation Practice Day 1
- May 22 – Jr High Bowling Trip
- May 22 – High School “Minute-to-Win-It” Competition
- May 22 – 1:30 p.m. Juniors with Mellott Company in Auditorium
- May 23 – Graduation Practice Day 2
- May 23 – Jr High Hagerstown Suns
- May 23 – 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate – HS Auditorium
- May 24 – Graduation Practice Day 3
- May 24 – District 5 First Round Playoffs for Baseball & Softball
- May 24 – Senior vs. Faculty Bball Game (periods 7-9)
- May 24 – Rain date for Ag Olympics
- May 24 – Jr High – Outdoor activities/rewards
- May 24 – Senior Formal Graduation Pictures – 9:00 a.m. Auditorium with Board President
- May 24 – Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- May 25 – Ag Olympics
- May 25 – Last day of school for students
- May 25 – District 5 Semi Finals for Baseball
- May 25 – Scholastic Scrimmage Leaves for Nationals
- May 29 – District 5 Semi Finals for Softball
- May 29 – Last day of school for staff/teachers
- May 30 – Spanish Club to Kings Dominion
- May 31 – District 5 Final for Baseball & Softball Championship

Elementary Report

Events

We held a variety of events at the elementary school this month. The District Art Show was held on April 28th. We held a PreK-Head Start Family Fun night on May 8th. The Elementary Band and Chorus for Grades 5 and 6 held their annual Spring Concert on May 10th. We held our last PTA meeting on May 14th.

Grade 6 Graduation will be held on May 21st at 7:00 PM.

The Principal’s Reception for students in Grades 4-6 who made the Honor Roll each marking period will be held on May 23rd.

We currently have 49 students registered for Kindergarten next year.

We currently have 33 students registered to attend PreK at either the Southern Fulton or McConnellsburg site for next school year.

I have been invited to be one of three administrators from our Intermediate Unit to attend a meeting on June 21st in State College regarding assessment changes for Pennsylvania. This is being funded by the Department of Education.

Pre-K Counts

The annual required meeting for the PreK Counts grant will be held in Harrisburg, PA on May 21st.

The PreK Continuation Grant application and budget for 2012-13 has been final approved by OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning).

Upcoming Events

May

16	Scholastic Competition/Ice Cream Day
17	Health Fair (Grades 3-5)
18	Field Day
21	7:00 PM 6 th Grade Graduation Physics is Phun Day (8:30 start)
22	Citizenship Day
23	Rain Date for Citizenship Day PreK field trip to DelGrosso Park 7:30 AM Principal's Reception
24	PreK Graduation
25	Student Last Day 9:00 AM Kindergarten Graduation Student Awards Assembly
29	Teacher Last Day

Federal Programs Report

Our Federal Programs monitoring was held on April 25, 2012. The monitor provided a draft copy of the monitoring instrument and all parts of the program are being implemented as required.

Facilities Manager Report

Ag Room

I am working on getting the drywall joints finished so I can apply paint. I have the ceiling grids in place. HVAC is installed and is ready for startup. Electrical/lighting will be finished as soon as I get the interior walls finished and painted.

Business Manager Report

Bids for custodial supplies and paper for printers and copiers have been received and are in the process of being reviewed and tabulated. A list of the bids to be approved will be presented at the June board meeting.

Mrs. Trail and I met with Roxi Seilhamer from Strickler Agency to review their proposal and will present at the June meeting for your approval.

I will be working with Unifund in the next week, along with Mr. Leisher, on completing the General Ledger Rollover for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mrs. Bard and I will be reconciling the 2011-2012 bus contracts for their last pay of this school year on June 1, 2012. All bus contracts for the 2012-2013 school year have been signed and were returned to the District Office.

Technology Specialist Report

eRate

We have been approved for eRate rebates in the amount of \$11,802 for the 2011-2012 school year. These rebates are provided at the federal level for telecommunications services such as local telephone, long distance, etc. We also receive eRate for our Internet access but this is via the IU so our monthly payment is with eRate already deducted.

Laptop Carts

Earthlink is trying to create a C.O.W. (Carts on Wheels) program. This would allow school districts to receive free device carts (without the devices) that would have ads on them. We could refuse any ads that we do not want. I have sent in a form to apply for this. If we get any, I'd use for any new laptop carts we'd get as well as replace older carts that we have.

Supervisor of Special Education Report

School Psychologist

It is with regret, Lauryn Carnes the school psychologist has turned in her resignation effective at the end of the 2011/2012 school year.

Special Transportation

Snyder's will begin transportation in July. Extended School Year will begin the first week of July. I will need to sit down with them and come up with a schedule for Extended School Year.

PSSA Modified Assessment

Beginning next school year the Modified PSSA will no longer be available to students with IEP's.

Summary of Performance

Meetings are being carried out with graduating seniors who have IEP's to present students and parents with valuable information needed when they graduate.