

Southern Fulton School District Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

District Report

Administrative Summit

Theresa Corle, Meredith Hendershot and myself attended TIU 11's Administrative Summit on Monday and Tuesday in Harrisburg regarding the new teacher evaluation tool.

Reynold's Energy

Their building envelope consultant, Energy and Environmental Consultants, Inc., will visit the district to conduct surveys within the next week or two to look for opportunities for improving the thermal performance of the building envelope through air sealing, insulation, etc.

Plan Con Parts A and B.

I will be traveling to Mechanicsburg to meet with representatives from Crabtree Rohrbaugh to speak with a PDE representative regarding Plan Con Parts A and B on July 25th.

Algebra I Keystone Exam

I will be meeting with math teachers at the high school on Thursday, July 26 at 8:00 AM to discuss transitioning to the Common Core Standards in preparation for the Algebra I Keystone Exam.

District V Athletic Committee

I have been asked to be the superintendent representative for the District V Committee. My first meeting is August 1st in Bedford.

Hillyard

I will be meeting with Brian from Hillyard regarding schedules, etc. for custodial staff.

High School Report

Teacher Workshops/Trainings

There were two trainings held at the high school this summer. In June, the IU sponsored one day training for interested teachers on the Classroom Diagnostic Training Assessments that are available on the SAS Web Portal. This was led by Tim Miller and there were 12 teachers in attendance. The second training was a PSSA Data Analysis and there were 7 teachers in attendance.

Keystone Update

According to the latest information from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the PSSAs will no longer be given to 11th graders beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Instead, students will be required to take end-of-course exams, called the Keystone Exams at the conclusion of Algebra I, Biology and Literature. This will certainly be a HUGE change for students and teachers this school year. The 7th graders will still be required to take the Math & Reading PSSA's in April, while the 8th graders will be required to take Math, Reading, Science and Writing PSSA's in March/April. The Keystone Exams will be given in the winter, spring and summer, based on when students finish a course. PDE is still trying to finalize the transition plan for the 11th graders and how that will change the manner in which AYP is calculated for the high school. There is a webinar on Monday, July 23, with more information.

AT&T Aspire Grant Opportunity

Unfortunately, the Southern Fulton High School was not selected to receive the funding from AT&T this school year. This grant was written to create a mentoring program for potential high school dropouts.

PHEAA CAPS Grant

This grant continues to offer GREAT opportunities for Southern Fulton Students. Our partnership with PHEAA and Juniata College has created an opportunity for 7 students to attend a weeklong STUDIO U course at Juniata College, at NO cost to the students or SFHS. This course is a weeklong, overnight course for students that are skilled with Painting, Drawing, Ceramics and Sculpture. This is taking place on Juniata's campus at the McCann School of Art. In addition, Juniata College is sponsoring several high school seniors interested in the Health Professions, Physics, Writing and Theater to Job Shadow current Juniata professors and students for 2 days during the month of July. We are also planning a "Boot Camp for Seniors" in August and September in order to create awareness of the college application process.

Building Usage Requests

July 18, 19, 21 – TIU 11 School Bus Training, Dave Smith, High School Library

Elementary Report

Events

We currently have 51 students registered for Kindergarten next year.

We currently have 26 students registered to attend PreK at Southern Fulton with two students who are on a waiting list for our site.

I attended a meeting on June 21st in State College regarding assessment changes for Pennsylvania. No formal changes were initiated at this meeting. This was a discussion in calculating AYP using Keystone Exams. We also discussed school difficulties in administering the PSSA exam online.

Upcoming Events

July

31 Kindergarten Tour 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August

15 Teacher In-Service
6:00 PM Pre-K Orientation
7:00 PM Kindergarten Orientation

16 Teacher In-Service
Open House (Grades 1-6) 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

17 Teacher In-Service

20 Student First Day

Federal Programs Report

The applications for Title I and Title II programs have been submitted to the PA Department of Education. Our applications are currently being reviewed by the Department of Education.

Facilities Manager Report

Business Manager Report

Completed Medicaid Transportation Claims Cost Report for 2011-2012 School Year.

Purchase Orders for the 2012-2013 school year went out the first week of July and supplies are arriving daily which of course brings in an influx of bills to be paid.

The new Qualified High Deductible Health Plan has been put in place and the District Share has been transferred.

Auditors from Rotz and Stonesifer were here on Monday, July 23rd and Tuesday, July 24th to begin preliminary work on the 2011-2012 Audit. They will return in September to complete the audit.

Technology Specialist Report

eRate

We have been approved for eRate rebates in the amount of \$12,138 for the 2012-2013 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.

Supervisor of Special Education Report

Special Education Plan

Changes will have to be made once again to the proposed Special Education Plan. Proposed plan is to eliminate one Special Education Teacher position for the upcoming school year. There will also be changes to two other positions due to resignations.

ESY (Extended School Year)

ESY is going well. It will end for the majority of the students by August 9th. A small number of students will continue to have ESY services until school begins.

Special Education Leadership Conference

I will be attending this conference from July 23, 2012, through July 26, 2012. The importance of attending this conference is to hear the updates to special education for the

upcoming school year. Special Education Directors from all over the state attend and many dignitaries and leaders in education will attend and provide updates to proposed changes. I will be attending this conference at no cost to the district.

Autism Conference

The conference is held from July 30, 2012 – August 2, 2012, at Penn State Convention Center. The autism conference focuses on instructional and behavioral strategies to incorporate into everyday life for individuals who have autism and/or on the spectrum. I will be attending this conference at no cost to the district.

Low Incidence Conference

The conference will be held from August 6, 2012 to August 9, 2012, at Penn State Convention Center. The conference provides trainings to staff members who work with students who require life skills training, students who are hearing impaired, and students who have vision deficits. I will be attending this conference at no cost to the district.

Interviews for School Psychologist

On Tuesday, July 17, 2012, Lauryn Carnes came back to show the new psychologist, Kristi Baggly where the testing materials were located and to review special education protocols established for Southern Fulton. The new school psychologist will begin working in our district on August 13, 2012. She will carry out evaluations that have been requested over the summer and/or before the end of the school year.

Changes for upcoming school year

Southern Fulton will have a new speech therapist, multiple disabilities classroom teacher for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Kim Brown will serve as our CLM Coach for the MD Classroom.

Greenhouse

The Life Skills students will begin utilizing the greenhouse for the 2012-2013 school year. The roof still needs repaired, and there may be a few minor repairs needed before it can be used. The students who are in the Life Skills Classroom can provide flowers for the flower beds for the elementary and high school.

Ameri-Corp Worker

Southern Fulton School District will have Mrs. Kelly Sipes back for another year. Kelly's salary is paid through a grant, which I was able to obtain again this year. Mrs. Sipes duties are associated around transition activities and assisting students who need extra support with academics and/or behavior interventions. Once again thanks to Mrs. Mary Whittaker-Myers from IU #11 for her help in this endeavor.