

Southern Fulton School District Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

District Report

Architects

John Bain, Doug Leisher, and I had a conference call with the architects last week regarding a few issues such as doors, secure entrances, and wiring for technology. The architects are finalizing the scope of the project which will be given to board members once I receive the information.

Comprehensive Plan

Jon Diffenderfer, Kathy Cutchall, Diane Younker, and I are working on completing the Comprehensive Plan so that the board may approve it at the October meeting. The deadline for submission to PDE is November 30, 2012.

IU Trainings

The IU has been offering several free trainings for teachers and administrators regarding the Common Core Standards, Depth of Knowledge and the new teacher evaluation tool. SFSD is taking advantage of these trainings.

Old Elementary School

I met with a committee last evening to discuss ways to memorialize the old elementary school. They would like to see the front part of the old elementary stay intact – pillars, archway, front doors, and flag pole.

Athletic Field Advertising

Joe Munson and Tristan Douglas are using this endeavor as their senior project. Anita Munson will be going along with the students. Currently, the students have secured four signs.

High School Report

Student Teachers

Open House was held at the High School on Thursday, August 23 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. There were a total of 35 families in attendance with 124 visits to classrooms. We ran a mock schedule of a “white” day in order for the families to visit each teacher.

Library News

The Fall School Spirit and Clothing sale has begun. The sale is running for two weeks and items will be delivered in early October. If you are interested in purchasing any items, please let Ms. Adams know. In addition, the Fall 2012 book fair netted over \$200 in free books for the library. Way to go Ms. Adams!

SAT FieldTest

Southern Fulton High School has been selected to participate in the new SAT Field Test in September. All students in grades 10-12 will be given the test during the school day and results will be calculated by the College Board. The school receives \$15 per student for administering this field test. We would like to use this money for the students that participate in this event in the way of a day field trip.

Child Care News

Mrs. Schriever's childcare class is going to the elementary school a few times each week to work with the students and teachers in Pre-K, K and 1st grade. These students are getting valuable hands-on experience in child care, as well as assisting the teachers in the primary grades at the elementary school. This is all part of the FCAVTS Child Care curriculum. In addition, Mrs. Schriever is going to begin her Pre-K story time in October.

Happy Days

There was a great article in the Fulton County News last week concerning the upcoming performance of "Happy Days". This is Southern Fulton High School's 11th musical theater production and it will come to stage with two performances, October 19th & 20th. There will be a concession stand in the cafeteria with all proceeds from the sale of refreshments donated to a charitable cause. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Show time is 7:00 p.m. on both evenings.

Senior Boot Camp

The Juniata student/parent night was a BIG success for a first time event at Southern Fulton High school. There were over 70 people in attendance, where they were presented with information regarding the selection of post-secondary schools, financial aid and the admittance process.

In addition, The McCann School of Art, Juniata College, is coming to SFHS and will be presenting to the Advanced Art students in October 2012. Juniata and Southern Fulton hope to continue this relationship even though all grant funds have been cut.

Art News

The high school art department received a donation of 50+ art history books to add to the “student artist resource library” in the Art room that includes books on animation, painting, drawing and photography. Thanks Iris Hendershot!

Homebound Instruction

There is one student on homebound instruction.

Enrollment for High School 2012-2013 (8/21/2012)

7th Grade = 62
8th Grade = 72
9th Grade = 81
10th Grade = 49
11th Grade = 65
12th Grade = 75

Total = 404

Enrollment for High School 2012-2013 (9/17/2012):

7th Grade = 60
8th Grade = 72
9th Grade = 80
10th Grade = 47
11th Grade = 64
12th Grade = 74

Total = 397

UPCOMING DATES:

- **September 25 – 1:00 p.m. St. Francis Rep @ SFHS**
- **September 25 2:15 p.m. PSU Rep @ SFHS**
- **September 27 – FFA AFFY Leadership Conference**
- **October 2 – Ag Youth Day**
- **October 15 – Grade 7 Vision & Hearing Screens**
- **October 16 – Elementary School @ SFHS for Musical (am)**
- **October 16 – Grade 11 Vision & Hearing Screens**
- **November 16 – Dress Down Day**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences – 11/20 Regular School Day; Conferences 4 - 7:30p**

Elementary Report

Events

September 5: Assessments for the Common Core (Tuscarora IU 11 training) - Jamie Shaw and Denise Conley

September 6: The High School Band performed for Grades 4-6 to demonstrate the variety of instruments that are available for prospective students.

September 7: Grandparent Day Luncheon was well attended (a special thank you to all who helped to make the lunch a success).

September 11: Depth of Knowledge Workshop (Tuscarora IU11 training) - Ryan Ickes, Ellen Glunt, and Amanda Brumbaugh

September 25: Danielson Framework Training (Tuscarora IU 11 Training) - Leslie Gates, Kristi Whiteside, Diane Younker, and Theresa Corle

September 25-27: Incredible Years Training: Amber Goldizen, Amber Leader, Louise Strait, Laura Northcraft, and Andrew Rupert

Elementary Enrollment

PreK	26
Kindergarten	57
Grade 1	49
Grade 2	52
Grade 3	56
Grade 4	61
Grade 5	67
Grade 6	52

ESL/ELL Updates

Miss Adams and I have been working with Shippensburg University to develop a partnership to have their language students assist in translation services with our district as needed at no cost. We explored this avenue in response to the growing concern of the cost of translation services for our needs. For example, the cost to have an interpreter/translator attend a 1.5 hour event in the district to provide services will cost at least \$300.00 plus travel costs (mileage etc.). Shippensburg University professors are in agreement to provide their students with this opportunity as the university has an emerging certificate in translation and the work with our district could serve as part of the practicum for this certificate. We are developing an agreement with the university for their assistance.

Upcoming Events

17 Constitution Day
18 Joe Corbi PTA Fundraiser to end
19 Grade 6 CIA start
21 Grade 3 to receive dictionaries 8:30 AM
22 First day of Autumn
26 Bible Release Grades 3-5 begins
28 Olweus Kick-Off (Trooper McGarvey) Elementary Gym
PreK-2 (8:30-9:10AM)
3-6 (9:20-10:00 AM)

October

2 Grade 6 Youth Ag Day (Englert Farm)
7-13 Fire Prevention Week
Good News Club begins (K-2)
8 Columbus Day
9 Grade 3 trip to Washington D.C.
11-12 Mobile Dentist
15 Rada/Sheetz PTA Fundraiser begins
16 Elementary School to HS for Fall Musical (9:00 to 10:30)

Federal Programs Report

No updates.

Facilities Manager Report

New Ag Room

I am in the process of finishing the classroom in the shop. Remaining items to be completed: 1) Paint doors and windows 2) install metal on exterior wall 3) install water proof quarry tile bull nose base.

Hillyard

Brian from Hillyard is bringing me online with the new cleaning program. We are already tweaking the system to fit our needs. The buildings are being monitored.

Building Issues

We are addressing several problems with the cafeteria equipment and A/C system in both the high school and elementary school.

Business Manager Report

I will be finishing up Pupil Transportation Reports PDE-2089 and PDE-1049 by the end of the week and submitting.

Completed and submitted Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) forms for e-Rate for 2011-12.

Completed and submitted the School Health Report for 2011-12.

On 7/23/12, three CDs matured earning \$15,960.89 interest and on 8/27/12 one CD matured earning \$2,110.89 interest. Four new CDs were purchased and will mature on 8/30/13.

Technology Specialist Report

SuccessMaker

The newest version of SuccessMaker was installed onto a new server. There were some problems as an automated update caused the program to become unusable. It is currently operational and ES students are using it for help with reading and math.

Supervisor of Special Education Report

Special Education Plan

The Comprehensive School Plan must be completed in the near future. This plan now incorporates the anticipated changes for Special Education over the next three years. Committees were held and input gathered from a diversity of individuals. This plan will need to be completed as soon as possible.

Students with Significant Needs

I continue to have several paraprofessionals working with students who have been approved for a TSS, but the agency does not have any individuals ready to fill those positions. I have been called on to help teachers manage noncompliant student behaviors on a daily basis.