

Southern Fulton School District Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

District Report

Work Session

This is a reminder that there will be a work session on February 5, 2012. We will be providing information with regards to possible elementary building needs in the future, we will also be providing recommendations for the high school project, and the financing for both of these along with possible financing for school resource officers.

School Resource Officers

I have contacted Sargent Young, Commander of the police barracks in McConnellsburg and with Sheriff Stains in order to meet with me and the other two Superintendents in the County to discuss the issue of school resource officers. Presently a tentative meeting has been setup for February 13, 2013, for all five of us to meet and do an extensive look at school resource officer position.

High School Report

Voice of Democracy Competition

Jordyn Rider, a Southern Fulton senior, was 3rd runner up at the district level for the VFW's *Voice of Democracy* speech competition. This year's topic was, "Is the Constitution still relevant." The speech is graded on originality, content and delivery. Jordyn attended an awards ceremony in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania and was awarded \$150; she will also be awarded \$500 from the local VFW post in McConnellsburg later this spring.

Keystone Exams

The Keystone Exams are being administered on January 15, 16, 17 in the areas of Algebra I, Biology and Literature. This testing window has been designated for 11th graders who did not participate in the original field test and/or those who did not score advanced and/or proficient on the field test that was given 2 years ago. The May testing window will be used for student taking end-of-course exams in Algebra I, 10th Grade English, and Biology. The testing window for the end-of-course exams is scheduled for May 13-24. These exams are replacing the 11th grade PSSAs.

Homebound Instruction

There is one student on homebound instruction.

UPCOMING DATES:

- January 21 – School Open
- January 23 – 7:00 p.m. Cheer Championship
- January 25 – Period 7 – Olweus Bullying Prevention Class Meeting
- January 29 – 2:20 – 3:00 p.m. Michael Miles Assembly
- February 4 – Fort Indiantown Gap; Advanced Physics & Ag (Schrivver/Mosemann)
- February 5 – 9th Grade AVTS Orientation
- February 5 – Board Work Session
- February 6 – 9th Grade AVTS Orientation
- February 8 – 9th Grade AVTS Orientation
- February 15 – School is open

Elementary Report

Events

The elementary school staff met in the afternoon on December 21, 2012 to review our safety plan and discuss concerns.

The annual Elementary Christmas Programs were well attended. We appreciate the help of Mr. Dave Smith with shuttling between the high school and elementary school.

Our PreK Grant award was increased to \$168,130. A revised budget and our Quarter II expenditure report have been submitted.

Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the English Language Arts Writing Field Test during the testing window of February 4-15, 2013. This is a one session field test for students in those grades only.

Building Use

Pitching Lessons are slated to begin on January 6, 2013 through February 24, 2013. This clinic is being held by Stacy Smith.

The Elementary Spelling Bee will be held in the High School Auditorium on April 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

January

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| 18 | PTA Movie Night 6:30PM to 8:30PM (Elementary Gym) |
| 21 | School in Session – Make up day
Report Cards distributed and Possible Failure Notices sent |
| 23 | National Handwriting Day |
| 25 | Wolfgang PTA Fundraiser begins |
| 29 | Music Assembly (Michael Miles) 1:00 PM |

February

2	Groundhog Day
6	Wacky Wednesday
11	Wolfgang PTA Fundraiser ends
13	Wacky Wednesday
14	Valentine Parties
15	School in Session – Make up day
18	No School-President's Day
19	2 Hour Delay for Students for Teacher Training

Federal Programs Report

Updated Title I and Title II allocations are slated to be released soon.

Facilities Manager Report

The parts are in to repair the high school's domestic hot water boiler's heat exchanger; this should be completed by the next board meeting. We are currently working on the high school's exterior lighting and water storage tank controls. We will be addressing issues with the first floor fire alarm system's A/V circuit at the elementary and repairing the comminutor at the wastewater treatment plant. We are addressing issues that were brought to our attention by our new insurance carrier, for example, alterations to the elementary playground, elementary bleacher handrails, and high school art class kiln needs fire proof hood, and spray booth in wood shop needs a fire extinguishing system.

Business Manager Report

Completed and submitted the following reports

- * Act 1 Resolution (approved at the 12/4/12 Board Meeting) and proposed tax rates for the 2013-2014 school year was submitted to PDE
- * Public Utility Realty Tax Act (PURTA) for 2012
- * Quarter reports for Title I, Title II and Pre-K (12/31/11)

The PSERS Board of Trustees set the employer contribution rate to 16.93 percent for fiscal year 2013-2014. The employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2012-2013 was 12.36 percent.

Paperwork for the Liquid Fuels Tax Refund Claim for 2012 has been sent to bus contractors and must be returned to District Office by March 15, 2013. Deadline for submission to Board of Finance and Revenue in Harrisburg is March 31, 2013.

Technology Specialist Report

Nothing to report.

Supervisor of Special Education Report

Evaluations

Miss Bagley has carried out five gifted evaluation and she stated that some of the scores obtained by students are some of the highest scores that she has ever seen.

EFA/NULTON Transportation

Concerns continue to be raised by the bus contractor about behaviors of the students riding the mini-bus.

Special Education Plan

The Point of Service Compliance Monitor has approved the plan and it has moved on to the next level through PDE for approval.

Children's Behavioral Services & Family Based Resources

These two agencies have been working closely with the school as an effort to obtain services for students with mental health needs. The payment for these services comes directly through medical access, so not all students qualify for this service. Through this mental health service we can request TSS (therapeutic support staff to assist with students with significant mental health needs. It is very difficult to obtain these services!)

PASA

Materials are beginning to come to prepare for the test. The PASA is the alternative test to the PSSA. Very few students meet the criteria to take this assessment. The testing window is different than the PSSA and this assessment is video-taped and the video is submitted to be evaluated.