

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

March 1, 2013

Superintendent

Updates to Resource Officer:

The Meeting with Sargent Young from the State Police, Sheriff Stains and the two other Superintendents occurred in McConnellsburg. Some important information from that meeting is as follows:

- Anyone carrying a weapon in school must go through proper training in accordance with law.
- State Police are able to offer a Resource Officer Program however; it is too expensive because it is done with off duty Police Officers at a cost of time and a half.
- Sheriff Stains will be checking cost if we were to use a Sheriff's Deputy.
- Most effective and cost efficient method will be to secure a retired State Police Officer or a Sheriff's Deputy.
- I have discussed with Chris Barnett about providing a secure entrance at the elementary at the same time we do the high school project.

Natural Gas Pipeline:

I will meet with Columbia Gas and Reynold's Energy on March 8, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in order to discuss details of the natural gas pipeline coming from the Maryland line. I have also invited Dan Swain and Bethel Township Supervisors to insure everyone receives accurate and concise information.

Old Elementary:

I have reviewed the contract with Phantom Fireworks and it indicates the building is to be leveled and grass planted. I will be in contact with them to find out what

affect leaving a portion standing would affect the contract. It is important to note that we have an estimate of \$20,000 to \$25,000 in order to build additional storage. My initial guess is it would be far more expensive than that to enclose a portion of the building if we left it standing.

Taxation:

I have had several questions concerning the 511 taxes which include the per capita tax and the earned income tax. After a discussion with our solicitor, auditor and several other contacts I have with PASA. I can clearly indicate that presently the per capita tax is held to \$10.00 and the max rate for earned income tax is 1%. This is presently where we have those two taxes set. Act 1 prohibits school districts from imposing new 511 taxes that were not already in effect as of 2005-2006 fiscal year. New 511 taxes can be added only by voter referendum. The earned income tax can be increased above the 1% tax cap for only two reasons. The first is if the district had an occupational assessment tax and choose to eliminate that tax the earned income tax could be increased above the cap only to the amount of money you would lose by eliminating the occupational tax. The second reason for increasing the earned income tax above the 1% cap is to fund Farmstead and Homestead exclusions under Act 1. In essence, you could increase above the 1% the same dollar amount you choose to put back into the Farmstead and Homestead exclusions. Therefore, as of right now in the state of Pennsylvania the only way for a district to increase revenue is through economic growth within the district or to increase the millage rate.

Policies:

Anita has put together 18 more policies for you and they are now available for review on the intranet. If you have any questions regarding these policies please let me know as soon as possible.

Elementary / Federal Programs Reports

PreK Counts Grant:

The PreK Counts Grant is reopened for next year. All providers must reapply and be approved for the program to continue. Mrs. Corle attended a webinar on the grant on Friday, February 22, 2013. The grant application is quite extensive. A new grant cycle (five years) will begin for the 2013-2014 School year. I submitted a "Letter of Intent" on 2/25/13. The full grant application for this new cycle is due by March 29, 2013 via the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Safety Training:

Mrs. Younker and Mrs. Corle attended safety training at the Waynesboro High School on Monday, February 18, 2013. This was a free training provided by the Franklin County District Attorney's office. Mr. Grossman provided the training including ideas to increase safety measures in school and communication between and among police.

Two Hour Delay for Teacher Training:

Elementary staff used the time during the two hour delay to work on curriculum in their core content areas. We are continuing to update curriculum to incorporate the PA Common Core Standards.

Federal Programs:

I submitted our updated Title II grant application through the eGrant portal on 2/27/13. I also completed the Title I grant and I am waiting on approval from the Christian School to perform a final submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Title I dropped from \$133,931 to \$130,284 (loss of \$3647). Title II dropped from \$38,720 to \$38,605 (loss of \$115).

PSSA Testing:

We are busy with final preparations for PSSA testing. The fifth grade Writing Assessment begins on March 12 at the elementary.

Student Discipline:

Student discipline is been very busy at the elementary.

High School

Title XI Reporting:

Title XI reporting is beginning October 2013 and is extensive for the Athletic Director and Business Manager.

Girls District Championship:

The girls will play Saturday, at 8:00 p.m. at UPJ for the District Championship vs. Conomaugh Township.

County Chorus Concert:

The County Chorus Concert will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Business Manager

Web Conference:

Mr. Hann, Mr. and Mrs. Hendershot and I watched a Web Conference in regards to Pennsylvania Act 82 Article XVI-C: Disclosure of Interscholastic Athletic Opportunities (Title IX) on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Safety Committee Meeting:

I held a monthly Safety Committee Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013. Mr. Hann updated the committee on the Resource Officer Meeting held in McConnellsburg. Mr. Bain reported his findings on what alarms we currently have in place and the possibility of adding a “panic” button in each school.

Commonwealth Budget Webcast:

Mr. Hann and I attended a webcast seminar on the Commonwealth Budget on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Budget Meeting:

Mr. Hann and I have met with Mrs. Corle, Mr. Bain, Mr. Leisher, Mr. and Mrs. Hendershot and Mrs. Younker this week to review and discuss their budgets for 2013-2014.

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