

Administrative Bulletin March 15, 2013

Superintendent Report

Grant for Energy Savings Contract:

I received disappointing news back from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Although, the Alternative and Clean Energy Program Guidelines indicate that under grants which is Section B #3 it states “The maximum grant amount for an Energy Savings Contract (ESCO) shall not exceed \$500,000”. There is a small note later on in the guideline that states “Due to the significant energy savings and the brief payback period associated with most energy conservation and energy efficiency projects as defined in Section II, B, 1, c. of these guidelines, the Authority will not approve grant requests for these projects”. They have indicated that we would be eligible for a loan for the energy project which would be a 10 year loan at 4.6%. I do not believe this is a viable option because the interest rate on a bond issue will definitely be less. Sorry for the disappointing news.

Resolution:

At the April board meeting it will be necessary for the board to adopt a resolution which will allow payback to the district from the bond once it is issued. This will be necessary because we do not wish to do the bond until we have approved the bids for the high school renovation project. The energy savings contract will be starting before this occurs which means we will need to pay several bills with the energy savings contract prior to adopting the bond issue. For this to work, it will be important to pay the funds back into the capital project fund so that we can then pay it out of the capital project fund for the Plan Con portion of the project. What this amounts to is, an account procedure we must do in order to insure that the capital project funds are spent on the Plan Con portion of the project which will allow us to receive a portion back from the State.

Elementary & Federal Programs Report

PSSA Testing:

Grade 5 PSSA Writing Assessment administration went well. Students worked diligently on the exam. There was only one version of the exam due to the transition to an English/Language Arts test for the future.

Art Show:

The Art Show will be on Sunday, March 17, 2013, from 12:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. at the elementary school.

High School Report

Pi Day:

The math department sponsored a “Nerd Day” on March 14, 2013 in honor of Pi Day. Students and staff dressed as “nerds” and brought in round objects to celebrate. It was a huge success and a lot of good ole fashion fun!

Girls Basketball:

The SF Lady Indians continue their quest in the PIAA State Playoffs in the Elite 8 on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. at East Pennsboro High School vs. Lourdes Regional Catholic. Please go and support our girls as they carve a path in history. Go Indians!!!!

PSSA Writing 8th Grade:

The 8th graders spent 3 days this week taking the PSSA Writing Exam and attendance was EXCELLENT for those students.

ASVAB:

The ASVAB was given to interested students on Friday, March 15, 2013. Anyone interested in taking the exam had that opportunity.

Talent Night:

On Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a first-ever talent night held in the high school auditorium. Come and enjoy the talent. All proceeds will benefit the Tristan Douglas Family.

Business Manager Report

PASBO Webinar

On Tuesday, March 5th, 2013, I attended a PASBO webinar at the TIU #11 related to the Healthcare Reform and the new regulations regarding “full time” employee status. All school districts within the IU were invited.

TIUCIT Meeting

On Friday, March 8th, 2013 I attended a TIUCIT meeting at the Intermediate Unit and one of the topics discussed was Health Care Reform. Robin Hope of the Reschini Group, presented very valuable information. Mr. Hann and I will be setting up a meeting with Robin Hope to discuss the rules and guidelines and makes plans on how we will track employees that Health Care Reform may apply to.

Technology Specialist Report

PIMS:

PIMS Highly Qualified Data (HQT) has been uploaded to PIMS. According to reports run from PIMS, all our teachers are showing as highly qualified.