

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

August 9, 2013

Superintendent Report

Facility Usage Request – Soccer

This facility usage request was tabled at the last meeting therefore, it is on this agenda until you vote it up or down.

Mrs. Hendershot has been in contact with the Head Varsity Soccer Coach and the Athletic Director and all agree to the grant the facility use request with the stipulations listed below. One of the concerns specific to the request is that this does not interrupt the WAYS soccer program, which is being used as a feeder program to the Varsity Soccer Program; however, that concern is covered by (C) in the statement of stipulations.

Recommend approval of Lowell Bard's request for facility use to run a soccer enhancement program under the following stipulations:

1. If operating during soccer season it must be done at the elementary.
2. If using the soccer field, it must be done after the season is over.
3. As per facility use request form, it cannot be in conflict with district programs or goals.
4. Schedule times must fit availability determined by Principals and Athletic Director.

With both Athletic Director and Head Coach not having a problem and as long as the four listed stipulations are enforced I would recommend it be approved.

Educational Foundation

Presently we have one school board member who has volunteered to serve on the educational foundation board therefore; I am looking for an additional member of the board to serve. I am presently in the process of contacting community individuals to serve on the foundation board. If you know of anyone that would be a good person to contact please let me know.

Pre K

Thursday, I was in a meeting with other superintendents and was fortunate enough to meet with the new secretary of education. During the almost three hour meeting I was able to actually get some face to face time with the secretary and discussed the loss of our PreK program. I shared our concern about funding and the grave importance of being able to operate a PreK program that had a positive impact on our scores. To end our discussion Secretary Harner asked two questions.

1. If he is able to obtain funding, how long it would take me to get the program back up and running? My answer to him was within three weeks from the time of being notified.
2. Was the board willing to fund any portion of it? I indicated I would address that issue with the board. Therefore, this is a discussion we will want to have at the next board meeting.

High School Report

Possible Co-Op – Field Hockey with Forbes Road

A high school student has transferred from Forbes Road to Southern Fulton this summer and is interested in playing field hockey at Forbes Road. In order for this to occur, Southern Fulton and Forbes Road must

enter into a Co-Op agreement which must be approved by the PIAA, District 5 committee. The process requires that each board of directors approve the Co-Op between Forbes Road and Southern Fulton for Field Hockey. Once approved by Forbes Road, Southern Fulton and PIAA, those Co-Op agreements are good for 2 years. At that point, the Co-Op may be renewed if all parties are in agreement. Currently, the Southern Fulton PIAA enrollment number for girls in grades 9-11 is listed as 110. As part of the agreement, Forbes Road would “take on” those 110 girls in their enrollment for Field Hockey; however, there are only 2 classes for Field Hockey and our 110 girls will not change the class in which Forbes Road participates. Forbes Road is the only school in District 5 that has a Field Hockey team and they do border the Southern Fulton School District so this would be a viable Co-Op if the board agrees to enter into an agreement with Forbes Road. As in the past, all transportation would be the responsibility of the parents/students that are choosing to participate in a sport that is held at another school. There will be no district costs associated with entering this Co-Op. There are no stipulations on which school district approves the Co-Op first, as long as both school boards of directors agree to the Co-Op. After approval is received from the two districts, the Athletic Directors of both school districts present the Co-Op agreement for approval to the District 5 PIAA Committee. The PIAA approval is “usually” a formality as long as the school districts approve the Co-Op. All of the Co-Ops for the 2013-2014 school year have already been finalized so this Co-Op would most likely become effective for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.

Elementary Report

PreK Information for the Board

I contacted Alleghany Lutheran Social Ministries Head Start Director, Tonya Carson, to verify that income eligible students were being offered services through the head start program. Information was also mailed to parents on the Parents as Teachers Program offered by the Fulton County Family Partnership (satellite office in the elementary school).

PreK Interest Parent Pay option: I contacted parents of children who would be 4 by the first day of school August 21st. I left ten messages. I spoke to 14 parents. One parent has moved to Hancock. Nine listed cost as a concern for the reason not interested in the parent pay program at this time. One also added that she felt that district should offer separate busing and pay the cost. One was interested but not sure yet, three expressed interest as long as they could come up with the funding. One of the three parents that had expressed interest called me to share that they are not able to pay the cost.

Kayla Strait, parent, contacted me regarding corporate sponsorship possibilities for the program. I spoke to Mr. Hann regarding this and contacted the parent to determine if she is interested in meeting with Mr. Hann and me to assisting in exploring this option.

I spoke to Christina Ramsey at Forbes Road School District. She indicated that her district provides a full day program for students. The district has a teacher and aide and she shared that the district currently has a low enrollment for their program.

I spoke to Alicia Mellott at Central Fulton School District. She shared that her district currently uses some Title I funds to offset the cost of their K4 program. Their program has two session sets that run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on alternating days. One group attends school on Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday. Another group attends school on Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday. Their program has two teachers and two aides.

Bedford Area School District offers Learning Lamp PreSchool. Learning Lamp offers part and full day preschool ages 4 & 5. Lunch and transportation are available. The full day program runs from 8:20 AM to 2:50 PM. Cost is \$130.00 per month for part day and \$340.00 per month for full day. As the

classroom staff is not employed by the district, all salary and benefits packages are through the agency that runs the program.

I also researched the possibility of offering a program that would allow parents to use child care works subsidy funding to offset the cost of the program. Parents must meet eligibility guidelines that include income guidelines. Child care and early learning providers operating a program for four or more unrelated children must be certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. We will need to contact the Department of Public Welfare Regional Child Development Office that regulates child care facilities in Fulton County to begin the application process. Prospective providers must attend an orientation training to begin the application process. The next training that is in geographical proximity is August 14, 2013 in Hollidaysburg, PA. I am signed up to attend this training as it is mandated as part of the application process. The precertification process is lengthy. However, I spoke to Larry Black Jr. who works in the Hollidaysburg Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) and he shared that we could probably have the certification process completed in 4-6 weeks including the required clearances.

I believe that early childhood education is extremely important for the children of Southern Fulton School District. I have provided information for the board on several areas including running our own certified child care center with the capability of receiving child care works subsidies, offering a site to an outside agency to run a program in the building for our children, and providing a parent pay option. I understand the need for district to be financial responsible to the taxpayers while offering a quality education to our children.

Note: I will provide updates to this information as things evolve.

Federal Programs

The Southern Fulton School District Consolidated Application, with includes Title IA and Title II B, is currently in review by our Regional Federal Programs Coordinator, Norma Hull. All required paperwork for this grant is completed and up to date.

Facility Manager

Propane Companies

I have meet onsite with AC&T Propane and also Blue Flame Propane. An onsite visit has been scheduled with Southern States. These three companies will be providing us proposals to place four 1,000 gallon tanks and run lines to the building. They will also be providing us a per unit cost of propane. Once I receive the proposals, Mr. Hann and I will review them and be reporting back to you. Our deadline to have heat in the building is October 15, 2013. The two companies I have met with so far indicated once the proposal is approved the actual work will be done in less than 1 week.

Cleaning

The elementary is finished. The high school is cleaned except for hallways, stairways, gym, music room, cafeteria, high school office, welding shop classroom, and two classrooms across from gym.

Building Project

All HVAC lines are ran, tested and flushed throughout the building. The areas listed as not cleaned need the HVAC connection piping insulated. The boilers and chillers are connected. The boiler supply line is not connected as the location of the gas line is not known at this time. Modifications are being made to the water conditioner to include the entire building, not just the hot water to the kitchen. HCAC control wiring is installed and being programmed. Shut off valves supply by the district for the a/c and heat system are install and working.

Other Issues

Elementary chiller's second system leak have been found and repaired. Will need charged with 410A refrigerant. Freezer in kitchen at high school is down, nothing major; I have it narrowed down to a relay or switch in the roof top condensing unit.