

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members September 13, 2013

Superintendent Report

Columbia Gas

Northern Pipeline will actually be on site beginning Monday and their first task for Monday and Tuesday will be regarding containing sedimentation. Wednesday they actually expect to begin digging and drilling for the pipeline. Many are predicting they will be done by Christmas and maybe even Thanksgiving. Worst case scenario they should be done by beginning or middle of January unless a major problem is encountered. With that in mind we have requested AC&T and Blue Flame to provide us with updated proposals which will be a strict price per gallon for propane with no cost to set the four tanks or remove the four tanks at the end. Southern States will be removing their tanks this Saturday and crediting us back for the propane that is still in the tanks. AC&T has been extremely aggressive with their last proposal and is willing to provide installation and tear down at no cost with per gallon of propane cost at a fixed price of \$1.599 for up to 50,000 gallons.

With Northern Pipeline starting the gas line construction we will be asking board approval to allow them to use the area below the old elementary along Route 522 Great Cove Road as a staging area until the completion of the pipeline.

Para Professional

On the agenda you will be asked to recall Megan Mabey-Leach as a para professional. She was furloughed at the end of last year because there was no need. However, with the registration of over 40 new students there are special need students in this group which will require us to recall Megan. Also, we will be looking to advertise for a para professional position with Via Shaw moving from para professional to a custodial position.

Bond Resolution and Bond Agreement

Please remember that the bond resolution and bond agreement included with your agenda are draft copies. The official copies will be presented at the board meeting by Janney Montgomery and Joe Pierce. The reason this is necessary is that they will be compiling final numbers during the business day prior to the board meeting.

High School Report

Senior Rewards Trip

The seniors had a great time in Ocean City on their rewards trip. I have received many thanks from the parents and the teachers to be passed onto the board for allowing this trip to occur. The students were very well behaved and followed all rules/check in times and procedures.

Antietam Battlefield

The Mellott Company sponsored an all-expense paid trip for the entire senior class to participate in a guided tour of Antietam Battlefield. Paul Mellott pays for the busses to transport the students and chaperones, as well as paid for water and lunches for all attendees. The students had a great time and this trip ties directly into the senior government curriculum.

Senior High Band & Color Guard

In order to continue the interest in the Southern Fulton Marching Band, the senior high students and color guard visited the elementary school on Wednesday, September 4 for a performance with the music they are working on for the parade season. The entertainment was enjoyed by all ages.

AC

We are still working on getting the AC regulated and all of the glitches worked out of the system. Several contractors have been onsite this week to continue to troubleshoot and fix the problems.

Elementary Report

Meeting with Fulton County Family Partnership

Mr. Hann and I met with Mrs. Elen Ott from the Fulton County Family Partnership regarding setting up a program for school age children and age 3-4 children. Mrs. Ott is working on putting together cost information for the programs. The district will survey families to determine interest and to put together a listing of children and families who will use this service.

Elementary Enrollment

The elementary school continues to enroll new students and plan for those who have significant needs. Our current enrollment is:

Kindergarten: 52

Grade 1: 62

Grade 2: 56

Grade 3: 56

Grade 4: 58

Grade 5: 60

Grade 6: 65

Grandparent Luncheon on September 6, 2013 was well attended. We had approximately 290 Grandparents visit during lunch with approximately 190 indicated that they were purchasing a school lunch. We had many positive comments from our visitors.

Special Education Report

Van Transportation

We have had to add several more students on to special transportation due to their physical and behavioral needs. We can't have students hitting, biting, spitting, or pinching other students. Safety is the issue, which has supported the need for alternative transportation.

Special Education Plan Revision Notice (SEPRN)

SEPRN has been initiated with the state. Two state monitors will be at Southern Fulton to approve the change in classroom based on students need for a bigger classroom and added the third sixth grade classroom. Tentative Date for approval is 9/16/13 between 9:30 – 10:30. This is occurring on Monday.

Special Education Compliance Monitoring

Training and file reviews will be set up with IU 11 to come in and assist in reviewing our files to be sure that we are in compliance with the new education review and they will make recommendations to the Supervisor of Special Education.

Upcoming and/or information on Attended Trainings

- IDEA Fiscal Program and Contingency Information(September 11, 2013) Pattan (Harrisburg)

Reviewed the expectations for schools to follow when submitting applications for Contingency Funding. The following was shared at the training:

- Window opens 11/25/13 and closes 1/17/13
- All expenses are for the 2013-2014 school year
- Fee factor is \$24,000 – must be deducted from total expenses for individual students
- Average district tuition is built into the system for deductions.
- Only applications that are over \$60,000 after deductions will be considered for funding
*(If you do not have a student with over \$100,000 dollars of expenses you will not qualify for contingency funding.)

- Webinar for Keystone Projects – A second webinar was held to review the protocols associated with the projects that will be offered to students who have IEP's who have not passed the keystones as well as those who have failed it for the second time and do not have an Individualized Educational Plan. This information is constantly changing and the second webinar contained changes from the first webinar. The SAS portal contains tutorials associated with the projects which are scheduled to open on September 25, 2013. They will not be mandated and/or required until 2017. I will keep you informed as I am informed on the upcoming trainings and information shared. Special Education Staff will be provided with information to keep on top of what is coming down from PDE.
- Special Education Advisory Meeting (IU 11 September 25, 2013) – The Supervisor of Special Education, Sandi Dinardi come for a site visit last week. Her main objective was to see the needs of Southern Fulton and what the IU can do to assist us throughout the 2013-2014 school year. This was an informative meeting and we were able to identify upcoming needs for the district, especially with the significant behavior issues that are being observed in the younger grades. (emotional supports)
- PA SBAP – Medical Access (State College) October 22, 2013 (Changes will be provided)

IEP Quick Sheets

All Special Education Teachers have provided regular education teachers with quick sheets. Quick sheets provide the strengths, needs, and specially designed instruction needed for every individual student who has an IEP. (Individualized Educational Plan)

PASA

Southern Fulton has signed up to be in a pilot program to take this test and have materials forwarded to us via technology. Hopefully, this will help the process not to be so cumbersome.

Phone Calls and Emails

I have been receiving approximately 100 + emails a day from teachers, parents, and organizations. I am attempting to keep ahead, but have not answered everyone every day.

Special Needs

RE: Returning students from Alternative Education Placements and new students

- I have recently been informed that several students who are either enrolling in our district and/or returning to SF from alternative placements based on CBHNP criteria will be attending SF in the very near future. If the insurance carrier CBHNP; drop the one student and state that she needs to return to SF, I will be requesting another one on one Para for this student. I plan on visiting the facility today to see how much improvement the student has made while at the alternative school placement. It will have to be a significant change in order to not require a one on one paraprofessional.
- One of the new enrollments will begin on Monday. This student will have to have a one on one Para-professional due to his physical outburst and aggressive behaviors.
- Another student enrolling in our district will be placed in an Alternative Education Placement due to significant behavioral issues, which is a recommendation from the school that the student is transferring from to our school. An intake is happening at that facility today.

Facilities Manager Report

Propane Provider

We will be recommending the revised proposal from AC@T for propane. It will include the installation of four 1000 gallon tanks and line connections. There will be no setup or removal fees and the price of propane is set at \$1.599 per gal. Blue Flame's price is now \$2.019 per gal with no setup or removal fees.

Maintenance Issues

The walk-in cooler at the elementary went down today. It is now working, but will need a new contactor as soon as we can get one. The wiring was replaced to two separate classroom unit ventilators at the elementary as the line wire was shorted out in the conduit between the panel box and the units. I'm not sure how that happened. We replaced the switch to one of the warmers in the High School Kitchen. We will be upgrading the sump pumps in the mechanical room at the High School. As indicated before the first pump isn't sized big enough to pump the water out of the basin, it isn't designed to pump the head requirements that are required of it.

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