

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members

January 30, 2015

Superintendent

Act 93

There have been requests to review Act 93 contracts. The contracts that could fall under Act 93 are contracts that are not associated with the support staff or the teacher association.

The superintendent's contract is completely separate from everyone else and in most cases so is the business manager. In talking with Allen he would like to meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to the February board meeting. This would be a non-action closed meeting in order to discuss Act 93 negotiations. This meeting will need to be advertised and could be held in the faculty room prior to the board meeting. By holding the meeting prior to the board meeting we probably will not have time for a work session.

After the first initial meeting it will be necessary in accordance with the rules of Act 93 to meet and discuss with the individuals who are affected by this act. That meeting could be held prior to the March board meeting and any action from those two meetings can then be placed on the April board meeting prior to adoption of the budget. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to call or email Allen and I. You will be receiving a packet with all possible Act 93 contracts.

Insurance Trust Consortium

On Friday there will be a meeting of the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Insurance Consortium and the Huntingdon Insurance Consortium. Discussion will occur between Superintendents and Business Managers from both groups in order to decide if it would be advantageous for both groups to merge. An analysis has been done on both groups and been distributed to all parties. Initial look indicates that from a financial standpoint it would be beneficial for both groups. However there are some major differences with regards to rules and regulations for each group, the bylaws of each group, and the types of insurances offered by each group. The notable difference is our group has high deductibles while theirs do not. Also we are self-insured while their group is insured through a high mark policy.

High School Principal

PVAAS

As we continue to learn about the changes to the School Performance Profile and the Teacher Effectiveness Tool, including the new teacher evaluations, PDE continues to roll-out trainings on the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System. I participated in a webinar that provided guidance in the process of using PVAAS to explore current curriculum and instruction as it ties to assessment. It is my goal to use this information in order to prepare teachers for the changes that are constantly occurring with the state assessments. In May, we will be required to submit rosters of all courses that are involved with an assessment (Reading, English, Math, Science) and those students will be associated with the teachers providing that instruction. The assessment scores of those students will be directly tied to the instructors that are identified with teaching those courses and they will receive a three year rolling average, showing the average growth of their students. This information, along with the achievement of students, will allow us to dig deeper into our curriculum alignment with the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards.

Collaboration Meeting

The three county school districts are working with Fulton County Services for Children to address issues that are related to students. We meet twice a year to discuss current trends and pertinent issues that cross over to all student organizations. Also participating in these meetings is the Fulton County Probation Department as well as President Judge Carol L. Van Horn. This meeting took place on January 22, 2015 at the Community State Bank.

Elementary Principal

Child Study Team Meetings

Child study team meetings were held at the elementary on January 29, 2015. The meetings were productive with parents and school staff sharing ideas and working together to support students.

Federal Programs

I have reviewed the 2013 Census Data and Southern Fulton School District is at 14.91 percent of our population at poverty level. The concentrated grant portion of Title I funding depends on districts having at least 15 percent of the students at certain poverty levels. Districts that are not at the 15 percent poverty level will lose an incremental portion of their Title I award. I do not have information as to what the adjustment will be at this point. It is important that as a district, our residents report this information accurately to the Census Bureau as it does affect this funding.

High School Dean of Students

Leadership Seminar

On January 20, many of our young leaders participated in a leadership seminar. Our special presenter was Major General John Gronski, a two-general with 15,000 troops in his command. The seminar, "How Do You Measure-Up as a Leader?", is only presented to nine of the 535 PA high schools each year. The Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church hosted and provided lunch.

Vo-Tech Program Tour

Our freshmen travelled to McConnellsburg to tour the Vo-Tech programs that will be available to them when they schedule for next year. In turn, we hosted Central Fulton's freshmen to tour facilities.

Elementary Dean of Students

W.I.N. Lessons

We have had several ladies here from Women In Need doing guidance lessons on strangers, bullying, internet safety, and cooperation with the students. They have been very impressed with how nice our students have been to work with. Due to the weather this week, some of our lessons will be rescheduled for a later date.

Technology Specialist

PATI Submission

I submitted the annual report to PDE via PIMS for our PA Technology Inventory. This report has information regarding our Internet connection, building-to-building connection, and number and type of devices (computers, iPads, etc.) in classrooms connected to the Internet.

Director of Special Education

Special Education Para

Special Education Para began working in the Kindergarten classroom on Wednesday to help with the influx of students with unique needs.

Project Max Mandatory Training

January 28, 2015 - Mandatory training for Project Max Administrators at PATTAN Harrisburg. The session focused on Assistive technology, Danielson Framework, LRE – least restrictive environment, looking at school data and determining where improvements need to occur and how to initiate drastic changes.(corrective action plans)

February 3 – 5 Attendance to the PDE Conference is mandated for members of the Project Max Team, funded by the state. Mrs. Corle, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Auker, and Mrs. Younker will attend. Upon attending the conference, the team will come back to the district and share with the faculty information that is obtained.