

## **Administrative Bulletin to Board Members May 29, 2015**

*Superintendent*

### **Executive Session**

In communicating with the board president, we believe there is a need for a short executive session prior to the work session/board meeting on June 23, 2015. The purpose of the executive session is to review Act 93 and Section 1089 contracts and salaries prior to adoption at the board meeting. It will be important for you to attend this short meeting which will begin 7:30 p.m. at the beginning of the work session.

### **Electrical Contractor**

Thursday of this week John and I met with the electrical contractor. They finished up the few items left on their list and therefore will be provided their final payment.

### **Reynolds**

John and I have been in communication with Reynolds regarding the smell in the coils. They will be bringing a team in after students are out to clean the coils in the rooms that have problems and demonstrate to John and his crew how those coils should be cleaned in the summer. They will also provide some of the additional supplies they are recommending we use to clean with.

### **Lobar**

Lobar has completed their items on the punch list. I am still rejecting one item and that is the caulking around the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows. Their sub had returned to correct these issues but only corrected the issues with the window caulking on the first floor. The issues on the second floor were not corrected.

### **Affordable Care Act**

With the 2015-2016 school year many of the requirements for the Affordable Care Act will take place which will require a number of data recording and reporting on a number of issues to the Federal Government. As we continue to gain more knowledge and legal interpretation of these requirements we will continue to provide you information.

*Elementary Principal*

### **PreK Counts Grant**

I have been working on the PreK Counts grant to prepare it for submission by June 15, 2015. Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries has opted to write a grant combining their Bedford County grant with a grant for their classroom to be housed in their building in McConnellsburg. The district is working with the Fulton County Family Partnership to provide the staffing and additional home support work through our grant.

### **Grade 6 Graduation**

Grade six graduation will occur on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 7:00 PM. We wish these students well as they continue their education in the Junior/Senior High School next year.

### **Comprehensive Planning Meeting**

A joint Comprehensive Planning Meeting was held at the High School on May 20, 2015. Representatives from each building attended to review our current plan and to begin the process to update goals related to needs of the district.

### **Longitudinal Study**

Members from the National Center for Educational Statistics were back to the elementary school this year on May 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> to test students who are participating in the longitudinal study that began when the students were in Kindergarten.

### ***Elementary Dean of Students***

### **Longitudinal Study**

Representatives from the National Center for Educational Statistics were here last week to conclude their testing for the year for their Early Childhood Longitudinal Study of the Kindergarten Class of 2010-2011. This Center is part of the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. Our school district is part of this National Study. Next year will be their final year of the study for this group of students.

### **Citizenship Day**

On Wednesday students were able to participate in the Citizenship Day Reward. Luckily, the rain hit mostly during lunch hour and the afternoon activities were only delayed for a short period of time. The students appeared to enjoy their day. They could dance to the songs by the DJ; eat snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn; or play on the inflatables. The tall dual slide was a big hit, as well as, the other inflatables. However, I think I heard the most students discussing who won the cow milking contest.

### ***High School Principal***

### **Keystone Exams**

May 27 was the last day of the Keystone Exams window. This officially closes the assessment calendar for the school year for students. Students were assessed in the areas of Algebra I, Biology and Literature. There is a great concern with the window of these exams extending so close to the end of the school year as it creates conflicts for the course finals in non-assessed areas. The state conducted a survey requesting information regarding the exams and I did express my concern with the timing of the exams as they relate to all of the end-of-year requirements for students. Hopefully PDE does take into account the concerns school districts have with these exams. In addition, the DRC system crashed in the middle of the Literature exam, causing the entire state to pause testing as students could not log in to the exams. This delay was approximately 45 minutes.

### **AP Exams**

A total of 18 AP Exams were taken at Southern Fulton High School this year!!!! That is an all-time high for students taking the exams. The content areas were: AP Language, AP Statistics and AP Physics. At this time, we offer AP courses in AP Language and AP Statistics. We are adding AP Biology for the 2015 – 2016 school year and already have met the maximum course enrollment for this course. It is a very exciting time for academic students to be able to take these courses with the potential to receive college credit while in high school.

## **Comprehensive Planning**

The education team that sits on the comprehensive planning committee had their initial meeting on Wednesday, May 20 in order to prepare for the submission of the plan that is due in November, 2015. The team reviewed the previous goals and action plans that were in the plan that was developed during the last submission process. There are a few items that need to be addressed and those will be considered with the educational team and then brought to the whole committee for review.

## **League All Star List – Kent Hendershot**

Please congratulate our spring sport athletes on being voted onto the League All Star lists....

### **Baseball All Stars**

Connor Litton (SHL and ICC)  
Tristan Douglas (SHL and ICC)  
Dylan Lashley (SHL and ICC)  
Trent Rider (SHL and ICC)  
Zach Clark (SHL and ICC)  
Dylan Gordon (SHL and ICC)

### **Softball All Stars**

Allison Spade (SHL and ICC)  
Erica Hoffman (ICC and was SHL honorable mention)  
Olivia Mottern (ICC honorable mention)

### **Track and Field**

Celina Merchant (ICC)  
Linsey Pryor (ICC)  
Dristin Mellott (ICC)  
Chase Varner (ICC)

## ***High School Dean of Students***

### **Field Trips**

It was a very busy and exciting couple of weeks at the high school. The Junior High traveled to see the Hagerstown Suns. SMART Rewards took freshmen through seniors to Hershey Park. National Honor Society travelled to Gaithersburg, Maryland.

### **Spanish Class**

Santiago from the very popular taco truck presented to Mrs. Layton's Spanish class on ethnic cooking.

### **Envirothon**

Envirothon travelled to the state competition and made an excellent showing.

### **Mellott Company**

The Mellott Company presented to Juniors to prepare them for the Senior Project Scholarship program.