

# **Administrative Bulletin to Board Members**

## **October 2, 2015**

### ***Superintendent Report***

#### **Soccer Bleachers**

I provided Chris Barnett a brief sketch along with dimensions and the lay of the ground. Chris indicated that the cost for a set of 100 seat bleachers would be in the neighborhood of \$14,000 to \$16,000.

He went on to indicate “With that said, there are a couple of additional factors I want to make you aware of, having dealt with them on my most recent projects involving outdoor permanent bleachers publicly bid, as they’re a pain in the butt:

- If the bleachers are indeed permanent – in other words they are secured to a foundation system/concrete pad and cannot be moved – then they are subject to the requirements of ADA. That is to say, you are required to not only accommodate for handicapped seating, but must have a handicapped accessible route to the bleachers.
- Also if permanent, that triggers restroom requirements. For 100 person seating you’re looking at 1 restroom for men and two for women. If you have restroom facilities within 500 feet of the bleachers along a specific route, you need not have to provide new. Also, port-a-potties are not acceptable.”

#### **Substitute Teachers**

Right now we are presently low on substitute teachers because we have several that have not completed their paperwork and are waiting to start. The other factor entering into this is there are companies contracting with school districts to provide substitutes and those companies are being able to attract some of the substitutes we have had in the past. The advantage some districts see in going this route is that they no longer have to deal with the retirement issue or the Affordable Care Act. The down side is many times these companies are not able to fulfill your substitute needs and then it still falls back on the district to find a substitute. Additionally companies charge the district as much as \$30 to \$40 more per substitute. Several of the districts in the IU have elected to go this route.

In the future you could possibly see the request to approve several substitutes retroactively.

#### **AVTS Building**

The AVTS is presently doing a feasibility study for the possibility of building or leasing a building to house all the AVTS programs. Thursday evening I attended a meeting at the AVTS to look at some initial data. The feasibility study is to determine the possible cost of a building and also maintenance of a building if there should be one. I would whole hearty support the idea of an AVTS building however my two concerns would be cost and the determination of how each district will be required to pay for capital expenses. In 2011 there was an amendment of the bylaws that was passed indicating capital expenses be calculated the same as general operating revenue. That amendment is something I would definitely not have supported.

#### **Supervision of Students at the High School**

Quick note, we have supervisions starting at 7:00 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

## *High School Principal*

### **Youth Action Council**

I am working with the three county high school principals to promote a positive messaging campaign county-wide. In this endeavor, the guidance counselors from each high school are selecting 4 students (2 sophomores and 2 juniors) that demonstrate positive leadership skills to work as a team (Southern Fulton, Forbes Road and McConnellsburg) to create the first ever Fulton County Team. This will require the students and counselors to attend three off-site trainings/workshops in order to get the initiative off of the ground. We are fortunate that the Fulton County Partnership has received a grant that will cover all of the costs associated with this, including the supplies that will be needed to present the campaign message. Stay tuned for more exciting details. The first meeting will be held at the Fulton County Library in October.

### **Book Club**

Mr. Breslin is organizing a book club for students and faculty during the school year. The club is an informal meeting that takes place at 7:00 a.m. in the high school library where interested students and faculty members meet to discuss the book they are reading. The first book that was selected is Looking For Alaska. The book club has now met twice and has approximately 12 members. The students seem to enjoy the club, as well as the faculty members. The next meeting will conclude this book and another book will be selected. It is great to have students and faculty interacting on a common literary element.

## *High School Dean of Students*

### **Fall Sports Photos**

Fall sports photos were taken on September 28. We were able to take the photos outside due to the nice weather.

### **UPJ Representative**

UPJ sent a representative on September 29. Not only did many interested students attend the presentation, one senior expressed very serious interest. The rep took a look at his transcripts and accepted him on the spot, complete with UPJ memorabilia.

## *Elementary Dean of Students*

### **Child Study Team**

The elementary will have their first round of Child Study Team meetings this Wednesday. During these meetings, we work together as a team with the parents to find ways to help their child be successful in school. We offer and provide strategies for parents and teachers to aid with the academic, behavioral, and social needs of these students. In addition, we stress the importance of all of us working together to support each child to give them the tools they need for success.

### **Lock Down Drill**

The elementary has been working closely with the PA State Police to provide a practice Lock Down Drill in the event of an active shooter. This will only be a drill to ensure that students and staff are aware of what to do if this were to happen. We will practice this drill just as we do for emergency weather drills and fire drills, so as not to upset the students. This drill will take place on November 10. Parents will be notified prior to the drill.