

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members December 18, 2015

Superintendent Report

Conflict at the Christmas Program

At the Elementary Christmas program on Monday, there was a situation that occurred between two adults. The situation dealt with a custody battle and the problem was between the biological mother and step mother. The situation is being investigated by the State Police and they took statements.

From the school's prospective I am still retrieving information but first appearances seems to be that the situation was started by the biological mother because the child was attending the concert with the step mother. I have sent a letter out to the biological mother indicating anything in the future could result with being barred from school property. I will be meeting with the biological mother on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. for additional discussion and discovery on the situation. My prospective is that our responsibility needs to be to the student and not to the two adults. I believe it is important for the child to be able to participate in school activities without verbal battles or fiscal battles between the two adults.

Superintendent Search

With the Superintendent search we have placed an ad in the following papers: Bedford Gazette, The Huntingdon Daily News, The Public Opinion, and the Fulton County News. Additionally we have sent a personal letter to all Superintendents in Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon, and Bedford Counties. We have also sent an advertisement to all IU Executives across the state. Finally we also placed the ad on Penn Link. The deadline is January 29, 2016.

PSERS Meeting

We attended a presentation by Glenn Grell, Executive Director of PSERS. We were presented with a lot of information but the most important is that next year for the first time in 15 years the employer contribution rate provides 100% the actuarially required rate based on sound actuarial. After July 1, 2016 no additional pension debt will be added do to underfunding. In the next few years the PSERS rate for the district will start to begin a slow decline.

High School/Elementary Principal Report

IU Technology Department

The administrative team met with Tom McClain, who is heading up the IU Technology department, to discuss possible services the IU currently offers as well as those that may be available in the future. One of the main topics of discussion was the digitalizing of documents that are required to be stored via PA School Code.

Pre-NOCTI Diversified Occupations

There are currently two students that are participating in The Mellott University program via the Fulton County AVTS Diversified Occupational programs. Those students participated in the Pre-NOCTI assessment that is required of all students in vocational programs and they both performed in the DISTINGUISHED range. This is GREAT news!!

Curriculum Council

The monthly curriculum council meeting was held at the IU on Tuesday, December 15. There were several presenters that targeted guidance counselors this month:

- **What Is Real-World Career Experiences: Exploring**
- **24 Challenge**
- **STEM/STEAM Professional Development**
- **Raise.Me** – funded by Bill & Melinda Gates in conjunction with Penn
- **Community College Update** – HAC \$100/credit for online courses
- **READYROSIE/Bringing Up:** Engaging Families, Literacy and Technology;
<http://www.wonderopolis.org/>; <http://readyrosie.com/> - PreK

Elementary Dean of Students Report

Elementary Christmas Program

We had the annual Elementary Christmas Program on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Both nights were very well attended. The students and teachers worked very hard preparing for the program. Dan Meredith, in particular, spent many hours preparing the music and the students. Everyone did a wonderful job! We had seven sixth grade students that sang solos or duets during the program both nights. These students were Sinalei Ah Loe, Alyssa Bradshaw, Carly Shives, Kelly Biddle, Trinity Kerns, Noah Clark, and Tyler Mosemann. Although these students said they were nervous, you could not tell. They each gave such a nice performance.

The Needmore Fire Company and the PA State Police volunteered their time to help direct traffic. In addition, Sean Weaver donated a bus and driver to shuttle families attending the program from the overflow parking at the high school to the elementary. Members of the PTA, Susan Cleveland, and Linda Bolden spent countless hours decorating the school for the season with student work as well as other Christmas decoration items. Furthermore, Donna Beale and Sherry Deshong, as members of the PTA, volunteered their time both nights of the program to provide coffee and donuts to the volunteers, as well as, handed out programs and helped run the elevator for the handicapped. We were also very appreciative of all of the help we received by parents, families, and friends in putting the chairs away at the end of the program on Tuesday evening. It is so nice to see the school and community come together and help make the program a success for the children.

CDT Testing

Teachers in grades 3 through 6 have begun their second round of Classroom Diagnostic Testing. Again, the teachers will analyze the data from this testing to guide their instruction to meet the needs of the students.

Battle of the Windows

Once again the Battle of the Windows is on at the elementary. If you have a chance, we would welcome you to walk through the halls of the school to see the doors and windows of each of the classrooms. The teachers and students have gone all out to create a festive atmosphere of the season.