

# **Administrative Bulletin to Board Members**

## **March 11, 2016**

*Superintendent*

### **Board Meeting**

Please remember that I will be requesting executive session at the end of the board meeting to review two personnel issues and negotiation discussion.

### **Budget Meetings**

Mrs. Schetrompf has been assiduously working on the budget and expects to soon have the budget ready to review once we set our budget committee meetings in April. She will have these dates ready to present to you at this coming board meeting.

It is important to remember that we have had a wish list from the beginning of this year for athletic and other items such as pads for the track pits, bleachers for soccer, band uniforms, and a whole host of technology needs. It is important to note that John believes he has been able to solve the score board problem for the softball and baseball fields.

### **Business Man of the Year**

Mr. Paul Mellott has been selected as Hagerstown Business Man of the Year and in accepting this award he wanted to only do so if Southern Fulton would agree to be his partner for the award. The grand gala will occur on April 8, 2016, at Hagerstown Community College. Mr. Mellott and Mrs. Hendershot will be doing a verbal and video presentation concerning the many joint efforts the Mellott Company and Southern Fulton High School are involved in. They include such things as senior scholarships, senior project presentations, mock job interviews, and diversified occupations with Mellott University. It is an extreme honor for our school that Mr. Mellott so graciously wishes to include Southern Fulton School District in receiving his recognition. His whole purpose and thrust for the presentation is to strongly encourage other businesses to become involved with their local schools and assist with the education of students who will be the future of our human race.

### *Elementary Dean of Students Report*

### **Dental Exams**

Our Pre-K, kindergarten, and third grade students were offered free dental exams at the school this week. Many families took advantage of this program. Dr. Wolfe provides the services.

### *High School Dean of Students Report*

It was an exciting week at the high school. STEM students took trips to Blue Ridge CTC and Allegany College of Maryland. Camp Cadet representatives presented to grades 7-9 about their amazing, free summer camp. International speaker and thrice published author Brad Huddleston spoke to the entire student body about digital addiction. And, of course, we are celebrating our

“Winter Triple Crown”, with two district champion basketball teams and a regional champion wrestler.

### *Technology Specialist*

#### **ACCESS for ELL Online Testing**

I downloaded and installed software so that Ms. Adams could administer the ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Learners) online test. I had to install a special program on one of our servers and then the client program onto three laptops. I do something similar for the ability to do Computer Diagnostic Testing (CDTs) and the Keystone Exams at both the ES and HS each year. Unfortunately, this ACCESS test required the use of another server and download / installation of its own programs.

#### **eRate**

I participated in several eRate webinars which discussed changes for the 2016-2017 school year. The biggest change is that everything must now be submitted via the new eRate Productivity Center (EPC) portal on the <http://usac/si> website. I will be submitting our Form 471 for telephone service once I receive all of the quotes from vendors who choose to respond to our eRate Form 470.

#### **Microsoft EES Agreement**

I participated in a meeting at the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit on March 1<sup>st</sup> regarding changes to the Microsoft EES agreement. This multi-year agreement allows school districts in PA to have unlimited use of specific Microsoft products during the term of the agreement at a substantially reduced cost. The cost is based on the number of FTE (full-time equivalences) for the district. We can install these software programs on any district-owned computer (that is not part of a 1-to-1 program). I currently use this mostly for Microsoft Windows and Office. This allows us to purchase pre-owned computers then upgrade them to newer versions of Windows and Office.

One new addition starting 2016-2017 will be a service called inTune. Part of inTune is the ability to manage tablets (e.g., iPads). Once this becomes available, I'll evaluate it to determine how well it will meet our needs.