

**Administrative Bulletin to Board Members**  
**April 29, 2016**

*Superintendent*

**Wish List**

Attached is a copy of the wish list of items that was cut from the 2014-15 budget. It is important to note the elementary portion of this list was put together by Mrs. Corle. The technology that has been placed in the budget at this time is based on teachers' input, Mrs. Hendershot and Mrs. Cutchall. The items requested are similar but the placement of the items are different based on judgement by Mrs. Hendershot and Mrs. Cutchall as to where they will best be used. The biggest change is rather than adding a smart board to each grade level; adding a smartboard to all kindergarten, all first grade, and all second grade classrooms. It was determined this was extremely important because they will be using a live interactive curriculum in these three grade levels.

**NISL SEED Project**

Mrs. Hendershot has been selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Program to participate in a SEED project that is fully funded by the RAND Corporation. At present time she has been nominated and is being evaluated for the Distinguished Principal portion of this project. I'm sure you will hear more about it as the project moves forward.

**Drivers' Education Car**

I am obtaining three quotes from three different dealerships for a Drivers' Education car. I will share this information with you no later than Tuesday.

Once we get the car we will need to find a way to add the additional brake to the passenger side.

*Technology Specialist*

**2016-2017 Budget**

For my 2016-2017 budget there is money in my 2818-788 (Infrastructure) accounts that were not there last year. For the high school, this is to renew the maintenance/upgrade licenses for the network equipment that was purchased as part of the renovation project. This is a three year license which will need to be renewed during the 2019-2020 school year.

For the elementary school, this money will be used to replace all network equipment. This will provide wireless access to all classrooms. As mentioned in a previous report, this project was submitted for eRate approval for the 2015-2016 school year. Since I wouldn't know if approved by eRate or not until around October 2015, I did not include money for this in my 2015-2016 budget. The plan was to see if this project would be approved by eRate and if so, budget what our costs would be for the 2016-2017 school year and implement during the summer of

2016. We did get eRate approval so they will be paying approximately \$14,000 towards this project.

I will not need to purchase servers at either building for the 2016-2017 school year. This will help offset the costs of the above mentioned network budget amounts. With the exception of our accounting server, all servers will still be covered by their original warranty during the 2016-2017 school year. The vendor for our accounting software now supports a virtualized environment. I have made arrangements with them to move our accounting program and data as a virtualized server onto one of our newer physical servers. Therefore, I will not need to purchase a new physical server for the accounting system.

FYI – A virtual server mimics a physical server but actually runs on another physical server. Doing so reduces costs. In the not so distant past, most vendors required a dedicated physical server for their products. In that environment, we would have needed separate physical servers for Powerschool, the Library system, the café system, the accounting system, Successmaker, and our email system. With virtualization, these can be separate virtual servers on physical servers. For example, on one physical server I have virtual servers for Powerschool and the library system. On another physical server I have virtual servers for the café system and our email system.

### **Data Quality Network (DQN) Meeting**

On Wednesday April 20 I attended the monthly DQN meeting at TIU11. This month's meeting focused on the Safe Schools PIMS submission which is due June 2016 for the 15-16 school year. Along with data required for this submission, they discussed ways of communicating better with the local law enforcement agency since they have to sign off on this data. In the past, there have been discrepancies as to the data we have and the data law enforcement has. I forwarded information from this session to Mrs. Hendershot and Mrs. Cutchall.

Also discussed was the school performance profile (SPP). They indicated there may be additions to it in the future but since this would require changes to law, they couldn't provide details.

### **PIMS Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Submission**

I have uploaded information from Powerschool into the PIMS system for the PIMS HQT submission which is due May 1, 2016.

Within Powerschool, there is a setting at the course level to associate that course with a state-approved course number. The association is made based on material being taught, not the course name. PDE compares the state course number with the teacher's certification who teaches the course. If the teacher's certification matches the material in the state-specified course number, then the teacher is considered highly qualified.

## *High School / Elementary Principal*

### **FFA News**

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, FFA member Jill Palmer competed at the regional level in the area of extemporaneous public speaking. During this competition, individuals choose three notecards. Each notecard holds a different speech topic. Once they make their choice among the three options, they are given 30 minutes to write and prepare a 4-6 minute speech using only materials that they bring with them as well as their individual knowledge and personal experiences. Competing against students from 12 different counties, Jill placed an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place! It is believed that there are no other Warfordsburg FFA members to achieve such success at this level in extemporaneous public speaking. Jill will now be moving onto the state level where she will represent our chapter and our county at Penn State University in June.

### **Band Update**

The Canal Apple Day Parade has been moved from the Fall to the Spring. Mr. Arnold is aware of the date change; however, it is not listed on the original schedule as the Town of Hancock has only recently announced the date change. Mr. Arnold did send out forms to the band students two weeks ago and only four forms were returned (one was a negative response). Additionally, the Color Guard is unavailable for this event; therefore, the Southern Fulton Band will not be participating in the Hancock Canal Apple Day Parade on May 21, 2016.

### **Nurse Aide Certification**

Congrats to the Southern Fulton students who passed their certification test for Nurse Aide! They're four out of the eleven students to pass in the last two weeks. They're now listed on the PA Nurse Aide registry and can work anywhere in the state of PA as a CNA. The students are:

Amanda Barron  
Abbey Peck  
Erin Post  
Tessa Romig

## *Elementary Dean of Students*

### **PSSA**

This week the fourth grade students completed the Science PSSA. This finished the last of the PSSA testing. All of the ELA and Math PSSA assessments have been completed in grades 3-6. We do not have anyone that needs to make-up these tests.

### **Health Fair**

Students in grades 3 – 5 will participate in the Health Fair on Friday, April 29. The health fair is provided by the Fulton County Medical Center. During this time, the students will participate in various lessons and activities that will help them to better understand ways to be and stay healthy throughout life.

## *High School Dean of Students*

### **This Week**

It was a great week at the high school. Envirothon swept the top three places at their first competition, continuing our run of dominance. The Juniors have been hard at work readying for the Prom. Junior High has been doing their best effort on the PSSA Exams. The State Police visited to discuss driving safety in conjunction with the annual Prom Promise. Sheets in McConnellsburg generously donated cupcakes for all students who signed the poster.