

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members August 5, 2016

Superintendent Report

Technology Update

We were in need of four Smartboards. We located two that were not being used at the high school and two were donated through the IU.

We are in need of three Projectors – The cost is \$1100 each. We approached the Educational Association about purchasing one. They are to get back to us after their scholarship committee meeting.

Para Interviews

We had seven candidates interview for the position. The perspective candidate will be brought to the August board meeting for hire.

Act 93 Committee

The committee is slated to meet Monday, August 15, 2016 beginning at 6:00pm in the high school library.

Technology Specialist

Powerschool Stuff

I committed the ES and HS schedules. I then did the end-of-year process which promoted/graduated students. I then added the new kindergarten students. I also updated the ES with 16-17 homeroom assignments and at the HS updated their homeroom and locker information.

I will add pre-k students once I get a final list. I have enabled the processes in Powerschool to automatically update the phone alert system (Blackboard Connect 5) and the Library system with student names, grades, and other pertinent information. In the next couple days I'll export student information from Powerschool and import into the Cafeteria and Bus programs. Sometime closer to the beginning of school I will do the same to the nurse program.

During the weekend of August 6th I'll be upgrading the Powerschool server from Windows Server 2008 R2 to Windows Server 2012 R2. This will be a requirement in order to upgrade Powerschool from Version 9 to Version 10 within the next couple weeks.

PIMS Stuff

The 15-16 PIMS Safe Schools submission is completed and the state police have signed off on the information. New this year was AED and documentation on how we handle bullying.

The 15-16 Child Accounting information has been submitted to PIMS. When Mrs. Mellott returns we'll run the necessary reports from PIMS, verify the data, then email PDE the required signed papers indicating the data is accurate.

On Wednesday August 17th I will be attending the monthly Data Quality Meeting (DQN) at TIU#11. This session will mostly deal with changes to PIMS for the 16-17 school year.

LCD Monitors

Southern Huntingdon School District had some 17" LCD monitors donated to them that they did not need. They then offered them to other school districts. I picked up 20 of them – 10 for the ES and 10 for the HS. These will be for teachers to use in their classrooms.

Donating Old Computers / Monitors

I've been told that schools in West Virginia damaged by the flooding are in need of computers and that there is a mechanism for schools to donate unwanted computers to them. I will look into this and if they accept what we have, I'll make arrangements to get to them. Most of these computers will be HP computers that were donated to us by the Chambersburg Social Security Office about four years ago. The monitors will be the older CRT ones that we've had for at least seven years.