

PITTSBGROVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

THIS IS THE MONTHLY UPDATE FOR ALL STAFF ON KEY ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE RECENT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE BUT TO PROVIDE THE STAFF A FLAVOR OF TOPICS DISCUSSED.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING –JULY 25, 2013

PRESENTATIONS

The following 2013-2014 school year school schedules were presented:

- The APSHS school schedule by APSHS principal, Ms. Meyers;
- The PTMS school schedule by PTMS Assistant Principal, Mr. Spencer;
- The Norma/Elmer/Olivet school schedules by Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. DuBois.

Director of Guidance, Ms. Angela Williams presented the Self Assessment of Each School's Implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. After the presentation and Public Hearing, the Board of Education approved each school's ratings on the implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education.

The Board of Education approved the following items with regard to staff:

- Accepted, with regret, the notice of retirement from SACC Caregiver, Patricia Snyder, effective July 1, 2013;
- APSHS teacher, Kara Bianco, request for an extended unpaid leave of absence, effective December 18, 2013 through January 30, 2014;
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, the appointment of Ronald Caldwell to the position of an "as-needed" security worker for the 2013-2014 school year;
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, Deborah Basilone as a substitute teacher for the 2013-14 school year;
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, Ian Martini and Dan Rozanski to the position of Technology Workers for the 2013-14 school year, effective July 1, 2013.

With the Superintendent's recommendation, the Board of Education approved the following certificated staff appointments, effective September 1, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Emily Ambrosius, APSHS Biology Teacher, Step 1BA;
- Raechal Weiner, Norma School Multiple Disabilities Teacher, Step 5BA;
- Tiffany Duca, from PT Elementary Guidance Counselor to FT Elementary Guidance Counselor, Step 2MA;
- James Turner, PTMS PE/Health Teacher, Step 1BA;
- Anthony Busnardo to the position of PTMS Special Ed, Language Arts, Step3BA+15.

The Board of Education approve the following APSHS items:

- The placement of five students at the Salem County Alternative High School for the 2013-14 school year, at a tuition cost of \$20,000/student;
- Schalick High School's participation in the 2013 Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute Summer Leadership Conference, August 19-23, 2013. Tuition is paid by Pittsgrove Township MAPSA. Pittsgrove will cover the cost of the advisor and split transportation cost with Woodstown School District;
- The co-curricular coaching appointments for the 2013-14 school year;
- The 2013-14 co-curricular appointments;
- The 2013-14 Senior trip to Orlando, Florida, April 26-29, 2014.

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The Board of Education approved:

- The 2013-2014 PTMS extra/co-curricular appointments;
- The 2013-2014 Norma/Olivet/Elmer Elementary School co-curricular and coaching appointments.

The Board of Education approved the following Special Education items:

- With regard to the Summer Enrichment Program for the 2013 summer, the revised list of aides and appointment of Lisa Magnan-Bricker as a substitute nurse for the program;
- The *Monthly Update of Pittsgrove Students*, dated July 15, 2013;
- The 2013 Extended Year Special Education Out-Of-District placements;
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, to employ the following Speech/Language Specialists to provide services for students in 2013 Extended School Year programs. All appropriate documentation has been received.
 - Val Probasco, Gina Wertz, Kathleen Yates

The Board of Education approved the following Curriculum and Instruction items:

- The updated summer professional development list with changes in bold;
- The Tech Mentors for the 2013-2014 school year. Stipend is \$1,200/mentor;
- The 2013-2014 District Professional Development Plan;
- The revised list of staff members presenting Summer Technology Workshops;
- The student teacher placements for Fall, 2013;
- The staff workshop/mileage requests.

The Board of Education approved the following Business and Finance Items:

- Tuition contract agreements, for students received during the 2012-2013 school year:
 - Bordentown Regional School District - foster student attending Olivet School, effective February 25, 2013, with a pro-rated tuition of \$4,430, for the 2012-13 school year;
 - Hammonton Public School District - foster student attending PTMS, effective February 25, 2013, with a pro-rated tuition of \$4,693, for the 2012-2013 school year;
 - Lodi Public School District - foster student attending Olivet School, effective March 14, 2013, with a pro-rated tuition of \$3,634, for the 2012-2013 school year;
- The final 2012-2013 transportation jointures, totaling \$190,284.16. *This is revenue for Pittsgrove.*
- The Audit Engagement Letter from Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa, for services for the period ended June 30, 2013, at a total fee of \$27,715;
- The Architect of Record Agreement with Garrison Architects, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- A three-year agreement with Alert Solutions, for unlimited email, voice and SMS services, effective July 1, 2013 at a fee of \$2,737.50/per year, totaling \$8,212.50. The Board rescinded its agreement with School Reach, at \$3,800 for the 2013-2014 school year, to provide identical services. The School Reach Agreement was approved 6/17/13;
- The following agreements with Edvocate, Inc., effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:
 - Consulting services for monitoring the food service program, at a total fee of \$14,172;
 - Consulting services for monitoring the custodial consortium contracts, at a total fee of \$32,256.*Note: These items are covered under the program cost with Sodexo and GCA Services Group.*
- The Addendum III of the GCA Services Agreement, effective July 1, 2013, with the following amendments:
 - GCA will not provide custodial services to Salem County Vo-Tech. This results in a reduction of four and one half (4.5) custodial FTE's, one (1.0) lead custodian, one half (.50) clerical FTE and one (1) supervisor FTE;
 - GCA will provide (1.0) additional custodial supervisor FTE to Pittsgrove, for a total of (11.02) custodial FTE's and (1.0) supervisor FTE;
- By Resolution, Todd Boston to act as the Board's representative to complete and deliver paperwork regarding district vehicles to the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission, for the 2013-2014 school year;
- To permit designated employees the use of district maintenance vehicles during the 2013-2014 school year.

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The Board of Education approved the following Addendum items:

- The Music Program Proposal between Pittsgrove Township School District and Appel Farm Arts & Music Center for the 2013-14 school year, at a cost of \$33,445;
- The revision to Board Policy 6171.4-*Special Education*. The revision appears on page 10 of the policy;
- The 2013-2014 transportation jointures with various boards of education, in their respective amounts. Pittsgrove will provide transportation. *This is revenue for Pittsgrove;*
- The lease agreement with Victory Assembly of God, totaling \$35,892, for the use of SHS, each Sunday, for the 2013-2014 school year. Beginning August 4, 2013, Victory Assembly of God has requested that the hours of occupancy be extended to 9:00 P.M., from their initial request of 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.;
- The lease agreement with The Parish of the Holy Cross, totaling \$3,796, for the use of Olivet School, on Wednesday's, beginning September 18, 2013 through April 30, 2014. *Lease total reflects a 2% increase from the 2012-2013 school year;*
- The Field Trips for the 2013-2014 school year;
- The Fundraisers for the 2013-2014 school year.

After a discussion, the Board of Education approved an additional Kindergarten teacher.

The Board of Education approved to schedule the August 2013 Board of Education meeting as follows:

- Board Working Session: 08/15/13
- Board Voting Session: 08/20/13

The Board of Education approved to extend 20 additional sick days for a PASA employee experiencing a serious illness once all days have been exhausted.

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