

PITTSBURGH 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 –SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

The Board held the "Meet & Greet" for new staff members at 6:00 P.M.

In the absence of Board Secretary, Suzanne R. Fox Abdill, the Board appointed Ms. Donna Keech as Acting Board Secretary for this meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- A plaque was presented to Norma School Secretary, Malvese "Sandy" Penn, who will retire on October 1, 2013, at the September 19, 2013 meeting.
- The District Strategic Plan was presented by Terri Lewis at the September 19, 2013 meeting.

The Board of Education approved:

- With the Superintendent's recommendation, Annette Simpkins as a long-term substitute for APSHS Art Teacher, Carolyn Mortimer, who is out on medical leave of absence effective September 5, 2013 for approximately 8-10 weeks.
- Approval of the Source4Teachers substitute list for September, 2013;
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, Randi Everline as a SACC substitute caregiver at various SACC sites, pending return of her criminal history clearance;
- Lorraine Hill for the Arts Liaison, K-12 position for the 2013-2014 school year;
- Schalick High School's participation in the German-American Partnership program for the 2013-14 school year. Students will travel to Germany, April 24, 2014-May 7, 2014;
- WSNJ 1240 AM radio and TV2 QBC television to broadcast the Cougars' Thanksgiving Day football game hosted by Cumberland Regional High School, 10 AM, November 28, 2013. Same will be streamed on the internet at www.wsnjam.com;
- The following employees to work as night security on an "as needed" basis for the 2013-14 school year:
 - Michael Munafo
 - Terry Really
- The APSHS 2013-14 co/extra curricular athletic appointments;
- The 7th grade trip to Camp Speers-Eljibar, Dingman's Ferry, PA, May 19-21, 2104;
- The Middle School participation in the SCRATCH Out Substance Abuse program's PRIDE Survey for students in grades 6-8. This program sponsored by the Salem-Cumberland Regional Action Toward Community Health Coalition. The purpose of the survey, to be administered in October 2013, is to assess students' attitudes, behaviors and beliefs regarding marijuana, tobacco, alcohol and prescription drugs;
- The following data submitted to the State of New Jersey on July 15, 2013, for Period 2 (January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013) of the 2012-13 school year. This data must be approved by the Board of Education between September 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.
 - District HIB Summary Report - Period 2
 - District Report of Vandalism and Violence - Period 2
 - District Summary Report of HIB Investigations, Training & Programs - Period 2

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The Board of Education approved the following Special Education items:

- The Monthly Update of Pittsboro Students, dated September 10, 2013;
- Educational Based Services to provide Speech Therapy services 3 days/week, \$84/hour, effective September 1, 2013 through November 1, 2013. This service is necessary due to Paula Reeves' medical leave of absence;
- The Out-Of-District placements of Pittsboro and Elmer students and their respective tuition costs for the 2013-14 school year;
- The Elmer students attending Pittsboro special education programs for the 2013-14 school year and their respective tuition rates.

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

- The following revised curricula for 2013-2014
 - Art Grades 1 - 5
 - French Grades 1 - 5
 - Media Literacy Grades 1 – 5
- As part of the NCLB process, submission of the 2013-2014 NCLB application and funded salaries;
- The Rowan University Junior Field Experience placements.

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

- The Homebound Instruction Agreement with Brookfield Schools, at an hourly rate of \$37.00, for the 2013-2014 school year. Brookfield will provide instruction to students in area hospitals;
- The Business Administrator and Bookkeeper to attend NJASBO Professional Development Programs, for the 2013-2014 school year, as submitted;
- To accept the settlement check from Archway Programs, in the amount of \$11,118.17;
- By Resolution, with EMEX for the procurement of electricity supply services for the District, through the use of an on-line auction service.

The Board of Education approved the following Addendum Items:

- The NJ State Police Addendum to the Agreement for Police Services, to provide appropriate troopers and/or traffic control, as requested throughout the 2013-2014 school year;
- The Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report for September, 2013, reflecting no incidents reported;
- To accept funds in the amount of \$700 for professional development service provided by John Kidd, Supervisor of Math, Science & Technology;
- The Articulation Agreement between Arthur P. Schalick High School and Rowan University. The agreement provides the potential for students of the Theatre Academy to receive 3-6 nontransferable credits, free of charge for Rowan University. In addition, graduates of Arthur P. Schalick High School who meet Rowan University and the Department of Theatre and Dance admission requirements will receive priority considerations for admission, subject to enrollment capacities;
- PTMS Teacher, Christine Turner, to provide Wilson Training Services on an as-needed basis during the 2013-2014 School Year.
- The staff workshop/mileage requests;
- The Field Trips for the 2013-2014 school year;
- The Fundraisers for the 2013-2014 school year;
- Submission of the following:
 - IDEA FY2013 Grant Amendment due to consortium with Newfield
 - IDEA FY2014 Grant Application

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The Board of Education approved:

- Central Office Support Staff Unit - July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015;
- Business Office Operations Support Staff - July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015;
- The second reading and adoption of the following policies:
 - 5118.3 - *School Choice*
 - 4117.2 - *Recognition-Retirement/Dedicated Employees*
 - 5127 - *Commencement Activities*
 - 9140 - *Student Representation to the Board of Education*
- October 19, 2013, as the date for a Board Retreat. At this meeting, NJSBA representative Ms. Terry Lewis will review the Board self-evaluation, discuss setting small goals and conduct a session on team-building. The meeting will be held from 9 am to 12 pm and the location is to be determined;
- Board Member, Patricia Snyder to attend the NJSBA Governance IV "*Legal Update*" program, on October 24, 2013, Atlantic City, NJ. *Note:* Cost is free for this mandated training program.

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