

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 –NOVEMBER 25, 2013

PRESENTATIONS

The following were presented at the November 21, 2013 Work Session:

- Principal for A.P. Schalick High School, Ms. Meyers presented the APSHS Cougars of the Month and Cougar Pride for November 2013;
- Principal for Pittsburgh Township Middle School, Dr. Ocasio-Jimenez presented the PTMS Top Cats for October, 2013;
- Principal for Olivet/Elmer/Norma Schools, Ms. Gaburo presented the Elmer Eagles of the Month for November, 2013;
- Principal for Olivet/Elmer/Norma Schools, Ms. Gaburo presented the Olivet Owls of the Month for November, 2013.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Yvette DuBois gave a presentation on Student Achievement at the Board of Education Meeting on November 25, 2013.

The Board of Education approved:

- The resignation of Laurence Devlin, Speech Language Therapist;
- The appointment of Michele Mayer to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator, effective upon release from her current contract for the 2013-14 school year
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, the transfer of Susan Ledden, from PTMS Secretary (10 months) to Child Study Team Secretary, (10 months) effective December 2, 2013;
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, the appointment of Ronald Athey as a substitute SACC Caregiver;
- The Source 4 Teachers substitutes for November, 2013;
- Charlene Land, from Part-Time Contracted Bus Driver to Full-Time Contracted Bus Driver, effective December 1, 2013, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year;
- Donna Matlack, from Part-Time Contracted Bus Driver to Full-Time Contracted Bus Driver, effective December 1, 2013, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. The Pittsburgh Township Board of Education District Strategic Plan 2013-2018 as presented;
- The 2013-14 District Nursing Services Plan. Same has been approved by the County Office of Education;
- The district security/fire drills for October, 2013;
- The bus evacuation drills submitted for October, 2013;
- The 2014 proposed Spring Musical, "Footloose." The musical will take place at 7:00 PM on April 4-5, 2014 and 3:00 PM on April 6, 2014;
- The following co-curricular appointment for the 2013-14 school year:
 - Anthony Busnardo (PTMS Teacher) to the position of JV Wrestling Coach;
- The 2013-14 Winter Athletic Schedules;
- The following PTMS extra/co-curricular appointments for the 2013-14 school year:
 - Jamie Danner - Homework Club;
 - Linn Sammis - Salem County Academic League Advisor;
- Annette Scholl as an alternate staff appointment for the Elmer Title I Extended Day Program.

The Board of Education approved the following Special Education Items:

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- The Monthly Update of Pittsgrove Students, dated November 13, 2013;
- The out-of-district placement of student #11127 at Pineland Learning Center, effective 9/27/2013, at a pro-rated tuition rate of \$40,239.04;
- The Interlocal Services Agreement Between EBS and Pittsgrove Township School District. EBS will provide Speech Therapy services at Olivet School 2 days/week, \$84/hr., effective November 5, 2013, to cover for speech therapy sessions missed due to a staff member's medical leave of absence.

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

- The tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for the 2013-2014 school year for four (4) students with multiple disabilities at a tuition rate of \$34,560 per student;
- The agreement with Gloucester County Special Services School District for the 2013-2014 school year for a one-on-one teacher assistant for one (1) student with multiple disabilities at a tuition rate of \$34,650, or \$192.50 per diem;
- The tuition agreement with Salem County Vocational Technical School District for the 2013-2014 school year for 53 Part-Time students at a tuition rate of \$750.00, for a total cost of \$39,750.00 and 42 Full-Time students at a tuition rate of \$1,500.00, for a total cost of \$63,000.00, totaling \$102,750.00;
- The tuition agreement with Salem County Vocational Technical School District for the 2013-2014 school year for Alternative High School for one (1) student at a tuition rate of \$20,000.00;
- To accept the funds received from Sprint Nextel, totaling \$11,185.39, as part of the e-rate program;
- The following transportation jointures for the 2013-2014 school year:

Elmer Boro	\$223,675.69
Upper Pittsgrove	24,439.00
Woodstown Boro	3,600.00
Newfield Boro	<u>11,436.15</u>
Total	\$263,150.84

The Board of Education approved the following Addendum Items:

- The HIB report submitted at the October 21, 2013 BOE meeting;
- The fundraisers for the 2013-14 school year;
- The Field Trips for the 2013-14 school year;
- The staff workshop/mileage requests;
- The 2013-2014 Updated Bus Routes;
- The bills paid and bills for payment;
- The following adjustments, effective December 1, 2013 for the remainder of the 2013-14 year:
 - William McMullen, from floating substitute bus driver to part-time bus driver, 4.5 hour/day;
 - Andrea Fulmer, from substitute bus driver/aide to contracted bus aide, 5.5 hrs/day;
- Acceptance of the funds received from AT&T, totaling \$5,207.84, as part of the e-rate program and the funds received from Stimpson's Tree Farm, totaling \$230.00 for cedar trees purchased;
- With the Superintendent's recommendation, the following certificated staff appointment, effective upon release from her current contract for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year:
- Heather Cheesman, PTMS Special Education-Math, Step 1BA. She is filling a vacancy created by the transfer of Christine Turner to Olivet School;
- The sixth grade fundraiser for the sixth grade field trip.

The Board of Education approved the agreement Between the Pittsgrove Support Staff Association and the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

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The Board of Education approved the first reading of the following Policies and their respective Regulations:

- New Policy #2130, *Principal Evaluation*
- New Regulation to Policy #2130, *Principal Evaluation*
- Revision to Policy #4116, *Teacher Evaluation*
- Regulation to revised Policy #4116, *Teacher Evaluation*

The Board of Education approved:

- January 9, 2014, 6:30 P.M., Arthur P. Schalick High School as the date, time, and location for a Special Board of Education Meeting. This meeting will be for the Reorganization of the Board of Education;
- The first regularly scheduled work session date of Thursday, January 23, 2014, 6:30 P.M. and the first regularly scheduled voting session date of Monday, January 27, 2014, 6:30 P.M.

The following are the official election results for November 5, 2013:

Three - - 3 Year Terms:

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| - Tracy Penven | 2,274 votes |
| - Marlene Smith | 2,284 votes |
| - Peter Lawlor | 2,262 votes |
| - Write-In | 134 vote |

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