

Portage Area School District

Board Highlights

For the May 8, 2013 Board Meeting

Routine Matters:

- ❖ Approved all financial reports and invoices for the month.
- ❖ Approved the 2013-2014 tentative budget in the amount of \$11,525,866.
- ❖ Approved the 2013-2014 tax structure without increasing taxes.
- ❖ Approved applying for federal and state funds for the 2013-2014 school year.
- ❖ Approved all board reappointments.
- ❖ Approved coal and cafeteria supply bids as follows: coal, Penn Keystone Coal; baked goods, Pacifico and milk, Valewood.
- ❖ Approved renewing agreement with the IU for digital streaming at a total cost of \$902.50.
- ❖ Approved renewing group life insurance through PSBA.
- ❖ Approved applying for three AmeriCorp positions for the 2013-2014 school year at a total cost of \$30,310 (\$10,100 per position)
- ❖ Approved a \$2,500 subsidy to the high school yearbook fund.
- ❖ Approved renewing agreement with ACRP for alternative education at the Johnstown and Hastings facilities.
- ❖ Approved funding distribution and authorization form and Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds by School District for IDEA purposes.
- ❖ Approved three student teaching assignment for the 2013-2014 school year.
- ❖ Approved a Resolution urging increased statue funding for school construction and renovations.
- ❖ Approved hiring Jeff Haman to provide specifications for the roof projects at the elementary, high school and baseball field.
- ❖ Approved doing repairs at the baseball fields not to exceed \$25,000 for materials.

Personnel Matters:

- ❖ Approved all additions to the substitute lists.
- ❖ Hired Jennifer Pisarski as the elementary school dean of students beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.
- ❖ Hired Patrick Noel as the Supervisor of Special Education
- ❖ Approved a staff member's request for a sabbatical leave.
- ❖ Accepted the following resignations: Christian Serenko as ski club advisor; Steven Lutz as varsity head wrestling coach; Rebecca Kissell and Matthew Kissell as head and assistant volleyball coaches; and Chuck Kassick as head junior high volleyball coach, and granted the administration permission to advertise these positions.

Board Requests and Use of Facilities:

- ❖ The board approved all requests for approved travel, field trips and use of facilities as presented.