

# Portage Area School District

## Board Highlights

### For the August 8, 2012 Board Meeting

#### **Routine Matters:**

- ❖ Approved all financial reports and invoices for the month.
- ❖ Approved participating in the IU 08 Substitute Teacher Consortium for the 2012-2013 school year.
- ❖ Approved participating in the Learning Lamp Alternative Education Program with the Forest Hills School District for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$16,231.44.
- ❖ Approved participating in the Accelerated College Education Program (dual enrollment) with Penn Highlands Community College.
- ❖ Approved renewing the district's membership in the PA Association of Rural and Small Schools at a cost of \$940.
- ❖ Approved a no-cost change order with Mariani & Richards, Inc., warranting the integrity of the stone mortar joints at the football stadium until March 31, 2014.
- ❖ Approved transferring \$700,000 from the General Fund Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Committed Fund Balance Account.
- ❖ Approved renewing its agreement with Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services, Inc., for athletic training services for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$21,000.
- ❖ Approved renewing its agreement with Virtual High School for Individual Seat Participation for the 2012-2013 school year. The cost is \$450 per seat/per semester.
- ❖ Approved a Letter of Agency with Educational Funding Group to act as agents for the district regarding E-Rate matters for the 2012-2013 school year.
- ❖ Approved ambulance coverage fees for 2012 home football games in the following amounts: Varsity games - \$100 per game; all other games - \$50 per game.
- ❖ Approved bond amounts for administration and board members.
- ❖ Approved the vehicle lease for the driver's ed vehicle for 22 months at a cost of \$289/ month.
- ❖ Approved a letter of agreement with the Meadows Psychiatric Center at a cost for educational services at \$30 per hour.
- ❖ Tabled revising Policy 623 – Fund Balance.

#### **Personnel Matters:**

- ❖ Approved all additions to and removals from the substitute lists.
- ❖ Hired the following mentor teachers: Michael Duffy (Floyd Rousell), Nicole Panick (Kandi McCabe), Josh Burkett (Tyler Johnson), James Johnson (Amanda Morningstar), Debra Wilson (Emily Cartwright), Tina Lutz (Shana Casey), Tara Williams (Sara Duncan).
- ❖ Hired John Nickolson as a full-time custodian. Salary and benefits will be pursuant to the current contract between the district and the SEIU custodial union.
- ❖ Hired George Wozniak as the girls' junior high assistant basketball coach for the 2012-2013 school year. Salary will be based on the contract currently being negotiated between the district and the PAEA for extra-curricular activities.
- ❖ Hired Tyler Johnson as the boys' junior high assistant basketball coach for the 2012-2013 school year. Salary will be based on the contract currently being negotiated between the district and the PAEA for extra-curricular activities.
- ❖ Approved a staff member's request for a medical leave of absence from August 6, 2012 through January, 2013, at which time said leave may be extended. Accepted Matthew Giles' resignation as the assistant junior high boys' basketball coach effective immediately.
- ❖ Accepted David McCabe's resignation as the assistant varsity boys' basketball coach effective immediately.
- ❖ Accepted Lydia Dobrowolsky's resignation as the senior project advisor effective immediately.

#### **Board Requests and Use of Facilities:**

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