

Southeast Delco School District

Board & Community Update

Negotiations

The collective bargaining agreement between the teachers association and the Southeast Delco School District expires at the end of the 2016 / 2017 school year. Negotiation teams representing the teachers association and the school district have been formed and regular meetings are being held. The association and school district immediately agreed to the use of state mediation throughout the process.

The rising cost of health care, increased pension costs, and the district's need to remain competitive in attracting highly qualified teachers presents a significant challenge to negotiations for both sides. The good news is that we are in the early stages of the process with both sides indicating a desire to come to an agreement as soon as possible.



Budget Update

The March 15, 2017 committee of the whole meeting included an update on the proposed 2017 / 2018 general fund budget.

The district received the second look healthcare increases on March 1, 2017. Healthcare premiums for district employees are increasing by 11% and the PSERS retirement rate for 2017 / 2018 increased from 30.03% to 32.57%.

Administration continues to work on the 2017 / 2018 budget. Adoption of the proposed general fund budget is scheduled for the April 27, 2017 board meeting. The adoption of the final budget is scheduled for the May 25, 2017 board meeting.

Board Policies

The Southeast Delco Board of School Directors approves and maintains a set of district policies that help govern the school district. These policies are adopted, amended or repealed by the school board and are listed on the board agenda at two separate meetings for a first and second reading. Community members have an opportunity to make comments or suggestions on recommended policies prior to the vote. If both votes result in the passing of the policy, it becomes officially adopted.



All adopted policies are available for review at www.sedelco.org under "School Board Information" on the school district's website.

Listed below are some of the policies that are asked about most often:

Policy # 200 - Enrollment in District: Sets the standards to enroll a student in Southeast Delco.

Policy # 218 - Student Discipline: Provides the parameters by which schools develop their codes of conduct for student behavior.

Policy # 221.1 - School Uniforms: Sets the uniform policy parameters for students in grades K-8 and the dress code for students in the high school.

Policy # 226 - Student Searches: Authorizes schools to conduct random searches without suspicion or individual student searches with suspicion.

Policy # 707 - Use of School Facilities: Sets the standards by which school and community organizations can utilize district space during non-school hours.

Policy # 806 - Child Abuse: Details the mandatory reporting requirements of staff in suspected cases of child abuse.

Policy # 810 - Transportation: Sets the terms and conditions by which students qualify for transportation services, including mileage limits and special education services.

Policy # 815 - Acceptable Use of the Internet: Establishes rules for use of district supported computers and the Internet by students and staff.

Policy # 907 - School Visitors: Provides steps to help parents and guardians make arrangements to visit their children's schools.

Autism Update

The autistic support program at Delcroft School has been growing over the past 3 years. There are currently 60 grades K – 8 students enrolled in the district program. The highest concentration of students (11) is in the middle school class.

There are currently six autistic support teachers at Delcroft School. The special education department has finalized early intervention for the 2017 / 2018 school year and there are 8 kindergarten-age children coming into the program. Additional teachers will be needed for next year to stay under the maximum number of students allowed on a teacher's caseload and to provide a quality program.

There is also a need for additional classrooms at Delcroft School designated for the autistic support program. The district is reviewing a number of possible solutions including changing how rooms are being utilized at Delcroft, moving a segment of the program to another school, and the possibility of adding additional classroom space through modular classrooms at Delcroft.



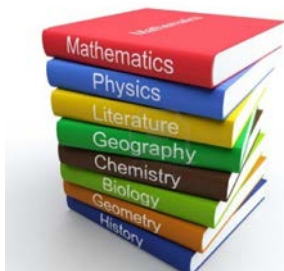
Summer Curriculum Work

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, preparations are underway for summer work. Teachers across the district will engage in curriculum writing this summer, a continuation of the work that was done last summer. Some grade-level and content-specific teams will be revising curriculum developed last summer based on implementation this school year, and other teams will be beginning the process.

The curriculum writing process will focus on teaching strategies, assessing student understanding and addressing students' needs. By identifying what students will learn before planning how they will learn it, teachers will develop their learning goals, determine the best way to assess student success and plan their learning experiences and instructional techniques. The ultimate goal throughout this process is to always focus on student learning outcomes.

Textbook Program Adoptions

Southeast Delco adopted a new social studies program at the beginning of the school year, after piloting the program last fall. Pearson's social studies programs were highly praised by teachers from grades K – 12, leading to their adoption in our classrooms. Pearson's *myWorld Social Studies* was adopted for grades K – 5. Students in 6th grade are utilizing Pearson's *myWorld History* program, while students in 7th and 8th grade are using Pearson's *American History*. At Academy Park High School, Pearson's textbooks have been implemented in all of the core and advanced placement history classes.



Based on our curriculum management cycle, Southeast Delco is piloting two potential math programs in preparation for possible adoption for the 2017 / 2018 school year. Teachers across the district began the year with materials and resources provided by Pearson. In January, pilot teachers switched to the

McGraw-Hill programs and will continue this program through June. Teachers from all district buildings are participating in this process and will provide their feedback on the programs, along with parent reflections, at the end of the year.

Future Board Meetings

Board Business Meeting	Thursday, March 23, 2017	7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole	Thursday, April 20, 2017	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, April 27, 2017	7:00 PM

School Events

- Academy Park Dodgeball Tournament – Friday, March 24th – 6 PM – APHS
- End of 3rd Marking Period – Friday, March 31st
- PSSA – English Language Arts – Grades 3 – 8 – Monday, April 3rd – Thursday, April 6th

- Academy Park High School Spring Festival – Friday, April 7th – 6 PM
- Report Cards Issued – Friday, April 7th
- **Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – Monday, April 10th – 12:45 PM**
- Parent / Teacher Conferences – Grades K – 8 – Monday, April 10th
- **Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – Tuesday, April 11th – 12:45 PM**
- **Spring Break – No School for Students or Staff – Wednesday, April 12th – 17th**
- Parent / Teacher Night Conferences – Grades 9 – 12 – Wednesday, April 19th - 6 PM
- Junior Prom – Friday, April 21st – 7 PM - The Oaks Ballroom
- PSSA – Math – Grades 3 – 8 – Monday, April 24th – Thursday, April 26th
- Early Kindergarten Registration – Tuesday, April 25th – Thursday, April 27th – Kindergarten Center
- District Musical – Friday, April 28th – 7:30 PM – Academy Park High School
- District Musical – Saturday, April 29th – 7:30 PM – Academy Park High School
- District Musical – Sunday, April 30th – 2 PM – Academy Park High School
- PSSA – Science – Grades 4 and 8 – Monday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 2nd
- **Early Dismissal – District-wide – Wednesday, May 3rd – APHS – 11 AM / Grades K – 8 – 12:45 PM**
- Progress Notices Issued – Friday, May 5th
- District Musical – Friday, May 5th – 7:30 PM – Academy Park High School
- District Musical – Saturday, May 6th – 7:30 PM – Academy Park High School
- District Musical – Sunday, May 7th – 2 PM – Academy Park High School
- **Snow Makeup Day, Regular Day of School for Students – Tuesday, May 16th**
- Keystone Exams – Monday, May 22nd – May 24th – Academy Park High School
- **Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students & Staff – Monday, May 29th**
- Senior Awards – Tuesday, May 30th – 7 PM - APHS
- Senior Final Exams – Wednesday, May 31st – Friday, June 2nd
- Senior Class Day – Friday, June 2nd
- APHS Talent Show – Friday, June 2nd – 7 PM
- Graduation – Wednesday – June 7th – 6:30 PM – Neumann University, Aston, PA
- APHS Underclassmen Final Exams – Wednesday, June 7th
- End of 2nd Semester / 4th Marking Period – Friday, June 9th
- Last Day of School for Students– Friday, June 9th
- **Teacher In-service Days - No School for Students – June 12 - 14**

Spring Concerts

- Harris School Spring Concert and Art Show – Thursday, May 11th – 6:30 PM
- Delcroft School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 17th – 6:30 PM @ APHS
- Academy Park High School Knight of the Arts – Thursday, May 18th – 7 PM
- Sharon Hill School Spring Concert – Tuesday, May 23rd – 6:30 PM @ APHS
- Darby Township School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 24th – 6:30 PM @ APHS

