

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 21, 2014

SUMMER WORK

Our staff has been working diligently getting the building ready for the 2014-2015 school year. Mike Grimwood has been pleased with the summer schedule and the staff that he is working with this year.

ALL-OHIO ACTE CONFERENCE

The Ohio Association of Career-Technical Education (ACTE) will be held at the Hilton Easton in Columbus on July 30 – Aug. 1. Several staff members will be attending the conference this year. As I always say, this association is very important to Career/Technical education.

MID-OHIO EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER ADMINISTRATOR CONFERENCE

The Mid Ohio ESC conference will be held for area administrators at MOESC Conference Center August 6 - 7. MOESC has arranged a great agenda with some outstanding presenters. This conference is an opportunity for our administrators to obtain great professional development to use in our continuous improvement efforts and network with other school administrators.

REGIONAL CTE ADMINISTRATOR RETREAT

The Regional CTE Administrator Retreat will be held at the Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron this year on Aug. 3, 4 and 5. This regional conference will include: Pioneer, Four County, Vanguard – Sentinel, Lorain County, Vantage, Penta, EHOVE and Tri-Rivers Career Centers. Many activities have been planned to create a positive climate for learning together and sharing professional experiences.

HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK/ASSESSMENT CONFERENCES

This spring and summer we have used our Carl Perkins grant funds to send our staff to various conferences this spring and summer. These are great conferences and our staff brings back terrific information, skills, ideas, and teaching techniques.

NOMINATION OF OSBA DELEGATE

Howard Koons, Board President, has asked me to place this on the agenda. You will nominate a delegate and alternate for the OSBA Conference November 9 – 12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet for hotel reservations at the August Board meeting. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis beginning September 4 at 9 a.m. so it will be very important that we know if you want us to make hotel reservations. Any cancellations result in a \$100 cancellation fee.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD RETREAT

The Administrative/Board member Retreat is set for August 8, 2014 from 12 pm – 4 pm at the Cranberry Hills Golf Course, 5695 State Route 103, New Washington. Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm and our work session will begin at 1:00 pm. We will be working to develop our goals for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

The Administrative Staff will meet that morning to finalize our plans for the new school year.

CAFETERIA PRICES FOR THE 2014 - 2015 SCHOOL YEAR

With the federal mandates implemented and the increases made two years ago, we will be able to maintain the same costs for breakfast and lunch this year. Adult lunches will remain \$3.00. Student Type A lunches will remain \$2.75; as well as Student Type B (the substitution of vegetables for French fries) lunches will remain \$2.75.

CALAMITY DAY ON- LINE MAKE-UP SESSIONS

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year we will move from days to hours with no calamity days, but we still have the ability to implement on-line/blizzard bag lessons up to the equivalent of 3 days. The requirement for the state is a minimum of 1001 hours per year. Pioneer will be in session 1046.5 hours, giving us 45.5 hours over the minimum or 7.9 days. Last year we used 9 calamity days, plus 21 hours of delays or early releases, therefore, it is extremely important that we take advantage of HB 153 which allows us to make up the equivalent of three (3) calamity days. To implement the Blizzard Bags, we must submit a board authorized plan to the Ohio Department of Education by August 1, 2014.

MEAT PROCESSING NAME CHANGE

Due to the change in programs to courses, we have had to restructure the curriculum for Meat Processing. The program will be broken down into four (4) courses with Meat Processing as a course in the Food Science curriculum, therefore we are asking you to approve a name change from "Meat Processing" to "Food Science".

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH REPLACEMENT LEVY

Thank you for attending the Special Board Meeting to amend the Resolution of Necessity. As Linda explained at the meeting, it became important to call a special meeting because the state and the county had conflicting millage amounts. We had used the numbers we received from the state and therefore, could not get the certification from the county auditor because his millage did not match the state amount.

We now have gotten the levy certified, so we are now asking the Board to approve the Resolution to Proceed for a replacement levy that will be placed on the ballot on November 4, 2014. This will replace and combine two .85 continuing levies that were passed in the 1970's. Each levy has rolled back to .456, the levy will allow us to restore each to their original .85 value and then, combine them into one (1) levy at a combined value of 1.70. After the resolution is passed, Linda Schumacher will forward the resolution and the county auditor's certification to the Board of Elections.

STRAIGHT A GRANT

Thanks to the efforts of Tri-Rivers Career Center, Pioneer will receive \$1.5 of a \$14.9 million dollars Straight A Grant to increase training in Robotics, Manufacturing and Engineering once it receives final approval by the State Controlling Board. The grant has already been approved by the Ohio Department of Education and must now be approved by the Controlling Board who will meet on July 28th.

Once we receive final approval the funds will be used to purchase FANUC self-contained educational robotic labs; FANUC Touch Screen iPendants and Project Kits; a Mechatronics Automation Training System; FANUC Web-based eLearning modules; Yaskawa Motoman STEM Cart; Yaskawa Motoman STEM Welding Cart; FANUC CNC CERT Cart; Equipment Transportation Trailer; VEX Robotics Kits; 3D Modeling/Laser Printer; Industrial Maintenance Trainers; Industrial Skill Training System; Training Identification Assessment and Evaluation System; 32 Laptops; Professional Development Training for Instructors, supplies and renovation of existing lab(s). I will have the brochure at the Board meeting to share the information with you.

As is evident, this is a large amount of expensive equipment for the cost because Tri-Rivers and John Burkhart has negotiated phenomenal educational costing for these items. Again, we appreciate all the work that Tri-Rivers did to develop the RAMTEC Training program and writing the grant; and the opportunity to be one of eight (including Tri-Rivers) Ohio Career Centers to be part of the RAMTEC initiative.

PERSONNEL

All personnel items are normal for this time of the year.