

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 20, 2015

SUMMER WORK

Our staff has been working diligently getting the building ready for the 2015-2016 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 27 – 29. 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 on August 4. 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.

HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK/ASSESSMENT CONFERENCES

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 8 – 11 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 3 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 7, 2015 from 11:30am – 3:30pm at Shelby High School. Please plan to meet at Shelby High School by 11:30am. We will travel by Suburban to Shelby Country Club for lunch and return to the high school for our work session. We will be working to develop our goals for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The Administrative Staff will meet that morning to finalize our plans for the new school year.

CAFETERIA PRICES FOR THE 2015 - 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

With the federal mandates implemented and the increases made three 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

Once again for the 2015-2016 school-year we will calculate hours rather than days to ensure adequate instructional time. 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 10 calamity days, plus 28 hours of delays causing us to make up 5.75 hours. For this reason, it is extremely important that we take advantage of HB 153 which allows us to make up the equivalent of three (3) calamity days using "Blizzard Bags." To implement the Blizzard Bags, we must submit a board authorized plan to the Ohio Department of Education by August 1, 2015.

COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING (CAD) TECHNICIAN NAME CHANGE

On the advice of the CAD Technician Advisory Committee, we are requesting a name change from "CAD Technician" to Engineering Design Technology. It is believed that this name more accurately reflects the content of the program and will assist in the student recruitment process.

CHANGE IS SUPERINTENDENT BOARD REPORT FORMAT

After some conversation with President Koons, I will change the written format of my report to the Board of Education beginning with the August meeting. I will provide you with a bullet-point list of items to minimize the amount of preparation time prior to the meeting. I will continue to provide details on each listed item at the Board Meeting and am willing to provide you with my report notes as requested.

PERSONNEL

I am excited to recommend the employment of Mrs. Katie Getz for the position of Project SEARCH Coordinator at Ohio Health/Med Central. Mrs. Getz is filling the position vacated by the voluntary transfer of Noelle Raphael to an Intervention Specialist position at our Shelby Campus. Mrs. Getz comes to us from the Fredericktown Local Schools where she has been a high school Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Getz started her career as an educational aide after completing her Associate's Degree at North Central State College before earning her Bachelor of Science Degree at Ashland University. On a personal note, Mrs. Getz's mother, husband and brother-in-law all attended Pioneer.

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