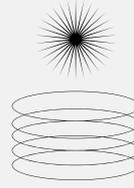




Board Meeting

8/21/24



Highlights

<p>Approved for the 24-25 SY in the areas of</p> <p>FINANCE...</p>	<p>Capturing Kids' Hearts Leadership Blueprint Training for Administration Professional Development.</p> <p>K-12 Enterprise Management and Technical Ticketing software licenses from Qualtrics to assist with community surveys and district work ticket processing for use at BHS.</p> <p>ESSA-ESEA & IDEA Federal Grants and Unified Champion Schools Grant applications and funds.</p> <p><i>Elevate K-12 services for Spanish leave instruction at BHS.</i></p> <p>Donation of wrestling mats from the Mountaineer Booster Club. (Thank you!)</p> <p>Professional service contracts for T&M Associates (Engineering) and Flanagan, Barone & O'Brien, LLC (Legal).</p> <p>Mountaineer Booster Club to conduct fundraising consistent with BOE policy to enhance health and physical education facilities, specifically a fitness center at BHS, as well as to feed student-athletes before and after athletic contests.</p>
<p>DISTRICT GOALS...</p>	<p><u>Academic</u>: Show progress in decreasing achievement gaps by advancing academic performance through increased support in areas of instruction for academic subgroups. Evaluate progress annually using all available assessment data. Identify staff to leverage existing education by assessing interest in obtaining further certifications to expand available dual enrollment and career and technical education (CTE) student course offerings.</p> <p><u>Facilities</u>: To prioritize planning for STEM/Robotics/CTE curriculum, develop a prioritized long-range facility plan and cost estimates by November 2024.</p> <p><u>Community Integration</u>: To support the belief that every community member is a stakeholder, develop 2-3 avenues to expand community connectivity and engage with all community members to communicate district outcomes and opportunities for further engagement with those residents with and without school-aged children by June 2025.</p> <p><u>Culture & Climate / Social Emotional Learning</u>: By June 2025 identify and implement tools and mechanisms to establish a baseline understanding of student and staff experience in Somerset Hills School District to develop a future strategic plan to enhance workplace and school culture, climate, and social-emotional learning.</p>
<p>PERSONNEL & POLICY...</p>	<p>Retirement of Doug Lucas, Facilities Director, allowed us the opportunity to examine our operations staffing and practices. This resulted in the elimination of the Director of Facilities position and the Coordinator of Transportation position and created the opportunity to approve a Director of Operations position. What resulted was the merging of facilities and transportation with the creation of a Director of Operations position. The Board appointed Frank Riccio to that position. The Board also appointed the following staff: Michael Richter, BMS Interim Assistant Principal; Michael Catelli, Director of Academic Support, Enrichment & Multilingual Education (formerly Supervisor of Social Studies and World Languages); Sara Cronin, BMS Special Education Teacher; Michael Filieri, BMS PE Teacher; and Samantha Turner, BMS LAL Teacher.</p> <p>Regulation 5530: Substance Abuse (M) - Reflects a balance between consequences and education for matters that involve incidents of student substance abuse.</p>
	<p>The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2024, in the Bernards High School Community Room at 7:30pm. Board Agendas, Minutes, and Superintendent Reports can be found at www.shsd.org. Be sure to check out our District News!</p>