



Potterville Public Schools

November Board Round-Up

The Potterville Public Schools Board of Education met Monday, Nov. 21, to recognize and discuss various topics, including but not limited to, resolving a previous Level IV grievance brought forth by the Potterville Education Association (PEA) on November 15, public input on concerns regarding the school visitor policy and teacher evaluations, and several resolutions for action. Tim Donahue, Superintendent at PPS, brought the meeting to a close by updating the Board on how the District's website needs to be ADA compliant, scheduling a county-wide new Board Member workshop for late December, and celebrating the sinking fund passing during the recent election.

The Board meeting began with the Board voting to deny the Level IV grievance brought forth by the PEA at a hearing held on November 15. Though the motion was denied, Superintendent Donahue suggested that the Board offer the teachers a half-step pay increase for the 2016-2017 school year; this pay increase was made possible after reviewing budget assignments in current fund balances. The additional half step will appear on the December 14 pay date for eligible teachers.

Next, a Potterville parent began the public input portion of the night by asking the Board to support administration in their disposition of the school visitors policy. Holly VanSickle, PPS teacher, discussed concerns with the current teacher evaluation procedures and tool. Mr. Donahue informed the Board that the teachers were advised of the new tool in early September, asked for feedback, and no responses were received.

The Board passed several resolutions for action during the meeting:

- The Board approved the Summer Tax Levy.
- The Board approved selecting the Marzano School Leader Evaluation Tool for all Principals.
- The Board approved selecting the MASB Superintendent Evaluation Tool for the Superintendent.
- The Board approved a modified Marzano Teacher Evaluation Tool for the 2016-2017 school year.