



BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS:

The regular meeting of the Smethport Area School District Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 13, 2017, in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

The following agenda items were approved at the regular meeting:

- ❖ A Resolution designating five (5) additional Smethport Area School District local holidays.
- ❖ The 2017-18 school calendar, which incorporates the “official local school district holidays”.
- ❖ The following policies: #100 Comprehensive Planning; #101 Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values; #102 Academic Standards; #103 Non Discrimination in School and Classroom Practices; #104 Non Discrimination in Employment and Contract Practices; #105 Curriculum; #105.1 Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students; #106 Guides for Planned Instruction; #107 Adoption of Planned Instruction; #108 Adoption of Textbooks; and #109 Resource Materials.
- ❖ The list of chaperones and a nurse for the Music Program trip to Walt Disney World in Florida in April 2017.
- ❖ The following Fall Supplemental Position(s) for the 2017-18 school year:
 - Assistant Cheering Coach - Fall Denise Frontino
 - Assistant Cross Country Coach Corey Cochran
 - Assistant Football Coaches Colby Austin, Jim Berlin, Gary Howes, Joel Lent, & Ryan Yingling
 - Assistant Golf Coach Brian Lawson
 - Assistant Boys' & Girls' Soccer Coaches no recommendation at this time
 - Assistant Volleyball Coaches Angela Jeffers & Shannon Faes
- ❖ The Amended Seneca Highlands Regional Insurance Trust Agreement.
- ❖ Kristy Briggs, Roulette, as a PSA Healthcare Nurse Substitute, pending proper paperwork
- ❖ A FMLA Leave of Absence for Dawn Stauffer starting February 7, 2017 for intermittent days for the 2016-17 school year.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- The Board of Education has been given the following policies for first reading with possible approval in March:
 - #112 – Guidance Counseling
 - #113 – Special Education
 - #113.1 – Discipline of Students With Disabilities
 - #113.2 – Behavior Support
 - #113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students With Disabilities
 - #115 – Career and Technical Education
 - #116 – Tutoring
 - #119 – Current Events
 - #121 – Field Trips
 - #137 – Home Education Programs
 - #200 – Enrollment of Students
 - #216 – Student Records

COMMENDATIONS:

Good luck to the following students who will be attending District Band in St. Mary’s and representing Smethport Area High School: Alec Morgan, Jared Pavlock and Brittany Szarowicz. Good Luck!!

Congratulations to the following students who represented Smethport in the Mock Trial Program on January 27, 2017: 12th Grade – Clayton Barber, Blaine Groshek, Autumn Haney, Jared Pavlock, & Brittany Szarowicz; 11th Grade – Alianne Hernan, Amelia Holohan, Brynn Howard, Kalyn Kost, Laurie Wilber, Abbey Woodard, & Hailey Wright; 10th Grade – Willow Lapp, Molly Todd, Patty Todd, & Jasmine Willetts; and 9th Grade – Delanie DiFonzo & Anna Holohan. The students have advanced with having the #1 seed and winning both trials. The students will compete in the final round on February 3, 2017. Our Defense will go against Oswayo Valley’s Commonwealth. Good Luck!! **UPDATE:** The teams won their first trial but fell short against Coudersport to earn a 2nd Place. Great Job!!

Good Luck to the following Seneca Highlands Career and Technical Center students who will represent Smethport at the Skills USA State Competition at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA on April 19th – 21st, 2017: Robert Gamet & Brayden Southard for Welding. Good luck Boys!!

PSSA TESTING SCHEDULE ~

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 – English Lang Arts ~ April 3-7, 2017; Math ~ April 24-28, 2017

Grades 4, 8 – Science ~ May 1-5, 2017

Make-up Dates – May 8-12, 2017

PSSA suggestions:

- 1) Attendance is critically important during these dates. It is also very important that students arrive at school before 8:07 a.m. as they are not permitted to enter the classroom once a test session has begun.
- 2) A good night's sleep is very important.
- 3) It is always a good idea to have a healthy breakfast especially on test days. Please be reminded that breakfast is always available at the school from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. in the elementary school and 7:45 – 8:05 a.m. in the high school.



- ❖ March 8th ~ ½ Act 80 Day / Students excused at 12:00. Only breakfast is served.
- ❖ March 17th ~ St. Patrick's Day.
 - ❖ March 17th & 20th ~ Spring Break / No School / Make-up Days.
 - ❖ March 23rd ~ End of the Third Nine Weeks Marking Period.
 - ❖ March 30th ~ Report cards distributed.
 - ❖ April 5th ~ ½ Act 80 Day / Students excused at 12:00. Only breakfast is served.
 - ❖ April 14th – 18th ~ Easter Vacation.
- ❖ April 19th ~ Act 80 Day / No School for Students.
- ❖ May 29th ~ Memorial Day / No School.
- ❖ June 1st ~ Last Day of School.
- ❖ June 2nd ~ Graduation.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Smethport Area Elementary School will hold **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** for the 2017 – 2018 school year on Friday, March 31, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Children must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2017. Registration packets may be picked up in the Elementary office after February 24th. **Please contact the Elementary office to schedule an appointment at 887-5012.**

