

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board praises site contractor for building completion

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The new Dallas High School still needs a bit of work done, but school board members offered their praises to the site contractor Monday for completion of the building.

Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, the project architect, told the board some construction issues lie ahead for the new building, some of which would not be able to be completed before the opening of school.

Paving, installing lights and signage are issues that would be completed by Wednesday, but other concerns brought to light by a building inspector will take more time.

Nesbit said the inspector's main concerns were issues relating to the school's compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Aspects of the chemistry and art labs, as well as the lack of handrails in the auditorium, will take more than a few days.

Nesbit wrote a letter to the inspector's manager, asking for a 60-day period for these items to

be resolved. He noted two wheelchair-bound students in the high school will not be taking classes in either lab this semester.

Superintendent Frank Galicki said these issues would need to be resolved after school or on weekends in order to ensure the safety of students.

Technically, said Nesbit, the completion date for the project is September 18, but those issues may push that back.

Field-related aspects of the project still need to be completed as well. Nesbit said the track was incorrectly paved, and the subcontractor responsible must redo that aspect at no cost to the district.

Residents asked whether the field hockey space would be ready for the team's games and practices. Nesbit said, because of the issues with the track, the field may not be completed until the end of the month.

Chris Gabe, of Shavertown, said the team has been utilizing the baseball field for practices and now has to use Wyoming Seminary's Klassner Field in Kingston for home games.

He said it's not fair for the girls not to have a field until halfway

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES

Note: Salary increases from 2012-2016 will be the base salary plus the Act 1 Index.
Superintendent Frank Galicki: 2010-11 salary, \$103,000. 2011-12 salary, \$104,751.
Wycallis Elementary Principal and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Paul Reinert: 2010-11 salary, \$97,700. 2011-12 salary, \$97,700 (Note: Reinert received a \$2,500 raise last year).
Senior High Principal Jeffrey Shaffer: 2010-11 salary, \$88,268. 2011-12 salary, \$89,268.
Senior High Assistant Principal Brian Bradshaw: 2010-11 salary, \$64,575. 2011-12 salary, \$65,075.
Middle School Principal Thomas Duffy: 2010-11 salary, \$75,190. 2011-12 salary, \$79,033 (Note: Duffy's raise will be implemented over two years).
Dallas Elementary Principal Thomas Traver: 2010-11 salary, \$73,213. 2011-12 salary, \$79,033 (Note: Traver's raise will be implemented over two years).
Special Education Director Amy Linnen: 2010-11 salary, \$70,000. 2011-12 salary, \$70,500.
Business Manager Grant Palfey: 2010-11 salary, \$80,000. 2011-12 salary, \$81,360.
Director of Technology William Gartrell: 2010-11 salary, \$86,000. 2011-12 salary, \$89,268 (Note: Gartrell also received a \$2,000 raise last year).
Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and District Clerk of Works Mark Kraynack: 2010-11 salary, \$60,109.52. 2011-12 salary, \$65,000 (Note: Kraynack also received a raise last year. He received a stipend throughout the Dallas High School construction project as clerk of works, but that stipend will end at the conclusion of the project).

through their season.

Galicki assured Gabe that the work would be concluded as soon as possible.

"This is not a contractor problem; it's a weather problem," said Mark Kraynack, supervisor of buildings and grounds.

Nesbit also presented a series of change orders to the board totaling more than \$48,000, upon which the board will take action at next week's regular meeting.

Galicki also clarified an issue related to Pear Tree Lane. He said the road that leads to the Grandview Terrace development will be opened to school traffic.

Dallas Township will participate in a PennDOT traffic study at that location to determine whether the road should be closed, but this will take time, said Kraynack.

Galicki added that the twice-canceled high school dedication

will occur at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3 prior to regular school board meeting.

In other news...

Jack Wega, director of federal funds, offered a report about the American Red Cross evacuation shelter held at the middle school over the weekend for evacuees fleeing the flood plain.

Wega, who has a background in emergency management, said many district staff, faculty and

students volunteered to help the cause. The shelter held 126 people over the weekend, and closed on Saturday shortly after the evacuation was lifted.

The board approved a contract for administrators at the meeting that included yearly raises through 2016 based on the Act 1 index.

Business Manager Grant Palfey said two administrators, middle school Principal Thomas Duffy and Dallas Elementary School Principal Thomas Traver, would receive their raises over two years and subsequent raises would be based on the Act 1 Index. He said all but one administrator had a pay freeze for the 2010-11 school year.

Palfey added administrators received a health benefit that would allow reimbursement of up to \$2,000 annually for medications and licensed practitioners.

A pension update includes a tax-deferred annuity plan, much like a 401k, based on the Act 1 Index.

Palfey said the administrators costs are 28 percent less than the school next closest in administrative costs in Luzerne County.

Bridges-Baranowski vows exchanged

Sarah Christine Bridges and Joshua Drew Baranowski were united in marriage on May 28, 2011 at the National Historic Landmark of Berry Hill in Virginia by Rev. Christopher of South Boston.

The bride is the daughter of Gerry and Barbara Bridges of Shenandoah, Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Ralph and Annie Lee Bridges.

The groom is the son of John and Jeris Baranowski of Shavertown. He is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Lester Jordan of Trucksville and the late Edward and Rosalie Baranowski of Hanover.

The bride was escorted by her father and chose her long-time Air Force friend Captain Dawn Straight as her maid of honor. The bride's daughters, Madalyn and Katie Dickson, served as junior bridesmaids and her youngest daughter, Charlotte, was the flower girl.

The groom chose his oldest brother, John Baranowski, as best man with brothers Jarrod and Jeremy Baranowski serving as groomsmen.

The bride is a graduate of Page County High School in Shenandoah, Va. She graduated from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and is a first lieutenant in the Air Force, serving at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia as a registered nurse in obstetrics.

The groom graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 2002 and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He was commissioned in to the United States Air Force as an officer in 2009 and holds the rank of first lieutenant at Langley Air Force Base where he works as a registered nurse in the emergency room.

The couple resides in Seaford, Va.



MR. AND MRS. JOSHUA BARANOWSKI

Adam Stofila earns his private pilot's license



Adam Stofila, 17, of Shavertown, earned his private pilot's license on August 18.

Stofila has been flying since he was 15 years old and completed his solo flight on May 31, 2010. He continues his aviation studies and flight training through Tech Aviation Flight School at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport.

A senior at Dallas High School, Stofila plans to continue his aviation studies at LCCC and Marywood University after graduation.

He is the son of Sandra and Michael Stofila, of Shavertown.

Masonic Village Fall Open House & Irem Ladies Craft Fair

Sunday, September 25

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Craft Fair 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The Area Agency on Aging of Luzerne/Wyoming Counties reminds recipients of the 2011 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers that they have until November 30 to redeem them.

These vouchers can only be used to purchase locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at Farmers Market stands that are participants of the Dept. of Agriculture's SFMNP.

Baked goods, meat, jam, honey, apple cider or eggs are not allowable for purchase with these vouchers.

For further information, contact Rhonda Adams at 822-1158 Ext. 3337.