Presentation of First Suburbs Project
April 22, 2010 7:00 PM

WELCOME

Mr. Huss welcomed everyone to the meeting for the presentation on the First Suburbs Project of Southeaster Pennsylvania.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Mr. Krem described the purpose of the meeting as an opportunity to better understand the work of the First Suburbs Project and how state school funding impacts the Pottstown community.

INTRODUCTIONS OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Krem introduced David Forrest, Municipal Administrator of Norristown, who will speak on the First Suburbs Project and Janice Risch, Executive Director of Good Schools Pennsylvania, who will speak on state public education funding.

INTROUDCTION TO THE FIRST SUBURBS PROJECT OF SOUTHEASTERN PA

Mr. Forrest stated that the First Suburbs Project of Southeastern Pennsylvania is a coalition of various community organizations, school districts, municipalities and faith based organizations that work on a series of common concerns. School District funding is big concern of the organization. He described the effects that public school funding has on municipalities. He stressed the importance of school districts and municipalities to work together. The coalition consists of 21 members in Delaware and Eastern Montgomery County. The coalition has three main issues they are concerned with: 1) housing equity, 2) infrastructure and 3) school district funding. The coalition is planning a June 10th event to take place at Montgomery County Community College. The purpose of this event is to urge state & local officials to support their agenda for change including school district funding for our communities. Mr. Forrest recommended that the Norristown and Pottstown communities work together to form a powerful voice.

STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

Janice Risch thanked the board for the opportunity to make this presentation. She provided a power point presentation outlining state funding. The presentation showed how state funding is determined, how it effects the school district and municipalities and how the efforts of Good Schools and First Suburbs Coalition have created a funding formula. She emphasized the importance of everyone working together.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Huss asked the board if they had any questions. No questions were presented. Janice Risch agreed to provide a hard copy of the material presented tonight. Mr. Forrest urged the board to commit to the June 10th event. He stressed the importance of their combined efforts to preserve the funding formula.

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the second floor LGI room of the Pottstown Middle School with President Richard C. Huss presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Valerie Harris, Mr. Thomas J. Hylton, Mrs. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Polly M. Weand, Mr. Nat White and Mrs. Julia Wilson. Absent was Mr. Robert Hartman. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. David Krem; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Reed Lindley; Director of Education and Human Resources, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Substitute Board Secretary, Mrs. Penny O'Donnell; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis, Mrs.Gail Cooper, Mrs. Danielle McCoy, Ms. Pam Bateson, Mrs. Rita Cohen, Ms. Terri Lampe, Dr. Robert Stevens, Mr. John Armato, a member of the press, and interested citizens.

MR. HARTMAN ARRIVED AT 7:36 PM

AWARDS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Robert Stevens distributed an outline of the Pottstown Middle School Sponsored Clubs and Student Organizations and an outline of the Pottstown Middle School Community Based Programs. He invited three clubs to demonstrate the functions of their clubs. Mrs. Zuchero spoke briefly about the Distinguished Gentlemen and Sophisticated Ladies Club. Members of this club greeted people as they arrived. This newly formed club consists of 6th and 7th graders and focuses on developing leadership qualities through mentoring and community activities. Mrs. Regga's Cooking Club had prepared snacks for the board members to sample. The club has been a huge success with the students. The Jazz Band performed two musical numbers under the direction of Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Ross recognized Olivia Coleman for her many achievements. He presented Ms. Coleman the PA Human Relations Commission Montgomery County Civil Rights Award. Ms. Coleman thanked everyone for this award. She enjoys helping people.

Mrs. Hoch spoke about the reasons why Lincoln was chosen to send a student representative to the Title I Conference in Hershey. Lincoln IEP students achieved a 25% increase in math and reading. She stressed that teamwork is the key factor in achieving success. Mrs. Hoch introduced Miyana CherieBrant, the student representative who attended the Title I Conference. Ms. ChereieBrant thanked the teachers, her friends and family for their support.

Mrs. DiPaolo spoke about Franklin's invitation by Step by Step to attend the PAFPC Conference. Their presentation focused on "Data": Is It Your Friend or Foe". Mrs. DiPaolo introduced Mrs. Karen Neitz who provided an overview of the data collection process. Stacy VanDruff and Kristen Lafferty presented a power point demonstration on "Data: Friend or Foe". Mrs. VanDruff and Mrs. Lafferty reported on the tremendous progress of the students as a result of implementing the Step by Step Learning strategies.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Krem read a letter from Mr. Jeremy Ellis on the value of calculus.

Mr. Krem read a letter from Mr. Joel Johnson, the Executive Director of the Montgomery Housing Authority regarding the value of Barth Elementary School to the Bright Hope Community.

Mr. Krem read a letter from a Cabrini College senior proposing a partnership with Cabrini College and the Rupert Elementary Bull Dogs. Ms. Trasatti complimented the Bull Dogs for their good manners that were exhibited at several events involving Cabrini students. She attributed their valuable social skills to the guidance they receive from the Bull Dogs instructors, Mrs. Nieman and Mr. Donnelly. Mr. Krem stated that the Executive Team would review this proposal and make their recommendation sometime in the future.

MINUTES

It was moved by Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Harman that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 18, 2010, be approved as presented.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: nine. Nays: none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 8, 2010, be approved as presented.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: nine. Nays: none. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the list of bills for the period of March 11, 2010 to April 14, 2010 from the Athletic Fund totaling $50,968.39; the Cafeteria Fund totaling $149,476.43; the Elementary Activity Fund totaling $2,954.90 and the General Fund totaling $1,154,673.29 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-070.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: nine. Nays: none. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the Treasurer's Report be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-071.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: nine. Nays: none. Motion carried.

HEARINGS FROM THE PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Mr. Thees referred to the letter from Mr. Johnson and recognized that there are no taxes paid on the property recognized in his communication. He suggested that the board send a letter to the county requesting funds to help refurbish our buildings that are such valuable assets to the community. He complimented the band, students and teachers for their successes. Their successes are evidence of reasonable spending within the school district.

Mrs. Carmody spoke on behalf of the Code Blue Organization. She expressed their concerns for funding a superintendent search and the cost of hiring an interim superintendent. Mrs. Carmody outlined various financial costs depending on the type of search selected by the board. She recommended that the board consider-the qualified staff from within the district as the best choice financially and beneficial to the district.

Mrs. Zahora reminded the board of the significant savings the school district has realized by bringing back some Special Education classes. It was necessary to hire new staff to provide this education but the school district has saved millions of dollars. These special education students have always been included in the total number of students being educated in the district. Mrs. Zahora was please to announce that the Dancing with the Stars Fundraiser has reached a sold out capacity.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon that the following consent items be approved, in accordance with Policy 1120, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Personnel

Resignations/Terminations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations/terminations:

Executive Team

David Krem, District Superintendent, Administration Building, resignation effective June 30, 2010, employed since August 13, 1996.

Classified

Jennifer Sanders, Classroom Assistant, Edgewood Elementary School, resignation effective April 1, 2010, employed since October 5, 2009.

Crystal McClure, Student Mentor funded by Project 720, Pottstown High School, resignation effective February 24, 2010, employed since February 23, 2010.

Rosemarion Bolognese, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, resignation for purposes of retirement effective June 16, 2010, employed since January 8, 2003.

Leaves

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following leaves of absence:

Act 93

Augustus "Bud" Heller, Director of Food Services, Pottstown High School, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective April 20, 2010 through TBD.

Classified

Dale Trieval, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective April 12, 2010 through TBD.

Steve Trieval, Custodian II, Rupert Elementary School, request for intermittent leave of absence partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective April 12, 2010 through TBD.

William Bitler, PC Hardware Technician, Administration Building, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective May 18, 2010 for approximately 8 weeks.

Change in Position and/or Salary

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following changes in position and/or salary:

Substitute Teachers

Kristen Beaver, from Extended Per-Diem Substitute to Long-Term Substitute, effective March 17, 2010 through TBD, $194/day, coverage for Ginger Angelo.

Classified

Carol Bender, in addition to her current position as Cafeteria Substitute, will also assume the role of Substitute Cafeteria Proctor, $12.63/hour, effective March 16, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year, partial coverage for Shirley Schultz. (this is a correction of salary from $15.35, previously approved at March 18, 2010 meeting).

Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

Substitute Teachers

Brian Johnson, Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, effective March 15, 2010, in accordance with Board Policy 3920. He will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, $13.65/hr, effective March 15, 2010.

Lisa Harper, Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, effective March 28, 2010, in accordance with Board Policy 3920. She will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, $13.65/hr, effective March 15, 2010.

Maureen Johnson, Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, effective April 9, 2010, in accordance with Board Policy 3920. She will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, $13.65/hr, effective April 9, 2010.

Christopher Hetrick, Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, effective April 14, 2010, in accordance with Board Policy 3920. He will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, $13.65/hr, effective April 14, 2010.

Violet Sible, Special Substitute Teacher, $100/day, effective April 13, 2010. She will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, $13.65/hr, effective April 13, 2010.

Classified

Marianne Croft Gilmore, in addition to her Game Worker position, will also assume the role of Student Mentor funded by Project 720, Pottstown High School, effective April 6, 2010, $29/hour, approximately 20 hours per week, replaces Crystal McClure.

Carol Bender, Cafeteria Substitute for Pottstown School District, $10.41/hour, effective April 15, 2010.

Homebound Instruction, 29/hour

LeeAnn McCullough, Pottstown High School, from March 11, 2010 through April 23, 2010, assignment not to exceed 5 hours per week.

Theresa Dundon, Pottstown High School, continuation of homebound instruction from March 15, 2010 through May 14, 2010, assignment not to exceed 5 hours per week.

Addition to the 2009-2010 Game Workers List, $10/hour

Laura Christie, Diane Martz, Abbey Yeager, Ryan McGavin, Mary Ann Lightcap, Terry Phillips, Marlon Randall, Mike Yonas, Karen Fricke, Marianne Brownie, Vanessa Barniak, David Schaeffer and Jim Tsakonas

Tuition Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement:

Professional Staff:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SCHOOL	3/31/10 deadline
Sarah	Buruschkin	Pottstown High School	1920.00
Matthew	Cohen	Franklin Elementary	780.00
Brooke	Dunlap-Martin	Barth Elementary	1,110.00
Kelly	Eroh	Edgewood Elementary	1,296.00
Benjamin	Hayes	Pottstown Middle School	1,260.00
Kari	Kindig	Lincoln Elementary	940.00
Kristen	Lafferty	Lincoln Elementary	1,071.00
James	Martinez	Pottstown High School	380.00
Mary	Palladino	Pottstown Middle School	940.00
Ryan	Regensburg	Pottstown Middle School	1,296.00
Desiree	Schwoyer	Pottstown Middle School	1,275.00
Jaime	Stringer	Barth Elementary	1,110.00
Kimberly	Valentine	Barth Elementary	1,215.00
Julie	Voelker	Pottstown Middle School	2,016.00
Erin	Wydrzynski	Franklin Elementary	1,110.00

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES – Dr. Lindley

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leaves:

Building	First Name	Last Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Admin.	Mary	Rieck	Pre-K Counts State-Wide Meeting	State College, PA	5/5/10 – 5/7/10	Approx. $405.00 paid from Pre-K Counts grant
Admin.	Emily	Baddeley	PATHS Conference	Harrisburg, PA	5/13/10 – 5/14/10	Approx. $573.00 paid from Health & Wellness grant
Middle	Diane	Halpine	2010 PSSA Committee Meetings (Reading)	Harrisburg, PA	5/24/10 – 5/25/10	Approx. $100.000 cost of sub to district. All other expenses paid by PDE.

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-072.

1. The Devereux Foundation
2. Wordsworth
3. Camphill Special School
4. Camphill Special School
5. Camphill Special School
6. Camphill Special School
7. Camphill Special School

REVISED 2009-2010 CALENDAR

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the revised 2009-2010 calendar and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendun # 2009-2010-073.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2010-2011 school calendar and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-074.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PENSION REFORM RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the School Employee Pension Reform Resolution and a copy to be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-075.

2008-2009 SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

The Superintendent recommends the Board acknowledge the school district Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, as prepared by Maillie, Falconiero, and Company.

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT CONTRACT AMENDMENT AGREEMENT

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 21st Century contract amendment Agreement and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-076.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR POTTSTOWN

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Economic Development for Pottstown with ULI subject to final review by the solicitor and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-077.

BID AWARDS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the bid awards listed below and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2009-2010-078.

1. Fall Sports Athletic Equipment & Supplies
2. Physical Education Equipment & Supplies

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: nine. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NON-CONSENT

DRIVER SAFETY MOTION

Ms. Harris recommends the Board approve a motion directing the administration to add driver and passenger safety instruction to the curriculum for all grades in 2010-2011, as listed below:

> I move that this Board of Directors grant the district administration the go ahead to formally incorporate driver and passenger safety instruction into the 2010-2011 curriculum for all grade levels at the start of the upcoming school year.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. White that the Board approve the driver safety motion.

Mr. Hartman suggested that this motion be tabled until it is reviewed by the Technology/Curriculum Committee.

Ms. Harris commented that the driver safety topic has been discussed on multiple occasions at the Committee of the Whole meetings and Regular Board meetings. She stressed the severity of this issue and the importance of saving the lives of our children.

Mrs. Weand supported the necessity for a driver safety program. She recommended that the Technology/Curriculum Committee be allowed the time needed to fully develop such a program.

Mr. White interpreted this motion is asking the board to move forward with developing a driver safety program.

Mr. Hartman disagreed with Mr. White's interpretation. The motion reads to incorporate a driver and passenger safety program into the curriculum. Mr. Hartman suggested the motion be rewritten to clarify its intention.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the committee is in favor of adding a driver safety program to the curriculum. The health curriculum is currently being re-written adding various aspects of the safe driver program. Mrs. Wilson recommended that the Board allow the professional staff to develop the program and then submit it to the committee for review.

Ms. Harris stated as the author of the author of the motion that the board go ahead with this motion. The motion gives the assurance that the program will be incorporated into the next school year. The motion is not dictating what is to be in the curriculum or how to incorporate it into the curriculum.

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon to table the motion.

Upon roll call, the vote to table the driver safety motion was recorded as follows: Mrs. Weand: aye, Mr. White: nay, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: nay, Mr. Hartman: aye, Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye. Ayes: six. Nays: three. Motion carried.

MOTION TO HIRE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hylton recommends the Board approve a motion to hire an interim Superintendent to begin July 1, 2010 for a period not to exceed one year.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Ms. Harris that the Board approve Mr. Hylton's motion to hire an interim Superintendent to begin July 1, 2010 for a period not to exceed one year.

Mr. Hartman noted that there are good and bad points to having an interim. School code states the purpose of hiring an Interim Superintendent is based on the inability for a board to hire a superintendent by the time the position becomes vacant. He felt this motion gives the appearance of testing the abilities of the interim. Mr. Hartman stated the school district has people within the district to fill the position.

Mrs. Weand does not support hiring an interim superintendent. She stressed the importance of maintaining stability and trust among the administrators. Mrs. Weand felt that school district would experience a temporary disruption twice.

HEARINGS FROM THE PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to the motion to hire an interim superintendent)

Mrs. Zahora recommended that the board hire a superintendent from within the district. The district has many talented people to fill this position. It makes the most fiscal and educational sense.

Mr. Thees stated the school district should save the money.

Mrs. Carmondy voiced her concerns on the high cost of hiring an interim. She felt it is critical to the future of the district that the board examines the qualified candidates from within the district.

Upon roll call, the vote to hire an interim superintendent was recorded as follows: Mr. White: aye, Mrs. Wilson: nay, Ms. Harris: aye, Mr. Hartman: nay, Mr. Huss: nay, Mr. Hylton: aye, Mrs. Pargeon: nay, Mr. Wausnock: nay, Mrs. Weand: nay. Ayes: three. Nays: six. Motion denied.

MOTION TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SPENDING CUTS

Mr. Hylton recommends the Board approve a motion to direct the administration to identify potential additional spending cuts as follows:

> The Pottstown School District administration has proposed $1,862,712 in budget cuts for the 2010-2011 school year, known as Option 8. Option 8 envisions an increase in real estate taxes to generate an additional $1,136,662 in local tax revenue to balance the proposed 2010-2011 school

budget. I move that the Pottstown School Board direct the administration to identify an additional $1,136,662 in potential spending cuts for the 2010-2011 school year, through a reduction in personnel, for a total of $3 million in spending cuts, to be identified as Option 9. The additional spending cuts for Option 9 shall not include any reductions in classroom teachers beyond those identified in Option 8.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. White that the Board approve the motion to direct the administration to identify potential additional spending cuts as listed in the motion.

Mrs. Weand stated she does not support these additional cuts. The presentations tonight attest to the school district's ability to reach the needs of the students. She noted that Harrisburg dictates the mandates for the special education needs. The budget has been scrutinized.

Mr. Hylton strongly suggests that the board begin to address the upcoming deficit of $2.3million as forecasted by Mr. Krem.

Ms. Harris explained that Option #9 was the result of possibly saving district more money. This motion would not impede any progress already made but is just one more option to explore.

Mrs. Pargeon stated that the $1.136 million reduction appears to target the support staff. This additional staff is part of staff needed to bring back the Special Education classes which have saved the taxpayers millions of dollars. Mrs. Pargeon pointed out that by making the additional cuts the district would be going below the index, the district would not be able to recoup the loss revenue to take of future cuts.

Mr. Hartman supports the current budget and agrees with Michele that by not going with the index the school district will suffer next year. The Finance Committee agreed with staying with the index.

HEARINGS FROM THE PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to the motion for additional spending cuts)

Mrs. Zahora recommended that the board go with the budget as approved by the Finance Committee. It does not make fiscal or educational sense to approve the additional cuts motion until the Task Force has presented its strategy for the district.

Mrs. Carmondy concurred with Mr. Hartman. She agreed that it is time to accept the budget as is and start on next year's budget.

Mr. Huss stated that the board had made a lot of cuts that they did not care for.

Mrs. Weand expressed her concern on approving additional cuts. The instructional coaches are a valuable asset. She stated that the board was very careful about the spending as they pondered over the budget.

Mr. Wausnock stated as the Chairman of the Finance Committee he agrees with the budget and he along with the majority of the committee recommends this budget to the board.

Upon roll call, the vote to identify additional spending cuts was recorded as follows: Mrs. Wilson: nay, Ms. Harris: aye, Mr. Hartman: nay, Mr. Huss: nay, Mr. Hylton: aye, Mrs. Pargeon: nay, Mr. Wausnock: nay, Mrs. Weand: nay, Mr. White: nay. Ayes: three. Nays: six. Motion denied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Policy 5900: Interscholastic Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities for Pottstown High School and Pottstown Middle School.
2. Policy 5910: Co-Curricular Awards and Recognition for Co-Curricular Participation.
3. Policy 201: Admission of Students, 2nd Reading

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION

1. PSBA Guidelines for Submitting Items for 2011 Legislative Platform
2. Fox Rothschild Lunch & Learn Series: May 7th – "The Great Recession & Its Effect on the Public School Workforce"
3. Monthly Meeting Schedule: May 2010
4. Technology Update: March 2010
5. Third Marking Period Honor Roll Comparison
6. PEAK Update: April 2010
7. Pottstown Pride: Winter 2009-2010
8. Website Report: March 2010

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Marchek stated the Federation was pleased to hear Mr. Bush would be head of the task force. They are looking forward to participating with the task force.

ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Pargeon enjoyed the jazz band performance. She thanked the Franklin and Lincoln staff for their presentation and the opportunity to hear of their successes. She urged everyone present to contact their State representative regarding several House Bills #2020, #2022 and #2023 that are currently be presented at Harrisburg. The House Bills will require five board members to be present at every property assessment appeal.

Mr. Hartman thanked all participants in the OAC meeting for an excellent job. He thanked the principals and staff for their presentations tonight. Mr. Hartman congratulated Ms. Lampe for the successful fundraiser "Dancing with the Stars". He believes Mr. Bush is a excellent choice to head the task force. The Co-Curricular Activities Committee will meet on Monday, April 26th with the new director. One of the key items will be to review the Policies #5900 and #5910.

Mrs. Weand is proud of the faculty and recognizes the long hours that the teachers put in. She thanked Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Pargeon for their guidance at the OAC meeting.

Mr. White concurred with the previous remarks. The teachers, staff and administrators should be proud of all their achievements.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Mrs. Wilson expressed her appreciation to the teachers for all they accomplish. Intervention is a lot of fun to observe. She complimented the staff for bringing out the best in the students.

Ms. Harris acknowledged the students who received awards. The students' achievements are attributed to the support from their families and teachers. Ms. Harris was impressed with the enthusiasm expressed by the Franklin and Lincoln teachers as they presented their learning strategies.

Dr. Lindley was proud of the staff. He commended Mrs. McCoy and the Marketing Department for their initiative in pursuing a possible pilot program. This program would utilize various technologies to enhance their marketing program and partner with some local businesses.

Dr. Sparagana stated that tonight was clear evidence of Top Down and Bottom Up Leadership. He was impressed with presentations at the OAC meeting. Dr. Sparagana invited the board to attend the Parent Literacy Night on May 5th which will include a collaborative effort with Music Night.

Mr. Krem was very proud of the students and staff, including the administration for all they do to help move the school district forward. He is pleased that Mr. Bush will head the Task Force Committee. The first meeting will be held on May 3rd in the 2nd floor LGI Room of the Middle School.

Mr. Wausnock – no comment.

Mr. Huss thanked the principals, teachers and administrators. He congratulated the administration for a great job handling the fallen ceiling tiles at Rupert.

Mr. Huss announced there will be an Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon that the Board adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Penny O'Donnell
Substitute Board Secretary