POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION MEETING AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
December 2, 2010 - 7:30 P.M.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, December 2, 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, Mrs. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Polly M. Weand, Mr. Nat White and Mrs. Julia Wilson. Absent were Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr. and Mr. Thomas Hylton. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Reed Lindley; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Board Secretary, Mrs.Linda S. Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Mr. John Armato, Mr. Matthew Moyer, Dr. Angela Tuck, Mr. Jerry Ummarino, Mrs. Rita Cohen, a member of the press, and interested citizens.

MR. HYLTON ARRIVED AT 7:33 PM.

AWARDS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Angstadt introduced Mr. Robert Blaisse of Converge. Mr. Blaisse presented an outline on the Demand Response Program and the revenue benefits to the school district. He explained the role of the participants and their obligation to provide a reduction in electric consumption at times of a declared power grid emergency. The participants enroll an agreed kWs curtailment obligation. Participants in the demand response program receive monthly guaranteed payments proportional to their agreed kWs obligation. Mr. Blaisse provided handouts for the Board Members to review including a summary of the program rules and expectations and a proposed curtailment for the Pottstown School District. Board Members engaged in discussion regarding the flexibility and terms of the program and the additional manpower needed to monitor the alerts.

REPORTS

MINUTES

Mrs. Adams presented the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 18, 2010 to be placed on the December 16, 2010 Board Agenda for approval.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

The Secretary adjourned the meeting sine die.

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION

The Secretary proceeded to call roll of the members of the School Board. The following were present:

Ms. Valerie Harris, Mr. Richard Huss, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Pargeon, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Polly Weand, Mrs. Julia Wilson and Mr. Nat White. Absent was Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr.

Mrs. Adams read the Notice of the Organization Meeting.

ELECTION OF A TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

The Secretary called for the nomination of a Temporary Chairperson. Mrs. Pargeon nominated Mr. Dennis Wausnock.

There were no further nominations for a Temporary Chairperson. Mr. Huss moved to close the nominations for Temporary Chairperson. Mrs. Pargeon seconded the motion.

The vote for Mr. Wausnock as Temporary Chairperson was recorded as follows: All members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Temporary Chairperson called for nominations for President.

Mrs. Weand nominated Mr. Richard Huss. Mrs. Pargeon seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations for the Office of President. Mrs. Pargeon moved to close the nominations. Mr. Huss seconded the motion.

The vote for Mr. Huss as President was recorded as follows: All members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried.

Mr. Huss was declared the newly elected President.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

The Temporary Chairperson called for nominations for Vice-President.

Mrs. Wilson nominated Mr. Dennis Wausnock. Mrs. Pargeon seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations for the Office of Vice-President. Mr. Huss moved to close the nominations for Vice-President. Mrs. Weand seconded the motion.

The vote for Mr. Wausnock as Vice-President was recorded as follows: All members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried.

Mr. Wausnock was declared the newly elected Vice-President.

Mrs. Huss as President took charge of the meeting.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Huss stated that the Committee Assignments are being worked on. The Committee Assignments will be presented at the Board meeting on December 16, 2010.

ADOPT TIME AND PLACES FOR THE 2011 REGULAR MEETINGS

Mrs. Adams presented the proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule. It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the meeting schedule as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-038.

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

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the Board approve Mr. Stephen Kalis, Solicitor, as Parliamentarian.

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

APPROVE RULES OF ORDER – Policy 006

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded Mr. Wausnock that the Board approves the Rules of Order – Policy 006 and a copy be filed in the Secretary's Office as addendum 2010-2011-039.

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

APPROVAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the Board approve Roberts Rules of Order Revised for decisions involving parliamentary procedure with the understanding that rules of order as adopted supersede the Roberts Rules of Order in the event of a conflict between the two.

Upon roll call, all members presented voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried

ADJOURN

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting.

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

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING PROCEEDED.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Mr. Wausnock stated that the Finance Committee will meet on December 21, 2010. Mrs. Adams stated that Act 1 Time Line and the Preliminary Budget will be reviewed at the meeting.

Facilities Committee/MCIU Representative

Mrs. Adams provided copies of Mr. Hartman's committee reports.

Co-Curricular Activities Committee

Mrs. Pargeon suggested that the proposed Middle School Girls Softball Group form a club and play intramural games. Due to budget constraints the committee does not believe this is a good time to be adding programs.

PSBA Representative/Montgomery County Legislative Committee

Mrs. Pargeon thanked Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Weand for their responses to the legislative platform topics. The Board Members present discussed the five key topics that best represent the concerns of the school district. Mrs. Pargeon will prepare a resolution of these topics to present to the Board for approval.

Community Relations Committee

Mrs. Pargeon report included the following donations and community service projects:

- $8,000 donation from Pottstown Boosters Doo Wop Concert to benefit the Bobby Shantz Field
- $250 from Pottstown Booster Doo Wop Concert to benefit the Junior Air Force ROTC Program.
- Used exercise equipment from Priority Fitness /Alan Andrews valued at $6,000
- $250 Student Government Powder Puff Fundraiser to benefit breast cancer research
- Thanksgiving Food Drive from the Football Team/Employees of the Administration Building
- Blood drive organized by Healthcare students

She reported on student participation in Safe Routes to Schools, Limerick Generating Tour and the YMCA Week Without Violence Essay and Poster Contest.

Technology/Curriculum Committee

Mrs. Wilson reported there was no meeting in November. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2010.

Policy Committee

No report.

Personnel Committee

No report.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Adams presented the list of bills to be placed on the December 16, 2010 Board agenda for approval.

CONSENT ITEMS

Personnel

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the personnel items as presented to be placed on the December 16, 2010 Board agenda for approval.

Mr. Huss asked how the Missed Planning Time compensation can be minimized. Dr. Sparagana explained that missed planning time is contractual. Discussion ensued among the Board Members and Administrators to review the potential options. Dr. Sparagana agreed to track missed planning times for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years and provide these figures to the Board.

Professional Leaves

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the professional leaves as presented to be place on the December 16, 2010 Board agenda for approval.

Field Trips

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the field trips as presented to be placed on the December 16, 2010 Board agenda for approval.

Contract

Mrs. Adams reviewed the contracts as presented to be placed on the December 16, 2010 Board agenda for approval.

NON-CONSENT

Part K: Project Refinancing

Mrs. Adams reviewed the Part K: Project Refinancing materials for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be placed on the December 16, 2010 Board agenda for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Policy 122: Interscholastic Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities for Pottstown High School and Pottstown Middle School
2. Policy 122.1: Co-Curricular Awards and Recognition for Co-Curricular Participation
3. Policy 006: Local Board Meetings, 2nd Reading (no action to be taken)

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION

1. First Marking Period Honor Roll Comparison
2. Pottstown High School Science Dept.: Tour of Limerick Generating Station
3. Conference Report

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mr. Decker stated that meetings with Dr. Lindley and Executive Team have been productive. The Federation is meeting monthly with the Administration putting together ideas on a variety of issues. He thanked Dr. Sparagana, Dr. Lindley and Mrs. Adams for their attendance and participation in the meetings.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. White hoped everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Mrs. Wilson invited everyone to attend the Rupert's PTA Quarter Auction on December 3, 2010.

Ms. Harris thanked Dr. Tuck and her staff for donating old reading and math books to benefit the children in Kenya, Africa. She hoped that everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Pargeon appreciated Mr. Decker's comment on the consistency of the meetings. She recently attended a PSBA seminar regarding School Board Members being part of the negotiation team. Mrs. Pargeon expressed her feelings about going into the schools knowing that the teachers are working without a contract. She voiced her concerns regarding the upcoming budget meetings and the cuts that will be necessary to balance the budget.

Mrs. Weand – no comment.

Dr. Sparagana invited everyone to attend the third Parent Literacy Night on December 7, 2010.

Dr. Lindley stated that PAID is still working on the bylaws. He reminded the Board Members of the joint meeting between the Pottstown School District and Borough Council scheduled to take place on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the 2nd Flr. LGI Room at the Pottstown Middle School. Dr. Lindley reviewed the agenda which will focus on economic development.

Mr. Wausnock – no comment.

Mr. Huss hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving. He announced there would be an Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel at the conclusion of the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board adjourns. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Linda S. Adams
Board Secretary