MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 7:32 PM in the second floor LGI room of the Pottstown Middle School with President, Mr. Richard Huss presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Edwin Edwards, Mrs. Amy Francis, Mrs. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mr. Nat White and Mrs. Judyth Zahora. Absent were Mr. Robert Hartman and Mrs. Julia Wilson. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. David Krem; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Reed Lindley; Director of Education and Human Resources, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Penny O'Donnell; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Mr. John Armato, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez, Mrs. Lisa Snyder, Mr. Robert Decker, Mr. Matthew Moyer, a member of the press and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Zahora that the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 24, 2008 be approved.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Francis and seconded by Mrs. Zahora that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on August 7, 2008 be approved.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Zahora: abstain; Mr. White: aye; Mr. Wausnock: aye; Mrs. Pargeon: aye; Mr. Huss: aye; Mrs. Francis: aye; Mr. Edwards: aye. Ayes: six. Nays: none. Abstain: one. Absent: two. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mr. Edwards that the list of bills dated June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2008 for the Athletic Fund totaling $7,083.71, and the General Fund totaling $14,780.82, the list of bills dated July 1, 2008 to July 30, 2008 for the General Fund totaling $719,900.88 and the list of bills dated July 31, 2008 to August 13, 2008 for the Activities Fund totaling $8,313.48, the Elementary Activities Fund totaling $3,782.95 and the General Fund totaling $612,700.12 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-09.

MRS. WILSON ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:36 PM.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Francis: aye; Mr. Huss: aye; Mrs. Pargeon: aye; Mr. Wausnock: aye; Mr. White: aye; Mrs. Wilson: abstain; Mrs. Zahora: aye; Mr. Edwards: aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: none. Abstain: one. Absent: one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Francis that the Financial Report for the General Fund, including reports of receipts and expenditures for the month of July 2008 and the Tax Collector's Report for the month of July 2008 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-10.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Mr. Philip Thees addressed the board with questions concerning the impending construction or refurbishing of the elementary schools. He asked about the current number of students presently in the district and wanted to know the projected enrollment in the next five years and ten years; the current millage rate and the millage rate trend; the current total assessed value versus last years figures and the direction (increase/decrease) of the last five years. He wanted to know where the money is coming from to do this project and how much the increase in millage and the average taxes would be. He stated he would prepare his questions in written form and would present it to the board within two weeks.

MR. HARTMAN ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:55 PM.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Dr. Sparagana introduced Mr. Capraro, a consultant hired to help the Executive Team and ACT 93 employees develop a performance based and results oriented evaluation process. Mr. Capraro shared a presentation to the board on the Total Rewards Program for 2008 2009. The program is designed for the Executive Team and ACT 93 employees to capture two important areas of each job and prepare goals to be met on a yearly basis. All of the goals of the Executive Team and ACT 93 employees are focused on increasing student achievement. Mr. Capraro feels the staff has performed admirably as they have become more comfortable with the process. The district is seeing excellent results from their efforts. Mrs. Zahora stated that while goals are excellent, the presentation did not show any measure of success. She would like to see some measurable results. Mr. Capraro and Mr. Krem stated they would use his personal goals showing measurable results and would have this available to the board.

Mrs. Jessica Heffner, Supervisor of Human Resources, asked the board to approve a change in dental plans for the Executive Team, ACT 93 employees and support staff. Based on research, she has found a plan that offers more benefit coverage to the employee and will cost the district less than the current dental plan. She explained that dental insurance is not offered in the county consortium plan of health and prescriptions benefits. If the board approves, she would like to offer the plan as soon as September 1, 2008.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

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

Personnel

Resignations/Terminations

Professional

Kathryn Ball, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since August 22, 2007.

Geneine Girardi, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since August 22, 2007.

Casey Fischer, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since August 22, 2007.

Bobbie Kelly, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since March 21, 2006.

Cara Giese, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since February 2, 2007.

Elizabeth Kusniez, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since October 23, 2006.

Karin Reger, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since August 23, 2006.

Staci Williams, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 10, 2008, employed since August 22, 2007.

Leah Mast, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School resignation effective August 5, 2008, employed since February 22, 2008.

Cynthia Fanelli, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary School, resignation effective August 14, 2008, employed since January 23, 2001.

Robert Mattson, Accounting Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective August 6, 2008, employed since January 12, 2006.

Alicia Wickham, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective August 20, 2008, employed since August 27, 2001.

Charlotte Weyant, Long-Term Substitute Librarian, Lincoln/Rupert Elementary, effective August 11, 2008, employed since August 1, 2008.

Classified

Thomas Herbert, Title I Classroom Assistant, resignation effective immediately, scheduled to begin employment on August 21, 2008.

Francis Pulaski, Van Driver, resignation effective August 29, 2008, employed since October 17, 2002.

Co-curricular

Jennifer Wiand, Color Guard Instructor, Pottstown High School, resignation effective the end of the 07-08 school year.

Jason Miller, Marching and Maneuver Band Instructor, Pottstown High School, resignation effective the end of the 07-08 school year.

Changes in Position and/or Salary

Andrea Barlow, from Computer Science Teacher to Social Studies Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing Brett Myers.

Mary Palladino, from Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher to Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing William Scott Golightly.

Kimberly Adamski, from Grade 6 and 7 Mathematics Teacher to Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing Mary Palladino.

Joseph Snyder, from Secondary Music Teacher, Pottstown High School to Elementary Music Teacher, all elementary buildings, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing Benjamin Hayes.

Michael Vought, from Secondary Music Teacher, Pottstown Middle School to Secondary Music Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing Joseph Snyder.

Benjamin Hayes, from Elementary Music Teacher to Secondary Music Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing Michael Vought.

Britney Haring, from Special Education Classroom Assistant to Title I Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing Sarah Detar.

Cron Eckman, from $14.07/hour to $14.63/hour, due to probationary period ending, effective July 20, 2008.

Brooke Dunlap-Martin, Librarian, Barth Elementary School, from 60% (3 out of 5 days) to 66% (4 out of 6 days), due to the change in the elementary schedule, effective August 21, 2008, from $26,113 to $28,725.

Edna Discuillo, from Kindergarten Assistant to Special Education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Barth Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, no change in compensation, replacing Tuere Perkins.

John Martin, from Per Diem Substitute Teacher to Building Substitute Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2008, $190/day, new position.

Chrisann Golden, from Substitute Cafeteria Worker to Special education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Wendy Robinson.

Nicholas McCartin, from Special Substitute Teacher to Long-Term Substitute Spanish Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 22, 2008, for the first semester of the 08-09 school year, $190/day, coverage for Evelyn Dudonis.

Leaves

Rachel Szmodis, Teacher, Pottstown High School, request for extension Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence, partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective January 5, 2009 through the end of the 08-09 school year.

Jennifer Swenk, Teacher, Franklin Elementary School, request for Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence, partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective January 14, 2009 through approximately April 8, 2009.

Ellen Clark, Guidance Secretary, Pottstown Middle School, request for Medical Leave of Absence, covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective August 27, 2008 through approximately September 17, 2008.

Elections

Professional

Jared P. Leimeister, Secondary Science Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, Grade 8, effective August 18, 2008, $42,040, B, step 1, contract of Chadwick Antonio. Storm E. Wilson, Secondary Mathematics Teacher, Grade 6 and 7, initial Assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 18, 2008, $44,165, Master, step 1, replacing Kimberly Adamski.

Debra A. Hutchinson, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Jacob D. Bean, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Kayla Loomis, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

David C. Kemper, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, Grade 6, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 18, 2008, $45,350, Mast, step 4, replacing Robert Murray.

Layla M. Smith, Special Education Teacher, initial assignment to be Grade 6 Learning Support, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2008, $44,565, Mast, step A, includes $400 Special Education stipend, contract of Alicia Wickham.

Lisa A. Stephenson, Special Education Teacher, initial assignment to be Autism Support, Franklin Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, $44,565, Mast, step A, includes $400 Special Education stipend, contract of Amelia Spatz.

Corinne H. App, Long-Term Substitute Librarian, Lincoln/Rupert Elementary Schools, effective August 21, 2008, $190/day, coverage for Theodore Freese.

Jennifer A. Wentworth, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Megan E. Schaeffer, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Patricia M. Januszewska, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Geoffrey M. Thomas, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Daniel C. Edleman, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Beth A. Taylor, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Amy M. Nihart, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Tiffani A. Mourar, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Mary Jane B. Gore, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Michael A. Novia, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Natalie A. Szabo, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Alexandria J. Samsel, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Classified

Debra A. Hutchinson, Title I Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Lisa Kolb.

Jacob D. Bean, Title I Classroom Assistant, initial Assignment to be Edgewood Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19, replacing Darla Stout.

Kayla L. Loomis, Title I Classroom Assistant, initial Assignment to be Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Kristopher Stevenson.

Sandra Yost, Custodian, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 18, 2008, $14.56/hour, replacing Richard McGuigan.

Christina Ford, Special Education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Erica Weekly.

Suzanne M. Doyle, Special Education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 21, $13.19/hour, replacing Amy Grimley.

Sharon M. Alessi, Special Education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Britney Haring.

Rebekah D. Weaver, Special Education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Susan Lopez.

Thomas S. Cherry, Special Education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Gloria Boswell.

Geoffrey M. Thomas, Title I Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Kimberly Krautheim.

Co-curricular

2008-2009 Game Workers, $10/hour:
Todd Wallace
John Katch
Maggie Munz
Ben Eckroth
Ryan Regensburg
Todd Williams
Stanley Walerski
Scott Braunsberg
Stefanie George
Tom Medvetz
Bernie Gallagher
Elmer Pollock
Jeff Delaney
James Martinez
Ginger Angelo
Amy Grimley
Miles Feather
Cynthia Dixon
John Armato
John Cherneski
Rhonda Shumaker
Jane Thompson
Jolie Martinez
Jennifer Milkovits
Mary Ann Lightcap
Terica Fowler
Ron Favinger
Robert Mattson

2008-2009 Mentor Assignments

Bldg	Mentor	Inductee	Salary
Annex	Krista Trainer	Alison DiLeo	1,021.00
Annex	Krista Trainer	Georgia Soley	1,021.00
Annex	Stephanie Vigliotta	Monique Henderson	1,021.00
Barth	Kelli Wolfel	Amanda Levengood	510.50

Barth	Ann McDonnell	Jamie Stringer	510.50
Barth	Ann McDonnell	Jennifer Keebler	1,021.00
Barth	Danielle Walt	Joshua Pierce	510.50
Barth	Colleen Blute	Megan Meier	1,021.00
Barth	Andrea Hunsberger	Melissa Griffaton	1,021.00
Edgewood	Denise Schleicher	Aileen Rohe	510.50
Edgewood	Tracy Pasquale	Darla Stout	1,021.00
Franklin	Jane Hospador	Jennifer Swenk	510.50
Franklin	Cathleen Emerick (1/2)	Karen Fricke	255.25
Franklin	Lindi Vollmuth (1/2)	Karen Fricke	255.25
Franklin	Jane Hospador	Kimberly Krautheim	1,021.00
Lincoln	Pat Dewald	Erica Colvin	510.50
Lincoln	Denise Leschak	Joshua Wagner	510.50
Lincoln	Denise Leschak	Mandy Wampole	1,021.00
Lincoln	Cathleen Emerick	Robin Wagar	510.50
Lincoln	Bonnie Trainer	Sally Jenkins	510.50
Rupert	Debbie Wilson	Allen Ferster	510.50
Rupert	Kathy Hayes	Jamie Fazekas	510.50
Rupert	Rebecca Wyatt	Lauren Mann	510.50
Rupert	Joan Smith	Sarah Noska	1,021.00
PMS	Anita Scaltrito	Amy Grimley	1,021.00
PMS	Jennifer Winterbottom	Erinn Logan	1,021.00
PMS	Lisa Rossi	Hannah Koch	510.50
PMS	Jennifer Winterbottom	Jared Leimeister	1,021.00
PMS	Sandy Zuchero	Jennifer Milkovits	510.50
PMS	Arden Moore	Leslie Bauer	1,021.00
PMS	Anita Scaltrito	Perry Augustine	1,021.00
PMS	Stephanie George	Rebecca Carey	510.50
PMS	Ryan Oxenford	Regina Collins	510.50
PMS	Stephanie George	Stanley Walerski III	510.50
PMS	Stephanie George	Storm Wilson	1,021.00
PHS	Marge Grim	Bridget McGuigan	1,021.00
PHS	Nancy Kupferschmidt	James Martinez	510.50
PHS	Robert Decker	Jolie Martinez	510.50
PHS	Sam Brooks	Kellie McGavin	510.50
PHS	Eileen Undorfer	Thomas Leinhauser	1,021.00

Bldg	Mentor	Inductee	Salary
Barth	Ann McDonnell	Kimberley Valentine	762.85
Edgewood	Denise Schleicher	Meghan Walsh	757.58
Edgewood	Kelley Eroh	Vanessa Unger	831.34
Franklin	Joyce Cimaglia 2/3	Lisa Stephenson	680.67
Franklin	Terri Spitko 1/3	Lisa Stephenson	340.33
Franklin	Joyce Cimaglia 2/3	Erin O'Donnell	340.33
Franklin	Terri Spitko 1/3	Erin O'Donnell	170.17
Franklin	Joyce Cimaglia 2/3	Leon Kanopka	340.33
Franklin	Terri Spitko 1/3	Leon Kanopka	170.17
Lincoln	Staci Vandruff (1/2)	Corinne App	510.50
Barth	Brooke Dunlap-Martin (1/2)	Corinne App	510.50
Rupert	Amy Sellman	Megan Evans	1,021.00
PMS	Mary Palladino	David Kemper	1,021.00
PMS	Anita Scaltrito	Andrea Barlow	707.53
PMS	Robin Romero	Layla Smith	1,021.00
PHS	David Caldwell	Brett Myers	715.43
PHS	Theresa Dundon	Rosemary Phillips	791.82

Curriculum/Technology Development
Includes planning, staff development, and curriculum hours to be scheduled by the Assistant Superintendent throughout the 2008–2009 school year, Teachers, $29/hour, not to exceed 500 hours each.

Amy Gazzillo
Charlotte Weyant
Michael DiDonato
Pat DeWald
Kelly Mooney

Pottstown Middle School Student Assistance Program (SAP) Training
Paid through the State School Improvement Grant, $29/hour, not to exceed 18 hours each.

Regina Collins
William Gumby
Hannah Koch

Pottstown Middle School Improvement Plan - 4Sight Benchmark Assessment Implementation
Paid through the PA State School Improvement Grant, $29/hour, not to exceed 10 hours.

Anita Scaltrito

Pottstown Middle School American Book Review
Selection for middle school Title I Program, paid through the Title I School Improvement Grant, not to exceed 4 hours each.

Dereth Hicks
Dee Pettine

District Pupil Services Summer Staffing:
Extended School Year Additional Summer Hours:

Kelly Thomas, Classroom Assistant, not to exceed 7 hours, $12.74/hour Jamie DeStefano, Classroom Assistant, not to exceed 1 hour, $12.74/hour

IEP Writing Additional Summer Hours:

Brenda DiDonato, not to exceed 10 Hours, $29/hour Jamie Harle, not to exceed 10 hours, $29/hour Karen Fricke, no to exceed 25 hours, $29/hour

Middle School Summer Tutoring (Paid through 21st Century Grant Funds) Program runs June 23, 2008 through August 1, 2008

AliceClair Faust, Tutor, $29/hour

Change in Start Date

Charlotte Weyant, Long-Term Substitute Librarian, Lincoln Elementary School, change start date from August 18, 2008 to August 1, 2008

Addition to the 2008-2009 Support Staff Salaries

James J. Mullen, Substitute Van Driver, $13.57/hour

Employee Disciplinary Action

Pottstown Administration Building employee, position demotion, effective August 11, 2008.

Approval of 2008-2009 Bargaining Unit Salaries
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2008-2009 Bargaining Unit Salaries and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-11.

Curriculum Development:

Eileen Undorfer, Teacher, Pottstown High School, not to exceed 4 hours, $29/hour.

Dental Coverage for Act 93/Support Staff
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Guardian as the insurance carrier for dental coverage for Act 93 and Support Staff, effective September 1, 2008.

Policy 1700: Organizational Chart
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Policy 1700: Organizational Chart and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-12.

School Attendance Officers
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the school attendance officers for 2008-2009 as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-13.

Policy 7300: Transportation for Students
The Superintendent asked Dr. Lindley to explain the need for the revisions in Policy 7300: Transportation of Students. Mr. Hartman asked for date clarification in the Policy to state that requests for transportation changes or additions will be made in writing to the Transportation Supervisor who will respond within ***five school days*** regarding the validity of the request. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Policy 7300: Transportation for Students with said revisions and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-14.

Professional Leaves

Building	First Name	Last Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Admin.	Penny Linda	O'Donnell Adams	2008 Business Managers Retreat	Pocono Manor, PA	9/25/08 – 9/26/08	Approx. $285.00/each Paid by the district
Annex	Pamela	Bateson	PAPSA Fall Workshop	Carlisle, PA	11/16/08 - 11/17/08	Approx. $390.00 Paid by the district
Board Member	Michele	Pargeon	PSBA Leadership Conference	Hershey, PA	10/14/08 – 10/16/08	Approx. $650.00 Paid by the district

Special Education Contracts
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the special education contracts and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-15.

1. Mental Health Linkage Initiative Contract
2. Camphill Special School
3. Glen Mills Schools
4. Wordsworth Spirit Program
5. Hill Top Preparatory School

ASG Security Change Orders
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the change orders to ASG Security as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-16.

Settlement of 2006 and 2007 Per Capita and 2006 and 2007 Occupation Tax Duplicate
The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt a Resolution exonerating the Tax Collector from the balance of the 2006 and 2007 Per Capita and the 2006 and 2007 Occupation Tax Duplicate, as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-17.

Student Accident Insurance
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the student accident insurance coverage for the 2008-2009 school year be purchased through Ace American Insurance Company through American Management Advisors as the plan administrator. Said coverage should have the following rates:

School Time:	$ 36.00
24 Hour Coverage:	$130.00
Dental:	$ 8.50

The Superintendent recommends that the football insurance coverage for the 2008-2009 school year be purchased through Ace American Insurance Company through American Management Advisors as the plan administrator at a cost of $60.00 per player.

School Physician and School Dentists
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the school physician and school dentists at the fees indicated for the 2008-2009 school year.

School Physician
1. Dr. John Anderson
   933 N Charlotte Street
   Pottstown PA 19464
   $9.90 per school physical
   $75.00 as consultant

School Dentists
1. Dr. Carl Pardini
   625 N Charlotte Street
   Pottstown PA 19464
   $4.15 per exam

2. Dr. Louis Raven
   63 N Hanover Street
   Pottstown PA 19464
   $4.15 per exam

3. Dr. Christopher Rohrbach
   562 High Street
   Pottstown PA 19464
   $4.15 per exam

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

NON-CONSENT

Recommendation on the number of elementary school buildings to be renovated or built

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Francis that the Board table making a recommendation for elementary school renovations.

School Board members discussed tabling the recommendation of the number of schools to be built or renovated after Mr. Thees raised questions regarding enrollment and the costs involved in doing so.

Mrs. Francis and Mr. Huss stated their agreement with Mr. Thees for the need to have dollar amounts for each option before voting. Mrs. Francis stated, without projection information or costs associated with the options, it is irresponsible of the Board to vote without the financial information.

Mr. Hartman called for a point of order. Mr. Huss confirmed that no vote was taken to table making a recommendation for the elementary school renovations.

Upon roll call, the vote to table making a recommendation was recorded as follows: Mr. White: nay; Mrs. Wilson: nay; Mrs. Zahora: aye; Mr. Edwards: aye; Mrs. Francis: aye; Mr. Hartman: nay; Mr. Huss: nay; Mrs. Pargeon: aye; Mr. Wausnock: nay. Ayes: four. Nays: five. Absent: none. Motion denied.

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Francis that the board goes with a three-school option with grades 4k through five.

Mrs. Zahora stated the Board needs facts to formulate a decision that makes sense for the taxpayers and the students. She stated the need to know costs incurred and to know how many schools are to be decided on.

Mr. Krem informed the Board of their need to direct Crabtree Rohrbaugh to present updated figures. Mr. Edwards stated the need for “real time numbers”. Mr. White said obtaining such numbers would not represent “real numbers” until any construction begins. Mrs. Zahora prefers approximate current costs to using numbers that are at least four years old.

Mr. Hartman proposed renovating four elementary schools and using Edgewood elementary as a possible new administration building.

Dialogue continued between board members to have Crabtree provide an updated facilities study.

Mrs. Pargeon moved to call the question. No one seconded the motion and discussion resumed.

Mr. Krem reiterated the Board's discussions to have Crabtree provide the following:

- An updated facilities study for three, four and five schools with comparative figures
- Class size of 21 for all options
- Using schools with the lowest amount of busing for the three and four schools option
- Include an Early Childhood Learning Wing for all options

Mr. Krem was concerned that two weeks notice was not a sufficient amount of time for Crabtree to provide that information and stated in order for Mrs. Adams to calculate the increased cost to the taxpayers, it would take a minimum of five to seven business days.

At the Board's request, Mr. Krem will invite Crabtree Rohrbaugh to submit a special report with the requested information on Thursday, September 18, 2008.

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Francis to rescind Mrs. Pargeon's previous motion to vote on a three-school option with grades 4K through five.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Zahora to table making a recommendation for elementary school renovations.

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

INFORMATION

1. June 2008: Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts – Showing Results for PA's Children
2. PSBA Boot Camp
3. Letter to Parents in Public Education
4. 2008-2009 Student/Parent Calendar
5. Conferences for Administrators, Supervisors and Teachers
6. WPAZ Educational Forum

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Zahora wanted to know if the occupancy permits for the modular classrooms have been obtained. Mr. Hartman stated at last week's facility meeting, it was hoped that the modular classrooms at Barth and Lincoln would be ready for the first day of school and the modular classrooms will not be ready at Edgewood and Franklin. Everything our staff needed to have ready is done, but we continue to wait on the Borough.

Mr. Huss expressed frustration in the Borough's inability to process the permits and feels Borough management issues are the problem. Mr. Krem shared that a contingency plan is in place for the first day of school, but it is only a short-term solution.

Mr. Huss encouraged board members to attend the next Borough Council meeting to be held on Monday, September 8, 2008.

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mr. Decker stated the old saying "while misery loves company" it is nice to hear the Board is also upset about the modular classrooms as the Federation. He stated while no one wants to put off the decision to move forward, he applauds the Board for getting more information and appreciates their keeping class size in mind.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Hartman thanked those who came out tonight and apologized being late to the meeting. He welcomed all new teachers to the district.

Mrs. Pargeon shared that she attended Rupert's Open House last night and it was nice to put names to faces. She also enjoyed watching the High School's Band rehearsal.

Mrs. Wilson stated it was a shame Mr. Thees left before the meeting ended as she hoped to inform him the reason for her tardiness was her need to attend the 6th Grade Orientation, which was held earlier at the Middle School.

Dr. Sparagana stated today was a great start to the school year and he was glad the Board President and Vice President could attend. It is evident that the pieces of the puzzle are being brought together under one focus and you could feel the energy in the room. He is encouraged that the Board is looking at the financial impact of the school options and for caring about the taxpayer.

Dr. Lindley shared that the district has twenty new teachers and they should be pleased with the quality of those hired. The initiatives set forth by the Board are coming into focus and we are moving forward. He informed the Board that they would be hearing more about the Strategic Plan in the near future.

Mr. Krem echoed what everyone said regarding the first day. In reference to the taxpayer posed questions, he asked if the Board wants him to provide answers to these questions at the taxpayer's expense. The Board shared that they would like Mr. Krem to answer the questions and email the response to them.

Mr. Krem informed the board that an email was received today from the Department of Education to all Pennsylvania School's to note the new PSSA schedule. PSSA testing will take place for a one month time period between April 15th and May 15, 2009. Fortunately, for Pottstown, no District activities will be impacted. Mrs. Zahora was very upset to learn that an

entire month of educational time would be lost to testing and how block scheduling will add insult to injury. She would like to see block scheduling added as an agenda item. Mr. Rodriguez was asked to address the Board's concerns regarding block scheduling and losing one month of educational time during PSSA testing at a future meeting.

Mr. Hartman publicly thanked the custodial and secretarial staff for the great job they did over the summer months while working ten-hour days.

Mr. Huss stated how good it is that the Board is talking and working together.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Zahora that the Board adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Penny O'Donnell, Substitute Board Secretary