MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 24, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, July 24, 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. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Julia Wilson, and Mr. Nat White. Absent were Mrs. Amy Francis, Mr. Robert Hartman, and Mrs. Judyth Zahora. Also present were Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Reed Lindley; Director of Education and Human Resources, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Business Administrator, Mrs. Linda Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Mr. John Armato, Mrs. Pamela Bateson, Mrs. Gail Cooper, Mr. Robert Giering, Dr. Angela Tuck, Mr. Jeffrey White, Mrs. Cathy Marchek, a member of the press and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 19, 2008 be approved.

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

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 10, 2008 be approved.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Edwards that the list of bills dated June 13, 2008 to June 25, 2008 for the Athletic Fund totaling $17,563.96, the Data Processing Fund totaling $11,758.24, the Elementary Activity Fund totaling $2,728.38, the General Fund totaling $594,745.63, and the list of bills dated June 26, 2008 to June 30, 2008 for the Activities Fund totaling $579.72, the Data Processing Fund totaling $2,309.42, the Elementary Activities Fund totaling $943.29 and the General Fund totaling $1,646,956.48 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-01.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MR. HARTMAN ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:35 PM.

MRS. JUDYTH ZAHORA ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:37 PM.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Mr. Bruce Madara stated relative statistics regarding population and the number of elementary schools in neighboring districts. He asked the board to choose fewer schools and to compromise. He would like to see improved education with the least tax impact. He also asked that the board take the advice of our own experienced teachers over information from the internet.

Mr. Philip Thees stated the original cost for keeping all five schools from six years ago was 45 million and the price has since gone up. The amount of money currently available is 28 million. Additional monies would need to be borrowed and have voter approval. The majority of voters who spoke last spring did not represent the majority of registered voters. It might be tougher to get the support to spend the money when compared to the voter support for saving our five elementary schools. Real estate values have dropped and oil prices will put us in the poor house. He encouraged the board to think small. He thanked the board for their time and for their hard work and concern.

Mrs. Michelle Fisher stated that the votes of the taxpayer could not be any clearer. There is only one option for the board to consider and that is to keep our five elementary schools. She would like to know, of the 80 to 85% of the teachers that support the mega campus how many actually live in the district. She asked the board to please keep our five schools.

Mr. Ralph Collide made various statements, personally attacking specific board members. When the board president asked him not to attack anyone tonight, he stated he could say anything he wants and the board cannot censor him. He made the comment that there are a lot of double breasted in this school board and they need to get all the facts and let the chips fall where they may. He stated he is totally against this.

Mr. Andrew Fisher said that this is getting very repetitive. He's been here every month and this is getting very old. The taxpayers voted in the new five school board members to do what we wanted them to do which was to save our five elementary schools.

Mrs. Hylton, a recently retired teacher of the Pottstown School District of 35 years, wanted to know where the survey information came from. The survey stated that 80 to 85% of teachers were in favor of a mega center. She said she had many conversations with her colleagues and no one ever saw a survey. It seemed to her that most teachers living outside of the district were in favor of the mega center. She said she is proud to live in a walking school district. She asked the board to please keep five workable and walkable elementary schools.

Mr. Ed Ritti shared that he is a teacher who teaches outside of the district but has chosen to live in Pottstown. He feels it is not a good idea to generalize what all teachers think regarding prep time. Collaboration is not typically done during prep time. It needs to be done before or after school without interruption. In-service time, if done properly, is to serve as a learning time. Out

of the multiple studies he has read, not one single report states to get rid of any schools. The board needs to focus on a safe learning environment, having highly qualified teachers and administrators and small class sizes. He shared that he did not agree with the people in the audience making personal attacks. He suggested if the district builds something new, that they get an administrator who has a history with construction.

Mrs. Sherry Fox shares the opinion with the other speakers. She believes the administration should work for the best interest of the taxpayer. She cares about the quality of life in Pottstown and stated that the people don't have deep pockets. She believes the neighborhood schools add to the quality of life in Pottstown.

Mrs. Mackewicz stated that if a person is concerned about their taxes, that doesn't mean they don't care about education.

SPECIAL REPORTS

No report.

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

Classified

Human Resources Clerk, Full-time, 12-month position, Administration Building, $14.96/hour.

Co-Curricular
Compensation in accordance with the Professional Agreement

(1) Assistant Athletic Director
(2) High School Freshman Boys Basketball Head Coach
(3) High School Freshman Football Head Coach
(4) High School Freshman Girls Basketball Head Coach
(5) High School Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach
(6) High School Varsity Girls Soccer Head Coach
(7) High School Varsity Girls Soccer Assistant Coach

Resignations/Terminations

Professional

William Scott Golightly, Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective June 23, 2008, employed since January 30, 2004

Robert Murray, Grade 6 Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective August 15, 2008, employed since August 22, 2007.

Amelia Spatz, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Franklin Elementary School, resignation effective July 23, 2008 employed since July 1, 2005

Classified

Tanya Greer, One-on-One Classroom Assistant, termination due to job elimination, effective June 25, 2008, employed since November 1, 2001.

Gloria Boswell, Classroom Assistant, resignation effective July 9, 2008, employed since January 27, 2003.

Co-Curricular

Michael Vought, resignation as Middle School Band Director and Middle School Stage/Jazz Band Director effective the end of the 07-08 school year.

Exempt

Tanna Wagner, PEAK Resource Development Specialist, resignation effective July 30, 2008, employed since April 4, 2008.

Changes in Position and/or Salary

Karen Lawler, from Kindergarten Teacher to Grade 5 Teacher, Franklin Elementary School, effective August 22, 2008, no change in compensation.

Lisa Levengood, from Floater Substitute Teacher to Building Substitute Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, $190/day, New Position.

Tanisha Wilcox, from Per Diem Substitute Teacher to Title I Classroom Assistant, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2008, $13.19/hour, replacing Melissa Griffaton.

Lisa A. Kolb, from Title I Classroom Assistant to IST Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary School, effective August 18, 2008 $43,729, Bach+15, step 4, replacing Susanne Swanson.

Rebecca Carey, from Lon-Term Substitute Teacher to Mathematics Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 18, 2008, $42,040, Bach, step 1, contract of Shannon Curry.

Amy Grimley, from Classroom Assistant to Computer Science Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 18, 2008, $42,662, Bach+15, step A, replacing Andrea Barlow.

Andrew Bachman, from Math Coach to Instructional Coach, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School and Pottstown High School, effective June 10, 2008, salary to remain the same, new position.

Leaves

Rachel Szmodis, Teacher, Pottstown High School, request for Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence, partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective January 22, 2009. End date to be determined.

Kelly Skokowski, Classroom Assistant, Franklin Elementary School, request for Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence, partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective October 10, 2008 through approximately March 2, 2009.

Elections

Professional

Erinn R. Logan, Secondary Science Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, Grade 7, effective August 18, 2008, $42,662, B+15, step B, contract of Christian Fowkes.

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

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

Marianne Croft, Long Term Substitute Guidance Counselor, Pottstown High School, effective August 10, 2008, $190/day, coverage for Sarah Buruschkin.

Mandy D. Wampole, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Grade 4, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 18, 2008, $43,729, Bach+15, step 4, contract of Denise Leschak.

Charlotte Weyant, Long Term Substitute Elementary Librarian, Lincoln Elementary School, effective August 18, 2008, $190/day, coverage for Theodore Freese.

Lara B. Hoffman, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Melinda J Wertz, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Christina N. Roberts, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 25, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Classified

Jeanne F. Wentzel, Substitute Board Recording Secretary, effective August 7, 2008. This is in addition to her position as Secretary to the Director of Education and Human Resources, $29.66/hour.

Denise Coleman, School Board Recording Secretary, effective July 1, 2008, $29.52/hour.

Dalton E. Weider, Substitute Custodian, effective August 19, 2008, $11.52/hour.

Summer Clerical

Kelly Ortlip, 24.5 hours of summer clerical work, effective June 25, 2008 to June 30, 2008, $14.90/hr.

Co-Curricular

Game Workers, $10/hour, effective for the 2007-2008 school year

(1) Ronald Favinger
(2) Timothy Mutter
(3) Jolie Martinez
(4) Jennifer Milkovitz
(5) Jane Thompson
(6) Robert Mattson

Mary Powell, Physical Education Department Chairperson, shared responsibility, effective for the 07-08 school year, $1,064.

2008 – 2009 Co-curricular Assignments

LDG	CATEGORY	EMPLOYEE	LEVEL	STIPEND
Dist.	Department Chair - Art	Beth Yoder **(1/2)**	No Level	1,085.50
Dist.	Department Chair - Art	Lisa Rossi **(1/2)**	No Level	1,085.50
Dist.	Department Chair - Music	Sally House	No Level	2,171.00
Dist.	Department Chair - Physical Education	Nancy Kupferschmidt **(1/2)**	No Level	1,085.50
Dist.	Department Chair - Physical Education	Mary Powell **(1/2)**	No Level	1,085.50
Dist.	Head Librarian	Ted Freese **(1/2)**	No Level	1,085.50
Dist.	Head Librarian	Debbie Bosler **(1/2)**	No Level	1,085.50
Dist.	Web Master	Bob Decker	3	5,464.00

Dist.	Elementary Facilitator	Kelli Wolfel	No Level	960.00
Dist.	Elementary Facilitator	Rebecca Wyatt	No Level	960.00
Dist.	Elementary Facilitator	Denise Leschak	No Level	960.00
Dist.	Elementary Facilitator	Aaron Torrence	No Level	960.00
Dist.	Elementary Facilitator	Calista Boyer	No Level	960.00
Elem.	Reading Olympics Coordinator	Karen Neitz	4	1,329.00
Elem.	Safety Patrol - Barth	Brad Mayberry	3	1,266.00
Elem.	Safety Patrol - Edgewood	Tina Ludy	5	1,392.00
Elem.	Safety Patrol - Franklin	Joyce Cimaglia	4	1,329.00
Elem.	Safety Patrol - Lincoln	Bonnie Trainer	3	1,266.00
Elem.	Safety Patrol - Rupert	Steve Trievel	4	1,329.00
HS	Anchor Club	Justine Donnelly	3	1,266.00
HS	Baseball - Asst. Coach	Terry Bechtel	2	2,818.00
HS	Baseball - Asst. Coach	Dan Zipay	3	3,202.00
HS	Baseball - Head Coach	Todd Williams	3	4,583.00
HS	Basketball/Boys - Asst. Coach	Merlon Randall	3	4,274.00
HS	Basketball/Boys - Head Coach	John Iswalt	4	6,410.00
HS	Basketball/Girls - Head Coach	Christopher Jackson	2	5,262.00
HS	Cheerleading	Amie Ward	3	1,777.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Freshman	Helen Bowers	No Level	772.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Freshman	Justine Donnelly	No Level	772.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Junior	Kelly Smale	No Level	1,102.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Junior	Laura Luzeski	No Level	1,102.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Senior	Jeff Delaney	No Level	1,921.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Senior	Sara Miller	No Level	1,921.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Sophomore	Kirsten Cherneskie	No Level	772.00
HS	Class Sponsor - Sophomore	Danielle McCoy	No Level	772.00
HS	Cross Country - Asst. Coach	Matt Boyer	2	2,818.00
HS	Cross Country - Head Coach	Ryan Oxenford	2	3,943.00
HS	Culinary Manager	Larry Fortunato	3	1,861.00
HS	DECA	Kevin Pascal	3	1,266.00

HS	Department Chair - English	Debbie Demko	No Level	1,828.00
HS	Department Chair - Foreign Language	Kirsten Cherneskie	No Level	1,828.00
HS	Department Chair - Math	Bob Decker	No Level	1,828.00
HS	Department Chair - Science	Paul Castanzo	No Level	1,828.00
HS	Department Chair - Social Studies	Dave Caldwell	No Level	1,828.00
HS	Department Chair - Special Education	Diane Earnshaw	No Level	1,828.00
HS	Dramatics - All School Play	Joseph Perrone	3	1,693.00
HS	Dramatics - Drama Club	Joe Perrone	3	1,693.00
HS	Football - Asst. Coach	Levert Hughes	3	4,936.00
HS	Football - Asst. Coach	William Parks	3	4,936.00
HS	Football - Equipment Manager	Robert Hartman, Sr.	5	1,891.00
HS	Football - Head Coach	Brett Myers	2	6,200.00
HS	Golf - Head Coach	Scott Braunsburg	4	3,555.00
HS	Hockey - Head Coach	Brandy McPherson	3	4,583.00
HS	Honor Society	Donna Carpenter	3	1,266.00
HS	HOSA	Denice DeAntonio	3	1,266.00
HS	Key Club	Maggie Munz	4	1,329.00
HS	Lacrosse - Asst. Coach	Brandy McPherson	3	3,202.00
HS	Lacrosse - Head Coach	Andy Bachman	4	4,813.00
HS	Music - Band Director	Michael Vought	4	6,715.00
HS	Music - Jazz Band	Michael Vought	4	3,226.00
HS	Music - Show Choir	Sally House	5	3,379.00
HS	Newspaper Business	Kirsten Cherneskie	3	740.00
HS	Newspaper Editorial	Leslye Blackwell	3	2,330.00
HS	Soccer/Boys - Asst. Coach	Denise Kuleski	3	3,202.00
HS	Soccer/Boys - Head Coach	Ryan Regensburg	3	4,583.00
HS	Softball - Asst. Coach	Randy Blackwell	2	2,818.00
HS	Softball - Head Coach	Adam Neil	3	4,583.00
HS	Stage Manager	Eva Yashinsky	3	1,861.00
HS	Student Council	Jim Dunleavy	2	1,063.00
HS	Tennis/Girls - Head Coach	Adam Neil	3	3,385.00

HS	Track - Asst. Coach	Ryan Oxenford	3	3,202.00
HS	Track - Asst. Coach	Mark Agnew	3	3,202.00
HS	Track/Boys - Head Coach	MaryAnn Hill	5	5,041.00
HS	Track/Girls - Head Coach	Elaine Ellison	5	5,041.00
HS	Troiad Business Manager	Leslye Blackwell	2	1,674.00
HS	Troiad Editorial	Leslye Blackwell	3	3,005.00
HS	VICA Skills/USA	John Lewiski	3	1,266.00
HS	Wrestling - Asst. Coach	John Armato	5	4,701.00
HS	Wrestling - Head Coach	Eric Dusko	3	6,104.00
MS	Baseball - Asst. Coach	James Mullen	2	1,655.00
MS	Baseball - Head Coach	Carl Sundstrum	5	3,099.00
MS	Basketball/Boys - Asst. Coach	Levert Hughes	3	2,563.00
MS	Basketball/Boys - Head Coach	Denise Kuleski	3	3,760.00
MS	Basketball/Girls - Asst. Coach	Jennifer Milkovitz	2	2,209.00
MS	Basketball/Girls - Head Coach	Stephanie George	3	3,760.00
MS	Builder's Club	Dee Pettine **(1/2)**	3	531.50
MS	Builder's Club	Julie Snyder **(1/2)**	2	424.50
MS	Cheerleading	Courtney Weand-Lopez	2	940.00
MS	Department Chair - Foreign Language	Lisa Whitehurst	No Level	917.00
MS	Department Chair - Language Arts	Dee Pettine	No Level	917.00
MS	Department Chair - Math	Stefanie George	No Level	917.00
MS	Department Chair - Science	Jennifer Mitchell-Winterbottom	No Level	
MS	Department Chair - Social Studies	Matthew Boyer	No Level	917.00
MS	Department Chair - Special Education	Sandra Zuchero	No Level	917.00
MS	Dramatics - Drama Club	Christopher Sperat **(1/2)**	3	633.00
MS	Football - Head Coach/Freshman	William Rogers	4	4,434.00
MS	Music – Band Director	Benjamin Hayes	1	1,481.00
MS	Music – Stage Band	Benjamin Hayes	1	638.00
MS	Hockey - Head Coach	Isetta Hewlitt	5	3,099.00

MS	Honor Society	Lois Sanders	2	1,063.00
MS	Lacrosse - Asst. Coach	Natalie Wright	2	1,655.00
MS	Lacrosse - Head Coach	Isetta Hewlett	4	2,958.00
MS	Music - Band Front	Christine McGrann	5	1,628.00
MS	Music - Chorus	Thomas Marsden	3	1,907.00
MS	Newspaper	Lois Sanders **(1/2)**	2	711.50
MS	Newspaper	Diane Halpine **(1/2)**	2	711.50
MS	Soccer/Girls - Asst. Coach	Christian Fowkes	2	1,655.00
MS	Soccer/Girls - Head Coach	Kevin Strange	2	2,362.00
MS	Stage Manager	Thomas Marsden	3	1,266.00
MS	TV Productions	Perry Augustine	1	849.00
MS	Wrestling - Asst. Coach	Frank Stehman	3	2,563.00
MS	Wrestling - Head Coach	Ed Ott	2	3,159.00

Elementary Summer School (Paid through EAP and 21st Century Grant Funds) Program runs June 16, 2008 through July 25, 2008 (math and reading).

fname	lname	position	salary
Stephanie	Reazor	Nurse	$29.00
Mary	Mahr	Nurse	$29.00
Brooke	Niemann	Classroom Assistant	$12.74
Catherine	Retzner	Substitute Tutor	$29.00

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

fname	lname	position	salary
Geraldine	Battle	Sub. Classroom Assistant	$12.74
Stephen	Falken	Tutor	$29.00

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

Philip	Thees	Custodian	$11.52

Summer Maintenance Program

fname	lname	Rate until 6/30/08	Rate beginning 7/1/08	position	location
Geraldine	Battle	N/A	$11.52	Summer Cleaning	District
Scott	Braunsberg	$14.60	$15.11	Maintenance	District
Dalton	Wieder	N/A	$10.42	Maintenance	District

District Student Services Summer Staffing

Co-teaching Planning and Prep, Teachers, $29/hour, not to exceed 10 hours each. All co-teaching time to be paid for through the LRE grant from PDE:

Karen Fricke Secondary Special Education - Summer Hours
Extended School Year – Pottstown High School
Classroom Assistants, $12.74/hour
Terica Andrews, not to exceed 110 hours

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.

(1) Amanda Levengood
(2) Deborah Bosler
(3) Brooke Dunlap-Martin
(4) Stephen Falken
(5) Clair Faust
(6) Anita Scaltrito
(7) Laura Luzeski
(8) Jolie Martinez

Assistants, regular hourly rate, not to exceed 500 hours each.

(1) Marybeth Reinhart, $ 15.22/hour
(2) Mary Trate, $ 13.82/hour

Project 720
All salaries paid through the Project 720 Grant, effective for the 08-09 school year. $29/hour

(1) Sarah Buruschkin, Pottstown High School
(2) Kellie McGavin, Pottstown High School
(3) Marianne Croft, Pottstown High School

Summer Guidance - Scheduling
Not to exceed 60 hours each, $29/hour

(1) Sarah Buruschkin
(2) Kellie McGavin

Summer Guidance - Scheduling
Not to exceed 40 hours each, $29/hour

(1) Kelly Leibold
(2) William Gumby

Pottstown High School After School Math Tutoring
All salaries paid through 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, effective for the 08-09 school year

Eileen Undorfer	Coordinator and Tutor	$29/hour
Cal Benfield	Instructor	$29/hour
Jolie Martinez	Instructor	$29/hour
Jennifer Wiand	Instructor	$29/hour
Justine Donnelly	Instructor	$29/hour
James Martinez	Instructor	$29/hour
George Lorenson	Instructor	$29/hour
Sarah Miller	Instructor	$29/hour

Tuition Reimbursement

Administration

Jerry	Ummarino	Pottstown High School	$2,175.00

Professional

Scott	Braunsburg	Pottstown High School	498.00
Aliceclair	Faust	Pottstown Middle School	1,035.00
Amy	Gazzillo	Pottstown Middle School	1,470.00
Stefanie	George	Pottstown Middle School	1,225.00
Kristin	Hoffmaster	Lincoln Elementary	1,465.00
Jane	Hospador	Franklin Elementary	925.00
Karen	Kemmerer	Pottstown High School	910.00
Denise	Kuleski	Pottstown Middle School	1,035.00

Heather	Kurtz	Lincoln Elementary	148.00
Denise	Leshak	Lincoln Elementary	835.00
Thomas	Medvetz	Pottstown High School	1,035.00
Natalie	Pileggi	Rupert Elementary	340.00
Anita	Scaltrito	Pottstown Middle School	2,500.00
Kelly	Smale	Pottstown High School	835.00
Erica	Testa	Pottstown Middle School	2,240.00
Bonnie	Trainer	Lincoln Elementary	835.00
Jody	Wenzel	Franklin Elementary	340.00
Rebecca	Wyatt	Rupert Elementary	1,421.28

Support Staff

Sarah	Detar	Rupert Elementary	$776.00
Justin	Baker	Pottstown High School	$1,024.00
Darla	Stout	Edgewood Elementary	$1,102.50

Compensation for Missed Planning Time
$23 per period, for the 07-08 school year

Jennifer	Eidle	Pottstown Middle School	4 missed planning periods	$92.00

Policy 3920: Part-Time Non-Contractual Substitute Professional Employees

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Policy 3920: Part-Time Non-Contractual Substitute Professional Employees for the 2008-2009 school year as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-02.

Waiver Of Policy 6000: Resident Children-Admission To School

The Superintendent recommends the Board waive Policy 6000.4 and that early entrance be approved for a student as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-03.

Hours Of Operation

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Hours of Operation for the 2008-2009 school year and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-04.

Professional Leaves

Building	First Name	Last Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Admin.	Mary	Rieck	Governors Institute ECE	Huntingdon, PA	7/14/08 – 7/18/08	No cost to district
Sr. High	Eileen	Undorfer	21st Century Summer Institute	Dallas, TX	7/14/08 – 7/17/08	Approx. $1100 Paid by 21st Century Grant

Special Education Contracts

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the special education contracts as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-05.

1. The Children's Home of Reading
2. Child Guidance Resource Center
3. KenCrest EmployNet

Designation Of Depositories

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the financial institutions as the depositories for the school district's funds for the 2008-2009 school year as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-06.

Policy For Free And Reduced Price Lunch Program

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Pottstown School District's participation in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program for the 2008-2009 school year and file the appropriate applications.

Mrs. Pargeon commented that she was disappointed to be loosing one our best autistic teachers.

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

NON-CONSENT

Athletic Program Ticket Prices

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Edwards that the Board adopt the Athletic Program Ticket Prices for the 2008-2009 school year as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-07.

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

Reduction of Elementary School Facilities Options

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board consider reducing the number of buildings to renovate to no fewer than three of our elementary schools. Mrs. Wilson clarified that her motion would be for kindergarten through fifth grade for each location. Mr. Edwards would like to see the board make a decision first, on how many buildings we agree to keep and then we can best decide how those buildings will be configured. Mrs. Wilson thought Mr. Edwards was suggesting narrowing the options down to one this evening and he clarified that he would like to narrow the option down to two as originally planned but not to decide on how the buildings would facilitate children until we know how many buildings would be included. Mrs. Zahora wanted to know if the options include separate campuses. Mr. Kalis asked for a clarification of what the motion was. Mrs. Wilson clarified she was motioning for three separate buildings on three separate campuses or for five separate buildings on five separate campuses all for grades K through five.

Dr. Lindley was recognized by the Board President. He relayed Superintendent, Mr. Krem's statement that the district has received approximately $1 million in funding for PEAK and early intervention. Future funding may be impacted by the board's decision. Mr. Krem recommends the board consider an early learning center regardless of the configuration of the elementary schools. Mrs. Zahora indicated she was not aware there were strings attached to these donations as we currently have a Pre-K through five configuration. It was indicated that there were no strings attached to the monies, but it was no secret that some of the monies were awarded based on the belief the District was considering an early learning center and future funds may be impacted.

Mr. Hartman made a point of order to recall the motion that Mrs. Wilson originally made and asked that it be known that he was in complete support of no fewer than three elementary schools. He asked that the motion be amended to state that the board consider reducing the number of buildings to renovate to no fewer than three of our elementary schools and for three separate buildings on three separate campuses or for five separate buildings on five separate campuses all for grades pre-k through five and he has no trouble seconding the motion. He said this states clearly to the administration and the public that the board is done with the idea of a mega campus. This will help the administration to know where we stand and decisions such as class size can be addressed.

Mrs. Zahora stated that in years past, the Superintendent's commission offered maps that showed the location of each school, walking distances, and she feels that this would be an excellent visual as a tool in deciding which option will be best.

Mr. Huss asked Mrs. Adams to obtain as much information as possible for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Dr. Lindley, representing Mr. Krem, was asked by Mr. Krem in a previous conference to reiterate to the board that he understood the board was considering two options absent any grade level configuration.

Mr. Edwards suggested that the board not rush the decision on the configuration of the buildings until a decision is made regarding the number of buildings.

Mrs. Pargeon agreed with Mr. Edwards to vote only on the number of buildings and to find a way to balance education and what is good for the taxpayers. For the education of our children, this is our only chance to make an economic and educational difference. We should not be comparing our districts to others as our district is unique. We should not vote on the configuration at this time until we can meet with the finance, curriculum and facilities committees.

Mr. Huss called the question and asked the board to vote on the motion presented by Mrs. Wilson as it stands.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Edwards: nay; Mr. Hartman: aye; Mr. Huss: aye; Mrs. Pargeon: nay; Mr. Wausnock: aye; Mr. White: aye; Mrs. Wilson: aye; Mrs. Zahora: aye. Ayes: six. Nays: two. Absent: one. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Pottstown Pride, Spring – Mr. Armato
2. PSBA School Finance Workshop, September 2008 – Mrs. Adams
3. PSBA Legislative Policy Council – Selection of Voting Delegates – Mrs. Adams
4. Policy 6182: School Attire Policy – Mr. Edwards – (action to be taken at 8/7/08 Committee of the Whole meeting) Mr. Edwards asked the board to please view and be prepared to vote at the next meeting. Mrs. Zahora questioned the statement regarding appropriate wear such as halter-tops, etc., when the heading incorporates only grade K to eight. The board agreed that the statement should be all-inclusive and be changed to show grades K to 12.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Zahora wanted to know why the high school band instruments are still not working. She questioned this over a month ago and at that, time was told there was money to fix them. She said they should be fixed by the time school starts. Dr. Sparagana is already looking into this and will have an answer for the board before band camp begins.

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Marchek stated that the board has a very big task and she recognizes that it may be harder for some of the members. She thanked the board for making a decision and stated that the board could place the teachers anywhere and they will do their job.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Hartman thanked those who came out tonight and said he appreciated them speaking in public as he recognizes that speaking in public can be hard and he respects that.

Mr. Edwards thanked those who came out and for spending time with the board tonight.

Mrs. Zahora stated she was pleased that a decision was made and that it has put a line in the sand.

Mrs. Pargeon thanked everyone for coming out in spite of the attacks. She said she is strong and can take the hits. After a lot of thought and research, she found there were red flags to the plans and when she reassessed her motives and everything that she has learned, she stands by her decision. She believes not having an early learning center will hurt our children. Children need to be good readers by the third grade to have success in high school, 44% of our children do not read at a proficient level. The centers would have given our children a real chance to reduce that percentage.

Mr. Wausnock stated he was glad the issue has been put to rest.

Mrs. Wilson thanked the public for coming out and stated the board has a lot of work ahead of them and she is proud to say she has put a lot of prayer into the meetings. If God is for us, who can be against us?

MRS. FRANCIS ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:48 PM

Mrs. Francis stated she was sorry to be late to the meeting but a work obligation kept her from attending. She is looking forward to having the chance to catch up after the meeting.

Mr. White thanked everyone for coming and he appreciates the statements made by the public and he has the utmost respect for all board members and administration. We have a tough decision.

Mr. Huss thanked the board as well for making a mark in the sand.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Zahora that the Board adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Linda S. Adams

Linda S. Adams, Board Secretary