MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 16, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, October 16, 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, Mr. Nat White and Mrs. Julia Wilson. Absent were Mrs. Amy Francis, Mr. Robert Hartman and Mrs. Judyth Zahora. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. David Krem; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Reed Lindley; Director of Education and Human Resources, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Business Administrator, Mrs. Linda Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Kyle Berman; Mr. John Armato, Mrs. Gail Cooper, Mr. Robert Giering, Mr. Jerry Ummarino, Mrs. Laurie Kolka, Mrs. Rita Cohen, Mrs. Kathy Marchek, Mr. Hal Hart, Mr. Robert Morgan, Mr. Philip Thees, a member of the press and interested citizens.

MR. HARTMAN ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Edwards that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on September 18, 2008 be approved as presented.

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

It was moved by Mr. White and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 2, 2008 be approved as presented.

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

LIST OF BILLS

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the list of bills be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-22.

September 12, 2008 to September 25, 2008

- Athletic Activities Fund totaling $15,989.09
- General Fund totaling $370,643.03

September 26, 2008 to October 9, 2008

- The Cafeteria Fund totaling $73,540.78
- The Data Processing Fund totaling $23, 984.90
- The Elementary Activities Fund totaling $550.00
- General Fund totaling $662,280.30

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon that the Financial Report for the General Fund, including reports of receipts and expenditures for the month of August 2008, the Tax Collector's Report for the month of August 2008, the Financial Report for the General Fund, including reports of receipts and expenditures for the month of September 2008 and the Tax Collector's Report for the month of September 2008 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-23.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Mr. Morgan stated that it was nice to be back today. He shared that he had many fond memories and considered many on the board to be his friends. He congratulated the Board on the room and the improvement of the acoustics.

MRS. ZAHORA ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:43 PM.

Mr. Morgan announced his plans to discuss economics. He stated whether you favor five schools or a single campus, the last 30 days have superceded everything and the Board will need to consider economics in making its decision. He stated we are headed for a time worse than a recession. The stock market will affect those on a fixed income and senior citizens. The recession started in the housing market and now with a credit crunch no one can obtain a loan. Banks are afraid to lend to each other. While he believes we may recover from the market in a year, the housing market will not and that is going to affect public education.

MRS. FRANCIS ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:44 PM.

Mr. Morgan suggested the Board could not afford to renovate five schools as hidden costs can add up to 40%. Common sense will require a compromise and when all things are considered, he feels three schools is the way to go.

Mr. Thees agreed with much of what Mr. Morgan had to say. He stated that the problem is finances and costs. At the Borough Council Meeting Tuesday evening, they were warned that this town has a serious problem with assessments and they are going south. He stated that he attended an auction where a brick, single home sold for $70,000.00. The home was assessed at $79,000.00. When homeowners appeal to have their assessed value lowered, that will mean less funds will be available to the District. He stated the reality is a five-school plan is no longer an option. He feels three schools is the way to go. He urged the Board to consider economy and efficiency when making their decision.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Mr. Bill Jambroni of Kades-Margolis gave a presentation of their plans to provide for the District a Comprehensive 403(b) Consulting Service with a Third Party Administrator at no cost to the district for at least two years (maybe five years). He explained the changes to the new 403(b) regulations and how full control and responsibility shifts to the school district. Their services will provide all 403(b) plan documents, which will be customized for our district. The District will be able to keep their current vendors and the plan will be reviewed annually. He shared that Kades-Margolis serves 267 school districts in the state. His team consists of two former school business officials and a former school human resource director. They also employee attorney M. Kristi Cook, JD, a nationally renown authority on 403(b). The Board was asked to support the motion to approve Kades-Margolis as the District's 403(b) Consulting Service later in the meeting.

Dr. Lindley reviewed the updated Strategic Plan for 2008 to 2014. Board members were presented a booklet of the Plan's executive summary. The key components were articulated as a shared vision (which included the six principles from Failure is not an Option); the four design elements: Rigorous and Relevant Curriculum and Instruction, Proactive Supports, Quality Leadership, and a Culture of Continuous Learning; and the six Vital Signs (annual measures of successful implementation). The Board was asked to support the motion later in the meeting to approve the integrated Strategic Plan with administrative editing to be submitted electronically to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The integrated plan includes the following reports: Academic Standards and Assessment Report, Education Technology Report, Special Education Report, Student Services Report, Teacher Induction Report, and Professional Education (Act 48) Report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

It was moved by Mr. Hartman 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

New Positions

Two (2) Special Education One-on-One Classroom Assistants, initial locations to be determined, $13.19/hr.

Resignations/Terminations

Classified

Patricia Ambler, Lunch Aide, Barth Elementary School, resignation effective October 1, 2008, employed since March 12, 2003.

James Murray, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, resignation effective October 6, 2008, employed since September 28, 1999.

Jacy Garlington, Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary School, resignation effective October 24, 2008, employed since November 15, 2005.

Professional

Daniel Edleman, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective October 8, 2008, employed since August 25, 2008.

Ronald Favinger, Special Substitute Teacher, Termination effective October 14, 2008, employed since January 2, 2002.

Leaves

Classified

Ray Kline, Custodian, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence, covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective September 29, 2008, end date to be determined, approximately six weeks.

Chester Pish, Van Driver, change effective date of leave from November 8, 2008 to November 18, 2008.

Patricia Ambler, Lunch Program Aide, Barth Elementary School, request for leave of absence, effective September 8, 2008, through approximately October 7, 2008.

Professional

Frank Dakota, Teacher, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence, covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective October 6, 2008 through approximately January 5, 2009.

Stacey Bauman, Teacher, Rupert Elementary School, request for leave of absence, covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective February 7, 2009, end date to be determined approximately six weeks.

Eileen Strunack, Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary School, request for intermittent leave of absence, the first 12 weeks covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective October 16, 2008 through the end of the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Elections

Pottstown Elementary After School Tutoring
All salaries paid through EAP and 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

Lauren	Reifsneider	21st Century Security	Edgewood	$15/hr.
Sallie	Chesbro	Tutor	Edgewood	$29/hr.
Wendy	Watters	Assistant	Lincoln	$13.19/hr.
Joan	Rhoads	Assistant	Franklin	$13.19/hr.
Jamie	Fazekas	Tutor	Rupert	$29/hr.

Professional

Morgan E. Weidow, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 2, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Amanda S. Elliott, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 2, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Richard E. Lindberg, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 2, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Dina L. Browne, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective November 1, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Karen L. Weber, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Wayne F. Clark, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Katrina C. Keene, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Elaine Ellison, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 6, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Natasha E. Bolden, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 6, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Amy B. Inhof, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 6, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Zachary S. Brower, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 6, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Matthew G. Risell, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 6, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Diana L. Bilardo, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 6, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Susan B. Hallman, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 6, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Tamara D. Hartz, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

William P. MacGregor, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Gloria J. Day, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Elysia G. Brennan, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Leslie C. Staab, Special Substitute Teacher, effective date to be determined, $100/day.

Laura M. Beaver, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective October 16, 2008, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

Exempt

Jeanne-Marie Heighton, Occupational Therapist, Administration Annex Building, effective September 25, 2008, $52,000/yr., replacing Mindy MacRone-Wojton.

Classified

Alicia A. Davis, Secretary to the Supervisor of Transportation/Communications Coordinator and Buildings and Grounds, Administration Building, effective October 13, 2008, replacing Elizabeth Bauer, $17.61/hour.

Vanessa J. Cronin, Substitute Food Service Worker, effective September 29, 2008, $10.06/hour.

Annette M. Braunsberg, Substitute Food Service Worker, effective September 29, 2008, $10.06/hour.

James J. Mullen, Substitute Van Assistant, effective September 11, 2008. This is in addition to his position as a Substitute Van Driver, $11.52/hour.

David Mull, District Truant Officer, effective September 22, 2008, $29.00/hour.

Homebound Instruction

Kelly Smale, Pottstown High School, effective September 23, 2008 through June 15, 2009, on an as need basis, not to exceed five (5) hours per week, $29/hour.

Additions to the Co-curricular List for 08-09

BLDG	CATEGORY	08-09 RECOMMENDATION	LEVEL	SALARY
HS	Basketball/Girls - Asst. Coach	Terry Wade	3	4,274.00
HS	Student Council	Danielle McCoy	1	1,063.00
HS	Wrestling -Asst. Coach	Thomas Daniels	3	4,274.00
HS	Honor Society	Robert Decker	1	849.00

Additional Game Workers for the 08-09 School Year

Timothy Mutter

Change in Co-curricular List for 2008-2009 School Year

Danielle McCoy, remove as Honor Society Advisor

Erica Testa, change Middle School Drama Club co-curricular responsibilities and stipend to half, $424.50.

Approval of Tenure

First Name	Last Name	Building	Effective Date
Judith	Miller	Pottstown High School	8/24/2008

Tuition Reimbursement

Support Staff

Janice	Bobst	Pottstown High School	$258.00

Professional Staff

First Name	Last Name	Building	Amount
Marie	Anders	Edgewood Elementary	1,623.00
Jacinda	Bartolucci	Rupert Elementary	350.00
Jason	Bergey	Pottstown Middle School	2,500.00

Stephanie	Blanchard	Pottstown Middle School	835.00
Mindy	Bodolus	Barth Elementary	1,035.00
Jill	Bolonski	Lincoln Elementary	330.00
Matthew	Cohen	Franklin Elementary	1,580.00
Evelyn	Dudonis	Pottstown High School	2,250.00
Brooke	Dunlap-Martin	Barth Elementary	1,035.00
Aliceclair	Faust	Pottstown Middle School	430.00
Bernard	Gallagher	Pottstown Middle School	1,665.00
Laureen	Gresko	Rupert Elementary	350.00
Jamie	Harle	Edgewood Elementary	895.00
Lori	Hoshaw	Barth Elementary	2,415.00
Michael	Koman	Lincoln Elementary	1,035.00
Mary Ellen	Lammey	Barth Elementary	2,500.00
Karen	Lawler	Franklin Elementary	52.00
Denise	Leshak	Lincoln Elementary	1,632.00
Danielle	McCoy	Pottstown High School	52.00
Judith	Miller	Pottstown High School	1,102.50
Hayley	Mutter	Barth Elementary	2,500.00
Teresa	Niemann	Rupert Elementary	1,105.18
Ryan	Oxenford	Pottstown Middle School	1,575.00
Jayne	Pollock	Franklin Elementary	1,245.00
Kelly	Smale	Pottstown High School	835.00
Bonnie	Trainer	Lincoln Elementary	1,632.00
Julie	Voelker	Pottstown Middle School	1,096.00
Todd	Williams	Pottstown High School	350.00
Rebecca	Wyatt	Rupert Elementary	1,078.72

Bargaining Unit Salary Correction

Lisa Whitehurst, Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, horizontal salary adjustment was omitted from board approval in November 2001. A horizontal salary increase from Bachelors, step 2 to Bachelors+15, step 2 should have been submitted for approval. Retroactive salary correction to the first semester of the 01-02 school year through the end of the 07-08 school year - $7,041.00.

Theresa Dundon, Teacher, Pottstown High School, horizontal salary adjustment was omitted from board approval in November 1998. A horizontal salary increase from Bachelors, step 1 to Bachelors+15, step 1should have been submitted for approval. Retroactive salary correction to the first semester of the 98-99 school year through the end of the 06-07 school year - $7,964.00.

Correction to Position and/or Salary

Lisa Whitehurst, Teacher, Pottstown Middle School Teacher, salary level and step were listed incorrectly on the August 21, 2008 Personnel Report. Salary level and step were listed as B, step 9, $46,102. Her salary level and step should be B+15, step 9, $47,332.

Additions to the 2008-2009 Support Staff Salaries

Andrea Erb, Classroom Assistant, Franklin Elementary School, $13.25/hour.

Jennifer Kelly Thomas, Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary School, $13.25/hour.

Pottstown Middle School After School Tutoring
All salaries paid through 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

Denise	Elliott	Coordinator	Pottstown Middle School	$29/hr.
Kelly	Ortlip	Secretary	Pottstown Middle School	$13/hr.
Ellen	Clark	Secretary	Pottstown Middle School	$13/hr.
Shirley	Shaffer	Security	Pottstown Middle School	$15/hr.
Geraldine	Battle	Security	Pottstown Middle School	$15/hr.
Vicki	Mutter	Security (Sub)	Pottstown Middle School	$15/hr.
Tanisha	Wilcox	Tutor	Pottstown Middle School	$29/hr.
John	Martin	Tutor	Pottstown Middle School	$29/hr.

POTTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVISIONS

The Superintendent recommends the Board ratify the Pottstown Middle School Improvement Plan Revisions as presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 2, 2008 and as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-24.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

Building	First Name	Last Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Sr. High	Kurt	Adam	PA Inspired Leadership Workshop	State College, PA	10/6/08 – 10/7/08	Approx. $1000.00 paid by the district
Admin.	Lisa	Schade	PASBO Transportation Conference	Hershey, PA	10/16/08 – 10/17/08	Approx. $675.00 paid by the district
Sr. High	John Eric Tom	Armato Dusko Daniels	PA Wrestling Coaches Convention	Hershey, PA	10/17/08 – 10/19/08	$420.00 paid by the district. Actual cost $1050 (coaches to pay all other expenses)

Admin.	Mary Emily Kathy	Rieck Baddeley Perry	Early Childhood Education Summit	State College, PA	10/19/08 – 10/22/08	Approx. $2266.00 paid by the district – PEAK
Sr. High	Kurt	Adam	Integrated Learning – School to Career Connection	State College, PA	11/12/08 – 11/14/08	Approx. $575.00 paid by the district
Sr. High	Danielle Denise Kevin Joe	McCoy DeAntonio Pascal Golightly	Integrated Learning School to Career Connection	State College, PA	11/12/08 – 11/14/08	Approx. $2460.00 paid by the district
Admin.	Reed	Lindley	PASCD 58th Annual Conference	Hershey, PA	11/23/08 – 11/25/08	Approx. $800.00 paid by the district
Admin.	Linda	Adams	20th Annual PSBA School Board Secretaries Conference	Gettysburg, PA	10/29/08 – 10/31/08	Approx. $660.00 paid by the district
Annex	Pamela Rita Lisa	Bateson Cohen Snyder	Eastern PA Special Ed. Admin. Conference	Hershey, PA	10/22/08 – 10/24/08	Approx. $587.00 paid by the district Hotel costs being paid by MCIU
Admin.	Barry	Angstadt	IAQ Tools For Schools National Symposium	Washington, D.C.	12/3/08 – 12/5/08	Approx. $80.00 paid by the district, all other costs being paid by a grant.

FIELD TRIPS

# of students and/or group	Name of conference or activity	Destination	Date of trip	Cost to student	Cost to district-substitutes	Chaperone(s)
10 Sr. High DECA	DECA – NARCON [North Atlantic Leadership Conference]	Nashville, TN	11/6/08 – 11/9/08	$500.00	$180.00	Kevin & Tara Pascal
8 Sr. High Gifted	Princeton University, Yale University	Princeton, NJ & New Haven, CT	10/27/08 – 10/28/08	$90.00	$180.00	Greg Troutman & Nicole Swavely (parent)

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 #2008-2009-25.

1. Maxim Healthcare Services
2. Wordsworth
3. Devereux
4. KidsPeace
5. Therapy Source, Inc.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Budget Transfers as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-26.

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

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Comments from the patrons at this time can be made relative to the following Non-Consent Items:

- 403(b) Program Compliance Services Agreement
- Strategic Plan for 2008 to 2014
- Settlement Agreement

Mr. Thees questioned the percentage of students economically disadvantaged and how they are equally placed throughout the district based on the numbers reported in the Action Plan presented by Dr. Lindley. He stated, "What does this say about the economical condition of our community"? It is up to us with the help of our Administration to take care of our own.

NON-CONSENT

It was moved by Mrs. Zahora and seconded by Mrs. Francis that the Board approve the 403(b) Program Compliance Services Adoption Agreement between Pottstown School District and Employer Admin Services, Inc. as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-27.

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

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Francis that the Board approve the Pottstown School District 2008-2014 Strategic Plan as presented with the understanding the Administration will continue to edit the required documents with final submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by November 1, 2008 and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-28.

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

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Zahora that the Board ratify a Separation Agreement and General Release involving a former School District employee in the amount of $2,500.00 and authorizes its solicitor to take all steps necessary in order to finalize the terms of the Agreement as listed and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2008-2009-29.

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

INFORMATION

1. Conferences for Administrators, Supervisors, and Teachers – Dr. Lindley
2. Single Audit Report for Year Ended June 30, 2006 – Mrs. Adams
3. PCTV Spotlighting Pottstown School District Program – Mr. Armato

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Hal Hart of Crabtree Rohrbach & Associates was available to answer last minute questions from the Board before voting on the number of elementary schools.

Mr. Edwards clarified that the vote was to be only on the number of buildings.

Mrs. Zahora thanked Mrs. Adams for the document she provided to the Board as it was spot on.

Mrs. Pargeon had a question regarding the financial picture. She asked if these numbers are going to be in addition to our current debt. Mrs. Adams concluded yes, these numbers would be added to our current debt.

Mr. White questioned Mr. Hart that given the drawings and numbers received at the April meeting, why they are so different now in September. Mr. Hart explained that the numbers are apples and oranges. The last request provided by Gilberts in 2001 gave a five-school scenario. Several years later Tom Hylton's Save our Schools redid the numbers. Several times, there after, we were asked to redo those numbers. This last time he took a clean approach versus updating the old numbers. Mr. Hart explained in depth the differences between each study. The square footage per student varied in each case, as did the required square footage for common space.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Comments from the patrons at this time can only be made relative to the number of buildings with regard to the Elementary Schools Project with the identification of the specific buildings to be determined later.

Mr. Morgan stated the 2001 special exception for PSER's to rebuild the fund, differs from the 403(b) plan. He stated "You ain't seen nothing yet". You have to make the PSER's plan whole.

Mr. Thees stated that Mr. White should decide who gave him the bad, old numbers. He said regarding his earlier assessment statement that homeowners will go to the county to have their properties re-assessed and when that happens, it will not be a good time for the Board to take on debt. He stated he believes he is grounded in the truth. He suggested the Board shrink the class size to what the state allows. That way the District can use the money for educational purposes. He informed the Board that he found a paper from the 1950's stating the problem of class size

started then. Since the increase in class size, we have seen an escalation in school costs. He stated that the 50 million proposed could run up to 72 million by the time the project reaches completion. He shared that one school sounds better all the time.

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Wilson for the renovation of five elementary schools.

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

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hartman for the renovation of four elementary schools.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Adams explained the reason for the removal of the Independence Blue Cross contract. The contract is through a county consortium and the county business managers had issues with some of the wording in the contract. It will be resolved soon and she will ask the Board to vote on it later.

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Marchek thanked the Board for making a decision regarding the elementary schools as it has been a long time coming. On another note she said, “Go Phillies”.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mr. White shared he appreciated the discussions tonight and thought they were good.

Mrs. Wilson agreed with Mr. White that the discussions were good. She shared that she attended the Renaissance Fair with 6th Grade and everyone had fun. Our students were well behaved and looked great. She asked Dr. Lindley how the Step-by-Step program was doing. Dr. Lindley stated the people from Step-by-Step were pleased with the cooperation they have with the staff at Pottstown and looking at the data so far, things are going well. Only time will tell.

Mr. Hartman thanked those who came out this evening and for the comments offered. He informed everyone that the PAL Food Festival was a huge success and he was sorry he was unable to attend. He is pleased with the decision tonight and feels the Board has made a step forward. He also cancelled the Co-Curricular Activities Committee Meeting scheduled on the 4th Monday of October and will inform those involved when it will be rescheduled.

Mr. Edwards indicated he doesn't usually say much, but to be honest, he is very disappointed with tonight's decision and he feels it is not fiscally responsible and there will be ramifications for the taxpayers. He just wanted to let everyone know his feelings.

Mrs. Zahora stated she agrees with Mr. Edwards that this was not the best decision for the taxpayer, but we will move forward. The Board has spoken. She also shared that she finds the website statistics very fascinating.

Mrs. Pargeon is also disappointed with the Board's decision. She believes the fiscal and educational ramifications are going to be great. She does not see how there can be much improvement in four over five schools. That said, we will move on. Now we need to figure out what buildings we are saving and how to take the burden off of the taxpayers. She shared that the conference she attended was phenomenal.

Dr. Sparagana stated he is pleased the Board came to a decision and he looks forward to working with the Board.

Mrs. Adams shared informational handouts to Board members regarding the savings in Flextime. She also reminded the Board that the first meeting in November will actually be on October 30th due to the upcoming holidays and the need for preparation time of the board packets.

Mrs. Francis will move the Uniform Committee Meeting from November 13th to November 6th with a permanent time change to 7:30 PM.

Mrs. Zahora suggested that the Neighborhood Elementary Schools project Committee be disbanded since the remainder of the decisions regarding the schools will no longer be considered by the Committee but will be made by the Board. The Board concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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Linda S. Adams, School Board Secretary