POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
JANUARY 5, 2006 - 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2005.

LIST OF BILLS

COMMUNICATIONS

AWARDS

1. Keystone Achievement Awards – 2 Years AYP – All Five Elementary Schools – Mr. Krem

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

SPECIAL REPORTS

(over)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

(Items A to F are consent topics.)
(Item G is an additional topics for Board consideration.)

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations:

a. Classified

(1) Frank McGann, 951 Cadmus Road, Pottstown PA 19465, Part-Time Van Driver, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective February 23, 2006.

2. Request for Leave

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following request for leave of absence:

a. Ann Marie McDonnell, 506 Northridge Road, Collegeville PA 19426, Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary, requests a childbearing leave effective on or about June 2, 2006 through the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

3. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional – EXHIBIT 1

(1) Jamie Joffred, 375 Friends Road, Birdsboro PA 19508, Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary, effective January 2, 2006.

(2) Kathy Beck, 1928 Garfield Avenue, West Lawn PA 19609, ELL Teacher, Secondary, effective date as yet to be determined.

b. Substitute Teachers – EXHIBIT 2

(1) Amy Grimley, 1049 Timber Lane, Pottstown PA 19464, Special Substitute Teacher, effective December 16, 2005.

(2) Marilyn Rittenhouse, 70 Random Road, Douglassville PA 19518, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective January 2, 2006.

c. Classified – EXHIBIT 3

(1) Amy Grimley, 1049 Timber Lane, Pottstown PA 19464, Substitute Secretary, effective January 7, 2006.

d. Instruction in the Home – EXHIBIT 4

(1) Jamie Joffred, 375 Friends Road, Birdsboro PA 19508, Instructor in the Home, effective December 9, 2005, until out-of-district placement is obtained.

e. CPR Instruction – EXHIBIT 5

(1) Gemma Patten, 109 Russell Circle, Collegeville PA 19426, CPR Instruction, effective November 23, 2005.

f. Substitute Athletic Trainer Contract – EXHIBIT 6

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a contract between the Pottstown School District and ESB Physical Rehabilitation, 11 Skyline Drive, Malvern PA 19355, for substitute athletic training coverage, effective as needed.

4. Retirement Incentive and Accumulated Sick Day Payment – EXHIBIT 7

The Superintendent recommends payment of accumulated sick leave to Dr. Anthony A. Georeno, 220 Mineral Street, Pottstown PA 19464 in the amount indicated on Exhibit 7, sick leave in accordance with Exhibit "A" of the Superintendent's Contract. An amendment to the Superintendent's Contract for payment of sick leave has been recommended.

5. Disciplinary Action – EXHIBIT 8

The Superintendent recommends Board approval of disciplinary action for two support staff employees, as named on Exhibit 8, effective dates as scheduled between the employees and their supervisor.

6. Addition of Full-Time Classified Positions

The Superintendent recommends the Board authorize the Director of Education and Human Resources to advertise 2 new technology positions, Technician and Technology Training Specialist, effective January, 2006.

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B. Rescission of Board Policy

The Superintendent recommends the Board rescind the following Board Policy:

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

C. Adoption of Board Policy – EXHIBIT 9

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the following Board Policy:

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

D. Administrative/Supervisory Salaries – EXHIBIT 10

The Superintendent recommends Board approval of the Administrative and Act 93 Personnel Salaries as listed on Exhibit 10, effective January 1, 2006.

E. Field Trips

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following field trip:

1. Eight students to attend Annual Backpacking/Survival Camp-Out to Pine Grove Furnace and Appalachian Trail, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, January 14-16, 2006. Major Paul Fitz-Patrick and Mr. John Lewiski to chaperone.

   - No substitutes needed
   - Cost per student = $25.00

F. Reimbursement for Transportation Expenses

The Superintendent recommends the rate of reimbursement for transportation expenses for Board members and all employees of the Pottstown School District be approved effective January 1, 2006 as follows:

Automobile – 44.5¢ per mile (The 44.5¢ per mile automobile rate is in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service allowance for transportation expenses. All other rates remain the same.)

NON-CONSENT

G. Tax Abatement – Borough of Pottstown

We have received a request from the Borough of Pottstown to abate the taxes on the following properties: 30 W. King Street; 67 W. High Street; 69 W. High Street; 71 W. High Street; which are all part of the former Pottstown Metal Welding property, purchased by the Borough of Pottstown. The Borough is asking that the taxes be abated for the 2005 year.

INFORMATION

1. PLUS EducatioNews – Mr. Krem

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Facilities Update – Mr. Bush
2. Fitness Facility and Track Use Update – Lindley/Bush/Armato/DeRenzo
3. Athletic Facilities Construction – Shantz Baseball Field Concessions/Restroom – Grigg Stadium – Hartman/Huss/Lindley/Armato/Angstadt/DeRenzo
4. Virtual or Shared AP Classes – Lindley

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel – Mr. Sparagana
2. Administrative/Supervisory Tuition Reimbursement – Mr. Krem
3. Administrative/Supervisory Professional Leave – Mr. Krem
4. PSSA Incentive – Mr. Krem/Mr. Rodriguez
5. Policy 1700 – Organizational Chart – Mr. Krem
6. Alternative Education Placement – Dr. Lindley
7. Professional Leaves – Dr. Lindley
8. Transportation Contracts – Mr. Bush
9. Tax Collection Lock Box Agreement – Mr. Bush
10. Budget Transfers – Mr. Bush
11. Bid Award – Mr. Bush
12. Additional New Business Items

FEDERATION REMARKS

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS

Hearings from patrons of the schools and others having a legitimate right to be heard for items requiring an immediate vote.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT