POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
FEBRUARY 16, 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 February 2, 2006.

LIST OF BILLS

FINANCIAL REPORT

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Previously Collected	Collected This Month	Distribution	Total Collected To Date
Real Estate	$21,605,056.20	$ 168,073.87	$ 1,747.99	$21,771,382.08
Interim Real Estate	28,123.05	2,031.14	---	30,154.19
Per Capita	84,973.20	1,517.00	22.00	86,468.20
Deed Transfer	274,567.98	40,134.27	---	314,702.25
Occupation	102,508.62	2,374.20	39.60	104,843.22
Occ. Privilege	22,451.74	1,011.20	100.00	23,362.94
Delinquent Real Estate	588,640.23	107,647.43	---	696,287.66
Delinquent Per Cap. & Occ.	80,437.77	3,779.52	---	84,217.29
Earned Income Tax	1,090,967.35	387,292.67	431,610.56	1,046,649.46

COMMUNICATIONS

AWARDS

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Report from the Commission on Redistricting – Mr. Harry Price

(over)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

(Items A to J are consent topics.
Item K is an additional topic for Board consideration.)

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations:

a. Administrative

(1) Wayne Thomas, Principal, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2006.

b. Professional

(1) Bruce Brungard, Science Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective the end of the 2005-06 school year.

(2) C. Mark Ottinger, Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective the last teacher day of the 2005-06 school year.

(3) Joseph Kacanda, Guidance Counselor, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective the last teacher day of the 2005-06 school year.

(4) James Tsakonas, Health & Physical Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective the last day of the 2005-06 school year.

(5) Margaret Williams, Guidance Counselor, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 14, 2006.

c. Support Staff

(1) Darlene Medvetz, Middle School Secretary, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective July 22, 2006.

2. Request for Leave of Absence

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

a. Vanessa Barnaik, Special Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, requests six weeks of childrearing leave, following her childbearing leave, partially covered under the FMLA, effective January 30 through March 10, 2006.

b. Heather Ott, Lincoln Elementary Teacher, requests a change in childbearing leave as previously Board approved, from January 23 through the end of the 2005-06 school year to an unpaid leave, effective January 23, 2006, with childbearing leave to be determined at next physician's visit.

3. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Substitute Teacher – EXHIBIT 1

(1) Benjamin Hayes, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective the 2nd semester of the 2005-06 school year.

b. Classroom Assistant – EXHIBIT 2

(1) Barbara Hollenbach, Classroom Assistant/Special Education, effective January 19, 2006.

c. Classified – EXHIBIT 3

(1) Darryl Isett, Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper, effective January 23, 2006.

d. Homebound Instruction – EXHIBIT 4

(1) Ryan Knox **and** Denice DeAntonio, Homebound Instruction effective January 9 through February 10, 2006.

(2) Creative Health Services, Homebound Instruction, effective December 13, 2005.

e. Addition to Elementary After School 21st Century Program – EXHIBIT 5
Paid through 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

(1) Melanie Hansley, Tutor, effective January 16, 2006.

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4. Change of Position and Salary – EXHIBIT 6

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a change of position and salary for the following support staff employee:

a. Valerie Reifsneider, change of position and salary from Clerk/Typist, Position Grade 6 to Assistant to the Technology Coordinator/Supervisor, Position Grade 10, effective January 27, 2006.

5. Accumulated Sick Leave Payment – EXHIBIT 7

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve payment of sick days as follows:

a. Estate of John R. White, c/o Claudia White, sick leave payment in accordance with the Classified Employee's Guidelines.

b. Barbara Keim, sick leave payment in accordance with the Part-Time Classified Employee's Guidelines.

B. Administrative/Supervisory Professional Leaves

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following administrative/supervisory professional leaves:

1. Mr. Bud Heller to attend the School Nutrition Association Legislative Action Conference in Washington, D.C., March 12-15, 2006 with expenses paid by the School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania.

2. Mr. Gary DeRenzo to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Conference in Hershey, PA, March 22-24, 2006 with expenses paid by the district.

C. Alternative Education Placements – EXHIBIT 8

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the placement of the students named on Exhibit 8 to the Alternative Education Program located within the Pottstown High School.

D. Transportation Contracts – EXHIBIT 9

The Superintendent recommends the transportation contracts listed on Exhibit 9 be approved for the 2005-06 school year.

E. Tax Office Audits

The Superintendent recommends the Board acknowledge receipt of the Tax Office Audits ending December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005, as prepared by Maillie, Falconiero, and Company, LLP.

F. Real Estate Tax Exoneration

The Superintendent recommends the following Resolution be adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, James R. Bush, Substitute Tax Collector for the Pottstown School District, has submitted a list of properties liened for school taxes amounting to $1,254,124.14 plus penalities of $125,412.72, totaling $1,379,536.86 for the original 2005 Real Estate Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Substitute Tax Collector be and is hereby exonerated of and from said tax liability for the collection thereof, but no exoneration for the respected taxables is intended or affected by this action,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Substitute Tax Collector file the required reports and information with Portnoff and Associates so that the liens against these properties be properly reported.

G. Appointment of Substitute Tax Collector- EXHIBIT 10

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Mr. James R. Bush, Business Administrator, as Substitute Tax Collector in accordance with Section 6-683 of the Pennsylvania Code which authorizes the Board of School Directors to appoint a Substitute Tax Collector for the collection of such taxes.

Also, Sections 6-684 of the Pennsylvania School Code authorizes the Board to affix the amount of the bond of the appointed Substitute Tax Collector in accordance with the Resolution in Exhibit 10.

H. Appointment of Auditors

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Maillie, Falconiero, and Company of Oaks, Pennsylvania to perform the school district's audit for the years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007 at a cost of $19,500 per year.

I. Special Education Contract Opportunities School

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve contracts with Opportunities School to provide educational services for two (2) Pottstown special needs students at a cost of $24,000 per year to be pro-rated based on the number of days the pupil is enrolled.

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J. Special Education Contract with Children's Home of Reading

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a contract with the Children's Home of Reading Day Academy, Reading, Pennsylvania, to provide educational services for a Pottstown resident special needs student at a cost of $125.00 per day.

NON-CONSENT

K. Board Policy 7260 - Wellness Policy – EXHIBIT 11

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Policy 7260 – Wellness Policy, as presented in Exhibit 11.

INFORMATION

1. Conferences for Administrators, Supervisors, and Teachers
2. Maintenance Report
3. Barth Banner - February 2006
4. Edgewood Chronicles – February 2006
5. Franklin Focus – February 2006
6. Lincoln Log – February 2006
7. Rupert Review – February 2006

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel – Mr. Sparagana
2. Administrative/Supervisory Professional Leaves – Mr. Krem
3. Professional Leaves/Field Trips – Dr. Lindley
4. 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