POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
NOVEMBER 2, 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 October 19, 2006.

LIST OF BILLS – Mr. Thees

COMMUNICATIONS

None

AWARDS

None

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Montgomery County Legislative Committee – Mr. Robertson
2. Community Relations Committee – Mr. Armato
3. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Representative – Mr. Hartman
4. PSBA Regional Representative – Mr. Robertson
5. Finance Committee – Dr. Smock
6. Personnel Committee – Mrs. Barnhill
7. Washington Street Initiative Joint Committee – Dr. Smock

SPECIAL REPORTS

Introduction – Mrs. Adams
Act 1 Presentation from Tax Study Commission – Mr. David Garner (Resolution)

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

(Items A to I are consent topics.)
(Items J to K are additional topics for Board consideration.)

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations:

a. Professional

(1) Randi Lightcap, Substitute Teacher, effective October 2, 2006, employed since February 16, 2006.

b. Extracurricular

(1) Andrew Bachman, Pottstown High School, resigns as mentor for Corby Drone, Pottstown High School, effective September 28, 2006.

2. Requests for Leaves

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following requests for leaves:

a. Kevin Downes, Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, request for an additional six days for Family Sick Leave, bringing his total to nine days, effective September 29, 2006 through October 11, 2006.

b. Stephanie Blanchard, Special Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, request for an extension of her childrearing leave of absence for the 2006–2007 school year.

c. Robin Anderson, Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, request for an extension of her childrearing leave of absence up to and including January 1, 2007.

d. Jamie Pontino, Occupational Therapist, request for Childbearing/Childrearing leave of absence, partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective on or about April 5, 2007 through the end of the 2006–2007 school year.

3. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional

(1) Olger R. Duran, Secondary ELL Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective date to be determined, upon release from current employer.
M+30, step 4, $49,103
Contract of Kathy Beck

b. Classified

(1) Desiree Denithorne, RN, Substitute Nurse, effective October 9, 2006, compensation in accordance with School Board Policy 3920.

(2) Dorothy Daniels, LPN, Substitute Nurse, effective October 9, 2006, compensation in accordance with School Board Policy 3920.

(3) Thomas Orlando, Substitute Van Driver, effective October 9, 2006, $12.67/hr.

(4) Kathy Lampmann, Substitute Classroom Assistant, effective October 11, 2006, $85.19/day.

(5) Aimee Mutter, Substitute Classroom Assistant, effective September 27, 2006, $85.19/day.

(6) Sheree Kulp, A.M. One-on-One Van Assistant, effective October 9, 2006, $12.67/hr., New Position. This is in addition to her position as a Classroom Assistant.

(7) Kelly Chicarelli, P.M. One-on-One Van Assistant, effective October 9, 2006, $12.67/hr., New Position. This is in addition to her position as a Playground Aide.

c. Extracurricular

(1) Ruth Kuhn, Rupert Elementary School, Mentor for Maxwell Donnelly, Rupert Elementary Long-Term Substitute, $491.00

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d. Additional Names for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (All salaries paid through 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant)

Teresa Niemann	Tutor	Rupert	$28/hour
Ruth Kuhn	Tutor	Rupert	$28/hour
Rebecca Carey	Tutor	Rupert	$28/hour
Brooke Dunlap-Martin	Tutor	Rupert	$28/hour
Tanya Greer	Substitute Security	Barth & Rupert	$15/hour

e. Additional Names for the Elementary After School Tutoring (All salaries paid through EAP Grant)

Melissa Scaltrito	Substitute Assistant	Edgewood	$12.03/hour
Patricia Murray	Classroom Assistant	Edgewood	$12.03/hour
Treena Ferguson	Substitute Teacher	Edgewood	$28/hour
Dale Williams	Substitute Teacher	Edgewood	$28/hour
Cynthia Kuklinski	Substitute Teacher	Franklin	$28/hour
Cathleen Emerick	Substitute Teacher	Lincoln	$28/hour
Lauren Dorn	Substitute Assistant	Lincoln	$12.03/hour

f. Middle School Learning Centers
All salaries paid through EAP Grant
Total grant amount - $275,024
Program effective for the 2006-2007 school year
Program held at Pottstown Middle School and Pottstown High School
High School program runs four (4) days per week, two (2) hours per day
Middle School program runs two (2) days per week, two (2) hours per day

Deborah Bosler	Tutor	Pottstown High School	$28/hour
Joseph Golightly	Tutor	Pottstown High School	$28/hour
Deborah Demko	Substitute Tutor	Pottstown High School	$28/hour
Beverly Elwell	Substitute Tutor	Pottstown High School	$28/hour
Janice Bobst	Classroom Assistant	Pottstown High School	$12.03/hour
Aliceclair Faust	Tutor	Pottstown Middle School	$28/hour
Michael Freed	Tutor	Pottstown Middle School	$28/hour
Tracy Fleming	Substitute Tutor	Pottstown Middle School	$28/hour
Vicki Mutter	Classroom Assistant	Pottstown Middle School	$12.03/hour

g. First Presbyterian After-School Club
All salaries paid through the First Presbyterian Church Grant
Total grant amount - $5000
Program effective for the 2006 -2007 school year
Program held at Barth Elementary School

William Parks	Tutor	$28/hour
Lori Hoshaw	Tutor	$28/hour
Mary Trate	Tutor	$28/hour
Mary McMahon	Club Assistant	$12.03/hour

h. TEAM – Cooperative Learning Classes
To teach Cooperative Learning Classes to new teachers, required for induction, not to exceed 15 hours.

Donna Carpenter	Pottstown High School	$28/hour
Joyce Cimaglia	Franklin Elementary School	$28/hour

i. Curriculum/Technology Meetings
Includes planning and staff development hours to be scheduled by the Assistant Superintendent throughout the 2006–2007 school year, not to exceed 500 hours.

Eileen Undorfer	Pottstown High School	$28/hour
John Lewiski	Pottstown High School	$28/hour
Miles Feather	Pottstown High School	$28/hour

4. Changes of Position and/or Salary

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following changes of position and/or salary:

a. Rebecca M. Carey, from Per Diem Substitute to Long-Term Substitute, Pottstown Middle School, effective October 5, 2006, $182.00/day, coverage for Stephanie Blanchard

b. Diane Halpine, from Language Arts Teacher, Pottstown Middle School to Gifted/IST Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective October 16, 2006, salary to remain the same, plus $400 Special Education stipend, replacing Lynne Williams.

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5. Addition to the 2006-2007 Part-Time Classified Salaries List

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following additions to the 2006-2007 Part-Time Classified Salaries List:

a. Karen Swanson, Substitute Hall Proctor, $10.59/hr.

b. Karen Swanson, Substitute Clerk/Typist, $12.67/hr.

6. Employee Disciplinary Action

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve 5 days of unpaid leave for a Rupert Elementary School employee, effective to be decided by supervisor and the principal.

B. Rescission of Job Description

The Superintendent recommends the Board rescind the following job description:

Coordinator of Data Processing

C. Adoption of Job Description – EXHIBIT 1

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the following job description:

Coordinator of Data Processing
Replacing existing Coordinator of Data Processing job description

D. Administrative/Supervisory Professional Leaves

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

Building	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Conference Title**	**Conference Location**	**Dates to Attend**	**Cost**
Administration	Reed	Lindley	PASCD 56th Annual Conference	Hershey, PA	11/19/06-11/21/06	Approx. $458 paid by district
Administration	Reed	Lindley	Failure is Not an Option Summit	Atlantic City, NJ	2/7/07-2/9/07	Approx. $515 paid by district

E. Field Trips

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following field trips:

1. Twenty students to attend the SONAR Conference, Washington, D.C./Arlington, Virginia, November 3-5, 2006. Mr. Kevin Pascal and Mrs. Donna Carpenter to chaperone.

   • Southern Region North Atlantic Regional Conference - DECA
   • Cost per student = $200.00
   • No substitutes required

2. Eight students to visit Princeton University, Yale University, and Harvard University, November 2 – 4, 2006. Mr. Greg Troutman and Mrs. Pat Montgomery to chaperone.

   • Cost per student = $140.00
   • No substitute needed

3. Eights students to visit Cornell University and Syracuse University, November 17-19, 2006. Mr. Greg Troutman and Ms. Patricia McCloy to chaperone.

   • Cost per student = $140.00
   • No substitute needed

F. Alternative Education Placement

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the placement of one middle school student to the Alternative Education Program, located within the Pottstown High School, for 45 days for the following reason(s):

• Failure to follow school rules & regulations
• Inappropriate behavior

G. Transportation Contracts

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following transportation contracts:

Pottsgrove School District
August and September, 2006

Bus #12PM – This bus provides return transportation for one (1) Pottstown student from Sacred Heart School in Royersford at a cost of $3.39 per day, effective September 6, 2006. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District since Pottsgrove students also ride this bus.

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Van #41 – This van transports one (1) Pottstown student to and from Kimberton-Waldorf School in Kimberton at a cost of $18.53 per day, effective September 6, 2005. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District as Pottsgrove students also ride this van.

Van #43PM – This van provides return transportation for two (2) Pottstown students returning from Valley Forge Baptist Academy daily at a cost of $41.54 per day, effective August 28, 2006. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District as Pottsgrove students also ride the van.

C.M.D. Services, Inc.
August and September, 2006

Van #60AM – This wheel chair van transports five (5) Pottstown special needs students to Pottstown High School and one (1) Pottstown special needs student and her nurse and aide to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown daily, at a cost of $180.57 per day, effective August 28, 2006.

Van #60PM – This wheel chair van provides return transportation for five (5) Pottstown special needs students from Pottstown High School and one (1) Pottstown special needs student and her nurse and aide from Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown daily, at a cost of $168.83 per day, effective August 28, 2006

Van #71AM – This van provides transportation for seven (7) Pottstown special needs students to Pottstown High School and three (3) Pottstown special needs students to the Children's Home of Reading daily, at a cost of $102.43 per day, effective August 28, 2006.

Van #71PM – This van provides return transportation for four (4) Pottstown special needs students from the Franklin Elementary building in Pottstown daily at a cost of $28.46 per day, effective August 28, 2006. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District since Pottsgrove students also ride the van.

Van #74AM – This van transports two (2) Pottstown students to Jesse R. Wagner School in Pine Forge and one (1) Pottstown special needs student to Progressions School in Pottstown daily, at a cost of $56.49 per day, effective August 28, 2006. Effective September 25, 2006, one (1) Pottstown special needs student attending Limerick Elementary School in Limerick started riding the van, changing the cost to Pottstown to $81.21 per day, an increase of $24.72 per day.

Van #74Midday – This van transports students attending the afternoon session of the English Language Learner program from their elementary buildings to and from the Edgewood Elementary School, effective September 25, 2006, at a cost of $56.03 per day.

Van #74PM – This van provides return transportation for two (2) Pottstown students from Jessie R. Wagner School in Pine Forge and one (1) Pottstown special needs student from Progressions School in Pottstown daily, at a cost of $54.37 per day, effective August 28, 2006. Effective September 25, 2006, Pottstown students being transported from their elementary buildings to the Edgewood School for the purpose of attending the English Language Learner program were added to this van, changing the cost to $61.94 per day, an increase of $7.57 per day.

Van#89AM – This van provides transportation for three (3) Pottstown special needs students to Opportunities School in Birdsboro daily at a cost of $63.33 per day, effective September 1, 2006. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District, as Pottsgrove students also ride this van. Effective September 20, 2006, a Pottsgrove student was added to the van, changing the cost to Pottstown to $48.09 per day, a decrease of $15.24 per day.

Van #89PM – This van provides return transportation for three (3) Pottstown special needs students from the Children's Home of Reading daily, at a cost of $87.29 per day, effective August 29, 2006. Effective September 25, 2006, Pottstown students being transported from the Edgewood School to their elementary buildings after attending the English Language Learner program were added to this van, changing the cost to $99.63 per day, an increase of $12.34 per day.

Van #90 – This van transports two (2) Pottstown special needs students to and from the Child & Career Development Center in Coatesville daily, at a cost of $201.78 per day, effective September 5, 2006. An aide rides the van. The cost of the van and the aide are shared with Pottsgrove School District, as one (1) Pottstgrove student also rides the van.

Van #94 – This van transports one (1) Pottstown special needs student to and from Centennial School in Bethlehem daily, at a cost of $200.02 per day, effective August 30, 2006. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District, as one (1) Pottsgrove student also rides this van.

Van #95AM – This van provides transportation for one (1) Pottstown special needs student to Kidspeace School in Temple daily at a cost of $36.99 per day, effective August 29, 2006. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District as Pottsgrove students also ride this van. Effective September 20, 2006, the Pottstown student was removed from the van, changing the cost to Pottstown to $0.00.

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Van #95PM – This van provides return transportation for one (1) Pottstown special needs student from Kidspeace School in Temple and three (3) Pottstown special needs students from Opportunities School in Birdsboro daily at a cost of $58.08 per day, effective August 29, 2006. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District as Pottsgrove students also ride this van. Effective September 20, 2006, the Pottstown student attending Kidspeace School was removed from the van, changing the cost to Pottstown to $43.56 per day, a decrease of $14.52 per day.

Van #135 – This van provides transportation for one (1) Pottstown special needs student to and from Pathway School in Norristown daily at a cost of $45.53 per day. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District as three (3) Pottsgrove students also ride this van. Effective September 25, 2006, Pottsgrove removed a student from the van changing the cost to Pottstown to $52.34 per day, an increase of $6.81 per day.

H. Special Education Contracts

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve special education contracts between the Pottstown School District and Opportunities School, An Education Program of Elwyn, Inc., for the period September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

I. Revised Budget (Survey – University of Pennsylvania) – EXHIBIT 2

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the revised budget for the three linked studies regarding the school district's decisions on building plans and related issues, as per Exhibit 2.

NON-CONSENT

J. Field Trip

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following field trip:

1. Twenty to forty students to visit London, Paris and Normandy, March 26-April 4, 2007. Mr. David Caldwell, and two teacher/chaperones (TBA).

   • Cost per student - approximately $1800.00
   • Three substitute for 8 days = $85.00/day = $2040.00

K. Keystone Opportunity Zone Agreement (former Mrs. Smith site) – EXHIBIT 3

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the two agreements for the payment of specific services relating to the two commercial tax properties as contained within the agreement previously reviewed by the School Board Solicitor relating to the former Mrs. Smith site conditioned upon the approval by the School Board Solicitor of the final version of the financial security to be provided, the payment by the developer of the board solicitor attorneys fees incurred in connection with these agreements together with the approval of these agreements by the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County and Borough Council.

INFORMATION

1. High School Parent Conference Summary – Mr. Krem
2. Technology Update – Mrs. Wolfe
3. PSBA Travel Accident Program – Mrs. Adams
4. Barth Banner – November 2006
5. Edgewood Chronicles – November 2006
6. Franklin Focus – November 2006
7. Lincoln Log – November 2006
8. Rupert Review – November 2006

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel – Mr. Sparagana
2. Lincoln Center Contract – Dr. Lindley
3. Agreement with Berkhimer for Use of Taxsys – Mrs. Adams
4. MCIU Operating Budget – Mrs. Adams
5. PA Department of Transportation – Safety Inspection Mechanic Training Program Agreement of Performance – Mrs. Adams
6. Field Trips – Dr. Lindley
7. 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