POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
DECEMBER 21, 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 7, 2006.

LIST OF BILLS – Mr. Thees

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mr. Thees

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Thees

	Previously Collected	Collected This Month	Distribution	Total Collected To Date
Real Estate	$21,330,242.58	$ 495,900.11	$ 4,988.10	$21,821,154.59
Interim Real Estate	30,152.72	73,427.02	--	103,579.74
Per Capita	72,936.40	2,826.40	--	75,762.80
Deed Transfer	10,195.76	61,995.60	--	72,191.36
Occupation	87,224.24	60.00	--	87,284.24
EMST	9,184.71	4,084.56	60.00	13,209.27
Delinquent Real Estate	319,552.60	90,959.21	--	410,511.81
Delinquent Per Cap. & Occ.	46,979.91	5,586.14	--	52,566.05
Earned Income Tax	775,515.93	361,265.15	--	1,136,781.08

COMMUNICATIONS

None

AWARDS

None

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

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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. Technology/Curriculum Assessment Committee – Mr. Edwards
8. Washington Street Initiative Joint Committee – Dr. Smock
9. Athletic Fields Construction Projects Committee – Mrs. Skitko
10. School Uniforms Committee – Mrs. Francis/Mr. Edwards
11. Elementary Construction – Mr. Edwards

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

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

A. Personnel

1. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional

(1) Dana Frierson, Special Substitute Teacher, effective November 30, 2006, $100/day.

(2) Kimberly M. Adamski, 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective December 13, 2006, M, step 1.5, $42,018, Position of Diane Halpine.

(3) Lynette M. Andrews, Special Substitute for Pottstown High School Cosmetology, effective December 11, 2006, $100/day.

b. Classified

(1) Robert L. Douglass, Part-Time Home/School Visitor, effective October 30, 2006, $13.65/hour.

(2) Patricia P. Schade, Substitute Food Service Worker, effective November 28, 2006, $9.72/hour.

(3) Nancy L. Lavinia, Substitute Food Service Worker, effective November 28, 2006, $9.72/hour.

(4) Erica L. Lloyd, Substitute Custodian, effective November 28, 2006, $9.73/hour.

(5) Beth A. Bean, Substitute Custodian, effective August 28, 2006, $9.73/hour. This is in addition to her position as Part-Time Food Service Worker.

(6) Janet L. Bentz, Substitute Breakfast Proctor, effective November 27, 2006, $11.39/hour. This is in addition to her position as a Part-Time Food Service Worker.

(7) Michael A. Tucker, Substitute Custodian, effective December 11, 2006, $9.73/hour.

c. Additional Names for the Elementary After School Tutoring
All salaries paid through EAP Grant

(1) Debra Mann, Lincoln Elementary School, Tutor $28/hour.

d. Homebound Instruction

(1) Theresa Dundon, Pottstown High School, effective November 28, 2006 through January 12, 2007, $28/hour for up to 5 hours per week.

(2) Deborah Demko, Pottstown High School, effective November 13, 2006 through December 22, 2006, $28/hour for up to 5 hours per week.

(3) Main Line American Day, effective October 10, 2006 through October 20, 2006, 7 hours at $28/hour, Secondary Learning Support Student.

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(4) Creative Health Services, Homebound Instruction for the month of October, six clients, 61 total hours of service, $1,220 total charge.

Pottstown Middle School Learning Support Student, Grade 8, effective October 2, 2006 to October 31, 2006, $20/hour for 22 hours.

Rupert Elementary School Special Education Student, Grade 5, effective October 24, 2006 to October 31, 2006, $20/hour for six hours.

Pottstown Middle School Regular Education Student, Grade 6, effective October 5, 2006 to October 6, 2006, $20/hour for two hours.

Franklin Elementary School Regular Education Student, Grade 3, October 6, 2006 to October 31, 2006, $20/hour for 18 hours.

Lincoln Elementary School Speech Student, Grade 1, effective October 18, 2006 to October 31, 2006, $20/hour for 10 hours.

Pottstown Middle School Special Education, Emotional Support Student, Grade 7, effective October 26, 2006 to October 31, 2006, $20/hour for three hours.

e. Extracurricular

(1) Jane Thompson, Edgewood Elementary School, Game Worker, $10/hour.

(2) Kelly Eroh, Edgewood Elementary School, Mentor for Olger Duran, 1/3 of the responsibilities, $163.67, sharing the responsibilities with Jennifer Heller.

(3) Jennifer Heller, Pottstown Middle School, Mentor for Olger Duran, 2/3 of the responsibilities, $327.33, sharing the responsibilities with Kelly Eroh.

B. 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
High School	Gary	DeRenzo	PA State Athletic Directors Conference	Hershey, PA	3/21/07-3/24/07	Approx. $735 paid by district athletic budget
Adm. Bldg.	Jeffrey	Sparagana	Best Practices in Kindergarten	State College, PA	1/17/07-1/18/07	Approx. $86 - paid by PreK Counts Grant
Adm. Bldg.	Taffy	Wolfe	PA Technology Expo & Conference	Hershey, PA	2/12/07-2/13/07	Approx. $445 - to be paid by the district
Adm. Bldg.	Diane	Meck	PA Technology Expo & Conference	Hershey, PA	2/12/07-2/13/07	Approx. $445 - to be paid by the district
Adm. Bldg.	Taffy	Wolfe	PASBO Annual Conference	Pittsburgh, PA	3/13/07-3/16/07	Approx. $950 - to be paid by the district
Adm. Bldg.	Diane	Meck	PASBO Annual Conference	Pittsburgh, PA	3/13/07-3/16/07	Approx. $1150 - to be paid by the district

C. Field Trips

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following field trips:

1. Approximately 30 students to participate at the DECA State Competition, February 28–March 2, 2007, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kevin Pascal and Mrs. Donna Carpenter to chaperone.

   • Cost per student = $250.00
   • Two substitutes for 3 days = $510.00

2. Thirty Environmental Science Club students (middle school) to camp out at Blue Rocks Campground, May 11-12, 2007, Lenhartsville, Pennyslvania. Mr. Christian Fowkes, Mr. Kevin Downes, and Ms. Ginger Angelo to chaperone.

   • Cost per student = $30.00
   • Three substitutes for 1 day = $255.00

3. Nine students (JROTC) to go to French Creek State Park, this is the dry run for the annual basic survival skills camping trip, January 12-14, 2007. Major Paul Fitz-Patrick and Mr. John Lewiski to chaperone.

   • Cost per student = $20.00
   • No substitutes needed

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D. Professional Leave

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leave:

1. Mary Rieck to attend Best Practices in Kindergarten, January 17-18, 2007, State College, Pennsylvania.

   • No registration fee, hotel $86.00, meals per district rate
   • Cost paid by Pre-K Counts grant
   • No substitute needed

E. 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 at the rate in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service allowance for transportation expenses. All other reimbursement rates remain the same.

NON-CONSENT

F. Agreement with Berkheimer for Use of Taxsys – EXHIBIT 1

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve an agreement with H. A. Berkheimer to collect delinquent Earned Income Tax for the Pottstown School District and the Borough of Pottstown for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Dr. Harris Sokoloff/Dr. Ross Koppel, University of Pennsylvania

INFORMATION

1. Conferences for Administrators, Supervisors, and Teachers – Dr. Lindley
2. Technology Update – Mrs. Wolfe
3. WPAZ Educational Forum – Mr. Armato
4. PCTV Spotlighting Show – Mr. Armato
5. PEAK Update – Mr. Sparagana/Mrs. Rieck
6. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Update – Mr. Sparagana
7. Maintenance Closed Work Orders Report – Mr. Angstadt
8. Grant Summary Report – Mrs. Adams

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel – Mr. Sparagana
2. Food Services Return Check Policy – Mrs. Adams
3. Professional Leaves – Dr. Lindley
4. Board Letter to Public Re: Inappropriate Action and Language – Mr. Krem/Mr. Kalis
5. 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