POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
JUNE 1, 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 May 18, 2006.

LIST OF BILLS

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

AWARDS

Teacher of the Year

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Technology Department Update – Mrs. Wolfe
2. PEAK Presentation to School Board (Pre-K Counts Grant) – Mr. Sparagana/Don Klingerman, Consultant, Fairmont Ventures, Inc.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

(Items A to G are consent topics.)
Items H to I are additional topics for Board consideration.)

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations:

a. Professional

(1) Joel Alutius, High School Teacher, resignation effective June 30, 2006.

2. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Substitute Teachers – EXHIBIT 1

(1) Gretchen Voght, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective May 4, 2006.

(2) Russell Landis, Jr., Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective May 5, 2006.

(3) Kelly Skokowski, Special Substitute Teacher, effective May 10, 2006.

b. Breakfast Program Aide – EXHIBIT 2

(1) Barbara Bainbridge, Substitute Breakfast Program Proctor, effective April 24, 2006.

c. Homebound Instruction – EXHIBIT 3

(1) Angela Owarzani, High School Teacher, continuation of Homebound Instruction, effective May 5, 2006 through the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

(2) Philhaven Hospital, Homebound Instruction, effective April 26, 2006.

(3) Jill King, Franklin Elementary Teacher, Homebound Instruction, effective May 4, 2006 through June 9, 2006.

d. District Pupil Services Summer Staffing – EXHIBIT 4
All salaries paid through IDEA, and effective during the summer months of 2006.

OT/PT Program

(1) Jamie Pontino, Occupational Therapist.

School Psychologists

(1) Samuel Brooks, School Psychologist.

(2) Krista Trainer, School Psychologist.

(3) Lana Dickinson, School Psychologist.

Speech Therapists

(1) Theresa Spitko, Speech Therapist.

(2) Amy Sellman, Speech Therapist.

Special Education In-Service
Effective August 17, 2006

(1) Ann Marie McDonnell, Elementary.

(2) Cynthia Fanelli, Elementary.

(3) Amy Downes, Elementary.

(4) Jamie Joffred, Elementary.

(5) Ann Hayer, Elementary.

(6) Denise Schleicher, Elementary.

(7) Jill King, Elementary.

(8) Matthew Cohen, Elementary.

(9) Amelia Leininger, Elementary.

(10) Karen Seemann, Elementary.

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(11) Cathleen Coughlin, Elementary.

(12) Patricia DeWald, Elementary.

(13) Natalie Feliciani, Elementary.

(14) Teresa Niemann, Elementary.

(15) Ruth Kuhn, Elementary.

(16) Sandra Zuchero, Pottstown Middle School.

(17) Arden Moore, Pottstown Middle School

(18) Jason Bergey, Pottstown Middle School.

(19) Alicia Wickham, Pottstown Middle School.

(20) Stephanie Blanchard, Pottstown Middle School.

(21) Jennifer Heller, Pottstown Middle School.

(22) Jennifer Eidle, Pottstown Middle School.

(23) Robin Romero, Pottstown Middle School.

(24) M. Patrick Coulter, Pottstown Middle School.

(25) Sandra Robinson, Pottstown Middle School.

(26) Vanessa Barnaik, Pottstown Middle School.

(27) Karen Kemmerer, Pottstown High School.

(28) Kelly Smale, Pottstown High School.

(29) James Dunleavy, Pottstown High School.

(30) Diane Earnshaw, Pottstown High School.

(31) Mark May, Pottstown High School.

(32) Popi Protheroe, Pottstown High School.

(33) Judith Miller, Pottstown High School.

(34) Janet Roncase, Pottstown High School.

(35) Kathleen Stadulis, Pottstown High School.

(36) Melissa Schubert, Pottstown High School.

(37) Antoinette Rapp, Pottstown Middle School.

(38) Maureen Parry, Pottstown High School.

(39) Theresa Dundon, Pottstown High School.

IEP Writing – Secondary

(1) Sandy Zuchero, Special Education Teacher.

(2) Melissa Schubert, Special Education Teacher.

(3) Jennifer Heller, Special Education Teacher.

(4) Denise DeAntonio, High School Teacher.

Tutors - Secondary
(ESY, IEP and transition needs)

(1) Melissa Schubert, Special Education Teacher.

(2) Robin Romero, Special Education Teacher.

(3) Sandy Zuchero, Special Education Teacher.

(4) Theresa Dundon, Special Education Teacher.

(5) Jennifer Heller, Special Education Teacher.

Scheduling of Students and Assistants - Secondary

(1) Karen Kemmerer, Special Education Teacher.

(2) Diane Earnshaw, Special Education Teacher.

Special Education Liaison - Secondary

(1) Karen Osley, Special Education Liaison.

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Pupil Services Summer Staffing – Elementary

(1) Theresa Niemann, Special Education Teacher, Tutoring and IEP Writing.

(2) Jamie Joffred, Special Education Teacher, Tutoring & IEP Writing.

(3) Matthew Cohen, Special Education Teacher, Tutoring and IEP Writing.

(4) Jill King, Special Education Teacher, IEP Writing.

(5) Amelia Leininger, Special Education Teacher. IEP Writing.

e. Summer Maintenance/Custodial – EXHIBIT 5

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following summer maintenance/custodial staff:

(1) Lauren Reifsneider, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(2) Nichole Ettore, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(3) Judy Bermudez, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(4) Sharlean Soto, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(5) Ruth Kraft, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(6) Caren Bean, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(7) Steven Irick, Laborer I, effective May 15, 2006.

(8) Kristen Hoffmaster, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(9) Raphael Hueber, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(10) Christopher Schlegel, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

(11) Gregory Kunka, Laborer I, effective June 10, 2006.

3. Support Staff Tuition Reimbursement – EXHIBIT 6

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve tuition reimbursement for the following support staff employee:

a. Mary McMahon, Classroom Assistant, tuition reimbursement for credits earned at MCCC.

4. Support Staff Professional Leave

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leave:

1. Maria Pettine, Classroom Assistant, to attend 2006 National Autism conference, August 1-4, 2006, State College, Pennsylvania.

- Registration - $100.00 paid by Pupil Services funds

B. Extension of A+ Communications – EXHIBIT 7

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the extension of A+ Communications as shown on Exhibit 7.

C. Alternative Education Placement – EXHIBIT 8

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

D. Investment of Funds Resolution

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the following Resolution authorizing the Secretary and Treasurer to invest funds for the various school district accounts during the next fiscal year:

WHEREAS, the funds are available in the school accounts from time to time that can be invested and,

WHEREAS, the School Laws of Pennsylvania do permit investment of school funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District be, and hereby are, authorized to invest the funds for the various school district accounts, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to dispose the said investments as the funds are needed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the procedures and types of investments purchased shall be in accordance with the requirements of the School Laws of Pennsylvania.

E. Transportation Contracts

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following transportation contracts for the 2005-06 school year:

Pottsgrove School District – April 2006

Van #3 – This is a new contract. Effective March 21, 2006, this van transports one (1) Pottstown special needs student to and from Wordsworth Academy in Fort Washington daily, at a cost of $45.85 per day. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District, as Pottsgrove students share the van. Effective April 3, 2006, Pottstown added one (1) special needs student, changing the cost to Pottstown to $73.36 per day, an increase of $27.51 per day. Effective April 7, 2006, the Pottstown students were removed from the van, changing the cost to Pottstown to $0.

Van #38 – This is a new contract. Effective March 20, 2006, this van transports one (1) Pottstown special needs student to and from Fort Washington Elementary School in Fort Washington daily, at a cost of $59.11 per day. This cost is shared with Pottsgrove School District since Pottsgrove students also ride this van. Effective April 7, 2006, the Pottstown student was removed from the van, changing the cost to Pottstown to $0.

F. Special Education Contract – Opportunities School, Elwyn, Inc.

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve an agreement between the Pottstown School District and Opportunities School and Educational Program of Elwyn, Inc. to provide Extended School Year educational services for eight special needs students from July 5, 2006 to August 15, 2006 at a cost of $137.36 per day per student for 24 days.

G. Special Education Service Agreement – Montgomery County Intermediate Unit – EXHIBIT 9

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a contract between the Pottstown School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide special education services for Pottstown resident students during the 2006-07 school year, as it appears on Exhibit 9.

NON-CONSENT

H. Resolution Authorizing Incurrence of Non-Electoral Debt – EXHIBIT 10

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a resolution authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the school district and authorizing the Board's officers to take appropriate actions required under the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act.

I. Bid Awards – EXHIBIT 11

The Superintendent recommends the Board authorize purchase orders or contracts to the companies indicated on Exhibit 11, the award in each case being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications.

1. Athletic Supplies and Equipment – Fall Sports
2. Athletic Supplies and Equipment – Winter Sports

INFORMATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Girls' Soccer Program – Mr. Robertston

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel – Mr. Sparagana
2. 2006-07 Tentative School Calendar – Mr. Krem
3. Administrative/Supervisory Tuition Reimbursement – Mr. Krem
4 Field Trips – Dr. Lindley
5. Transportation Contracts – Mr. Bush
6. Bid Awards – Mr. Bush
7. Budget Transfers – 2006-07 – Mr. Bush
8. Employment Rates for Rental Contracts – Mr. Bush
9. Long-Term Disability Plan – Mr. Bush
10. 2006-07 Budget – Mr. Bush
11. Artists in Residence – Mr. Krem/Mr. Sparagana
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