POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 7, 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 August 17, 2006.

LIST OF BILLS

COMMUNICATIONS

AWARDS

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 E are consent topics.)
Item F is an additional topic for Board consideration.)

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations:

a. Professional

(1) Janet Schrieber, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective 6/30/06. Employed since October 9, 2002.

(2) George Mang, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective 6/30/06. Employed since January 5, 2006.

(3) Kathleen Stadulis, Learning Support Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective August 14, 2006. Employed since August 18, 2005

(4) Michelle Frederick, First Grade Teacher, Barth Elementary School, resignation effective August 14, 2006. Employed since August 25, 1997.

(5) Nicole Cieri, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 30, 2006.

b. Classified

(1) Sallie Chesbro, Title I Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, resignation effective August 17, 2006. Employed since December 13, 1992.

(2) Kelly Dalton, Special Education Classroom Assistant, resignation effective August 17, 2006. Employed since July 1, 1996.

2. Extension of Request for Leave

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

a. Maureen Parry, Pottstown High School Teacher, request to extend her return date from childrearing leave from September 8, 2006 to September 18, 2006.

3. Change in Start Date

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a change in start date from August 21, 2006 to August 18, 2006 for the following employees:

a. Sherri Stagemyer, Occupational Therapist
b. Kristyn McAghon, Occupational Therapist
c. Genevieve Krapes, Physical Therapist

4. Rupert Preparation of Grant Funded Accelerated Reader Materials for 2006–2007 School Year (paid for through the CSR grant) – EXHIBIT 1

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve payment to the following teachers for organizing, shelving, and labeling the Accelerated Reader collection for the coming school year:

a. Lisa DeRenzo
b. Barbara Ray

5. Retirement Benefit Program – Sick Leave Payment – EXHIBIT 2

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve sick leave payment and retirement benefits to the following employees:

a. Darlene Medvetz, sick days in accordance with the Classified Guidelines, Retirement Benefits in accordance with Policy 3603.

b. Marilyn Collins, sick days in accordance with the Classified Guidelines, Retirement Benefits in accordance with Policy 3603.

6. New Position – EXHIBIT 3

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a new Part-Time Access Clerk, Level I, 3.5 hours per day, Pottstown Annex, paid for through Access funds.

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7. Stipends for 21st Century Learning Grant – EXHIBIT 4

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve stipends to the following:

a. Orlando Taylor
b. Jeffrey Sparagana
c. Vanessa Saylor

8. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional – EXHIBIT 5

(1) Corby T. Drone, Math Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2006.

(2) Erica A. Muscarella, Grade 7 Math Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 23, 2006.

(3) Chad M. Antonio, Grade 8 Physical Science Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 23, 2006.

(4) Kevin A. Pascal, Marketing Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2006.

(5) Sharon H. Buchholz, Grade 8 Language Arts Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 23, 2006.

(6) George F. Lorenson, Jr., Chemistry Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2006.

(7) Kim J. Krautheim, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(8) Joseph E. Labik, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(9) Rebecca M. Carey, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(10) Diana J. Lynn, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(11) Amy T. Russo, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(12) Karin C. Reger, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(13) Melissa F. Minicozzi, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(14) Tracey M. LaVeyra, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(15) Melissa M. Koontz, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(16) Nicole L. Steckiel, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(17) Darla L. Mercer, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(18) Lisa C. Harpster, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

(19) Tracey Prout, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006.

b. Classified – EXHIBIT 6

(1) Ray Golden III, Housekeeper, effective August 28, 2006.

(2) Sylvia Harvey, Housekeeper, effective August 28, 2006.

c. Extracurricular – EXHIBIT 7

(1) Adam Neil, High School Head Girls Tennis Coach, Level 1.

(2) Kelly Smale, Freshman Class Sponsor, Level 1.

(3) Laura Luzeski, Freshman Class Sponsor, Level 1.

(4) Danielle McCoy, History Day Sponsor, Level 2.

(5) Gary DeRenzo, Student Government, Level 1.

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d. Change in Position and/or Salary – EXHIBIT 8

(1) Natalie Feliciani, from Special Education Teacher, Rupert Elementary, to Reading Specialist, Rupert Elementary, effective August 23, 2006.

(2) Hayley Mutter, from Elementary School Secretary, Rupert Elementary, to Speech Clinician, Barth Elementary, effective August 23, 2006.

(3) Deborah Gratzinger, from Title I Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, to Secretary I, Rupert Elementary, Effective August 14, 2006.

(4) Gertrude Taylor, from Lunch/Playground Proctor, Rupert Elementary, to Housekeeper, effective August 28, 2006.

e. Technology Trainers – EXHIBIT 9

The following participants will provide follow-up e-Schoolbook training to district staff as assigned by the Technology Director (Title I funded).

(1) Rita Burkhimer, Pottstown Middle School
(2) Donna Carpenter, Pottstown High School
(3) Robert Decker, Pottstown High School
(4) Dee Pettine, Pottstown Middle School

f. Homebound Instruction – EXHIBIT 10

(1) School District of Philadelphia, Homebound Instructor, while hospitalized, effective 5/16/06.

9. Pupil Services Summer Hours Adjustment

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following pupil services summer hours adjustment:

a. Take 11.5 hours from Diane Earnshaw, add to Karen Kemmerer
b. Take 3.5 hours from Jennifer Heller, add to Karen Kemmerer
c. Take 45.75 hours from Jennifer Heller, add to Sandy Zuchero

B. Resolution for Appointments and Certifications of Administrators and Supervisors – EXHIBIT 11

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Resolution for Appointments and Certifications of Administrators and Supervisors for the purpose of rating professional staff members for the 2006-2007 school year as presented in Exhibit 11.

C. Bid Award – EXHIBIT 12

The Superintendent recommends that contracts be issued to the companies indicated on Exhibit 12, the award in each case being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications.

1. Spring Sports

D. Tax Study Commission Resolution – EXHIBIT 13

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a Resolution appointing a Tax Study Commission as listed on Exhibit 13.

E. School Resource Officer – EXHIBIT 14

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a contract between the Borough of Pottstown and the Pottstown School District for a School Resource Officer, as listed on Exhibit 14.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NON-CONSENT

F. Waiver of Policy 6000: Resident Children – Admission to School – EXHIBIT 15

The Superintendent recommends the Board waive Policy 6000.3 and 6000.4, as per Exhibit 15.

INFORMATION

1. Earobics Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Keystone Opportunity Zone Agreement (former Mrs. Smith site)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel – Mr. Sparagana
2. Administrative/Supervisory Professional Leave – Mr. Krem
3. Professional Leaves/Field Trips – Dr. Lindley
4. Special Education Contracts – Mrs. Adams
5. Alternative Education Placements – Dr. Lindley
6. Cafeteria Contract (Progressions in Stowe) – Mrs. Adams
7. Bid Award – Mowing: Grounds and Maintenance – Mrs. Adams
8. Additional New Business Items

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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