POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 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 September 7, 2006 and the Special Meeting held on September 14, 2006.

LIST OF BILLS

FINANCIAL REPORT

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Previously Collected	Collected This Month	Distribution	Total Collected To Date
Real Estate	$ 1,929,880.15	$17,310,644.99	$ --	$19,240,525.14
Interim Real Estate	1,090.55	1,715.48	--	2,806.03
Per Capita	22,746.00	58,780.60	--	81,526.60
Deed Transfer	53,650.01	102,739.62	--	156,389.63
Occupation	25,860.60	67,285.20	--	93,145.80
EMST	2,635.60	6,629.00	--	9,264.60
Delinquent Real Estate	107,395.67	112,919.42	--	220,315.09
Delinquent Per Cap. & Occ.	16,829.17	27,200.67	--	44,029.84
Earned Income Tax	355,817.28	745,060.14	--	1,100,877.42

COMMUNICATIONS

AWARDS

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Montgomery County Legislative Committee
2. Community Relations Committee
3. PSBA Regional Representative
4. Finance Committee
5. Personnel Committee

SPECIAL REPORTS

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

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

A. Personnel

1. Resignations/Terminations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations/terminations:

a. Professional

(1) Michael Dunn, Floating Substitute, resignation effective August 29, 2006. Employed since March 18, 2003.

(2) Rosemary Wentzel, Elementary Teacher, Franklin Elementary School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 9, 2006. Employed since September 4, 1973.

(3) Kathy Beck, ESL Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective on or about November 15, 2006. Employed since January 25, 2006.

(4) Lynne M. Williams, Elementary Gifted Teacher, resignation effective on or about November 28, 2006. Employed since August 27, 2001.

(5) Cara L. Giese, Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2006. Employed since September 14, 2004

b. Classified

(1) Judy Bermudez, Substitute Custodian, resignation effective August 21, 2006. Employed since June 10, 2006.

(2) Linda Morgan, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, resignation effective August 22, 2006. Employed since March 13, 2006.

(3) Michelle Nixon, Substitute Classroom Assistant, termination due to the return of Robert Edmunds from military service, effective August 18, 2006. Employed since April 13, 2005.

2. Requests for Leave

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

a. Amy Downes, Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary School, request for childbearing and childrearing leave for the 2006–2007 school year, effective August 28, 2006.

b. Nicole Tehansky, Receptionist, Pottstown High School, request for childbearing leave, effective on or about October 10, 2006.

c. Robin Anderson, Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, request for childrearing leave, effective September 11, 2006 to September 29, 2006.

3. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional – EXHIBIT 1

(1) Frank T. Dakota, Jr., Business Economics Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2006.

(2) Christopher D. Morgan, Special Substitute, effective September 7, 2006.

b. Classified – EXHIBIT 2

(1) Joshua A. Pierce, Part-Time Title I Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, effective August 23, 2006.

(2) Kennard Lacey, Special Education Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2006.

(3) Gertrude I. Taylor, Substitute Playground Aide, effective August 28, 2006.

(4) Amy M. Nagle, Substitute Breakfast Proctor, effective August 28, 2006.

(5) Ann Marie Fedor, Substitute Nurse, effective August 28, 2006.

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(6) William D. Bitler, PC/Hardware Technician, effective September 18, 2006.

(7) Sherry L. Shank, Special Education Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary School, effective September 11, 2006.

(8) Marie Jones, Substitute Food Service worker, effective September 7, 2006.

c. Extracurricular – EXHIBIT 3

(1) Thomas Marsden, Stage Crew Director, Level 3.

(2) Eric Dusko, High School Head Wrestling Coach, Level 2.

(3) Terrance Anderson, Senior High Band Assistant, Level 1.

(4) Jennifer Wiand, Senior High Band Assistant, Level 1.

(5) Jason Miller, Senior High Band Assistant, Level 1.

4. Change in Position and/or Salary – EXHIBIT 4

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following change in position and/or salary:

a. Stacey Bauman, from Long-Term Substitute Pre-K Teacher, Rupert, to Contracted Pre-K Teacher, Rupert, effective August 23, 2006.

b. Michael Koman, from Long-Term Substitute, Lincoln Elementary to Contracted Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 23, 2006.

c. Laura Schneck, from Floating Substitute to Long-Term Substitute, Barth Elementary, Grade 1, for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 23, 2006.

d. Nicholas Odagis, from Floating Substitute to Long-Term Substitute, Franklin Elementary School, Grade 3, for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 23, 2006.

e. Brenda DiDonato, from Per Diem Substitute, to Long-Term Substitute, Barth Elementary, for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 28, 2006.

f. Jamie Fazekas, from Per Diem Substitute to Title I Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, effective August 23, 2006.

g. Mary L. Trate, from Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary, to Library Assistant, Rupert/Lincoln Elementary Schools, effective August 28, 2006.

h. Charles Rhoads, from Custodian, Pottstown High School, to Head Custodian, Pottstown High School, effective August 28, 2006.

i. Jacy Garlington, from Substitute Classroom Assistant to Classroom Assistant at Rupert Elementary School, effective September 11, 2006.

j. Lisa Kirlin, from Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary School to Classroom Assistant at Barth Elementary School, effective September 18, 2006.

5. Addition to the 2006-2007 Lunch Program Aides Salary List – EXHIBIT 5

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following addition to the 2006-2007 lunch program aides salary list:

a. Ralph Schultz, Substitute Breakfast Aide

6. Addition to the Special Education In-Service (August 17, 2006) – EXHIBIT 6

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following addition the special education in-service on August 17, 2006:

a. Brenda DiDonato, Long-Term Substitute

7. Correction to Rate of Pay – EXHIBIT 7

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following correction to rate of pay:

a. Theresa Gibson, Extended School Year, One-on-One Adult Day Care, effective June 26 through September 1, 2006.

8. Special Education IEP Services – EXHIBIT 8

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Stephanie Blanchard, Special Education Teacher, on childrearing leave, to write and attend IEP meetings for Pottstown Middle School Learning Support students, as listed on Exhibit 8.

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B. Administrative/Supervisory Professional Leave

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

1. Dr. Robert Stevens to attend the 2006 PAESSP Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, October 30 and 31, 2006, with expenses paid by the district.

C. Professional Leaves

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leaves:

1. Mrs. Jennifer Groff, Mrs. Shannon Curry, Mr. Robert Decker, Mrs. Laura Luzeski and Dr. Laysears-Smith to attend National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey, October 19-21, 2006.

• Hotel rooms	$1166
• Meals	600
• Transportation (gas)	100
• Substitutes	800
• Registration	730
Total	$3396

Note: • Over 300 workshops at this conference
• This is a math adoption year
• Math is the district's lowest PSSA category

2. Major Paul Fitz-Patrick to attend AFJROTC Recertification, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama, November 27 – December 1, 2006.

• No substitute required
• No cost to the district

D. Field Trips

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following field trips:

1. Approximately 100 students to participate in the Walt Disney World Parade, Orlando, Florida, April 14 – 17, 2007. Mr. Joseph Snyder, Mrs. Joan Miller and additional parents to chaperone.

• Cost per student $789.00
• No substitutes needed

2. Fifteen students to compete at Rocky Grove Invitational, Franklin, Pennsylvania, October 13, 14, 2006. Also, visit Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania on the return trip. Coaches Mr. Lawrence Harvey and Maryann Lightcap to chaperone.

   • No cost to students
   • No cost to district
   • No substitutes needed

E. Alternative Education Placements – EXHIBIT 9

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the placement of the students named on Exhibit 9 to the alternative education programs located within the Pottstown High School and the Lincoln Center.

F. Speech and Language Classroom Size Variance

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a class size variance for the Speech and Language classroom housed at Lincoln Elementary. It is understood that the district will also seek written approval from PDE to move to a class size of up to 10 students for school year 2006-07.

G. Special Education Contracts – EXHIBIT 10

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the special education contracts, as listed on Exhibit 10.

H. Cafeteria Contract (Progressions in Stowe) – EXHIBIT 11

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the cafeteria contract between the Pottstown School District and Progressions, as listed on Exhibit 11.

NON-CONSENT

I. Professional Leave

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leave:

1. Mrs. Karen Kemmerer, Mrs. Danielle McCoy, Mr. Ed Ott, and Mr. Larry Fortunato, to attend 2006 Conference on Integrated Learning: School-To-Career Connection, State College, Pennsylvania, November 6-8, 2006.

   Tech Prep Grant funded; no cost to district

• Hotel = $442.70	• Transportation costs = 150.00
• Meals = $400.00	• Registration = $560.00
• Substitutes = $1020.00	
	Total = $2572.70

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J. Tuition Contract – Children's Home of Reading – EXHIBIT 12

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve a contract with Children's Home of Reading to provide educational and counseling services for Pottstown resident students, as listed on Exhibit 13.

K. Approval of Teachers' Salaries for the 2006-07 School Year

The Superintendent recommends the Board acknowledge and approve the teachers' salaries for the 2006-07 school year. The salaries are in accordance with the contract approved by the Board between the Federation of Pottstown Teachers and the Pottstown School District.

INFORMATION

1. eSchoolBook – Mr. Sparagana
2. Pre-K Counts Grant Announcement – Mr. Sparagana
3. AESOP Substitute Calling System – Mr. Sparagana
4. Conferences for Administrators, Supervisors, and Teachers – Dr. Lindley
5. Maintenance Work Orders – Mr. Angstadt
6. Technology Update – Mrs. Wolfe

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Keystone Opportunity Zone Agreement (former Mrs. Smith site)
2. School Calendar – Mr. Krem

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel – Mr. Sparagana
2. Administrative/Supervisory Tuition Reimbursement – Mr. Krem
3. Administrative/Supervisory Professional Leaves – Mr. Krem
4. Professional Leave – Dr. Lindley
5. Field Trip – Dr. Lindley
6. 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