

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria of the Pottstown High School with Vice-President Mr. Andrew Kefer presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Mary-Beth Bacallao, Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Polly Weand, and Mrs. Judyth Zahora via Skype. Absent was Mrs. Amy Bathurst Francis, Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell, and Mr. Ronald Williams. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Board Secretary, Mrs. Linda S. Adams; Director of Human Resources, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Solicitor, Mr. Randall Schauer; Student Representative, Mr. Emanuel Wilkerson; Ms. Pamela Bateson, Mrs. Penny O'Donnell, Mr. Matthew Moyer, Mrs. Ashia Cooper, Mrs. Lindi Vollmuth, Mr. John Armato, a member of the press, and interested citizens.

Mrs. Francis entered the meeting at 7:34 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. John Armato introduced Mrs. Michelle Drager, the new Executive Director of the Foundation for Pottstown Education.

Mrs. Drager thanked the Board for the opportunity to be a part of the Pottstown School District. She looks forward to meeting and working with everyone. "It is an honor to serve in the role as Executive Director".

Mrs. Stilwell entered the meeting at 7:50 pm.

MINUTES

Mrs. Adams presented the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 25, 2015 and the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on the June 29, 2015 for Board approval.

It was moved by Mrs. Francis and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the minutes be approved as presented.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Motion carried

LIST OF BILLS

It was moved by Ms. Bacallao and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of June 2015 and July 2015 be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2015-2016-001.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Ms. Bacallao and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the unaudited Treasurer's Report for June 2015 (unaudited) be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2015-2016-002.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two.
Motion carried

HEARINGS FROM THE PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Dr. Sparagana presented the Consent Items for Board approval.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the new personnel items added to the agenda for approval.

Mrs. Adams reviewed two special education contracts added to the agenda for approval

Mr. Hylton asked the election of the high school psychologist be moved to Non-Consent.

CONSENT

It was moved by Mrs. Francis and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the following consent items be approved in accordance with Policy 1120, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

PERSONNEL

Position Modification

- (1) Middle School and High School Principal Secretary from 258 days to 260 days.

Resignations/Terminations

Professional

Ratify Jennifer Eidle, Special Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective July 1, 2015, employed since September 21, 1998.

Steve Falken, Librarian, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective September 22, 2015, employed since August 26, 1996.

Jody Wenzel, Art Teacher, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective August 25, 2015, employed since April 1, 1997.

Megan Penrice, Secondary Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective when position is filled or October 6, 2015, employed since August 23, 2011.

Julie Cohen, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective October 4, 2015 or until the position is filled, employed since August 26, 2010.

Modify Jayne Baldwin, Elementary Teacher, Barth Elementary, resignation to be effective August 25, 2015.

Stanley Walerski, Secondary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective when position is filled or October 15, 2015 , employed since August 22, 2007.

Exempt

Ratify Elyse Herman, Psychologist, resignation effective August 7, 2015, employed since August 13, 2013.

Classified

Ratify Sharon Miller, Substitute Support Staff, resignation effective August 4, 2015.

Ratify Annette Braunsberg, Substitute Support Staff, resignation effective June 30, 2015.

Ratify Virginia McKain, Substitute Support Staff, termination due to no work activity for over one year, effective June 30, 2015.

Ratify Elizabeth Skokowski, Substitute Nurse, termination due to no work activity for over a year, effective June 30, 2015.

Carla Kulb, Classroom Assistant (1:1), Barth Elementary, resignation effective August 24, 2015, employed since November 27, 2012.

Brenda Berriker, Secondary Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 27, 2015, employed since August 25, 2009.

Ratify Cron Eckman, Custodian I, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective August 16, 2015, employed since May 19, 2008.

Barbara Cooke, Front Desk Clerk, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective September 11, 2015, employed since September 10, 2014.

Ratify Lynette Andrews, Student/Lunch Proctor, Lincoln Elementary, resignation effective August 17, 2015.

Leaves

Professional

Jane Thomspson, Elementary Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, request for Professional Medical Sabbatical, effective August 25, 2015, end date to be January 22, 2016.

Classified

Ratify Carol Brightbill, Technology Trainer/Help Desk, Technology Dept., request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective July 21, 2015, end date tbd.

Paula Pritchard, Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective August 26, 2015, end date tbd.

Change in Position and/or Salary:

Administrative

Ratify Jeffrey Delaney from Secondary Teacher to Assistant Principal, Pottstown High School, effective August 3, 2015, \$91,424/yr.

Professional

Aaron Hinnershitz from Long Term Substitute Teacher to Elementary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 25, 2015, \$43,768/yr, Step B-Bach (replace A. Langdon)

Kaylee Shumaker from Intervention Assistant to Long Term Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 25, 2015 to end of 1st semester, \$194/day (coverage for D. Mann). Upon completion of assignment, she will assume the role of Intervention Assistant.

Nicole Valenti from Classroom Assistant to Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary, effective August 25, 2015, \$43,768/yr, Step A - Bach.

Athena Singer/Procsal from Intervention Assistant to Art Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary, effective August 25, 2015, \$45,940/yr, Step A-Mast (replaces J Wentzel).

Exempt

Sue Ann Yocom, Resource Development Specialist, from 100% to 80% funded by 21st Century Grant, anticipated effective date to be October 1, 2015.

Classified

Ratify Kelly Ortlip from Clerk typist to Secondary Principal Secretary, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 10, 2015, \$18.23/hr.

Ratify Kay Pusicz from Substitute Support Staff to Assistant Principal Secretary, Pottstown High School, effective August 17, 2015, \$14.04/hr.

Diane Marcheskie from Substitute Support Staff to Part-time Cafeteria Proctor, Franklin Elementary, effective August 31, 2015, 2hr/day, \$11.74/hr (replaces K.Retner)

Ratify Theresa Dech from Classroom Assistant to Office Clerk, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 12, 2015, \$14.50/hr.

Frances Jefferis from Substitute Support Staff to Part-time Cafeteria Worker, effective August 25, 2014, 4 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr.

Ratify Tonya Brown from Temporary Custodian I to Substitute Support Staff, effective June 30, 2015 (end of assignment).

Tiana James from Part-time Kindergarten Assistant to Substitute Support Staff, effective August 25, 2015, hourly rate per substitute hourly rate schedule.

Samantha Mazzie from Classroom Assistant to Temporary Intervention Assistant, Barth Elementary, effective October 5, 2015, anticipated end date to be April 15, 2016, no change in hourly compensation. Upon end of assignment she will assume the role of Classroom Assistant.

Marlene Zerbey from Substitute Support Staff to Student Proctor, Franklin Elementary, effective August 25, 2015, 2 hr/day, \$11.74/hr.

Tonya Brown from Substitute Support Staff to Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Barth Elementary, effective August 25, 2015, 5.5 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr.

Kelsey Hahn from Classroom Assistant to Temporary Intervention Assistant, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 31, 2015, end date Jan.22, 2016, no change in hourly compensation. Upon completion of assignment, she will assume the role of Classroom Assistant.

Elections:

Administrative

Shelley Chapman, Assistant Business Manager, effective September 21, 2015, \$82,000/yr (replaces P. O'Donnell)

Ratify Ashia Cooper, Assistant Principal, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 10, 2015, \$71,162/yr (replaces D. Todd).

Ratify Steven Park, Director of Career & Technical Education, Pottstown High School, effective August 11, 2015, \$90,097/yr (replaces D.McCoy)

Professional

Jennifer Mohr, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 25, 2015, \$47,074/yr, Step 4 - Mast (replaces G. Lorensen)

Lauren Heffner, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 25, 2015, end date to be last day of 1st semester 2015/2016 school year, \$194/day (coverage for D. Boroshevich).

Samuel DeAngeli, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 25, 2015, \$43,768/yr (Step B-Bach) (replace S. Wilson)

Megan Keeney, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary, effective August 25, 2015, \$45,940/yr, Step B - Mast (replace T. Ludy)

Classified

Denise Williams, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown High School, effective August 25, 2015, 4 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr (replaces T. Washington)

Jolene Lawrence, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 25, 2015, 4 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr (replaces D. Ziokowski).

Melanie Long, Temporary Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown High School, effective August 25, 2015, 4 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr (replaces B. Schultz).

Jamie Parris, Intervention Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective August 25, 2015, \$14.14/hr (replaces N.Valenti).

B. Diane Nash, Substitute Recording Secretary, effective August 25, 2015, \$39.12/hr. This is in addition to her role as Executive Secretary.

Deborah Gratzinger, Substitute Recording Secretary, effective August 25, 2015, \$30.38/hr. This is in addition to her role as Secretary.

Lanita Henderson, Student Proctor, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 31, 2015, 2 hr/day, \$11.74/hr, (replaces L.Andrews).

Theresa Turnbaugh, Student Proctor, Barth Elementary, effective August 25, 2015, 2 hr/day, \$11.74/hr. (replaces G. Cloud).

Scott Birkner, Tech 1, Technology Department, Administration Building, effective September 8, 2015, \$19.20/hr (replaces B. Simpson).

Kimberly Stanford, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 25, 2015, 4 hrs/.day, \$11.74/hr (replaces D. Houser).

Tracy Groff-Camacho, Student Proctor, Rupert Elementary, effective August 31, 2015, 2 hrs/day, \$15.05/hr. This is in addition to her role as Kindergarten Assistant.

Corrections/Additions to Support Staff Salaries (previously approved on June 29, 2015))

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Support Staff Salary corrections/addition and a copy be filed in the Secretary's offices as Addendum #2015-2016-003.

21st Century Tutoring List 2015-2016:

All Pottstown School District Teacher-Certified staff members are approved on an "as needed" basis as 21st Century Tutors, rate of \$29.00/hour, and as 21st Century Classroom Assistants, rate of \$13.65/hr.

All Pottstown School District Classroom Assistants are approved on an "as need basis" as 21st Century Classroom Assistants, rate of \$13.65/hr.

Co-Curricular Assignments

2015-2016 Co-Curricular Game Workers, \$10/hour, in addition to all PSD staff:

Mike Feather	Todd Wallace	Ron D'Arcangelo
Maggie Munz	John Armato	Matt O'Blosser
Jim Schaaf	Mike Zipay	Jaime Parris

2015/2015 Fall Sports: Event/ Game Manager

MS/HS Event/Gamer Worker	Matthew Blute	\$1,000.00
MS/HS Event/Game Worker	Sarah Bennet	\$1,000.00

2015-2016 Co-Curricular: Fall Sports

BLDG	PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT CATEGORY	EMPLOYEE	LEVEL	STIPEND
HS	Cheerleading	Christian Weiss	3	\$ 910.50
HS	Cross Country - Head Coach	Mary Ann Hill (1/2 stipend)	3	\$ 2,348.50
HS	Cross Country - Head Coach	Mark Agnew (1/2 stipend)	3	\$ 2,348.50
HS	Football - Head Coach	Donald Grinstead	3	\$ 7,224.00
HS	Football - Asst. Coach	Steve Anspach	3	\$ 5,059.00
HS	Football - Asst. Coach	Jake Bean (1/2 stipend)	3	\$ 2,529.50
HS	Football - Asst. Coach	Kris Williams (1/2 stipend)	3	\$ 2,529.50
HS	Football - Asst. Coach	Gary Rhodenbaugh	3	\$ 5,059.00
HS	Golf - Head Coach	TBD		\$ ----
HS	Hockey - Head Coach	Brandy McPherson	4	\$ 4,933.00
HS	Hockey - Asst. Coach	Dorothy McCrone	3	\$ 3,282.00
HS	Soccer/Boys - Head Coach	Jason Pace	3	\$ 4,697.00
HS	Soccer/Boys - Asst. Coach	Katrina Simmons	2	\$ 2,889.00
HS	Soccer/Girls - Head Coach	Gary Mock	3	\$ 4,697.00
HS	Soccer/Girls - Asst. Coach	Chris Steffenino	3	\$ 3,282.00
HS	Tennis/Girls - Head Coach	Ira Watts	3	\$ 3,469.00
MS	Cheerleading	Janel Worner	2	\$ 482.00
MS	Football - Head Coach/Freshman	TBD		\$ --- -
MS	Football - Asst. Coach	Leverth Hughes	4	\$ 3,149.00
MS	Football - Asst. Coach	Aaron Hinnerschitz	3	\$ 2,999.00
MS	Football - Asst. Coach	TBD		\$ ----
MS	Hockey - Head Coach	Isetta Hewlitt	5	\$ 3,176.00
MS	Hockey - Asst. Coach	Katie Minger	3	\$ 1,968.00
MS	Soccer/Boys - Head Coach	Jared Leimeister	3	\$ 2,889.00
MS	Soccer/Boys - Asst. Coach	TBD		\$ ----
MS	Soccer/Girls - Head Coach	Hiliary Tutrani	3	\$ 2,889.00
MS	Soccer/Girls - Asst. Coach	Erin Bumbaugh	3	\$ 1,968.00

Sick Leave Payment

Accumulated Sick Leave Severance payment with a minimum of 15 years of service:
Jennifer Eidle, In accordance with the Professional Agreement, \$75.00. This is for 2.50
accumulated sick days at \$30/day.

Accumulated Sick Leave Payment at retirement with over 30 years of service:
Tina Ludy, In accordance with the Professional Agreement, \$10,560.00. This is for 264
accumulated sick days at \$40/day.

Accumulated Sick Leave Payment at Retirement w/over 20 years of PSERS service; 9 years of
service with the Pottstown School District: Gail Cooper, In accordance with the Act 93 Agreement,
\$4,050.00. This is for 81 accumulated sick days at \$50 for first 100 days.

Summer Programs

Ratify Additions to Summer Food Service Program:

Joyce Grebe - Summer Food Worker - \$12.28/hr
Andrea Kulp - Summer Food Worker - \$12.28/hr

Ratify Additions/Corrections to District Pupil Services ESY 2015 Summer Program:

Name:	Position:	Not to Exceed..	Rate
Lori Sabuack	Elem. ESY – Life Skills/Autism Asst	90 Hrs	\$14.13/hr
Tiana James	Elem. ESY – Learning Support Asst	45 Hrs	\$14.13/hr
Megan Keeney	Elem. ESY – Learning Support Asst	45 Hrs	\$14.13/hr
Traci Wasylkowski	Elem. ESY – Learning Support Asst Substitute	-----	\$14.13/hr

Tuition Reimbursement

Professional:

Name	School	06/30/15 deadline
LeeAnn McCullough	PHS	\$1,470.00
Nicole Ewing	Franklin	\$462.00
Corina Miller	Rupert	\$24.00
Laura Wise	PHS	\$1,269.00
Ian Lawrence	PMS	\$1,362.00
Christine Fiorillo	Rupert	\$1,488.00
Cynthia Kuklinski	Franklin	\$1,616.25
Dennis Arms	PHS	\$276.00
Diana Dotterer	Rupert	\$900.00
Kyle O’ Neill	PHS	\$2,415.00
Diane Shoffstall	PHS	\$1,620.00
John Martin	PMS	\$1,731.00
Amanda High	PMS	\$24.00
David Roberts	PMS	\$2,668.00
Kayla Sabata	Franklin	\$1,638.00

Support:

Name:	School	Amount
Kaylee Shumaker	Lincoln	\$399.00
Janice Bobst	PHS	\$387.00
Gerauldine Alderfer	Barth	\$2,000.00
Jeffrey Schloth	PMS	\$750.00

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following professional leaves:

Bldg	Name	Conference Title	Location	Dates	Cost
Rupert	Matthew Moyer Jaime Parris Dee Pettine	21 st Century Summer Institute	Dallas, Texas	07/26/2015- 07/30/2015	\$1650.00 ----paid by 21 st Century Cohort 7 Grant
Admin	Linda S Adams Asst. Bus. Mgr. tbd	Four County Business Officials Workshop	Pocono Manor, PA	10/1/ 2015 – 10/2/2015	Approx. \$390 ea. Paid by district
Admin	Carol Miller	A/CAPA Fall Conference	Hershey, PA	11/04/2015- 11/06/2015	\$575.00 paid by IT Dept. Budget

POLICIES

The Policy Committee recommends the Board approve the following policies and copies be filed in the Secretary's offices as Addendum #2015-2016-004:

1. 819: Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
2. Retire Policy #2501: Salary Calculations- Administrators and Supervisors

WAIVER OF POLICY 201: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

The Administration recommends the Board waive Policy 201 (admission to kindergarten (5K) shall be limited to children who have attained the age of five years before the first day of school of the year of registration) and that early entrance be approved for the students as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's offices as Addendum #2015-2016-005.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

The Superintendent recommends that individuals filling the following positions be approved as attendance officers for the school district for the 2015-2016:

Principals:

Mr. Ryan Oxenford Mr. Kevin Downes
Mrs. Calista Boyer Mr. Matthew Moyer
Mr. Mathew Boyer Mr. David Todd
Mrs. Danielle McCoy

Assistant Principals:

Mr. Jeffrey Delaney Mrs. Ashia Cooper

Director of Career & Tech Ed.

Mr. Steven Park

Student Services Coordinator:

Mr. Levert Hughes Ms. Ashley Faison

Out of District Placement Coordinator:

Ms. Julie Matia

High School Guidance Secretary I:

Ms. Christina Sellers

Middle School Secretary I:

Ms. Theresa Dech

School Resource Officer:

Officer David Mull

High School Attendance Clerk:

Mr. Randy Blackwell

Supervisor of Virtual & Alternative Learning:

Dr. LaTanya White

CONTRACT(S)

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's offices as Addendum #2015-2016-006:

Personal Health Care Inc	New Story	MOU: Pascal Learning
MOU: MCIU Title I	New Story	MOU: Scattergood Foundation
MOU: MCIU Title II Consortium	New Story	Progressions Academy
MOU: Creative Health	New Story	NHS School
MOU: Lil'Sports	Wordsworth Academy	River Rock Academy
MOU: MELC	The Devereux Foundation	Camphill Special School Inc.
MOU: FSMC Family Engagement	The Devereux Foundation	The Pathway School
MOU: FSMC Bilingual Outreach	CHOR Day Academy	Grisolano Center for Neurodevelopment

BID WARD: EDGEWOOD RE-GASKETING OF BOILER

The Facilities Committee recommends that a purchase order or contract be awarded to the company as indicated, the award being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications:

Contractor: 3 B Services Inc. \$15, 805.00

ATHLETIC PROGRAM TICKET PRICES

The Superintendent recommends the athletic ticket prices for the 2015-2016 school year be adopted as presented and a be filed in the Secretary’s offices as Addendum #2015-2016-007. (Prices reflect no change over the 2014-2015 prices).

SPORTS BID AWARDS

The Superintendent recommends that purchase orders or contracts be ratified to the companies as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s offices as Addendum #2015-2016-008. The award in each case being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications.

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKERS’ COMPENSATION APPROVED MEDICAL PROVIDERS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the panel of medical providers in accordance with Pennsylvania’s Worker’s Compensation Act and Policy 4501 as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s offices as Addendum #2015-2016-009.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST RATES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2015-2016 school physician and school dentists for the fees indicated as presented.

<u>School Physician</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
Dr John Anderson	933 N Charlotte Street	\$10.70 school physical / \$75.00consultant

<u>School Dentist</u>		
Dr. Carl Pardini	625 N Charlotte Street	\$4.50 per exam
Dr. Louis Raven	63 N Hanover Street	\$4.50 per exam
Dr. Christopher Rohrbach	562 High Street	\$4.50 per exam

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye for the above mentioned consent items. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

NON-CONSENT

CONTRACT

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following contract:

1. Discovery Education Services

It was moved by Mrs. Zahora and second by Mrs. Francis that the above contract be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as Addendum #2015-2016-010.

Mr. Hylton commented on the non-consent contract and personnel items recommended for board approval. He does not support spending funds on a STEAM contract for professional development and does not support the hiring of classroom assistants. He noted that the Save the Lights fundraiser is an indication of how hard it is to raise money in this community. He gave a recount of tax increases approved by the school board over the past 10 years. Mr. Hylton gave a comparison of students versus aides and psychologists from 1974 to present day. He stated that today there are fewer students and more aides, therapists and psychologists.

Mr. Kefer stated that the process of education has changed and time does not stand still. He explained that the aides focus on the byproduct of the dire straights of the community. He believes research (STEAM) is the way of the future.

Dr. Sparagana stated that STEAM is a very highly desirable career path. Educating students is the district's responsibility. He explained how curriculum adoption helps to change strategies in instruction and is a mechanism to reinforce skills relating to problem solving, creative thinking and collaborating with others, all 21st century skills that are highly desirable in the job market.

Mrs. Zahora stated that she understands Mr. Hylton's comments. She acknowledges that the children are not at fault and it is the Board's responsibility they receive the best education possible. Mrs. Zahora called the question.

Upon roll call vote, the vote to approve the contract was recorded as follows: Mrs. Zahora: aye, Ms. Bacallao: aye, Ms. Bearden: aye, Mrs. Francis: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mr. Kefer: aye, Mrs. Weand: nay. Ayes: Five. Nays: Two. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

Mrs. Stilwell entered the meeting at 7:50 pm

PERSONNEL

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the personnel items for Board approval.

Mrs. Weand asked that the Personnel items be separated for individual votes.

All Board members agreed to vote separately on the psychologist position.

Ms. Bearden asked if it was determined there is a definitive need to fill these positions or replacements are filled because of a vacancy.

Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that all vacant positions are reviewed to determine if needed. The reviews are student based.

Elections

Classified

Linda Messner, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, effective August 25, 2015, \$13.65/hr. (replaces B.Berriker).

Kristen Maurer, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, effective August 26, 2015, \$13.65/hr (replaces T.Deck).

Amber Glenn-Crosby, Alternative Education Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, effective September 8, 2015, \$13.65/hr (replace T. Duncan).

It was moved by Mrs. Zahora and seconded by Mrs. Francis that the Board approve the above elections.

Upon roll call vote, the vote to approve the election items was recorded as follows:

Ms. Bacallao: aye, Ms. Bearden: aye, Mrs. Francis: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mr. Kefer: aye, Mrs. Stilwell, aye, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mrs. Zahora: aye. Ayes: Seven. Nays: One. Absent: One. Motion carried.

Exempt

Jaqueline Stein, Psychologist, Pottstown High School, effective date is tentative based on releasing district, \$56,689/yr. (replaces E. Herman).

It was moved by Mrs. Francis and second by Ms. Bacallao that the Board approve the above election.

Upon roll call vote, the vote to approve the election item was recorded as follows:

Ms. Bacallao: aye, Ms. Bearden: aye, Mrs. Francis: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mr. Kefer: aye, Mrs. Stilwell, aye, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mrs. Zahora: aye. Ayes: Seven. Nays: One. Absent: One. Motion carried.

BOARD RESIGNATION

Motion to accept the resignation of Judyth L. Zahora, Board President, effective September 30, 2015.

It was moved by Mrs. Francis and seconded by Mrs. Stilwell that the Board approve the resignation.

Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Seven. Abstain: One. Absent: One. Motion carried.

LEASE EDGEWOOD BUILDING

The Board authorizes the administration to pursue negotiations to lease the Edgewood building as discussed in the executive session at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on August 20, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the Board authorize the administration to pursue negotiations to lease the Edgewood buildings as presented.

Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Sparagana welcomed Mrs. Ashia Cooper, Assistant Principal, Pottstown Middle School.

Mrs. Cooper thanked the Board for the opportunity to come back and serve the community.

Mrs. Adams was saddened to accept the resignation of Mrs. Penny O'Donnell, Assistant Business Manager. She introduced Ms. Shelley Chapman, who will be the new Assistant Business Manager.

Ms. Chapman thanked the Board and looks forward to sharing her knowledge and serving the Pottstown community.

INFORMATION

1. Monthly Meeting Notice: September
2. PSBA Election of Officers

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Vollmuth was glad to announce the Federation for Pottstown Teachers was accepted into the First Book program. The program is sponsored by AFT and is an opportunity to obtain free current books. She shared pictures of the teacher volunteers' trip to Pittsburgh picking up over 16,000 books. The books will be distributed to students and the community during various events.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Mrs. Yoder for efforts in obtaining membership into the First Book program. He congratulated the candidates on their new positions and thanked the Board for their support. He was pleased to report that the Act 93 staff is 24% diverse, providing a strong leadership team.

Mrs. Stilwell – no comment.

Mrs. Weand was pleased to report donor contribution to the Save the Lights continues to expand. The fundraiser has realized a total contribution of \$890 in memory of an alumni member. She thanked Mr. Hylton for his donation, for his kind words and support.

Mr. Wilkerson welcomed the new administrators. He thanked Mrs. Yoder for the books and Mr. Hylton for his donation. He welcomed the new administrators. Mr. Wilkerson noted that this is his last meeting addressing the Board as a junior.

Mrs. Francis extended her thanks to Mr. Hylton for his contribution to the fundraiser.

Ms. Bearden thanked the Board for their time and efforts to support the community. She commended Mrs. Vollmuth and teachers for their awesome undertaking to obtain free books for the students. She congratulated the new administrators and looks forward to their contributions to the students and community.

Ms. Bacallao thanked Ms. Bearden for her comments. She thanked Mrs. Weand, Mrs. Stilwell and Mr. Wilkerson for their commitment to the Save the Lights. Ms. Bacallao welcomed the new administrators and looks forward to what they bring to the students and district. She extended her thanks to Mrs. Vollmuth and teachers for their amazing job and looks forward to what the First Book program has to offer.

Mrs. Zahora thanked Mrs. Weand and Mrs. Stilwell for an amazing job of raising funds. She thanked Mrs. Vollmuth and teachers for a phenomenal job with the First Book program. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

Dr. Sparagana reminded the Board they are welcome to attend the Welcome Back Assembly on Wednesday, August 26 at 8:00 am in the high school auditorium. He noted that the passion and commitment demonstrated by the Board and teachers is a testimony to their dedication to supporting the children twelve months a year.

Mr. Kefer thanked Mrs. Stilwell, Mrs. Weand, Mr. Wilkerson and everyone involved in the Save the Lights fundraiser. He extended his appreciation to Mr. Hylton for his donation to Save the Lights. He welcomed Mrs. Cooper and Ms. Chapman to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Francis and seconded by Ms. Bacallao that the Board adjourns. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.



Linda S. Adams
Board Secretary