

BOARD ACTION
October 1, 2015

Board Action on October 1, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Administration Building. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Mary-Beth Bacallao, Mr. Andrew Kefer, Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell, and Mr. Ron Williams. Absent was Mrs. Amy Bathurst Francis, Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Thomas Hylton, and Mrs. Polly Weand. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Substitute Board Secretary, Mrs. Penny O'Donnell, Director of Human Resources, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Student Representative, Mr. Emanuel Wilkerson; Mrs. Taffy Wolf, Mrs. Laurie Kolka, Mr. Robert Decker, Mr. John Armato, a member of the press, and interested citizens.

Mrs. Francis entered the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Mr. Hylton entered the meeting at 6:33 pm

Mrs. Weand entered the meeting at 6:35 pm.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS UPDATE

Dr. Sparagana gave an update on the Walking School Bus. Preparation for the Walking School Bus began with a PedNet training in March 2015. Planning has continued over the past six months in preparation for starting a pilot program at Rupert Elementary. October 7 is the first day of the program with four routes and approximately 33 students. The program has 48 volunteers consisting of volunteers from local businesses, organizations and district staff. Liability insurance has been verified and the volunteers will be included in volunteer list for board approval. Instant connects will go out to volunteers, parents and staff for any weather related incidents that would affect the walking school bus schedule.

PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT

The District negotiating team recommends the Board approve a new professional agreement with The Federation of Pottstown Teachers to be effective retroactively to September 1, 2015, in accordance with the terms as presented.

Mr. Kalis reviewed the summary of the tentative agreement.

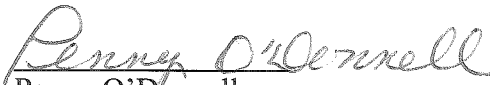
It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Francis that the Board approve the new professional agreement for the term of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2015-2016-019.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Bacallao and seconded by Mr. Kefer that the Board adjourns. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.


Penny O'Donnell
Substitute Board Secretary