



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
September 21, 2017**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria of the Pottstown High School with President, Mrs. Amy B. Francis presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mrs. Polly Weand, Mr. Emanuel Wilkerson, and Mr. Ron Williams. Absent were: Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Kurt Heidel and Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Deena Cellini; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Student Board Representatives, Ms. Courteney Parry and Mr. Michael Baker; Mr. Michael Dziura, Mr. Kevin Downes, Mr. Joseph Schroeder, Mr. Robert Decker, Mr. John Armato,, members of the press, and interested citizens.

Mr. Heidel entered the meeting at 7:04 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Arts in the Community - Mrs. Erika Hornburg-Cooper

Mrs. Hornburg-Cooper gave some background on Art Fusion 19464 and its commitment to the community. They have recently moved from their High Street location to 341 Beech Street. She shared information on various programs offered at Art Fusion 19464 and its partnership with 21st Century, YMCA, Creative Health, education exhibits and other community organizations. She asked the Board to commit and support the community. She stressed the need to grow the community.

SUPERINTENDENT AWARD

Mr. Rodriguez presented the Superintendent Award to Mrs. Erika Hornburg-Cooper in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the community.

PSBA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mr. Rodriguez presented Mrs. Weand and Mr. Hylton with PSBA Certificates of Appreciation for their years of service as School Board Directors.

MINUTES

Mrs. Jampo reviewed the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on August 17, 2017 and the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on August 21, 2017 to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Jampo presented the list of bills from the various funds for the period of August 2017 to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Jampo presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2017 to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

HEARING FROM PATRON OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM /CO-CURRICULAR/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Lawrence

The Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee meeting was held on September 5. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed highlights from the meeting. Curriculum updates included PEAK, Literacy, STEAM and Wellness. The committee was provided with a copy of a Co-Curricular Clubs and Activity Report and updated version of the salary schedule for co-curricular assignments. Topics for discussion included branding and improving sports programs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Mrs. Lawrence

The Community Relations Committee meeting was held on September 5. A presentation on the Giant A+Plus Reward Program was made to the committee. The committee was interested in the program, pending review by the administration. Plans continue for the Father/Daughter dance and ideas for the end of year gift.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Parry

Student Government was able to raise \$50 for victims of Hurricane Harvey with their lollipop sales at the September 8 football game. The Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis and the Varsity Football teams had winning games; the Boys Varsity Soccer team tied with Owen J Roberts.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Heidel

The Facilities Committee meeting was held on September 14. The new Auxiliary Field poles came in damaged; replacement poles are due to arrive by Sept 29th. Future needs for consideration include replacing refrigeration equipment at the High School and the chiller at the Administration Building. The Facility Committee reviewed the O & S 2018 masonry and roof work proposal and is recommending moving forward with the repair program. The O & S 2018 Building Envelope Repair Program is recommended to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board agenda for approval.

JOINT FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Mr. Hylton

The Joint Finance/Personnel Committee meeting was held on September 14. The committee report can be viewed via an attachment to tonight's agenda.

POLICY - Mr. Wilkerson

The Policy Committee met on August 17. Policy 815: Use of Technology was reviewed and is being recommended by the committee for approval on the September 25 agenda. The committee discussed Policy 007 at tonight's Policy meeting for approval at next month's board meeting.

BOROUGH LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Heidel

No report.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE / MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT / PSBA REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Williams

The Senate and House Representatives have not been able to commit to a state budget. The MCIU has secured two leases for their old building, Head Start and Pre-K program. PSBA Election of Officers is now open for school districts to submit their votes. The Student Delegate Program that is usually held during the annual conference has been postponed this year.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

CONSENT AND NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Dr. Cellini reviewed the following consent items as presented to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval:

- PERSONNEL
- PROFESSIONAL LEAVES
- POLICIES

Mrs. Jampo reviewed the following consent and non-consent items as presented to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval:

CONSENT:

- CONTRACTS
- SETTLEMENT OF 2016 PER CAPITA & OCCUPATIONAL DELINQUENT TAX

NON-CONSENT

- PSBA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. William's recommendation from the list of candidates is President-Elect, Otto W. Voit III and Vice President, Gary Michael Smedley.

All members were in agreement to support these candidates of choice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION

1. Bank Loan Proposals Summary – Mrs. Jampo provided a summary of the bank loan proposals that were submitted on September 20. The District received thirteen options from five different banks. PFM reviewed the proposals and is recommending moving forward with the 10 year 2.55% fixed rate option from Republic Bank. The total net savings to the District is \$574,021.

2. Pottstown Pride: Spring/Summer 2017

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mr. Decker thanked Mrs. Weand and Mr. Hylton for their dedication to our district and students. He was pleased with a good start of the new year. He recognized the Pre-K teachers for their work getting set up for the full-day program and the middle school leadership as they start the new year. The high school musical is off to a good start with 112 roles offered to people and is the largest production to take place in a school.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. Heidel – no comment.

Mrs. Weand – no comment.

Mrs. Lawrence – no comment.

Mr. Williams asked everyone to keep the victims affected by the world tragedies in their thoughts and prayers.

Ms. Parry – no comment.

Mr. Baker – no comment.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

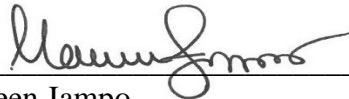
Mr. Wilkerson thanked Mrs. Weand and Mr. Hylton for their years of service on the school board. He congratulated Mr. Zurak on his role as the Assistant Principal at the Middle School.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the staff and teachers for a smooth opening to the new school year. He was pleased to announce the district has been approved by the state for a new Career and Technical program, “Entrepreneurship”. This program will provide more state and federal funding and better opportunities for the students.

Mrs. Francis announced that the First Responders will be recognized at Friday’s football game. There will be an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Francis called the meeting to adjourn. All members present were in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.



Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary