



**POTTSWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria of the Pottstown High School with President Mrs. Amy Francis presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mr. John Armato, Mrs. Bonita Barnhill, Ms. Katina Bearden, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Raymond Rose and Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Assistant Board Secretary, Mrs. Mary Ellen Urquhart; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Deena Cellini; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Mr. Brian Hostetler, Mr. David Livengood, Mr. Matthew Moyer, Mrs. Kelly Leibold and Mr. Robert Decker, members of the press and interested citizens.

OATH OF OFFICE: STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Rodriguez presented the following appointed student representatives to Judge Palladino who administered the Oath of Office: Angelica Calel, Logan Ruyak and Andrew Green.

PRESENTATION

NORTH BAY PROJECT

Mr. Oliver Bass, Vice President of Communications and Engagement, Natural Lands Trust, gave an overview of the development of the program. The concept of the three year program is to provide outdoor education and improve access and appreciation for the natural world.

Mr. Rick Garber, Director of Education, NorthBay, gave a Power Point presentation describing the vision, mission and goals of NorthBay. The program is a multi-year program that focuses on education and interlines with curriculum taught in the classroom. The program began with the 4th grade class over a 3 year period and culminates with a

MINUTES

Mrs. Urquhart presented the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on September 20, 2018 for board approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Stilwell presented the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of September 2018 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-022**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Stilwell presented the Treasurer's Reports for September 2018 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-023**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Ms. Bearden

The Community Relations Committee met on October 4th. The committee conducted interviews for Student Board Representatives. All candidates were excellent candidates.

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

The Curriculum Committee met on October 4th. The committee recommends the Comprehensive Plan for board approval as presented on tonight’s agenda.

FACILITIES / FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Heidel

The committee met on October 11th. The committee recommends the Franklin Field Change Order, contracts and General Obligation Bond refinance for board approval on tonight’s agenda. Discussion topics included a security camera grant, Franklin Building mural and pros vs con for year-round school ideas.

POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Mr. Rose

The committee met on October 11th. Three (3) policies are being recommended by the committee as found on tonight’s agenda. The committee reviewed a draft transcript policy and determined more discussion is needed. Policy 810 was reviewed; no change to the policy. Future personnel needs for PreK Counts and autistic support were discussed.

BOROUGH LIAISON REPORT – (no report).

PSBA/MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE /MCIU REPRESENTATIVE REPORT S– MRS. STILWELL

Several legislative bills to report on include SB1095 (changes to graduation requirements) is presented for signing; SB2 (voucher bill) no action; Career & Technical legislation is in discussion; and HB1386 (changes to teacher certifications) was presented to Governor Wolf.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Rodriguez presented the consent and non-consent items for Board discussion and approval. Administrators reviewed the consent items as presented on the board agenda.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (general and consent items)

None.

Board Members Comments (consent items)

Mrs. Lawrence asked the administration to amend the typographical error found in the horizontal salary movement exhibit.

BOARD ACTION: Minutes, List of Bills and Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Mrs. Lawrence and seconded by Mrs. Barnhill that the Board approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on September 20, 2018, the list of bills for the period of September 2018 and the treasurer’s report for September 2018 as presented.

All members were in favor. Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

CONSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the following consent items be approved in accordance with Policy 005, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Administration

Ryan Regensburg, Assistant Principal, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective when position is filled or November 19, 2018; hire date February 2, 2006.

Professional

Amy Skarbek, Elementary Teacher, Barth Elementary, resignation effective November 5, 2018; hire date February 13, 2002.

Stephen Allen, Secondary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 28, 2019; hire date August 10, 1988.

Classified

Marie Jones, Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective November 30, 2018; hire date September 7, 2006.

LEAVES

Classified

Ratify Elizabeth Angelucci, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective September 7, 2018, end date tbd.

CHANGE IN POSITION AND/OR SALARY

Professional

Brittany Zacharias, from Classroom Assistant to Long Term Substitute Teacher, Barth Elementary, effective December 20, 2018, \$194/day (coverage for M. Miller). Upon completion of her assignment, she will return to the role of Classroom Assistant.

ELECTIONS:

Administrative

Ratify John Connor, III, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Administration, effective October 8, 2018, \$85,000/yr (replacing R. Kripplebauer).

Kimberly Boswell, Assistant Principal, Pottstown Middle School, anticipated effective date to be December 15, 2018 or sooner, \$82,871/yr (replacing R.Regensburg).

Professional

Ratify Emma Spade, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective October 1, 2018, \$45,000, Step 1 - Bach (contract of G. Profrock).

Lindsay Hogan, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary, effective October 18, 2018, \$49,000/yr, Mast - Step 1 (contract of A. Nackers).

Correction to effective date: Ratify Rebecca Pershouse-Olson, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective October 4, 2018, \$194/day (coverage for K. German)

Homebound Instruction, \$29/hr

Ratify Tamara Gundersen, Franklin Elementary, from September 27, 2018 through December 31, 2018, assignment not to exceed 5 hours per week.

Compensation for Missed Planning Time, \$23/hr per period

Beth Mason, Pottstown Middle School, 4 missed planning periods, \$92.00 (9/11/18 to 9/14/18)

21st Century After School Tutoring 2018/2019: funded by 21st Century Grant

Ellen Kanaley, Classroom Assistant, \$13.65/hr

Walking School Bus Volunteers:

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| Cindy Sheperd | Hannah Davis | Pat Martinez | Georgine Takach |
| Candace Woesnner | Kathy Kunitis | Nicole Matz | Jen Isett |
| Howard Brown Sr | Wendy Wilkinson | Clay Ryce | Sarah Crothers |
| Rich Zimmerman | Beth Desch | David Genova | Le'Santha Naicker |
| Miica Petterson | Grace Baylor | Brooke Martin | Karen Beauvais |

Horizontal Salary Movement: * **Addendum #2018-2019-024** (as amended)

Co-Curricular Assignments: * **Addendum #2018-2019-025**

- 2018-2019 Fall Sports
- 2018-2019 Winter Sports
- 2018-2019 Non-Athletics

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT: deadline 9/30/2018

Professional

| <u>Name</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Nichola Pezzino | PMS | \$ 1,237.50 |
| Stephanie Malfaro | Franklin | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Amanda Fusco | PHS | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Christopher Petro | PMS | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Desiree Schwoyer | PHS | \$ 400.00 |
| Krista Corropolese-Smith | PHS | \$ 870.00 |
| Kaylee Weldon | Franklin | \$ 1,470.00 |
| Victoria Damiano | PMS | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Aaron Hinnershitz | PMS | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Erin Bumbaugh | PMS | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Liam Gibbons | PHS | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Samantha Johnson | Franklin | \$ 2,940.00 |
| Rachel Ficca | PMS | \$ 3,000.00 |
| David Roberts | PMS | \$ 1,470.00 |
| Michael Ishler | PMS | \$ 1,350.00 |
| Susan Hallman | Franklin | \$ 810.00 |

Support/Exempt

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| Amanda Fraterman | Admin | \$ 1,500.00 |
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PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leaves:

| <u>Bldg.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Conf. Title</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Dates Attend</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
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| PHS | Steven Irick Laura Evans Lyndsay Hashem | ILC Conference | McKeesport, PA | 11/14/2018 - 11/16/2018 | \$1,712.92 pd by Perkins Grant |
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FIELD TRIPS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following field trips:

| # Students/...Groups | Conference Name/Activity | Destination | Date of Trip | Cost to Student | Cost to District |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 250 | Gr 6 - STEM | North Bay Envr Ed Ctr | 11/05/2018 - 11/09/2018 | \$0 | \$0.00 |
| Chaperones: Ginger Angelo, Beth Burkheimer, David Mabry, Tracy Pasquale, Danielle Lawrence, Patricia Evans, Cynthia Edmunds, Vicki Muter, Diane Halpine, Angela Wagner, Matthew Samohod, Jesse Tupper, Tiffany White | | | | | |

POLICIES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following policies as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-026:**

Policy 201: Admission of Students

Policy 202: Eligibility of Non-Resident Students (replacing Policy 6010)

Policy 706: Property Records

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with PDE requirements and a copy filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-027.**

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-028:**

Folium Inc. (dba Affinity Educ Solutions)

KidsPeace National Centers Inc.

MCIU Title II-A – Interagency Agreement

FRANKLIN FIELDS PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #2

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the change order as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-029**

W.G.Land Company LLC - \$5,025

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

NON-CONSENT:

Mr. Kalis reviewed the non-consent resolution approving the general obligation bond issuance.

Hearings from Patrons of the Schools (limited to non-consent items)

None.

Board Comments:

None.

RESOLUTION APPROVING GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUANCE SERIES 2018

Motion to approve the resolution for the issuance of the School District's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2018 for the purpose of refinancing the balance of the GOB Series 2000 Note from a variable rate to a fixed rate and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-030**.

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

INFORMATION

1. Monthly Meeting Notice: November 2018
2. LRP School Board Professional Development Article: October
3. School Board Candidate Interviews: October 25

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Leibold welcomed the new Middle School Assistant Principal. She thanked Dr. Cellini and Mr. Rodriguez for the opportunity to participate in the interview process. Mrs. Leibold thanked the administration for their focus on mental health and SEL in all the schools. She appreciates having Student Services staff present in all the buildings. Early student intervention supports better outcomes.

ROUND TABLE

Board Members welcomed the new student board representatives.

Mr. Heidel thanked Mr. Bass and Mr. Garber for their presentation. He looks forward to the School Board Director interviews.

Mrs. Lawrence expressed her appreciation for the opportunities provided to the students by the North Bay project.

Mrs. Stilwell was impressed with the Pottstown student participation in the North Bay video. She asked if the students could be put out through the district.

Ms. Cranford and Ms. Calel gave updates on upcoming student events and club activities.

Mr. Armato spoke about the role of student board representatives. He challenged them to bring to the School Board the things that matter to the students and represent opinions of fellow students. The decisions of the Board have an effect on the students and community.

Mr. Rose thanked the Mr. Bass and Mr. Garber for their presentation. He recognized the difficult decisions facing the Board and looks forward to feedback from the public.

Ms. Bearden agreed with the comments made by Mr. Rose. She invited the public to attend the Board and Committee meetings to share their views and feedback.

Mr. Rodriguez asked the Board to consider options for appointing a new school board director. The Board could take a public vote at the November 8 Facilities and Finance Committee meeting. Arrangements could be made for the new school board director to be sworn in at the November


Regular Board meeting. Mr. Rodriguez reminded everyone of their civic duty to vote in the November elections. He reviewed upcoming community events and stressed the importance of mental health awareness.

Mrs. Francis looks forward to great things from the student representatives. She noted the community is looking for volunteers to help with a community wide Edgewood Cemetery Improvement Day . She reminded the Board there will be an executive session for the purpose of school security.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Ms. Bearden and seconded by Mrs. Barnhill that the meeting adjourns. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL SECURITY



Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary