



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 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, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, and Mr. Raymond Rose. Absent were Ms. Katina Bearden and Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell. Also present were Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Student Board Representative, Ms. Johnay Cranford, Mr. Brian Hostetler, Mr. David Livengood, Dr. LaTanya White-Springfield, Mrs. Kelly Leibold, members of the press and interested citizens.

Ms. Bearden entered the meeting at 7:03 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Foundation for Pottstown Education: Mr. Rusiewicz gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Foundation's mission, programs and vision. The Foundation has updated its' logo and mission statement to reflect supporting educational opportunities for students and staff promoting the enhancement of the community. The vision of the Foundation is to level the academic playing field for the Pottstown School District by providing funding for programs (Early College program), AP testing, environmental education, leadership development and scholarships. The FPE Board of Directors represents a strong, diverse membership, engaged in the community. Mr. Rusiewicz reported the Foundation is on track to exceed its' funding goal for 2018/2019 to \$310,000.

MINUTES

Mrs. Jampo presented the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 25, 2019 and the Special Board Meeting held on April 4, 2019 for Board approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Jampo presented the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of March 2019 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-069**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Jampo presented the Treasurer's Reports for March 2019 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-070**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Ms. Bearden

The committee met on April 11. A website update was presented by Mrs. Brightbill. The major objective of the committee is to communicate with the public through the various media tools including the district website. The committee continues to keep "communications" on the agenda.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Cranford gave the Board an update on events happening at the high school. NOTIC testing is taking place this week. Seniors in technical classes are required to take the tests and upon passing the tests they may receive certificates that enable them to work in various fields. Several clubs are collaborating to organize a mini thon to support childhood cancer research. Ms. Cranford, along with other high school students, had an opportunity to meet with Rep. Ciresi and Rep. Rabb about legislative bills to help with funding for the school district. Upcoming events include band concerts, 8th grade orientation and senior awards.

CURRICULUM - Mrs. Lawrence

The Curriculum Committee met on April 11. The committee heard two presentations. Mr. Miller gave the committee an update on co-curricular activities noting that participation is at approximately 446 students. Committee members talked about options to get more students to participate. Mr. Delaney gave a presentation on the Career & Technical Education programs, successes and connecting students with local businesses to promote internships and job training opportunities. The committee anticipates the Middle School A-TSI Improvement Plan will be ready for review at the next committee meeting.

FACILITIES / FINANCE – Mrs. Heidel

The committee met on April 4. Highlights from the facilities updates includes changes to snow removal materials and procedures for the next school year utilizing new equipment for the distribution of the ice melt products; lead testing flushing results showed only 5 out of 30 had very low detection well under the EPA standard level; a progress report on the seeding and aeration of the Franklin Field. An update to a preliminary budget was presented by Mrs. Jampo. The current preliminary shortfall is \$111,777 as a result of additional revenue from the collection of delinquent taxes and energy savings due to a reduction in procurement rates. The committee asked the administration for other options to reduce the shortfall. The committee is recommending the following items for board approval as presented on tonight's agenda: PlanCon K for the General Obligation Bonds Series 2018 and 2019, the Delinquent Tax Collection Fee Resolution and the 2019 Building Envelope Repairs Project bid awards.

POLICY / PERSONNEL – Mr. Rose

The committee met on April 4. Five (5) policies were reviewed by the committee and are recommended for Board approval as presented on tonight's agenda. The administration continues to work on a policy to address therapy animals in the district. Personnel items recommended for Board approval include the revised 2018/2019 School Calendar and the 2019/2020 School Calendar.

BOROUGH LIAISON – Mr. Rose

Highlights from the April Borough Council meeting included a presentation to propose a Pottstown Children's Discovery Center. The center would provide an opportunity for kids to explore (similar to a "please touch" museum. The Borough presented an outline of the 2019 Street Paving Plan. Mr. Rose stated the conversation at the meeting noted funding for the 30 miles of streets requiring paving is limited to approximately 3 miles. Mr. Rose attended one of David Charles community discussions. It was a good community event, a diverse group sharing ideas and uniting on a common bond.

PSBA / MCIU / MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Stilwell

No report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Jampo, in the absence of Superintendent Mr. Rodriguez, presented the consent items for Board discussion and approval. Mrs. Jampo reviewed the consent items as presented on the board agenda.

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

Aram Ecker, representative of the Alumni Honor Roll Committee, recognized the three Alumni Honor Roll Nominees, selected to be inducted at the Alumni Honor Roll Ceremony in October 2019.

Board Members Comments (consent items)

None.

BOARD ACTION: Minutes, List of Bills, Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Mrs. Barnhill and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the Board approves the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on March 21, 2019, the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on April 4, 2019, the list of bills and Treasurer's Report for the period of March 2019.

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

BOARD ACTION: CONSENT

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

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Professional

Correction: Jeanann Irwin, Secondary Teacher, resignation effective April 24, 2019 (previously approved as April 12, 2019 on February 21, 2019).

Liam Gibbons, Secondary Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective April 26, 2019; hire date August 22, 2017.

Classified

Ratify Kimberly Stanford, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown High School, resignation effective April 3, 2019; hire date August 25, 2015.

Vicki Mutter, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, August 4, 2019; hire date January 20, 1987.

Dionne Phillips, Elementary School Cleaner, Barth Elementary, resignation effective June 5, 2019; hire date April, 11, 2016.

Ratify Michael Kibler, Jr., Classroom Assistant, resignation effective March 25, 2019; hire date March 9, 2018

Co-Curricular Assignments

Sarah Bennett, MS, Assistant Lacrosse Coach, resignation effective March 10, 2019

Kristina Corominas, HS, Student Government, resignation effective June 14, 2019.

LEAVES

Professional

Ratify Lisa Kolb, Elementary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, request for intermittent leave of of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective March 18, 2019, end date tbd.

Victoria Damiano, Elementary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, anticipated effective date to be September 16, 2019, end date tbd.

Ratify Christopher Sperat, Elementary Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective April 11, 2019, end date tbd.

Ratify Melissa Lopez, Elementary Teacher, Franklin Elementary, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective April 5, 2019, end date tbd.

Ratify Stacey Vandruff, Elementary Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, intermittent leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective April 1, 2019; end date tbd.

Classified

Ratify Ellen Ranco, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence, covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective March 28, 2019, end date tbd.

Ratify Tiffany White, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective February 4, 2019, end date tbd.

CHANGE IN POSITION/SALARY

Classified

Ratify Kyle Hamlin, from Part-time Elementary to Substitute Support Staff, effective March 25, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

ELECTIONS

Professional

Correction: Stephanie Konnick, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective April 23, 2019, \$45,000/yr, Step 5-Bach (contract of J. Irwin). **previously approved on 3/21/19 as effective April 25, 2019*

Exempt

Roger Gauert, JROTC Instructor, Pottstown High School, effective May 20, 2019, 84,700/yr (replacing J. Porter)

Classified

Ratify Eric Miller, Substitute Support Staff, effective April 1, 2019, hourly rate per schedule. This is in addition to his role as a Classroom Assistant.

Ratify Carolyn King, Part-time Elementary Cleaner, Franklin Elementary, effective April 1, 2019, \$11.92/hr (replacing K. Hamlin).

Ratify Kelly Roth, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown High School, effective April 8, 2019, \$11.74/hr (replacing K.Stanford).

Ratify Patti Giamo, Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, effective April 24, 2019, \$13.65/hr

Ratify Deborah Sheffer, Substitute Support Staff, effective April 11, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

Ratify Aleathia Duley, Substitute Support Staff, effective April 23, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

Correction: Ratify Jennifer Jarolin, Substitute Support Staff, effective February 28, 2019, hourly rate per schedule (*previously approved on March 21 as effective March 4, 2019*).

CPR Training, \$29/hr (funded by Perkins Grant)
Justin Baker, Athletic Trainer

Compensation for Missed Planning Time, \$23/hr

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg</u>	<u>Missed Planning Times</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>description</u>
Damiano, Victoria	MS	3 missed planning times	\$ 69.00	(3/5/19 to 3/7/19)
Figueroa, Amanda	MS	6 missed planning times	\$138.00	(2/25/19 to 3/26/19)
Petro, Kimberly	MS	2 missed planning times	\$ 46.00	(3/4/19 to 3/8/19)
Rega, Elizabeth	MS	4 missed planning times	\$ 92.00	(2/27/19 to 3/7/19)
SmithCorropolese, Krista	MS	7 missed planning time	\$ 161.00	(1/29/19 to 2/7/19)
Vega, Rebecca	MS	2 missed planning times	\$ 46.00	(3/5/19 to 3/6/19)
Wilson, Deborah	MS	3 missed planning times	\$ 69.00	(3/6/19 to 3/11/19)
Petro, Christopher	MS	2 missed planning times	\$ 46.00	(3/20/19 , 3/29/19)

Co-Curricular Assignments: 2019/2020 Fall Sports

Todd Wallace	Assistant Football Coach	HS	Level 5	\$5,790.00
Madison Morton	Assistant Football Coach	HS	Level 5	\$5,790.00

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Professional

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>3/31/19 deadline</u>
Krista Smith-Corropolese	PMS	\$ 870.00
Megan Heffelfinger	PHS	\$ 1,160.00
Danielle Lawrence	PMS	\$ 1,452.00
Patricia Eaton	PMS	\$ 805.00
Susan Hallman	Franklin	\$ 828.00
Kelsey Shafer	PHS	\$ 1,230.00
Alexander Diehl	PMS	\$ 1,650.00
Craig Ollivier	PHS	\$ 1,362.00
Ashley Bellevou	Rupert	\$ 1,995.00

Administrative

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LaTanya White-Springfield	Admin	\$ 2,130.00

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Conf. Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attend</u>	<u>Cost</u>
PHS	David Livengood	NASSP Conference	Boston, MA	07/17/2019 - 07/20/2019	\$1,117.80 pd by bldg. budget
Admin	Maureen Jampo	2019 Health Forum	Atlantic City ,NJ	05/30/2019 - 05/31/2019	Costs pd by IBX
Rupert	Matthew Moyer	NAESP Nat'l Conf.	Spokane, WA	07/09/2019 - 07/11/2019	Costs paid by NAESP

FIELD TRIPS

<u># parents / families attending</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Trip</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
2	Title 1 State Parent Conference	Seven Springs Champion, PA	07/08/2019 - 07/10/2019	\$1,790.00 pd by Title 1 funding

POLICIES

The Superintendent recommends the Boar approve the following policies and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-071:**

- Policy 604: Budget Adoption
- Policy 608: Bank Accounts
- Policy 619: District Audit
- Policy 623: Fiscal Authority
- Policy 623.1: Capital Reserve Fund

REVISED 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the revised 2018-2019 School Calendar as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-072.**

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-073.**

2019 ALUMNI HONOR ROLL CANDIDATES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following 2019 Alumni Honor Roll candidates:

Alumni Honor Roll Nominees:

Robert Sutton	Class of 1953
Dr. LaTanya White	Class of 1999
Lectica Santiago	Class of 1990

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-074:**

- New Story
- MCIU Internet Services Agreement
- MCIU ACCESS Medical Practitioner Review/Authorization Agreement
- MCIU Discovery Education Streaming Agreement
- Montgomery County Dept of Health & Human Services (BJA-Stop Grant)

2019 BUILDING ENVELOPE PROJECT BID AWARDS

The Superintendent recommends that purchase orders/contracts be awarded to the companies indicated, the award in each case being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications.

Exterior Wall Repairs:	Jones Masonry Restoration Co.	\$344,000
	Harrisburg, Pa 17112	
Roofing Restoration:	JJD Urethane Co.	\$197,070
	Souderton, PA 18964	

MCIU INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the MCIU Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Student Services as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum # 2018-2019-075.**

PLANCON K: 2018 GOB and 2019 GOB

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the PlanCon K General Obligation Bonds series 2018 and 2019 as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-076.**

RESOLUTION: COLLECTION PROCEDURES/FEEES FOR DELINQUENT RE TAXES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution approving the collection procedures and fees for unpaid real taxes for delinquent accounts and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-077.**

MCIU SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

The Superintendent recommends the Board elect Bonita Barnhill as representative to serve a one year term beginning July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

AMENDED LAND BANK INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the amended Land Bank Intergovernmental Agreement as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2018-2019-078.**

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

NON-CONSENT

None.

INFORMATION

- Monthly Meeting Notice: May 2019

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Leibold thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting to support the community and students. She noted that the Federation looks forward to participating in the efforts to improve issues happening at the middle school.

ROUND TABLE

Ms. Cranford shared her positive experiences with the Science Club and Girls Today Leaders Tomorrow. She was thankful for the resources that provide the opportunities to the students.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Mr. Armato recognized several students and their accomplishments that represent the value of students developing into future leaders.

Mr. Rose thanked Mr. Rusiewicz for his presentation. He encouraged everyone to get out and participate in local events and support the local businesses. It is a great opportunity to demonstrate the good things that happen in the community.

Ms. Bearden congratulated the Alumni Honor Roll nominees. She encouraged all to reach out to the youth, letting them know they are needed. It is important they know adults are interested in them. She invited all to attend the Pottstown Police community meeting on May 2 to discuss to the rash of violence in the community.

Mr. Heidel stressed the importance of publicizing all the good things that happen.

Mrs. Barnhill enjoys participating in the community events. Volunteering shows that people care about their neighborhood, about their community.

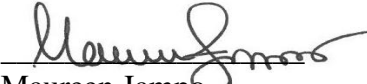
Mrs. Lawrence is honored to work with the middle school A-TSI Plan. She continues to look ahead at ways to improve and recognize the good things that are happening. The Pottstown students she meets every day are engaged, caring and intelligent students.

Mrs. Jampo expressed the districts' gratitude to Representatives Rapp and Ciresi for their support for a fair funding formula, HB 961.

Mrs. Francis reminded everyone of the Schuylkill River Trail event this weekend. She noted that three Pottstown student paintings that are currently part of the Chair-ity Auction being held at the Pottstown Public Library have received bids from \$60 to \$500. Mrs. Francis reminded the Board of an executive session for the purpose of negotiations and personnel will take place at the close of tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the meeting adjourns. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.


Maureen Jampó
Board Secretary