



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 15, 2019**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, August 15, 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, Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mr. Raymond Rose and Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell. Absent was Mrs. Bonita Barnhill. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Deena Cellini; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Mrs. Beth Kramer, Mr. Brian Hostetler, Ms. Kimberly Boswell, Mr. Robert Decker, members of the press, and interested citizens.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Regional Transportation: Pottstown**

Representative Joseph Ciresi, spoke about recent meetings he attended focused on transportation issues facing this area. He will be participating in a trial commute by bus and train ride starting in Pottstown to Norristown and then Philadelphia. The purpose of the this trial commute is to experience what the daily ride is like for commuters. A recent presentation was made on a “trackless tram”. Representative Ciresi is committed to looking at all options to help alleviate traffic congestion in this area.

**Foundation for Pottstown Education: Amazing Raise Campaign**

Mr. Rusiewicz provided details on the upcoming Amazing Raise Campaign. The campaign is a one-day, online giving campaign sponsored Tri-County Community Network. The Foundation for Pottstown Education is one of 50 + no-profits that will benefit from this campaign. He provided a handout describing the online campaign event, the additional funding pool contributions and challenge gift for matching funds. He encouraged each School Board Member to contribute in an effort to attain the challenge gift for matching funds. The FPE support is instrumental in providing funds to support programs and services for the students. The total support for the 2018/2019 school year increased by 48.9% from the previous school year; the scholarship program has grown by 27% since inception in 2014.

**COMMUNICATION**

- Environmental Education Grant Letter, Senator Mensch
- Board Workshop Synopsis

Mr. Rodriguez provided a summary of the Board Workshop held on July 25. Action taken at the meeting included personnel items and a field trip for the football team reflected in the workshop minutes as presented on tonight’s agenda for board approval. A presentation on Board Governance was lead by the MCIU Director of Community and Government Relations. Ms. Viletto shared material on board governance and walked the board through several scenarios for a better understanding and strengthening of skills as a team. The Board discussed the topic of live streaming committee meetings as a follow up to the exercise. Discussion resulted in a split decision and it was determined to place the topic on tonight’s agenda for further discussion and vote.

## MINUTES

Mrs. Jampo presented the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on June 20, 2019 and the minutes from the July 25, 2019 Board Workshop for Board approval.

## LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Jampo presented the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of June 2019 (unaudited) and the period of July 2019 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-002**.

## TREASURER REPORT

Mrs. Jampo present the Treasurer's Report for the period of June 2019 (unaudited) and for the period of July 2019 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-003**.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Ms. Bearden

The committee met on August 8. Highlights from the meeting were a presentation on Children's Discovery Museum and a review of data from the district communications survey. Committee sponsored events for the 2019/2020 school year were reviewed.

Mr. Rodriguez provided an overview of the communications survey. He reviewed each question and graphs that measure the responses. He noted that the survey results are a baseline. Key points from the survey indicate the community is interested in more engagement, the district has a good communication plan in place, more instructional information to parents and provide more basic information on all communications.

### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – Mrs. Lawrence

The committee met on August 8. The committee heard a presentation on a Ice Hockey program. The committee is looking into insurance and liability issues. An outline was provided on the scheduling process at the Middle School as a follow to addressing Middle School transition. A summary of curriculum instruction and professional development was shared with the committee connecting the goals for instruction and programs funded by various grants. Updates to two policies were reviewed for placement on the Board agenda for approval.

### FACILITIES/FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mrs. Francis

The committee met on August 1. The roofing and exterior wall repair projects are completed /near completion with no change orders needed. The Franklin Field permit is closed and field improvements are working well. The committee discussed options to convert underutilized/open spaces to meadows. The committee reviewed items for board approval found on tonight's agenda for Board approval.

### POLICY / PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The committee met on August 1. The committee reviewed personnel positions for the Cohort 10 after school programs and three policies found on tonight's agenda for Board approval. A Special Education Corrective Action was shared with the committee in conjunction with a change in a personnel position as a piece of the corrective action plan focused on an emotional support program. The correction action plan is a work in progress.

## BOROUGH LIAISON

No report.

PSBA/MCIU/MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

The PSBA has opened the election of officers for member entities to cast their vote. The voting period begins August 23 and ends on October 11. Candidates biographies and information on the voting process will be emailed to all Board Members. The PSBA Election of Officers will be placed on the September 19 Board Agenda for voting on the candidates of choice.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Rodriguez presented the consent items for Board discussion and approval. Administrators reviewed the consent items presented for Board approval.

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

None.

**Board Members Comments (consent items)**

None.

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

It was moved by Mr. Armato and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the Board approves the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on June 20, 2019, the minutes from the Board Workshop held on July 25, 2019, the list of bills and Treasurer’s Report for the period of June and July 2019.

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

**BOARD ACTION: CONSENT**

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

**PERSONNEL**

**POSITIONS- ADDENDUM #2019-2020-004**

P.R.I.D.E After School Program Instructors: (grant funded)

Academic Tutor and Creators Block Instructor

Academic Tutor and CTE Instructor

Academic Tutor and Extended Hour Librarian

P.R.I.D.E. After School Program Assistants: (grant funded)

Academic and Creators Block Assistant

Academic and CTE Assistant

Academic and Environmental Science/Eco Assistant

Academic and Extended Hour Librarian Assistant

Educational Enrichment Robotics/Coding Assistant

P.R.I.D.E. Before School Academic Assistant (grant funded)

**RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS**

**Professional**

Ratify Eric Santiago, Special Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective July 18, 2019; hire date August 22, 2017

Ratify Rebecca Pershouse Olson, Long Term Substitute, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective July 15, 2019.

Aaron Hannershitz, Elementary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective when position is filled or September 20, 2019; hire date March 7, 2013.

Ratify Mark Agnew, Secondary Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective August 19, 2019; hire date August 30, 2004.

Terminations due to end of assignment:

Lindsay Lucas , Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective June 11, 2019.

Lyudmila Migachev, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Barth Elementary, effective June 11, 2019.

Krista Smith-Corropolese, Elementary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective August 19, 2019; hire date August 22, 2017)

#### Classified

Ratify Timothy Emmick, Head Custodian, Pottstown High School, resignation effective July 19, 2019; hire date June 9, 2016.

Ratify Connor Walsh, Classroom Assistant, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective July 23, 2019; hire date October 15, 2015.

Ratify Jennifer Levengood, Part-time Front Desk Clerk, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective July 16, 2019; hire date February 16, 2011.

Ratify June Malocu, Building Nurse, Barth Elementary, resignation effective August 12, 2019; hire date February 19, 2019.

Ratify Emily Hunsberger, Intervention Assistant, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective July 30, 2019; hire date May 4, 2017.

Terminations due to non-compliance new hire documents:

Ratify Kyle Hamlin, Substitute Support Staff, effective June 11, 2019

Ratify Deborah Sheffer, Substitute Support Staff, effective June 11, 2019

#### LEAVES

##### Professional

Stacey Vandruff, Elementary Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, request for medical sabbatical effective August 20, 2019, end date tbd.

##### Exempt

Ratify Heather Dailey, District Grant Writer, Administration, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective June 24, 2019, end date tbd.

##### Classified

Diana Fabian, PEAK PreK Classroom Assistant, Annex, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, anticipated effective date August 20, 2019, end date tbd.

#### CHANGE IN POSITION/SALARY

##### Professional

Kristen Walker, from Intervention Assistant to Long Term Substitute Teacher, Rupert Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for N. Valenti). Upon end of assignment, she will

return to role of Intervention Assistant.

Amanda McDevitt, from Long Term Substitute Teacher to Special Education Teacher, initial assignment to be Barth Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$45,000/yr + Stipend in accordance with Professional Agreement, Step 1 - Bach (contract of L. Kehr).

Marissa Wells, from Classroom Assistant to Long Term Substitute Teacher, effective August 20, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for N. Ewing). Upon end of Long Term Substitute Teacher she will assume the role of Substitute Support Staff for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year, returning to role of Classroom Assistant for the 2020/2021 school year.

#### Exempt

Katie Coolong, from PreK Counts Classroom Assistant to PreK Counts Teacher, Rupert Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$43,768/yr (grant funded).

Ratify Stephanie Braccili, PreK Counts Coach, from Classified to Exempt, effective August 1, 2019, no change in compensation.

#### Classified

Kyree Martin, from Student Intern to Part-time Elementary Cleaner, Barth Elementary, effective August 26, 2019, \$11/92/hr (replacing D. Phillips).

Julie Morton, from Student Intern to Substitute Support Staff, effective August 15, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

Carolyn King, from Part-time Elementary Cleaner to Substitute Support Staff, effective August 23, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

Jahyre Graves, from Student Intern to Substitute Support Staff, effective August 15, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

### ELECTIONS

#### Professional

David Barnes, Guidance Counselor, Pottstown High School, effective August 20, 2019, \$49,000/yr, Step 1 - Mast (contract of M. Pagano)

Olivia Berrigan, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$45,000/yr, Step 1 - Bach (contract of N. Mitchell)

Erica Faust, Special Education Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$49,000/yr + Stipend in accordance with Professional Agreement, Step 1 - Mast (contract of L. McCullough).

Rachel Crew, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$52,000/yr, Step 6- Mast (contact of D. Lawrence).

Anna Carfagno, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective September 23, 2019, \$49,000/yr, Step 3 - Mast (contract of E. Bumbaugh)

Dawn Knoebel, Special Education Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$50,000/yr + Stipend in accordance with Professional Agreement, Step 6 Bach-15 (contract of D. Halpine).

Ashleigh Lichtenwalner, Special Education Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$45,000/yr + Stipend in accordance with Professional Agreement, Step 1-

Bach, (contract of N. Pezzino).

Christina Lepkowski, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Franklin Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for Sabata).

Nicole Pearson, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for A. Conlan).

Amanda Ehst, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for K. German).

Amber Schollenberger, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 20, 2019, \$45,000/yr. Step 1 - Bach, (contract of M. Agnew)

Ashley Thorton, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$49,000/yr, Step 2 - Mast. (contract of A. Hinnershitz)

Rebecca Jones, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$45,000/yr, Step 1 - Bach. (contract of K. Smith-Corropolese)

Krystle Rothenberger, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 20, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for L. Himmelreich).

Jessica Moyer, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for A. Figueroa).

Amanda Walsh, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$194/day (coverage for S. Vandruff).

#### Exempt

Traci Bruton, PreK Counts Teacher, Barth Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$45,000/yr (grant funded)

Sarah Crumling, PreK Counts Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$44,000/yr (grant funded)

Ratify Stephanie Dunn, PreK Counts Behavior Support Manager, Annex, effective August 1, 2019, \$55,000/yr (grant funded).

Thomas Ellington, JROTC Instructor, Pottstown High School, effective August 19, 2019, \$71,000/yr (replacing A. Kearsse).

#### Classified

Ratify Paige Jones, Student Intern, Administration, effective July 22, 2019, \$10.79/hr.

Ratify Debbie Katch, Attendance Clerk, Pottstown High School, effective August 5, 2019, \$14.04/hr (replacing K. Baldwin).

Oscar Gans, Classroom Assistant (AEDY), Pottstown High School, effective August 20, 2019, \$15/hr (replacing R. Astheimer).

Susan Gross, PEAK Classroom Assistant, Annex, effective August 20, 2019, \$13.65/hr (grant funded).

Gina Saichareune, Part-time Food Service Driver, effective August 23, 2019, \$14.04/hr (replacing J. Santiago).

Correction: Ralph Dries, Custodian 1, Pottstown Middle School, effective July 8, 2019, \$15.07/hr (previously approved effective date July 1, 2019).

Sorana Maddaloni, Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$13.65/hr, (replacing K. Coolong).

Mary Savarese, Intervention Assistant, Franklin Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, \$13.65/hr, (replacing E. Hunsberger).

Lindsey Wright, Substitute Support Staff, effective August 26, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

Stacey Oldham, Temporary Intervention Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective August 20, 2019, end date to be the end of the 2019/2020 school year, \$13.65/hr (coverage for K. Walker)

Heather Miller, Pre-K Counts Administrative Clerk, Annex, effective August 19, 2019, \$15.37/hr. (grant funded).

Ratify Bianca Kelly, from Classroom Assistant to Substitute Support Staff, effective August 14, 2019, hourly rate per schedule.

Summer Programs: Additions/Corrections

21<sup>st</sup> Century 9-Succeed, paid through 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Funds, program ending 8/15/19

- Substitute Instructors, \$29/hr: All PSD Life Skills Learning Support Teachers are approved on an as need basis.
- Substitute Assistants, \$13.65/hr : All PSD Life Skills Learning Support Assistants are approved on an as need basis.

Correction: SUMMER CLEANING, \$11.51/hr (previously approved at \$11.92/hr)

CO-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

2018/2019 Co-Curricular Assignment Corrections

<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Professional Agreement Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
MS	Department Chair - SS (1/2 stipend)	John Martin	No Level	\$ 750.00
MS	Department Chair - SS (1/2 stipend)	Andrea Roberts		\$ 750.00
HS	Track Asst. Coach	Shanaye Glenn	1	\$ 2,470.00
MS	Baseball Head Coach	Dave Mabry	3	\$ 3,006.00
MS	Lacrosse Head Coach	Isetta Hewlett	5	\$ 3,305.00
MS	Track Head Coach-Boys and Girls	Jason Bergey	3	\$ 3,006.00
MS	Track Asst. Coach	Carol Livingston	2	\$ 1,764.00
HS	Strength Training - 2nd half of year	Kelsie Shafer	No Level	\$ 1,090.00

2019/2020 Co-Curricular Assignments: Fall Sports \* **Addendum #2019-2020-005**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

<u>Administrative Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>6/19</u>
LaTanya White	Admin	\$2,865.00
<u>Professional Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>6/30/19 deadline</u>
Ashley Ermold	PHS	\$2,115.00

Kaylee Weldon	Franklin	\$3,000.00
Megan Heffelfinger	HS	\$1,385.00
David Roberts	MS	\$1,470.00
Craig Ollivier	HS	\$1,362.00
Kelsey Rahill	HS	\$1,230.00
Stephanie Malfaro	Franklin	\$3,000.00
Ashley Bellevou	Rupert	\$1,005.00
Samuel DeAngeli	MS	\$1,548.00
Christopher Petro	MS	\$1,452.00
Susan Hallman	Franklin	\$439.00
Patricia Eaton	MS	\$2,195.00
Victoria Damiano	MS	\$1,452.00
Amanda Fusco	HS	\$1,548.00
Nichola Pezzino	MS	\$1,650.00
Diane Shoffstall	HS	\$2,010.00

Exempt/Support

Kimberly White	Barth	\$452.00
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**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	PACTA Conference	State College PA	07/24/2019 - 07/26/2019	\$489 pd by bldg budget
Annex	Stephanie Braccilli	2019 Early Childhood Education Summit	State College PA	10/21/2019 - 10/23/2019	\$1,040 pd by Pre-K Counts grant

**POLICIES**

The Superintendent recommends the Boar approve the following policies and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-006**.

- Policy 210: Use of Medication
- Policy 246: Student Wellness
- Policy 840: Service Dogs
- Policy 841: Therapy Dogs
- Policy 707: Use of Facilities - Fee Schedule

**ATTENDANCE OFFICERS**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2019/2020 Attendance Officers as presented:

Principals:	Mr. Ryan Oxenford	Mr. Brian Hostetler
	Ms. Beth Kramer	Mrs. Danielle McCoy
	Mrs. Calista Boyer	
	Mr. Matthew Moyer	
Assistant Principals:	HS: Gavin Lawler	Mr. Mike Ishler
		Ms. Kimberly Boswell
Director of Career & Tech. Ed	Mr. David Livengood	
High School Guidance Secretary	Ms. Kim Baldwin	
High School Attendance Clerk	Ms. Debbie Katch	



School Resource Officer	Detective Anthony Fischer
Middle School Secretary	Mrs. Kelly Ortlip
Middle School Clerk	Mrs. Aprille Doherty
PMS Student Service Coordinator	Mr. Levert Hughes
Director of Student Services	Dr. LaTanya White
Out of District Placement Coordinator	Ms. Kristina Corominas
Director of Special Education	Mrs. Cheryl Morett

**DISTRICT SPONSORED CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the District Sponsored Co-Curricular Activities as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2019-2020-007**.

**LAUREL ST./N.CHARLOTTE ST. TAX WAIVER OF PENALTY/INTEREST**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the partial tax waiver of penalty and interest for Bringhurst Estate Laurel Street and N. Charlotte Street parcels and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s Office as **Addendum #2019-2020-008**.

**CONTRACTS**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2019-2020-009**:

- Advance Protection Co: MS
- Advance Protection Co: Co-Curricular
- Bancroft Neurohealth
- Opportunities School - ESY
- Opportunities School - 2019/2020
- Opportunities School - 2019/2020
- Valley Forge Educational Servs - ESY
- Valley Forge Educational Servs - ESY
- Foundation Behavioral Health
- MOU: Pottstown Police Dept.
- MOU: Family Servs (PEAK)
- MOU: YWCA (PEAK)
- MOU: Glen Price Grp (PEAK)
- MOU:Scattergood (PEAK)
- MCIU Head Starts Addendum
- Cottage Seven Addendum
- Devereux Foundation - ESY
- The Camphill School
- New Story
- New Story
- New Story
- New Story
- River Rock Academy
- The Meadows

**ATHLETIC PROGRAM TICKETS**

The Superintendent recommends that the athletic ticket prices for the 2019-2020 school year be adopted as presented: 2019-2020 Athletic Program Ticket Prices: General Admission \$5.00  
Student Admission \$4.00

**PSD WORKERS COMPENATION APPROVED MEDICAL PROVIDERS**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the panel of medical providers in accordance with Pennsylvania’s Worker’s Compensation Act as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2019-2020-010**.

**SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST RATES**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2019-2020 School Physician and Dentist Rates as presented:

<u>School Physician:</u>	Dr. John Anderson	933 N. Charlotte	\$11.00	<i>per school physical</i>
			\$75.00	<i>consultant</i>
<u>School Dentist:</u>	Dr. Louis Raven	63 N Hanover	\$4.80	<i>per exam</i>

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER RESOLUTION**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the School Resource Officer Resolution as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-011**.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LITIGATION, NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL**

The Board adjourned for an executive session at 8:02 pm.

The Board reconvened at 8:21 pm.

## **NON-CONSENT**

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the non-consent items for Board consideration.

Hearings from Patrons of the Schools (limited to non-consent items). – None.

## **LIVE STREAMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Motion to approve live streaming broadcast of all committee meetings.

It was moved by Mr. Armato and seconded by Mr. Rose that the Board approve live streaming broadcasts of all committee meetings.

## **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mr. Rose stated he supports live streaming committee meetings. He recognizes the pros and cons. Mr. Rose is in favor of a trial period.

Mrs. Stilwell stated she was disappointed the committee structure was not followed. The topic was proposed at a committee but did not appear on the committee agendas for all members to discuss.

Mrs. Stilwell made a motion to table the vote and place on committee agendas.

Mr. Heidel made a motion to call for a vote to table. Mrs. Lawrence seconded the motion.

## **BOARD COMMENTS –TABLE VOTE**

Ms. Bearden was in favor to table the topic for more discussion at the committee level. She supports Board transparency and is mindful of televising the public's conversations.

Mr. Armato noted conversation began at a committee. It was moved to the Board Workshop and discussed in detail. He stated that the Board meetings are live streamed and is not aware of anyone holding back comments.

Mrs. Lawrence stated she supports Board transparency. She has concerns that using a media resource can be taken out of context and attendees may feel uncomfortable in a live broadcast environment.

Mr. Heidel questioned the legality of attendees filming meetings. He referred to the Committee of the Whole structure for opportunities to discuss items prior to voting.

Mrs. Francis has considered the pros and cons. She supports a trial period at the Facilities/Finance Committee only, not all committee meetings.

Upon roll call vote, the vote to table Live Streaming Committee Meetings was recorded as follows: Mr. Heidel: nay, Mrs. Stilwell: aye, Ms. Bearden: aye, Mrs. Francis: aye, Mrs. Lawrence: aye, Mr. Hylton: aye, Mr. Armato: nay, Mr. Rose: nay. Ayes: Five. Nays: Three. Absent: One. Motion carried.

It was determined Live Streaming Committee Meetings would be placed on the Facilities/Finance and Community Relations Committee September meeting agendas.

### **SUPERINTENDENT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE**

Motion to acknowledge the evaluation report of the Superintendent in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Education evaluation process.

It was moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the Board acknowledge the Superintendent Annual Assessment of Performance. The annual assessment of performance will be posted on the district website and a copy filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-012**.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Edgewood 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Center - Mr. Heidel requested the Board direct the administration to research financing options for renovating Edgewood as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade center. He noted the importance to start discussions now versus waiting till the end of the school year. He expressed interest in exploring bond options that could include repairs at the Administration Building .

Mr. Hylton is in favor of taking time to seek other options. He recommends waiting to look at bonds when a decision for Edgewood is made.

Mrs. Francis was in agreement to research financing options.

### **INFORMATION**

1. Special Board Meeting: August 22, 2019
2. Monthly Meeting Notice: September 2019
3. PSBA Officer Elections: Sept. Board Meeting.

Mrs. Francis invited Mr. Kalis to give a brief refresher on Board Members options for placing a vote.

Mr. Kalis explained PA School Code empowers the district and Board to adopt policies that govern voting procedures and governance. Policy 006 adopts Roberts Rules of Order as the procedural governing body voting by a roll call vote. Votes are "Affirmative", "Negative" or "Abstain". A vote to abstain is limited to applicable conflict of interest (a direct financial interest ) to the board member. Abstain is a no vote. "Pass "is another voting option and defined acceptable with the intention to cast the vote at the meeting.

Mr. Kalis noted that Mr. Heidel cast a "pass" vote at the June Board meeting. Mr. Kalis explained the "pass vote" was acceptable with the intent to cast a affirmative or negative vote at the meeting. He apologized for interpreting the vote as "abstain".

### **FEDERATION REMARKS**

Mr. Decker is looking forward to the start of another great year. He thanked the Community Relations Committee and Board for providing the welcome back breakfast. On behalf of the Federation's negotiating team, to the district negotiating teams for the diligence and collaborative approach to moving toward a new professional agreement.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Mr. Armato is looking forward to visiting the classrooms.

Mr. Rose is always excited for the start of school.

Ms. Bearden – no comment.

Mr. Heidel is excited for the start of school and meeting the teachers.

Mrs. Lawrence – no comment

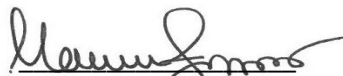
Mrs. Stilwell is ready for the start of school.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Mr. Decker for his comments. He thanked the custodial staff for their efforts preparing the buildings for the start of school. He welcomed the new teachers, the biggest year of inductions (approximately 44). He thanked Dr. Cellini for her countless hours of interviews. Mr. Rodriguez invited the Board to join the August 20<sup>th</sup> Welcome Back to School and the staff welcome back breakfast hosted by the Community Relations Committee. He noted there will be a presentation on Human Trafficking. He looks forward to his fourth year of visiting the schools at the start of the school year.

Mrs. Francis looks forward to the new school year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the meeting adjourns. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.



Maureen Jampo  
Board Secretary