



**POTTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
January 16, 2020**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 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, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mr. Steve Kline, and Mr. Raymond Rose. Absent were Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Thomas Hylton and Mrs. Susan Lawrence. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Deena Cellini; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; members of the press, and interested citizens.

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

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

Seussical Sensory Friendly Announcement

Mr. Decker announced the district will present a special showing of this year's musical on March 5th. The special showing will be a sensory friendly performance designed especially for individuals with autism spectrum disorders, sensory sensitivity and other disabilities.

School Board Recognition

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Board for their dedication to the students and community and their willingness to lead by example. Each member was presented with a token of appreciation.

Choral Selections

Mr. Dipette directed the high school chorus, performing two songs to commemorate School Board Recognition Month.

PVAAS Growth Presentation

Mr. Rodriguez presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System. PVAAS collects data that measures student academic achievement and growth. The data provides educators with valuable information to ensure the academic needs of the students is being met.

Great Growth Award

Mr. Rodriguez recognized the teachers who create the conditions for maximum instructions that foster growth for their students. Each teacher was introduced and presented with a plaque to celebrate their dedication and support for the success of their students.

True Blue Trojan Teacher Award

Mr. Rodriguez recognized the teachers who fostered the steady growth of their students' scores for more than 1 year. Each teacher was introduced and presented with a plaque to celebrate their dedication and support for the success of their students.

Mrs. Francis announced the Board would take a brief recess for pictures and a reception for the teachers, families and staff.

The Board adjourned at 7:38 pm.

The Board reconvened at 7:40 pm.

MINUTES

Mrs. Jampo presented the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on December 19, 2019.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Jampo presented the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of December 2019 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-047**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Jampo presented the Treasurer's Reports for December 2019 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-048**.

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)

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. Kline that the Board approves the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on December 19, 2019, the List of Bills and Treasurer's Report for the period of December 2019.

All members were in favor. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: CONSENT

It was moved by Mr. Rose 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

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Professional

Nicola Pezzino, Secondary Special Education Teacher, Middle School, effective when position is filled or February 15, 2020; hire date November 2, 2017.

Ratify Jessica Pennington, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Middle School, termination due to end of assignment, effective December 20, 2019.

Classified

Ratify Kyriq Williams, Substitute Support Staff, resignation effective December 17, 2019; hire date September 24, 2019.

LEAVES

Administrative

Ratify Ryan Oxenford, Principal, Barth Elementary, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective January 13, 2020, end date tbd.

Professional

Ashley Bellevou, Elementary Teacher, Rupert Elementary, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, anticipated effective date May 1, 2020, end date tbd.

Helen Bowers, Secondary Teacher, High School, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective January 31, 2020, end date tbd.

Classified

Ratify Diane Martz, Cafeteria Manager, High School, request for leave of absence, effective December 20, 2019, end date tbd.

Ratify Lori Sabuacak, Paraprofessional, High School, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective January 3, 2020, end date tbd.

Ratify Kathleen Kile, Paraprofessional, Barth Elementary, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective January 15, 2020, end date tbd.

CHANGE IN POSITION/SALARY

Professional

Renee Walker, from Part-time to Full-time Health and Physical Education Teacher, Middle School, effective January 22, 2020, \$47,000/yr, Step 3, B+15.

Classified

Ratify Nile Watkins-Frazier, from Substitute Support Staff to Custodian 1, Middle School, effective January 13, 2020, \$15.07/hr (replacing D. Kraft).

ELECTIONS

Professional

Ratify Charity Heimbach, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Barth Elementary, effective January 2, 2020, \$45,500/yr, Step 1 B+15 (contract of Nitto).

Classified

Ratify Sherry Thorum, Part-time Student Proctor, Franklin Elementary, effective January 6, 2020, \$11.74/hr, (replacing M.Zerbey. This is in addition to her role as Substitute Support Staff, effective January 7, 2020, hourly rate per schedule.

Melanie Long, Part-time Cafeteria Worker, High School, effective January 27, 2020, \$11.74/hr (replacing T. Gonzalez).

Ratify Raphael Hueber, Jr., Part-time Elementary Cleaner, Barth Elementary, effective January 14, 2020, \$11.92/hr (replacing K. Martin).

Ratify Margo Boekhoudt, Substitute Support Staff, effective January 6, 2020, hourly rate per schedule.

Ratify Andrea Spiece, Substitute Support Staff, effective January 14, 2020, hourly rate per schedule.

Seussical: 2020 All District Musical Production Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Accompanist	Amy K. Anderson	\$ 700.00
Choreographer	Lana Dickinson	\$ 2,000.00
Costume Designer	Beth Yoder	\$ 2,000.00
Hair & Make-up	Diane Shoffstall	\$ 750.00
Lighting Director	Nick Yashinsky	\$ 1,300.00
Orchestra Director	Amy Anderson	\$ 1,500.00
Producer/Stage Mgr.	Robert Decker	\$ 5,000.00
Properties Mgr.	Candi Haas Simmons	\$ 750.00
Publicist/House Mgr.	Eileen Basham	\$ 1,000.00
Set Construction Mgr.	Jen Mohr	\$ 1,000.00
Set Designer	Candi Haas Simmons	\$ 2,500.00
Sound Director	Albert Garcia	\$ 800.00
Theatrical Director	Christopher Sperat	\$ 3,500.00
Vocal Director	Ben Dipette	\$ 3,000.00

Compensation for Missed Planning Time, \$24/day

<u>Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Month</u>
Justine Donnelly	12	\$288.00	December
Melissa Lopez	2	\$ 48.00	December
Tricia Mitchell	3	\$ 72.00	December
Kelly Smale	1	\$ 24.00	December
Arden Moore	1	\$ 24.00	December
Michaela Johnson	12	\$288.00	December
Jessica Lineman	2	\$ 48.00	November
James Dunleavy	3	\$ 72.00	October
James Dunleavy	7	\$168.00	September

CO-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

2019/2020 Co-Curricular Assignments: Winter Sports * **Addendum #2019-2020-049.**

Corrections: 2019/2020 Co-Curricular Non-Athletic Assignments:

Ratify Richard Saylor	National Jr. Honor Society	MS	Level 2	\$ 905.00
Ratify Andrea Roberts	Student Council	MS	Level 2	\$ 905.00
Ratify Katie German	Stage Band	MS	Level 3	\$ 952.50
Ratify Katie German	Band Director	MS	Level 3	\$1,017.00

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT (12/31 deadline)

<u>Professional:</u> Megan Heffelfinger	PHS	\$1,410.00	<u>Exempt/Support:</u> Heather Dailey	Adm	\$2,879.47
William Parks	PHS	\$1,410.00			
Kaylee Weldon	Fkln	\$1,551.00			
Danielle Lawrence	PMS	\$1,548.00			
Amanda Fusco	PHS	\$1,548.00			
Patricia Eaton	PMS	\$1,551.00			

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following professional leaves:

<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attend</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Admin	Deena Cellini	PASPA Annual Conf.	Harrisburg, PA	02/26/2020 - 02/28/2020	\$693.02 pd by dept budget
Admin	Stephen Rodriguez	PASA Board of Governance	Harrisburg PA	01/23/2020 - 01/24/2020	\$200 pd by dept budget
Admin	Stephen Rodriguez	PASA Board of Governance	Harrisburg PA	04/16/2020 - 04/17/2020	\$200 pd by dept budget

FIELD TRIPS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following field trips:

<u># students</u>	<u>Conference:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Trip</u>	<u>Student Cost</u>	<u>District Cost</u>	<u>Chaperone(s)</u>
20 -25	DECA	Hershey, PA	02/19/2020 - 02/21/2020	\$230.00	\$210 - \$230	V. McShea K. Pascal

2020 SCHOOL BOARD / COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2020 School Board and Committee meeting dates and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-050**.

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-051**:

- New Story Schools
- Soliant Health Inc.

REAL ESTATE TAX EXONERATION RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve real estate tax exoneration resolution as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2019-2020-052**.

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

INFORMATION

- Monthly Meeting Notice: February 2020

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Leibold thanked the Board Members for their hours of service. On behalf of the Federation of Pottstown Teachers, she presented a check to the Foundation for Pottstown Education in appreciation of the School Board.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. Kline thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and thanked the Chorus for their amazing performance.

Mrs. Barnhill congratulated the teachers and enjoyed the Chorus performance.

Mrs. Johnson added her thanks to everyone for their participation in tonight's events. She encouraged people in the community to consider volunteering for the mentoring program at the Middle School. There are more students who want to participate than there are mentors.

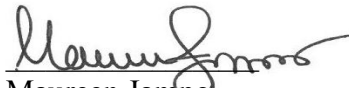
Mr. Armato noted tonight's events are good examples of Proud to be from Pottstown. He stressed the importance to commit to the mission for fair funding, adding that it is the resources that make the job.

Mr. Rodriguez invited members to the Tri-County Chamber Mixer on February 18 at the High School. The event is featuring the district's Career and Technical programs. He thanked the Board for all their hard work.

Mrs. Francis thanked the Board Members their hard work. She noted it is a pleasure being the President of this School Board and recognized the Board Members for the respect and appreciation they demonstrate at every meeting. Mrs. Francis announced there will be an executive session for the purpose of personnel and litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Barnhill that the Board adjourns. None opposed. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.


Maureen Jampe
Board Secretary