



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 8, 2021**

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM via virtual communication with President, Mrs. Amy Francis presiding. Upon roll call, the following members attended via virtual communication: Mr. John Armato, Mrs. Bonita Barnhill, Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mr. Steve Kline, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, and Mr. Raymond Rose. Absent was Mrs. Laura Johnson. Also present were Mr. Stephen Rodriguez, Superintendent; Ms. Maureen Jampo, Business Administrator; Mr. Stephen Kalis, Solicitor; Jimi Chavalaporn, Student Board Representative. Joining the meeting was Federation Second Vice-President, Mrs. Kelly Leibold.

NON-CONSENT

Mr. Rodriguez presented the following non-consent items for Board consideration. Each item was Reviewed for discussion and public comment.

Hearings from the Patrons of the Schools: None.

PERSONNEL: RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Me'Lisa Morgan, Director of Co-Curricular, resignation effective when position is filled or August 27, 2021; hire date May 18, 2020.

PROFESSIONAL

Cora Harmon, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, High School, resignation effective August 19, 2021; hire date January 19, 2021.

CLASSIFIED

Ratify Marietta Somich, Breakfast/Playground Aide, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective June 15, 2021; hire date October 12, 2004.

It was moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Ms. Bearden that the Board approve the resignations/ Terminations as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: LEAVES

CLASSIFIED

Emily Overdorf, Social Media and Communications Specialist, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, anticipated effective date September 17 2021; end date tbd.

It was moved by Mr. Kline and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the leave of absence as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: CHANGE IN POSITION/SALARY

PROFESSIONAL

Robelyn Habekost, from Paraprofessional to Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Franklin Elementary, effective August 16, 2021 to November 24, 2021, \$194/day (coverage for M. Wells); will return to role as Paraprofessional at the end of assignment.

Amanda Walsh, from Long-Term Substitute Floater to Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 16, 2021, \$194/day (coverage for Duncan).

EXEMPT

Sarah Rizzuto, from Pre-K Counts Teacher to Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary, effective August 16, 2021 to the end of the 2021/2022 school year, no change in compensation(coverage for B. Zacharias).

Jeanne McGee, Social Worker, from 210 day to 192 days, effective August 16, 2021, \$45,715.20/yr (192 day pay rate).

MTSS COACHES (teachers on assignment; grant funded)

Iris Bucci, from 190 to 210 day, effective August 9, 2021, daily rate for additional 20 days.

Kelli Wolfel, from 190 to 210 day, effective August 9, 2021, daily rate for additional 20 days.

Jesse Tupper from 190 to 210 day, effective August 9, 2021, daily rate for additional 20 days.

Carol Livingston, from 190 to 210 day, effective August 9, 2021, daily rate for additional 20 days.

Denise Leschak, from 190 to 210 day, effective August 9, 2021, daily rate for additional 20 days.

It was moved by Mrs. Barnhill and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the Board approve the change in positions/salaries as presented. Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Rose: aye; Kline: aye; Francis: aye; Barnhill: aye; Hylton: nay; Bearden: aye; Armato: aye; Lawrence: aye. Ayes: Seven. Nays: One. Absent: One. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Matthew Boyer, Director of Human Resources, Administration Building, anticipated effective date September 9, 2021, \$128,789/yr (replacing D. Cellini).

PROFESSIONAL

Keri Marini, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Barth Elementary, effective August 16, 2021, \$45,500/yr, Step 1-Bach (contract of L. Rossi).

Hannah Robinson, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Middle School, effective August 16, 2021 to the end of the 2021/2022 school year, \$194/day (coverage for R. Vega).

Anne Marie Fadden, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 16, 2021, to the end of the 2021/2022 school year, \$194/day (coverage for S. Rizzuto).

Christina Lepkowski, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary, effective August 16, 2021, \$50,000/yr, Step 2-Mast (contract of K. Sabata).

CLASSIFIED

Amy Ormston, Secretary, Special Education, effective August 2, 2021, \$14.25/hr.

Jennifer Kurian, School Nurse, Summer Instruction Program Franklin Elementary, effective June 21, 2021 to August 5, 2021, \$30/hr.

Heather DeCarlo, Secretary, Middle School, effective July 19, 2021, \$14.25/hr (replacing A. Doherty).

Jennifer Arndt, Interim HR Supervisor, Administration Building, effective July 19, 2021 to September 17, 2021, \$10/hr. stipend. This is in addition to her role as Executive Assistant to the Director of Human Resources.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. Kline that the Board approve the elections as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve health and safety plan that meets the ARP Act and ESSER funding requirements and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2021-2022-001**.

It was moved Mr. Rose and seconded by Mrs. Barnhill that the Board approve the health and safety plan as presented. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Eight. Nays: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

- **Non-Resident Affidavit Hearing Process:** Mr. Rodriguez stated the District is seeking to improve the hearing process by having at least one (1) Board Member present at the hearing. August 3rd is the date set aside for any potential resident to plead their case. Board Members were asked to contact Mr. Rodriguez on availability to be present.
- **Board Workshop July 29, 2021:** Mrs. Francis asked Board Members to consider an In-Person Board workshop for July 29. All members present were in favor of an in-person workshop.

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Leibold welcomed Mr. Boyer back to the District. She is looking forward to a new school year, working with Mr. Boyer and helping students progress.

ROUND TABLE

Ms. Bearden was saddened when Mr. Boyer left and happy to have him back. She respects the staff at every level and looks forward to continuing working to meet the needs of the students, staff and community.

Mr. Kline welcomed Mr. Boyer.

Mr. Chavalaporn, on behalf of the student body, expressed his appreciation for all the work the Board and administrators do for the students. He is grateful the many opportunities to advocate for the needs of the District.

Mrs. Barnhill welcomed Mr. Boyer back to the District.

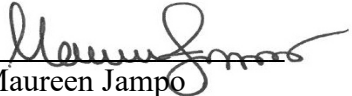
Mr. Boyer thanked everyone for their kind comments and is grateful to be back in the District. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Board, staff, teachers and students.

Mr. Rodriguez looks forward to working with Mr. Boyer on diversity and community building. Today's town hall virtual and in-person job fair was an encouraging sign for creating a positive infrastructure in the near future. He thanked the Board for their flexibility and support as the District moves toward the start of a successful school year.

Mrs. Francis welcomed Mr. Boyer back to the District. She thanked the Board for being a supportive team and their encouragement to put together a great Fourth event.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Ms. Bearden that the meeting adjourns. All were in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.


Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary