



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 18, 2023

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Administration Building including virtual platform with President, Ms. Katina Bearden, presiding. Upon roll call, the following members attended: Mr. John Armato, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mr. Steve Kline, Mrs. Phoebe Kancianic, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, and Ms. Deborah Spence (virtual). Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Business Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Oakley; Director of Human Resources, Mr. Matthew Boyer; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LITIGATION

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of District of Distinction BSLS – Imagine Learning

Beech Street Learning Studio was recognized by Imagine Learning with the 2022-2023 District of Distinction Award the award is in recognition of igniting engagement and strengthening confidence for all learners. The District was presented “District of Distinction Banner”.

Early College Program and Foundation for Pottstown Education Update

Mr. Rusiewicz recognized the Early College Program Students Class of 2023. He introduced the twelve graduating students. Mr. Rusiewicz provided an update on the FPE program grants, a new student grant and funding updates (to the school libraries, art departments, field trips, and scholarships). The Residency Program, in 2023 had three applicants for the forgivable loans; two were recently awarded leaving a \$200 balance in the residency program. He explained the third applicant’s agreement of sale was just accepted. The Foundation is willing to abide the original agreement with the Board if they so desire to add an additional \$10,000.

MINUTES

Mrs. Oakley presented the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on April 20, 2023 for Board approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Johnson presented the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of April 2023 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2022-2023-078**

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mrs. Johnson presented the Treasurer’s Report for April 2023 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2022-2023-079**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MR. KLINE

Policy/Personnel Committee met on May 4. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – MRS. LAWRENCE

Curriculum Committee met on May 4. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

FACILITIES/FINANCE COMMITTEE – MR. HYLTON

Facilities/Finance Committee met on May 11. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – MRS. JOHNSON

Public Relations/Community Engagement met on May 11. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE – MRS. KANCIANIC

Highlights from the PSBA meeting were officer nominations that are due by May 1, the Delegate Assembly is scheduled for November 4th and the Leadership conference will take place in October. The members also were given an update on HB 1032 for supporting solar programing in schools.

MCIU REPRESENTATIVE – MRS. LAWRENCE

A presentation on Early Childhood and Early Learning services was presented to the members at the April meeting. Dr. Speaker, Executive Director, gave an update on organizational goals, contracts, budget approval, the reappointment of Legal Counsel and Professional Development.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – MR. ELLISON, MS. ADEDEJI

The Student Board Reps gave updates on all Elementary and Secondary events that are taking place at the end of the school year.

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 Comment:

Ms. Spence asked to move the Consent categories Personnel Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Change in Position/Salary, and Field Trips to Non-Consent. She did not like the categories containing the word “ratify” due to the actions took place prior to the board meeting.

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

It was moved by Mr. Armato and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the Board approve the minutes for the April 20, 2022 meeting as presented, the List of Bills from the various fund for the period of April 2023 and the Treasurer’s Report for March 2023. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: CONSENT

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

PERSONNEL

POSITIONS

Professional

Speech Language Pathologist, PEAK/High School (funded by PEAK/Medical Access)

Board Certified Behavior Analyst, PEAK/High School (funded by PEAK/Medical Access)

ELECTIONS

MENTOR ASSIGNMENT

Mentor Assignment List ***Addendum #2022-2023-081**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

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

| Bldg. | Name | Conference Title | Conference Location | Dates to | Cost |
|-------|------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Attend | |
| Admin | Karen Crable | Summer Institute | New Orleans, LA | 7/18/23 - 7/20/23 | \$1,461 (grant funded) |
| Admin | William Jeffreys | Special Education Legislative Summit | Washington, DC | 7/9/23- 7/11/23 | \$987 (dept. budget) |

MCIU BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the MCIU Election of Board Directors representatives for the three-year term (July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2026) as presented: and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2022-2023-082**.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2023-2024 Hours of Operation as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2022-2023-083**.

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2022-2023-084**:

- MCIU MOU: Data Management
- Cades (ESY)
- Melamark (ESY/23-24)
- MCIU: Medical Practitioner/Authorz. ACCESS Prgm.
- CMD Services
- Toshiba Solutions

BID AWARD: HS SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT

The Superintendent recommends that board approve a contract/purchase order be awarded to the following company indicated, the award being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications:

- McCloskey Mechanical Contractors - \$93,423.79

BID AWARD: 2023 BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIR PROGRAM

The Superintendent recommends that board approve a contract/purchase order be awarded to the following company indicated, the award being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications:

- Jottan, Inc. - \$758,731.00

Upon roll call vote, all members voted aye for the above consent items: Heidel; aye, Hylton; aye, Johnson; aye, Kancianic; aye, Kline; aye, Lawrence; aye, Spence; nay, Bearden; aye, Armato; aye. Ayes: Eight. Nays: One. Motion carried.

NON-CONSENT

Mr. Rodriguez presented the non-consent items for board discussion and board action. Administrators presented the non-consent for Board consideration.

Board Comments: Board members discussed the 2023 additional tax exemption resolution. Members shared their thoughts on additional tax relief to property tax owners, voicing concerns that the tax relief would not benefit all residents. Options to consider included some tax relief now give more later, reduce the mileage, and a long-term plan reducing property tax.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to the non-consent items):

Doug Slick, resident, thanked the board for the four consecutive years with no tax increase. He shared 2020 census information and homestead/farmstead process.

Kizmet Meade, resident, voiced her concerns about the homestead application process and the timeline for homeowners to apply and benefit from the exemption.

Inez Bell, resident, she expressed her concerns that the budget is not addressing the student and parent needs of the community. The cost of transportation (\$100/month per child, no discounts/tokens) is a burden on the parents and results in students missing or dropping out of school.

PERSONNEL: POSITION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following Co-Curricular position:

- Co-Curricular Assignment 2023-2024:
HS – Bowling Head Coach
HS – Bowling Assistant Coach

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the Board approve the personnel position as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Heidel; aye, Kancianic; aye, Hylton; nay, Bearden; nay, Kline; aye, Johnson; aye, Spence; nay, Lawrence; aye, Armato; aye. Ayes: Six. Nay: Three. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER

In accordance with Section 404 of the School Code, the Board shall annually elect a Treasurer to serve for one year beginning the first day of July following such an election. The Treasurer's term shall run from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Motion to elect Laura Johnson, School Board Treasurer.

It was moved by Mrs. Kancianic and seconded by Mr. Kline that the Board approve Laura Johnson as the Board Treasurer.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Spence; aye, Armato; aye, Heidel; aye, Kancianic; aye, Kline; aye, Johnson; aye, Lawrence; aye, Hylton; aye, Bearden; aye. Ayes: Nine. Nay: None. Motion carried.

EDGEWOOD PLAYGROUND LAND DEVELOPMENT WAIVER

The Finance Committee and Superintendent recommends the Board approve moving forward with the application for the Land Development Waiver for the Edgewood Playground proposal and a copy of the waiver be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2022-2023-085**.

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the Land Development Waiver for the Edgewood Playground proposal.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Armato; aye, Bearden; aye, Heidel; aye, Hylton; aye, Kancianic; aye, Kline; aye, Johnson; aye, Lawrence; aye, Spence; nay. Ayes: Eight. Nay: One. Motion carried.

FINAL BUDGET 2023/2024

Motion to approve the 2023/2024 Final Budget as recommended by the Facilities/Finance Committee of May 11, 2023 and a copy of the waiver be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2022-2023-086**.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. Kline that the board approve the 2023/2024 final budget as presented and table the Additional Tax Resolution for board action at the June 15th board meeting.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded to approve 2023-2024 Final Budget and table the Additional Tax Resolution as follows: Heidel; nay, Hylton; aye, Kancianic; nay, Kline; aye, Spence; nay, Lawrence; nay, Johnson; aye, Armato; aye, Bearden; aye. Ayes: Five. Nay: Four. Motion carried.

2023 ADDITIONAL TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

Tabled for Board action at the June 15th board meeting.

HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution as presented and a copy be filed as a **Addendum #2022-2023-087**.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. Armato that the Board approve the Homestead /Farmstead Exclusion Resolution as presented.

Upon roll call vote all members voted aye: Spence; aye, Lawrence; aye, Johnson; aye, Armato; aye, Kline; aye, Kancianic; aye, Hylton; aye, Heidel; aye, Bearden; aye. Ayes: Nine. Nay: None. Motion carried.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion to approve Special Education award settlement as presented to the Board, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the confidential settlement release agreement. The Board Secretary is further authorized to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the Board and a copy to be filed in the Secretary office as **Addendum #2022-2023-088**.

It was moved by Mr. Kline and seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the Board approve the settlement agreement as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Heidel; aye, Hylton; aye, Kancianic; aye, Kline; aye, Johnson; aye, Lawrence; aye, Spence; nay, Armato; aye, Bearden; aye. Ayes: Eight. Nay: One. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATION (amended moved from consent to non-consent)

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following resignations / terminations:

Professional

Correction: Dawn Engleman, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, resignation effective April 28, 2023 (*prior effective date June 2*)

Justin Beasley-Turner, School Counselor, High School, resignation effective July 27, 2023; hire date December 20, 2021.

Miriam Heppler, School Counselor, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective June 2, 2023; hire date August 15, 2022.

Sharon Butler, Secondary Teacher, Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 2, 2023; hire date August 25, 2000.

Ratify Nicole Valenti, Elementary Teacher, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective May 8, 2023; hire date August 25, 2013.

Classified

Ratify Melanie Barkon, Pre-K Counts Classroom Assistant, North End, resignation effective April 24, 2023; hire date August 17, 2020.

Ratify Felecia Fox, Paraprofessional, Middle School, resignation effective April 21, 2023; hire date April 11, 2023.

Paige Jones, Pre-K Counts Classroom Assistant, North End, resignation effective June 2, 2023; hire date January 24, 2022.

Debra Bailey, Part-time Student Proctor, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective June 2, 2023; hire date January 3, 2023.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. Armato that the Board approve the resignations /termination positions as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Spence; nay, Lawrence; aye, Johnson; aye, Kline; aye, Kancianic; aye, Hylton; aye, Heidel; aye, Bearden; aye, Armato; aye. Ayes: Eight. Nay: One. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: LEAVES OF ABSENCE (amended moved from consent to non-consent)

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following leaves of absence:

Professional

Ratify Lee Wilcox, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, request for leave of absence effective April 18, 2023; end date May 1, 2023.

Karen Seemann, Elementary Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, request for leave of absence effective May 18, 2023; end date tbd.

Ratify Michaela Johnson, Secondary Teacher, High School, request for intermittent leave of absence effective April 21, 2023; end date tbd.

Ratify Nicole Sellman, Special Education Teacher, High School, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act effective May 11, 2023; end date tbd.

Exempt

Ratify Patricia Calvario, Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist, Admin. Building, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act effective May 15, 2023; end date tbd.

Classified

Ratify Rebekka Heintz, Paraprofessional, Franklin Elementary, request for leave of absence effective May 1, 2023; end date tbd.

It was moved by Mr. Kline and seconded by Mrs. Kancianic that the Board approve the leaves of absence position as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Armato; aye, Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mr. Heidel; aye, Mr. Hylton; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mr. Kline; aye, Mrs. Johnson; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Ms. Spence; nay. Ayes: Eight. Nay: One. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: CHANGE IN POSITION/SALARY (amended moved from consent to non-consent)

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following changes in position/salary:

Classified

Ratify Mollie Heverly, from Paraprofessional to Paraprofessional 1:1, AS, Franklin Elementary, effective May 1, 2023, \$2.00/hr differential + \$10 day end of year stipend until the end of the 2022/2023 school year.

Ratify Sherry Thorum, from Paraprofessional to Paraprofessional 1:1, AS, Franklin Elementary, effective May 1, 2023, \$2.00/hr differential + \$10 day end of year stipend until the end of the 2022/2023 school year.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the Board approve the change in position / salary personnel position as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Mrs. Johnson; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mr. Kline; aye, Ms. Spence; nay, Mr. Hylton; aye, Mr. Heidel; aye, Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mr. Armato; aye. Ayes: Eight. Nay: One. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIPS (amended moved from consent to non-consent)

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

| # | Conference | Conference Location | Date of Trip | Cost to Student | Cost to District-substitutes | Chaperone(s) |
|----|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| 40 | STEAM Trip | Greece | 4/2/2025-4/10/2025 | \$3,684.00 | \$4,900.00 | Robert Decker, Jennifer Mohr, Andrew Bachman, Kelly Leibold, Mike Hewitt |
| 3 | Engineering Competition | Maumee OH | 5/9/2023-5/10/2023 | | \$560.00 | Andrew Bachman, Naimah Rhodes |
| 7 | Engineering Competition | Carlisle PA | 5/22/2023-5/23/2023 | | \$560.00 | Andrew Bachman, Theresa Baller, Kelly Leibold |

It was moved by Mrs. Kancianic and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the Board approve the field trips as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Hylton; aye, Kancianic; aye, Heidel; aye, Bearden; aye, Armato; aye, Spence; nay, Kline; aye, Johnson; aye, Lawrence; aye. Ayes: Eight. Nay: One. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Residency Program Initiative – \$10,000 additional funds

Mr. Heidel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armato that the board consider adding \$10,000 to the residency program initiative to support a current employee's application for home ownership.

Board members discussed this one-time funding and the continuation of the residency program.

Upon roll call vote, the vote to add \$10,000 to the residency program initiative was recorded as follows: Kancianic; aye, Heidel; aye, Johnson; aye, Kline; aye, Spence; nay, Hylton; nay, Armato; aye, Bearden; aye, Lawrence; aye. Ayes: Seven. Nay: Two. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

- Monthly Meeting Notice: August

FEDERATION REMARKS

Ms. Hospador congratulated BSLS on their award and offered the Federations congratulations to the graduating class of 2023. The Federation looks forward to the 2023-2024 school year including more related art teachers.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. Armato thanked the board for their calibration for always working together. He enjoyed visiting Mr. Benefield's class and seeing their creative art projects.

Mr. Kline thanked the board for passing the 23/24 final budget and congratulated BSLS on their award.

Mrs. Johnson thanked the board for their good discussion.

Mrs. Lawrence thanked Mr. Rusiewicz for his presentation on the early college program.

Mrs. Kancianic shared her appreciation for the in-person meetings and good conversations. She congratulated Mark Ellison on his graduation.


Mr. Heidel congratulated the 2023 graduating class and a special congratulations to Mark Ellison for his service as student board rep.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Board for their work and stated the administration will act on the Board's direction for the Residency program. He was pleased to see that parent engagement has been at an all-time high this year and he thanked the families for their support.

Mrs. Bearden congratulated Mark Ellison and shared her appreciation for his leadership. She thanked the staff for a good school year and appreciates the Board working together.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mrs. Kancianic that the Board adjourns. All in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.


Maureen Oakley
Board Secretary



**Pottstown School District
Personnel/Policy Committee
REPORT
May 4, 2023**

Committee Members: Steve Kline, Chair; John Armato, Susan Lawrence, Deborah Spence, Katina Bearden

POLICY

Policy 233: Suspension and Expulsion

The Committee reviewed the PSBA recommendations to address the compulsory school age revisions and disciplinary suspension records. The Committee discussed adding wording on the suspension timeline of a student's informal hearing and the committee's review of the Code of Conduct. It was the general consensus of the committee to review Policy 233 with the additional language at next month's meeting. The majority of the committee was not in favor of reviewing the Code of Conduct at the committee level.

PERSONNEL

High School Bowling Proposal

Mr. Baker shared a PowerPoint presentation on a proposal to add a High School Bowling Team to Winter Sports. The total estimated cost of \$19,331 to \$20,594 includes coaches' stipends, uniforms, transportation, etc. The High School Bowling Team proposal will be placed on the May Board agenda under Non-Consent.

Speech Language Pathologist (shared split PEAK/ HS) and BCBA (shared split PEAK/Edgewood)

Mr. Boyer provided an overview of the need to add a SLP and BCBA position. These supports may assist in managing behaviors and decreasing/managing new student caseloads. Mrs. Schwenk shared her expertise and insight at the Pre-K (PEAK) level noting the need for a proactive approach in assisting young students with speech, language and behavioral issues. Both positions are funded through the PEAK grant and Medical ACCESS. The Committee was in agreement to place the positions on the May Board Agenda.

Informational Items

- Review/Approval of ***Policy 718 Naming Right*** at June Committee Meeting.
- MS/HS Related Arts in relation to current personnel, proposed new positions and schedules
- Calendar-HS Hours of Operation, class start time from 7:55 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. providing teachers with extra planning time.

Next Meeting Date: June 1, 2023



Pottstown School District
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
REPORT
May 4, 2023

(Immediately following Policy/Personnel Committee meeting)

Committee Members: Susan Lawrence - Chairperson; Steve Kline, Phoebe Kancianic, Thomas Hylton, Katina Bearden

Informational Items:

Mental Health Update - Dr. White-Springfield gave a PowerPoint presentation on a Mental Health update, highlighting a list of supports and services mainly provided through the Lincoln Center resources GEAR UP grant, crisis counseling and a new drug/alcohol program. A MTSS approach is in place providing students and families with services, resources and ongoing support.

Attendance Efforts - Dr. White-Springfield also presented the (SAIP) Student Attendance Improvement Program which addresses, monitors and maintains student's attendance. A comparison of attendance from 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, showed an increase in attendance at all schools with an exception of the High School. Current measures are in place at the High School to help alleviate inaccurate attendance records.

Flexible Instructional Days (FID) – Mr. Rodriguez gave a brief overview of the FID program (5 virtual days per school calendar year). The application requires Board approval and will be placed on the May Board agenda for Board action.

Look Ahead for June 1, 2023:

- MTSS - S. Rodriguez / R. Oxenford
- CSI (Pottstown Middle School) - H. Wangia / S. Rodriguez / R. Oxenford
- A-TSI (Pottstown High School) - C. D'Annibale / S. Rodriguez / R. Oxenford



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities/Finance Committee REPORT

May 11, 2023 (virtual)

Members: Thomas Hylton- Chair; John Armato, Steve Kline, Kurt Heidel, Laura Johnson, Katina Bearden

FACILITIES UPDATE – John Connor

Middle School Sprinkler Malfunction – a video was shared of the areas affected by the malfunction that occurred on Sunday, and the cleanup process for the start of the school on Monday.

Edgewood Playground Proposal - a diagram was shared of the designated area (previous modular area) for a new playground; estimated cost of \$239,657 includes a rubberized surface, equipment and materials. The Committee was in favor of placing the Edgewood Playground project on the May Board agenda.

Bid Awards – bids are awarded to the lowest bidder meeting the bid specifications:

HS Sanitary Sewer Replacement System: McCloskey Mechanical \$93,423.79

2023 Building Envelope Exterior Wall & Roof Repairs: Jottan Inc., \$758,731 (*includes MS alternate roof repair and replace snow rails*).

FINANCE - Maureen Oakley

Final Budget 2023/2024 – proposed budget for the 2023/2024 school year is no change in the proposed revenues and expenditures as presented in the Preliminary Budget. At the direction of the Finance Committee of April 13, the proposed Final Budget for 2023/2024 includes a zero tax increase and an additional tax exemption to the qualified Homestead taxpayers through the use of this year's fund balance of \$740,128. The deficit of \$679,635 will be balanced with the use of fund balance. The 2023 exemptions include the Homestead/Farmstead of \$561 per qualified parcel and Additional Exemption of \$203 per qualified parcel.

Contracts: Toshiba Solutions – contract includes adding new units, utilizing some existing units, higher security, CMD Services – transportation agreement for 2023/2024 school year at approximately 3% increase

2023 Building Envelope Recommended Bid Award/Notice to Proceed: May 11, 2023

The Committee was in agreement to move forward with the Notice to Proceed to expedite the summer construction timeline.

Election of Board Treasurer – Mrs. Johnson agreed to continue serving as the Board Treasurer.

Next meeting: June 8, 2023



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Public Relations & Community Engagement Committee
Report
May 11, 2023

Committee Members: Laura Johnson, (Chair); Katina Bearden, Kurt Heidel, Phoebe Kancianic

Guest Presentations

Pottstown Regional Public Library- Executive Director, Mindy Lipsky shared a slideshow on the Pottstown Regional Public Library. The PRPL serves both Pottstown and Pottsgrove School Districts and brings relevant and valuable programming for all ages in the community. An array of 'cross promotional events' are offered as well as the popular 'Summer Reading Program' for students and their families. The PA Forward Star Program is used by the library, featuring the Five Literacies approach (Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy System, Health Literacy and Financial Literacy).

North End Swim Club- NESC President, Candice Hillegas and Elizabeth Pulinka gave a PowerPoint presentation on the North End Swim Club. Established in 1960, the Swim Club is a non-profit and membership driven establishment servicing the Pottstown Borough. The North End Swim Club offers a baby pool, swimming lessons, snack stand and themed family events, offered through a tier-membership program.

Advocacy

Advocacy and State Budget Updates:

-A Legislative Breakfast was held in April. Discussions were held on School Funding, Cyber Charter Reform, and a variety of other educational issues.

- On June 6th, Superintendent Rodriguez will be attending the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA).

-On June 7th, POWER is holding an advocacy event in Harrisburg. If anyone is interested in attending they can reach out to POWER Interfaith for additional info.

Next Meeting Date: June 8, 2023