



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD WORKSHOP with limited Board Action
MINUTES
January 11, 2024**

The Board Workshop of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District with limited Board Action, was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Administration Building with President, Mrs. Bearden, presiding. Upon roll call, the following members attended: Mr. John Armato (absent), Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mrs. Phoebe Kancianic, and Ms. Deborah Spence. Also attending were; Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Business Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Oakley; Director of Human Resources, Mr. Matthew Boyer; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis.

Limited Board Action Items (consent) – action items for discussion, followed by Hearings from the Patrons; Board action on topic (#3 to #5).

PERSONNEL ELECTIONS (CONSENT) – Mr. Boyer

Administration

Shannon Kroemmelbein, Supervisor of Special Ed, Edgewood, \$109,439/yr., effective January 16, 2024.

PERSONNEL TUITION REIMBURSEMENT (CONSENT) – Mr. Boyer

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Tuition Reimbursement as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2023-2024-054**

PERSONNEL FIELD TRIPS (CONSENT) – Mr. Boyer

# students	Conference	Conference Location	Date of Trip	Cost to Student	Cost to District-substitutes	Chaperone(s)
1	Bensalem High School	Bensalem, PA	1/24/24- 1/26/24	\$190.00	\$827.65	Adella Brady
21	DECA 2024 State Career Development Conference	Hershey, PA	2/21/24- 2/23	\$350.00	\$8,767.00	Ronald Davenport, Kim Robinson

HEARING FROM PATRONS (limited to consent items) - None

BOARD ACTION CONSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the Board approve the above Action for Personnel.

Upon roll call vote, members voted: Mrs. Spence; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mr. Heidel; aye, Mr. Hylton; aye, Mrs. Johnson; aye, Mr. Kline; aye, Mr. Armato; absent. Ayes: eight. Nays: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

- Monthly Meeting Notice: February
- Pottstown Pride: Spring/Summer (type-o - should be “Fall”) – Mr. Armato

FEDERATION REMARKS – Mr. Rodriguez read a statement on behalf of the Federation. “Good evening School Board Members. Happy School Board Member Month. We apologize for not being there tonight. We as a federation, will be making a donation to the Foundation for Pottstown Education in your name as a Thank you for all you do for our students. From Beth, Jane, Sara and the rest of the Pottstown Federation Teachers”.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board adjourn the board action portion of the meeting at 6:40pm and move to the workshop portion of the meeting. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

BOARD WORKSHOP

Board Governance:

- Discussion to Readopt Principles for Governance and Leadership – PSBA (Policy 011)
- Board Communication & Roundtable Discussion
- January – School Director Recognition Month – Thank you for your service.

Committee Structure:

- Current members remain (no change-requests received to date)
- Committee of the Whole – In-person/Committee meetings – virtual
- Joint Board/Borough Council Meeting 2024
- Board Discussion: Review New Committee Request

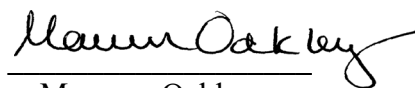
Board Goals for 2024: 3 of 3 for 3 (interactive) Conceptually: for the board, not the district

Superintendent Topics Here:

- Critical Areas for Review – Attendance, Grades, Instructional Practices, and Materials (Differentiating in the Classroom), PBIS, Travel Equity, Graduation Concerns/benchmarks
- Cultural Proficiency Work: Update; Equity and achievement indicators; Diversity in Staffing – reviewing.
- Comprehensive Plan:
- New Trends: Leaders as Examples – “all politics in national” – Wave of political change

Board Communication

President Presentation - removed



Maureen Oakley
Board Secretary