

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
June7, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.**

The Regular Board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium of the Pottstown High School with President Judyth L. Zahora presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Mary-Beth Bacallao, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mr. Andrew Kefer, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Polly Weand and Mr. Ron Williams. Absent were Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr. and Mrs. Valerie Harris. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Reed D. Lindley; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Board Secretary, Mrs. Linda S. Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Ms. Pamela Bateson, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez, Mr. Ryan Oxenford, Mrs. Calista Boyer, Mrs. Mia DiPaolo, Mrs. Loretta Hoch, Mr. Matthew Moyer, Mr. John Armato a member of the press, and interested citizens.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Board meetings held on 5/3/12 and 5/17/12 were presented to the board for their review. Approval will be asked for at the next Regular Board Meeting. Any comments, questions or modifications should be directed to Mrs. Adams.

LIST OF BILLS

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the list of bills for the period of May 10, 2012 through May 30, 2012 from the Athletic Fund totaling \$44,195.91; Capital Reserve Fund totaling \$108,608.04; Elementary Fund totaling \$748.64; the General Fund totaling \$244,778.53 and the Elementary Project fund totaling \$3,850.00 be approved and a copy filed in the Secretary's office as addendum # 2011-2012-105.

AWARDS

Ms. Bateson and Dr. Sparagana introduced the honorees for the Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Zahora and Dr. Lindley presented each honoree with a framed award certificate.

<u>Barth Elementary School:</u>	Elisabeth Yoder	<u>Rupert Elementary School:</u>	Allen Ferster
<u>Franklin Elementary School:</u>	Leon Kanopka	<u>Pottstown Middle School:</u>	Dee Pettine
<u>Lincoln Elementary School:</u>	Jill Bolonski	<u>Pottstown High School:</u>	David Caldwell
<u>Edgewood Elementary School:</u>	Denise Schleicher		

Dr. Lindley announced the recipient of 2011-2012 District Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Zahora and Dr. Sparagana presented the winner with a plaque.

Pottstown High School: David Caldwell

PRESENTATIONS

Lincoln Science Experiments

Mrs. Wampole and Mr. Koman introduced the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and asked each student to explain their science experiments.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Julia Reiser

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Emmie Wolfel, Hayley Yosko, Lance Sims, Christian Cloud and Ryan Sweeney

### Franklin Integration of Art in Content Areas

Mrs. Wentzel and Mrs. Vollmuth introduced the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and asked each student to explain their art projects.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Elizabeth Eames and Sophia Bytwerk  
4<sup>th</sup> grade: Jacob Eames and Abigail Parson

Mrs. Vollmuth played a video of the Franklin Art Fair.

### 2012-2013 Final Budget

Mrs. Adams reviewed a slide presentation of the 2012-2013 Proposed Final Budget. It was determined at the Joint Personnel and Finance Committee meeting held on June 5, that the district would reduce the proposed final budget from a 2.4% tax increase to a 1.2% tax increase. The total of the 2012-2013 Proposed Final Budget is \$51,757,818. Mrs. Adams reviewed the financial summary which indicated the additional reductions to get to deficit of \$276,979. The proposed final budget includes an increase in real estate millage of 0.4417 from 36.8103 to 37.2520. The average residential property in Pottstown is assessed at \$73,816; thus, an increase of 0.4417 in real estate taxes amounts to \$32.61 per year or \$2.72 per month to the average residential property owner. Mrs. Adams reviewed the additional budget reductions needed to meet the reduced tax increase. She explained that the reductions would not impact the instructional programs or staff reductions.

### HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Mrs. Kim Stilwell, 1278 Centre Avenue, thanked Mr. Moyer, Principal at Rupert Elementary, for utilizing various technology tools to keep parents informed during the school year.

Mr. John Pannella, 509 Clearview Street, voiced his concern that the Board is not sending the right message regarding their philosophical outlook to raise taxes to the index versus a zero tax increase. He encouraged the Board to stand up and send the right message.

Mrs. Danielle Butterfield, 1106 Queen Street, was disappointed that the Board Members do not attend the events at Rupert. Invitations are constantly extended to the Board Members. She strongly supports more interaction with the students.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Co-Curricular Activities Committee

No report.

#### Facilities Committee

No report.

#### Community Relations Committee

Ms. Bacallao reported that the Community Relations Committee did not meet due to the emergency budget meeting on May 24. She thanked everyone in the district who responded to the "Buy Local" campaign and their dedication to downtown Pottstown.

Technology/Curriculum Committee

No report.

MCIU Representative

No report.

Joint Personnel and Finance Committee

Mr. Wausnock reported the Personnel and Finance Committee met on June 4. The agenda included the impact of going to the index and additional budget cuts as Mrs. Adams presented this evening.

CONSENT ITEMS

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the personnel items for Board approval.

Mrs. Adams reviewed the contracts, sports bid awards, budget transfer, resolutions, 2012-2013 student accident insurance and breakfast/lunch prices for Board approval.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to items to be voted on)

None.

It was moved by Ms. Bacallao and seconded by Mr. Kefer that the following consent items be approved, in accordance with Policy 1120, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Resignations

Professional

Sally Jenkins, Elementary Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, resignation effective June 8, 2012, employed since August 22, 2007.

Leaves

Exempt

Mieke Mazur, Psychologist, Barth Elementary, request for childrearing leave of absence, effective August 20, 2012, end date tbd.

Aileen Campbell, Special Education Teacher, Edgewood Elementary, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act and Childrearing, anticipated effective date September 19, 2012, end date tbd.

Change in Position and/or Salary

Act 93

Patrick M. Connors, from 260 day Director of Co-Curricular Activities to 225 day Assistant High School Principal/Director of Athletics, effective July 1, 2012, \$77,566/yr.

Jerry T. Ummarino, from 260 day Assistant High School Principal to 260 day Assistant High School Principal/Supervisor of Secondary Special Education, effective July 1, 2012, no change in compensation.

Professional

Ratify Tracey P. Pinelli, from Special Substitute Teacher to Per Diem Substitute Teacher, in accordance with Board Policy 3920 effective May 16, 2012, rate \$95/day. This is in addition to her role as Substitute Classroom Assistant.

Exempt

Emily J. Baddeley, from 260 day PEAK PreK Coach to 210 day PEAK PreK Coach, effective July 1, 2012, \$42,103/yr.

James C. Porter, from 260 day JROTC Instructor, to 225 day JROTC Instructor, effective July 1, 2012, \$80,087/yr.

Mary Rieck, from 260 day PEAK Coordinator to 210 day, PEAK Coordinator effective July 1, 2012, \$56,137/yr.

Ratify Lisa Schivaone, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, from 2 days per week to 3 days per week, retroactive to April 2, 2012, \$40,736/year, (assuming the schedule of Laurie Kolka).

Classified

Tammy Condrack, from Part-time Nurse to Substitute Nurse, effective June 30, 2012, rate \$22.26/hour.

Elections

Classified

Ratify Tina Hoak, Substitute Board Recording Secretary, effective May 18, 2012, \$28.16 /hour.

Ratify Michelle Evans, Cafeteria Substitute, effective May 29, 2012, 10.77/hour. This is in addition to her role as Student Proctor, Substitute Cafeteria Proctor, Substitute Van Driver and Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper.

Ratify Deborah Cook, Cafeteria Substitute, effective May 29, 2012, \$10.77/hour. This is in addition to her role as Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper.

Homebound Instruction, \$29/hour

Ratify Kelly Smale, Pottstown High School, effective May 23, 2012 Through June 7, 2012, not to exceed 5 hours per week; and approve an extension to August 10<sup>th</sup>, not to exceed 5 hrs per week.

2011-2012 Mentor Assignments Addition/Correction

<u>Bldg</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Salary</u>
MS	Kevin Downes	Dana Scamardi	\$172.75
MS	Desiree Schwoyer	Dana Scamardi	\$350.75

2011-2012 Stipends paid by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jolie Martinez	College Exploration Visit	\$500.00
Dave Woodley	College Exploration Visit	\$500.00

Tuition Reimbursement

Act 93

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Loretta Hoch	Lincoln	\$2,385

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board ratify/approve the following contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-106.

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| 1. The Devereux Foundation | 5. The Timothy School                |
| 2. The Devereux Foundation | 6. Valley Forge Educational Services |
| 3. New Story               | 7. Wordsworth Academy                |
| 4. New Story               |                                      |

SPORTS BID AWARDS

The Superintendent recommends that purchase orders or contracts be awarded to the companies as presented. the award in each case being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications and a copy filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-107.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Resolution authorizing transfers within the 2011-2012 budget, as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-108.

RESOLUTION TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR FUTURE PSERS COSTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution to commit funds for future expenditures, as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-109.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the student accident insurance coverage for the 2012-2013 school year to be placed with Ace American Insurance Company through American Management Advisors as the plan administrator. Said coverage should have the following rates (prices listed below reflect no change over the 2011-2012 prices):

School Time: \$ 36.00	24 Hour Coverage: \$130.00	Dental: \$8.50
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The Superintendent recommends that the football insurance coverage for the 2012-2013 school year be with Ace American Insurance Company through American Management Advisors as the plan administrator at a cost of \$60.00 per player (no change over the 2011-2012 prices).

2012 INSTALLMENT COLLECTION/PAYMENT OF SCHOOL REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution offering real estate tax installment payments to all taxpayers pursuant to Taxpayer Relief Act, 53 P.S. § 6926.1502 as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-110.

## INVESTMENT OF FUNDS RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the following Resolution authorizing the Secretary and Treasurer to invest funds for the various school district accounts during the next fiscal year:

WHEREAS, the funds are available in the school accounts from time to time that can be invested and,

WHEREAS, the School Laws of Pennsylvania do permit investment of school funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District be, and hereby are, authorized to invest the funds for the various school district accounts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to dispose the said investments as the funds are needed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the procedures and types of investments purchased shall be in accordance with the requirements of the School Laws of Pennsylvania.

## 2012-2013 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

The Superintendent recommends the school lunch and breakfast prices for the 2012-2013 school year be approved as follows (Elementary Student Lunch prices listed below reflect a .10¢ increase over the 2012-2013 prices.)

### Breakfast

Full Price Breakfast - \$1.00

Reduced Price Breakfast - \$.30

Adult Breakfast – ala carte

### Lunches

Elementary (Grades K-5) School Student Lunch - \$2.10

Middle School/Senior High School Student Lunches - \$2.35

Elementary (Grades K-5) School Adult Lunch - \$2.75

Middle School/Senior High School Adult Lunches - ala carte

Reduced Price Lunch - \$.40

White Milk - \$.50

Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two  
Motion carried.

## INFORMATION

### Technology Update: April

The April Technology Update Report was included in the Board packet.

### Special Education Evaluation Update

Ms. Bateson reviewed the Special Education Evaluation chart as presented.

### Joint Meeting Minutes: May 22, 2012

Dr. Lindley presented the minutes from the May 22, 2012 joint meeting.

## FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Zahora apologized to the Federation for not including “Federation Remarks” at the Special Voting Meeting agenda of May 24.

Mrs. Vollmuth, on behalf of the teachers, thanked the Administration for extending casual attire for the last week of school. She thanked the entire district staff for their involvement in the Buy Local project. The Federation is hopeful the projected timeline for the Barth renovation project will go smoothly.

### ROUND TABLE

Dr. Spargana gave a brief updated on the PEAK Annual meeting held on June 6.

Mrs. Weand expressed her appreciation of the dedication of all teachers. She thanked Ms. Bateson for reviewing the Special Education Evaluation Chart. The statistics indicate good news for the district.

Mr. Wausnock – no comment

Mr. Williams – no comment

Ms. Bacallao thanked the students and staff for their time and effort. She enjoyed their presentations. She wished all the graduates success in their future choices.

Mr. Hylton inquired about the Barth bid opening. Mrs. Adams stated the bid opening was delayed until Monday, June 12. Mr. Hylton expressed his interest in receiving an estimated cost budget for all four elementary schools as soon as possible.

Mr. Kefer thanked the students and teachers for their presentations. He thanked the teachers that were honored and shared his appreciation for all they do. He extended well wishes to the graduates.

Dr. Lindley congratulated Dr. Sparagana who was honored at the PEAK Annual Meeting. He thanked Mr. Rodriguez for doing a good job in preparing the students for graduation.

Mrs. Zahora thanked the teachers for all they do. She is proud of the staff and stated it is very evident in the students' presentations of their dedication. Mrs. Zahora was pleased with graduation.

### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Ms. Bacallao that the Board adjourns. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

  
Linda S. Adams  
Board Secretary