

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**August 18, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, August 18, 2011, at 7:30 PM in the second floor LGI room of the Pottstown Middle School with President Richard Huss presiding. The following board members were present, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Julia Wilson, Mr. Nat White, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr. and Ms. Valerie Harris. Absent were Mrs. Michele Pargeon and Mrs. Polly Weand. Also present were Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Reed Lindley; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Business Administrator, Mrs. Linda Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Ms. Pam Bateson, Mr. John Armato, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez, Mrs. Gail Cooper, Mrs. Mia DiPaolo, Mr. Matthew Moyer, Mrs. Mrs. Lindi Vollmuth, a member of the press and interested citizens.

**AWARDS**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Food Service Equipment Grant**

Mrs. Holsonback reported that the Pottstown School District was one of fifty-four recipients of a Food Service Equipment Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Mrs. Holsonback chose a pizza oven for the middle school and a convection oven for the high school. The equipment is valued at approximately \$50,000. Mrs. Holsonback stated that she is starting a pilot program at Franklin Elementary School to help encourage students to drink more water. The Food Service Department will supply 8 oz. bottles of water to the students during lunch time.

**High School Improvement Plan**

Mr. Rodriguez presented a Power-Point Presentation outlining the High School Improvement Plan for Reading and Math PSSA testing. He reviewed the strengths and areas of improvement for each subject. The improvement plan includes creating an enrichment course to address specific reading skills and the use of a new classroom diagnostic tool offered on the SAS-PDE website.

Ms. Harris asked if there is anything being done to assess students earlier.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the staff is looking at the possibility that students are test too often and some of the data results are not being reflected in the tests that are given.

Mr. White expressed his belief that early education is the best tool for improving PSSA scores.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LITIGATION AT 7:47 P.M.**

**THE BOARD RECONVENED AT 7:55 P.M.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the minutes of the Board Workshop held on July 5, 2011 be approved as presented.

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

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on July 21, 2011 be approved as presented.

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

**LIST OF BILLS**

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the list of bills for the period of July 14, 2011 through August 10, 2011 from the Athletic Fund totaling \$4,542.86; the Cafeteria Fund totaling \$109,816.12; and the General Fund totaling \$1,169,443.93 be approved along with additional bills for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 from the General Fund totaling \$159,612.27 and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum # 2011-2012- 007.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Adams stated that the July Treasurer's report will be placed on the September 15, 2011 Board agenda for Board approval. The delay in preparing the report is due to the bank's transition to a new lockbox service vendor.

**HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS**

Mr. Thees disagreed with the estimated costs for the renovations to the elementary schools. He expressed his concern that \$15 million would not be enough to cover the cost of the proposed renovations. He suggested the Board review the cost effectiveness of replacing windows as proposed in the elementary schools renovations. Mr. Thees was concerned about the tax burden on the community.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**PERSONNEL**

**New Positions**

**Classified**

Temporary Business Machine Operator  
Temporary Clerk

These positions replace the three individuals that were reduced or resigned from in the current year budget (Word Processing Supervisor, Copy Clerk, Mail Room Clerk). Results in reduced operating costs to the district.

Temporary Custodian  
Temporary Housekeeper

In School Suspension/Temporary Placement Center Coordinator and a copy of the job description be file in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2011-2012-008.

#### Resignations/Terminations

##### Professional

Ratify Laura M. Beaver, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 2, 2011, employed since October 16, 2008.

Ratify Dina L. Browne, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 2, 2011, employed since November 1, 2008.

Ratify Melissa A. Stevens, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 2, 2011, employed since April 23, 2009.

Brooke J. Dunlap-Martin, Librarian and Library Aide, Barth Elementary, resignation effective September 25, 2011, employed since August 25, 2004.

##### Classified

Ratify Katrina Keene, Classroom Assistant, Title 1, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective July 6, 2011, employed since October 16, 2008.

Ratify Jennifer Caruso, Classroom Assistant, Edgewood Elementary, resignation due to retirement effective July 26, 2011, employed since October 28, 2010.

Ratify Jorene Ivkovich, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, resignation to retirement effective July 20, 2011, employed since February 25, 2008.

Ratify Cheryl Oxenford, Part-time Housekeeper, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective August 3, 2011, employed since August 25, 2009.

Ratify Erinn Kenline, Part-time student Intern, Administration Building, resignation due to end of assignment effective July 28, 2011, employed since August 3, 2009.

#### Change in Position and/or Salary:

##### Classified

Randy Blackwell from Lead Café Proctor to Attendance Clerk, Pottstown High School, \$14.53/hour, effective August 23, 2011.

Elections

Professional

Daniel C. Edleman, Extended Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective September 25, 2011 (coverage for Maureen Rieger), \$115/per day.

Dave Roberts, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 23, 2011(coverage for JulieVoelker) \$194/per day.

David Woodley, Extended Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective September 11, 2011 (coverage for Rebecca Heiser), \$115/per day.

Heather Lynn Gowdy, Special Substitute Teacher, effective August 29, 2011, in accordance with Board Policy 3920, \$100/day. She will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2011, \$14.13/hour

Danielle N. Slotter, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 29, 2011, in accordance with Board Policy 3920, \$95/day. She will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2011, \$14.13/hour.

Andrew R. Talley, Special Substitute Teacher, effective August 29, 2011, in accordance with Board Policy 3920, \$100/day. He will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant effective August 29, 2011, \$14.13/hour.

James Brazill, Construction Technology Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2011, \$43,768 Bachelors, Step A (contract of John Lewiski).

Melissa DiBlasi, English Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2011, \$44,397 Bachelors +15, Step A.5 (contract of Timothy Hough).

Lauren Emes, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary, effective August 23, 2011, \$43,768, Bachelors, Step 1.

Exempt

Ratify Angela M. Spinozzi, Psychologist/Counselor, initial assignment to be Lincoln Elementary, effective August 9, 2011, \$55,279/yr

2011-2012 Game Workers, \$10/hour

Steve Burdan	Todd Wallace	Colleen Blute	Nick Yonas
Tim Mutter	John Katch	Jim Schaaf	Mike Yonas
Jen Wiand	Cindy Dixon	Ben Eckroth	Rob Keeley
John Armato	Maggie Munz	Bill Beyer	Mike Zipay
Keith Gerhard	Miles Feather	Matt Oblosser	Shawn Eagle
Jamie Gill	Abbey Yeager	Dennis Arms	Brian Allen

Bill Parks	Mary Ann Lightcap	Dave Pihanich	Joe Thorpe
Brett Myers	Kevin Pascal	Marlon Randall	Sarah Pennypacker
Leverth Hughes	Jacob Bean	Justine Donnelly	James Martinez
Matt Blute	Stanley Walerski	Jan Endy	Ginger Angelo
Ryan Regensburg	Matt Boyer	Katrina Keene	Brandi Hankins
Katie Minger	Dan Edleman	Steph George	Ryan Oxenford
Dave Roberts	Laura Christie	Marianne Brownie	Terry Phillips
Denise Kuleski	Christine Kane	Gary Mock	James Wiggins
Brandy McPherson	Diane Martz		

2011-2012 Mentor Assignments

<u>BLDG</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>	<u>INDUCTEE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
HS	William Bertoti	James Brazill	\$1,047.00
HS	Cal Benfield	Melissa DiBlasi	\$1,047.00
Franklin	Lori Freese	Lauren Emes	\$1,047.00
Rupert	Maxwell Donnelly	Christine Fiorillo	\$1,047.00
Lincoln	Amy Piskai	Angela Spinozzi	\$1,047.00

2011-2012 Co-Curricular Assignments

<u>Bldg</u>	<u>Professional Agreement Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
HS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	William Parks	3	5,059.00
MS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Tom Craver	3	2,999.00
HS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Todd Endy (1/2 Stipend)	3	2,529.50
HS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Jacob Bean (1/2 Stipend)	3	2,529.50
HS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Ron Reinhart (1/2 stipend)	3	2,529.50
HS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Leverth Hughes (1/2 stipend)	3	2,529.50
MS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Tom Work (1/2 stipend)	3	1,499.50
MS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	TBD		
MS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Dave Roberts (1/2 stipend)	2	1,335.00
MS	A - Football - Asst. Coach	Matt Blute (1/2 stipend)	3	1,499.50
HS	A - Football - Head Coach	Brett Myers	3	7,224.00
MS	A - Football - Head Coach/Freshman	William Rogers	4	4,545.00
HS	B- Basketball/Boys - Head Coach	Marlon Randall	3	6,257.00
HS	B- Basketball/Boys - Asst. Coach	Cal Benfield	3	4,380.00
MS	B - Basketball/Boys - Asst. Coach	Jason Bergey	3	2,627.00
MS	B - Basketball/Boys - Head Coach	Denise Kuleski	3	3,854.00
MS	B - Basketball/Boys - Head Coach/Freshman	Leverth Hughes	3	3,854.00
HS	B - Basketball/Girls - Asst. Coach	Terry Wade	4	4,598.00
MS	B - Basketball/Girls - Asst. Coach	Stanley Walerski	3	2,627.00
HS	B - Basketball/Girls - Head Coach	Christopher Jackson	3	6,257.00
MS	B - Basketball/Girls - Head Coach	Steph George	3	3,854.00

MS	B - BasketballGirls - Head Coach/Fres.	TBD		
HS	B - Wrestling - Asst. Coach	John Armato	5	4,819.00
HS	B - Wrestling - Asst. Coach	TBD (1/2 stipend)	4	2,299.00
HS	B - Wrestling - Asst. Coach	Thomas L. Daniels (1/2 stipend)	4	2,299.00
MS	B - Wrestling - Asst. Coach	Kyle Musso (1/2 stipend)	3	1,313.50
MS	B - Wrestling - Asst. Coach	Dave Roberts (1/2 stipend)	3	1,313.50
HS	B - Wrestling - Head Coach	Jamie Gill	2	5,394.00
MS	B - Wrestling - Head Coach	Ryan Michaels	2	3,238.00
HS	C - Baseball - Asst. Coach	TBD	1	2,374.00
HS	C - Baseball - Asst./Jr. Varsity Coach	TBD	1	2,374.00
MS	C - Baseball - Asst. Coach	Carl Sundstrum	5	2,165.00
HS	C - Baseball - Head Coach	Terry Bechtel	3	4,697.00
MS	C - Baseball - Head Coach	Dan Edleman	2	2,421.00
HS	C - Hockey - Asst. Coach	Althea Filo	3	3,282.00
MS	C - Hockey - Asst. Coach	Katie Minger	2	1,696.00
HS	C - Hockey - Head Coach	Brandy McPherson	3	4,697.00
MS	C - Hockey - Head Coach	Isetta Hewlitt	5	3,176.00
HS	C - Lacrosse - Asst. Coach	Brandy McPherson	3	3,282.00
MS	C - Lacrosse - Asst. Coach	Katie Minger	2	1,696.00
HS	C - Lacrosse - Head Coach	Andy Bachman	5	5,167.00
MS	C - Lacrosse - Head Coach	Isetta Hewlett	5	3,176.00
HS	C - Soccer/Boys - Asst. Coach	Manuel Paez	1	2,374.00
MS	C - Soccer/Boys - Asst. Coach	Robert Grim	1	1,425.00
HS	C - Soccer/Boys - Head Coach	Jason Pace	3	4,697.00
MS	C - Soccer/Boys - Head Coach	Denise Kuleski	2	2,421.00
HS	C - Soccer/Girls - Asst. Coach	Chris Steffenino	1	2,374.00
MS	C - Soccer/Girls - Asst. Coach	Christian Fowkes	3	1,968.00
HS	C - Soccer/Girls - Head Coach	Gary Mock	3	4,697.00
MS	C - Soccer/Girls - Head Coach	Kevin Strange	3	2,889.00
HS	C - Softball - Asst. Coach	TBD		
HS	C - Softball - Head Coach	Brandi Hankins	2	4,041.00
HS	C - Track - Asst. Coach	James Martinez	3	3,282.00
HS	C - Track - Asst. Coach	Mark Agnew	3	3,282.00
MS	C - Track - Asst. Coach	Stefanie George	3	1,968.00
MS	C - Track - Head Coach	Stanley Walerski	3	2,889.00
HS	C - Track/Boys - Head Coach	MaryAnn Hill	5	5,167.00
HS	C - Track/Girls - Head Coach	James Wiggins	2	4,041.00
HS	D - Golf - Head Coach	John Cooper III	3	3,469.00
HS	D - Tennis/Girls - Head Coach	Ira Watts	3	3,469.00
HS	G - Music - Band Director	Michael Vought	4	6,883.00
HS	G - Music - Band Asst.	Adam Schlegel	1	1,298.00
HS	G - Music - Band Asst. (Marching/Maneuver)	Dennis Pringle	4	1,821.00
MS	G - Music - Band Director	Benjamin Hayes	3	1,955.00
MS	G - Music - Band Front	TBD	1	1,090.00

MS	G - Music - Chorus	Thomas Marsden	4	2,053.00
HS	G - Music - Drill Writer	Dennis Pringle	No Level	1,200.00
HS	G - Music - Jazz Band	Michael Vought	4	3,307.00
HS	G - Music - Show Choir	TBD	1	
MS	G - Music -Stage Band	Benjamin Hayes	3	1,830.00
HS	H - Troiad Business Manager	Leslye Blackwell	3	2,231.00
HS	H - Troiad Editorial	Leslye Blackwell	4	3,234.00
HS	I - Newspaper Business	Kirsten Cherneskie	3	758.00
HS	I - Newspaper Editorial	Leslye Blackwell	4	2,506.00
HS	J - Stage Manager	Eva Yashinsky	3	1,907.00
MS	J - Stage Manager	Nick Yashinsky	2	1,090.00
HS	K - Culinary/Banquet Manager	Mary Jo Kuhwald	3	1,907.00
HS	L - Cheerleading	TBD	1	1,385.00
MS	L - Cheerleading	Tracy Oister	2	964.00
HS	M - Dramatics - All School Play	Joseph Perrone	3	1,735.00
HS	M - Dramatics - Drama Club	Joseph Perrone	3	1,735.00
MS	M - Dramatics - Drama Club	Erica Testa (1/2 stipend)	3	649.00
MS	M - Dramatics - Drama Club	Kimberly Petro (1/2 stipend)	3	649.00
HS	N - DECA	Kevin Pascal	3	1,298.00
HS	N - Honor Society	Robert Decker	3	1,298.00
MS	N - Honor Society	Lois Sanders	3	1,298.00
HS	N - Key Club	David Todd	2	1,090.00
HS	N - Student Council	Mark Agnew	3	1,298.00
MS	N - Student Council	Amy Gazzillo	3	1,090.00
MS	O - Builder's Club	Dee Pettine (1/2 stipend)	3	545.00
MS	O - Builder's Club	Julie Shea (1/2 stipend)	3	545.00
MS	O - TV Productions	Anita Scaltrito (1/2 stipend)	3	649.00
MS	O - TV Productions	Perry Augustine (1/2 stipend)	3	649.00
Dist.	P – Webmaster	Lisa Schade	3	5,601.00
HS	Q - Strength & Conditioning		No Level	1,047.50
HS	Q - Strength & Conditioning	Matt Boyer (1/2 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem.)	No Level	1,047.50
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Freshman	TBD	No Level	792.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Freshman	Kirsten Cherneskie	No Level	792.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Junior	Jeff Delaney	No Level	1,130.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Junior	Sara Miller	No Level	1,130.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Senior	Justine Donnelly	No Level	1,969.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Senior	Helen Bowers	No Level	1,969.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Sophomore	Laura Luzeski	No Level	792.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Sophomore	Kelly Smale	No Level	792.00
HS	Athletic Trainer	Justin Baker	No Level	TBD
HS	Event Supervisor/Game Manager	TBD	No Level	2,500.00
HS	Event Supervisor/Game Manager	TBD	No Level	2,500.00
Dist.	S - Department Chair - Art	Beth Yoder ½ stipend	No Level	1,112.50
Dist.	S - Department Chair - Art	Lisa Rossie ½ stipend	No Level	1,112.50
Dist.	S - Department Chair - Music	Michael Vought	No Level	2,225.00

Dist.	S - Department Chair - Physical Ed.	Nancy Kupferschmidt	½ stipend	No Level	1,112.50
Dist.	S - Department Chair - Physical Ed.	Jane Thompson	½ stipend	No Level	1,112.50
Dist.	S - Head Librarian	Debbie Bosler	½ stipend	No Level	1,112.50
Dist.	S - Head Librarian	Ted Freese	½ stipend	No Level	1,112.50
HS	T - Department Chair - English	Helen Bowers		No Level	1,874.0
HS	T - Department Chair - Foreign Lang.	Kirsten Cherneskie		No Level	1,874.00
HS	T - Department Chair - Math	Robert Decker		No Level	1,874.00
HS	T - Department Chair - Science	Paul Castanzo		No Level	1,874.00
HS	T - Department Chair - Social Studies	Dave Caldwell		No Level	1,874.00
HS	T - Department Chair - Special Ed.	Diane Earnshaw		No Level	1,874.00
MS	U - Department Chair - Foreign Lang.	Lisa Whitehurst		No Level	940.00
MS	U - Department Chair - Language Arts	Dee Pettine		No Level	940.00
MS	U - Department Chair - Math	Stefanie George		No Level	940.00
MS	U - Department Chair - Science	Jennifer Mitchell-Winterbottom		No Level	940.00
MS	U - Department Chair - Social Studies	Mathew Boyer		No Level	940.00
MS	U - Department Chair - Special Ed.	Sandra Zuchero		No Level	940.00

21<sup>st</sup> Century Tutoring List 2011-2012:

All Pottstown School District Teacher-Certified staff members are approved on an “as needed” basis as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tutors, rate of \$29.00/hour, and as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Assistants, rate of \$14.13/hour.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Tutoring List 2011-2012:

All Pottstown School District Classroom Assistants are approved on an “as need basis” as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Assistants, rate of \$14.13/hour

Correction to Middle School Summer Tutoring, paid through 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Funds. Program runs June 17, 2011 through July 29, 2011 (math, reading and vocational).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Kevin Noll	Teacher	\$29/hr.

Tuition Reimbursement

Administrative

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jerry Ummarino	PHS	\$3,990.00

Correction to Payment of Accumulated Sick Leave approved on July 21, 2011

Jane Hamilton, In accordance with the Act 93 Agreement, \$14,150.00. This is for 245 accumulated sick days. \$50 for the first 100 days, \$60 for the next 100 days and \$70 for any days over 200.

Accumulated Sick Leave Payment at Retirement with Super Annuation:

Jorene G. Ivkovich, In accordance with the Student Service Employees Guidelines, \$760.00. This is for 19 accumulated sick days at \$40 per day.

Employee Disciplinary Action

Ratify Pottstown High School Classified employee one (1) day unpaid suspension, effective July 26, 2011. and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as Addendum #2011-2012-009.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

None.

FIELD TRIPS

None.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM - Mr. Hartman

The Co-Curricular Activities Committee recommends the Board approve Cross Country as an unfunded athletic team with coaching to be provided through volunteers. The Board will provide transportation provided there are at least 7 members/participants to be transported.

2011-2012 Volunteer Coaches: Mary Ann Hill, Mark Agnew

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS – Dr. Lindley

The Superintendent recommends that individuals filling the following positions be approved as attendance officers for the school district for the 2011-2012:

Principals:

- Mrs. Mia DiPaolo
- Mr. Ryan Oxenford
- Mr. Matthew Moyer
- Mrs. Calista Boyer
- Mrs. Loretta Hoch
- Mrs. Gail Cooper
- Mr. Stephen Rodriguez

Assistant Principals:

- Mr. Jerry Ummarino
- Dr. Robert Stevens
- Mrs. Danielle McCoy
- Mr. Levert Hughes
- Ms. Karen Osley
- Ms. Cindy Smith
- Ms. Kelly Ortlip
- Officer David Mull
- Mr. Randy Blackwell
- Mr. Patrick Connors

Director of Career & Tech Ed.

Student Services Coordinators:

Special Education Liaison:

High School Secretary I:

Middle School Secretary I:

School Resource Officer:

High School Attendance Clerk:

Director of Co-Curricular Activities:

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board ratify/approve the following contract and copies be filed in the Secretary’s office as Addendum #2011-2012-010.

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| 1. Valley Forge Educational Services | 5. MCIU Technology & Information Servs.   |
| 2. Foundations                       | 6. MCIU Web & Data Services               |
| 3. MOU: Lil’ Sports                  | 7. Bald Eagle Wilderness Boys Camp School |

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST RATES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the school physician and school dentists for the fees indicated as listed below:

School Physician

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
Dr John Anderson	933 N Charlotte Street Pottstown PA 19464	\$10.35 per school physical \$75.00 as consultant

School Dentists

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
Dr. Carl Pardini	625 N Charlotte Street Pottstown PA 19464	\$4.35 per exam
Dr. Louis Raven	63 N Hanover Street Pottstown PA 19464	\$4.35 per exam
Dr. Christopher Rohrbach	562 High Street Pottstown PA 19464	\$4.35 per exam

2011-2012 TRANSPORTATION RATES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the transportation rates for 2011-2012 as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as Addendum #2011-2012-011.

SETTLEMENT OF PER CAPITA AND OCCUPATION TAX

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt a Resolution exonerating the Tax Collector from the balance of the 2010 Per Capita and the 2010 Occupation Tax Duplicate as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as Addendum #2011-2012-012.

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

NON-CONSENT

Mr. Kalis reviewed the Special Education Settlement Agreement and the Resignation and Separation Agreement as presented for Board approval.

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the Personnel items as presented for Board approval.

Mrs. Adams reviewed the Contracts as presented for Board approval.

Mr. Wausnock reviewed the Authorization To Proceed With Application For Bond Closing and Self-Certification Application for Non-Reimbursable Construction Project of the 5 Elementary Schools as presented for Board approval.

Dr. Lindley reviewed the Approval of High School Improvement Plan as presented for Board approval.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to Non-Consent Items)

Mr. Thees did not understand what the tax advantage is to the tax payer not to get any reimbursement of expenditures for the 5 elementary school renovations. He voiced his concern of how the high school students failed in Reading and how they got to high school.

### APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion to approve Special Education award settlement 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 be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum#2011-2012-013.

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the Special Education Agreement.

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

### PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented:

#### Resignation

##### Professional

Lisa Cassidy-Lawler, Health Care Occupation Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective October 17, 2011, employed since January 24, 2010.

#### Change in Position

##### Professional

Corina M. Miller, from Intervention Assistant to Long Term Substitute, Grade 1 Edgewood Elementary, effective August 23, 2011, \$194/per day (coverage for Calista Boyer).

Dana Scamardi, from Building Substitute to Long Term Substitute, Grade 6 Pottstown Middle School, effective August 23, 2011, \$194/per day (coverage for Ryan Oxenford)

#### Election

##### Professional

Megan Penrice, Spanish/ELL Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 23, 2011, \$47,074 Masters, Step 4 (contract of Samantha Kelly).

Carol Fazioli, Librarian, initial assignment to be Barth Elementary, effective August 23, 2011, \$33,900, Master +30, Step 2 (contract for Brooke Dunlap-Martin. She will also assume the role of Library Assistant, rate \$14.13/per hour.

### 2011-2012 Mentor Assignments

BLDG	MENTOR	INDUCTEE	SALARY
Edgewood	Diana Hofmanner	Corina Miller	\$1,047.00
MS	Desiree Schwoyer	Dana Scamardi	\$1,047.00
HS	Kristen Cherneski	Megan Penrice	\$1,047.00
Barth	Kelli Wolfel 1/2	Carol Fazioli	\$528.50
Barth	Ted Freeze 1/2	Carol Fazioli	\$528.50

It was moved by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Non-Consent Personnel items be approved as presented.

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

### RESIGNATION AND SEPARATION AGREEMENT

A motion to accept resignation of classified employee and approve separation agreement and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2011-2012-014.

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the resignation and separation agreement as presented

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

### CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2011-2012-015

1. KidsPeace National Centers, Inc.
2. The Children's Home of Reading
3. Staffing Plus, Inc.

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the Non-Consent Contracts as presented.

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

### AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH APPLICATION FOR BOND CLOSING

Motion to authorize Mr. Gordon Walker of Public Financial Management to prepare and submit all applications and supporting documentation necessary to proceed with a bond closing for the purpose of securing the sum of \$15 million dollars from the June 2006 forward borrowing resolution which shall be incurred for the purpose of renovating the School District's existing five elementary schools. The Board's architect and solicitor are hereby directed to offer whatever assistance and supporting documentation as may be required in order to prepare for and proceed with the Bond closing.

Mr. Kalis provided a brief summary of the process to prepare for the bond closing. He stated that the interest rate for the bond will be established at the time of the bond sale. The bond closing process should be completed by the end of September. The Board could call for a special meeting to address the issue or the sale could be approved and voted on at the October 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting with the closing to take place 30 days after that.

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the authorization to Proceed with the application for bond closing.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve authorization to proceed with application for bond closing, was recorded as follows: Mr. Hartman: nay, Mr. Huss: nay. Mr. Hylton: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mr. White: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: Aye. Ayes: Five. Nays: Two. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

#### SELF-CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF THE 5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Motion to authorize the Board Secretary together with its solicitor and architects to take the steps necessary to prepare and submit form 3074(a), Self-Certification Application for Non-Reimbursable Construction Projects, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval in accordance with all applicable legal requirements including those set forth in the Pennsylvania School Code.

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Ms. Harris that the Board approve the self-certification Application for non-reimbursable construction project of the 5 elementary schools as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve self-certification application for non-reimbursable construction project of the 5 elementary schools was recorded as follows: Mr. Huss: nay, Mr. Hylton: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mr. White: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: aye, Mr. Hartman: nay. Ayes: Five. Nays: Two. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the high school state mandated improvement plan for school year 2011-2012 as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2011-2012-016.

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the high school improvement plan as presented.

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### FACILITIES COMMITTEE PRESENCE AT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Motion to direct the Facilities Committee to engage with the Neighborhood School Committee meetings. Mr. Huss stated the motion presented will be moved to the September 1, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **INFORMATION**

### **PEAK Update: August**

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the PEAK August report. He stated that the pre and post assessments demonstrated that the students progressed during the summer. The district looks forward to the children entering kindergarten with a higher skill level.

### **Monthly Meeting Notice: September**

Mrs. Adams provided the Board Members with the monthly meeting notice for September.

### **Flu Vaccination Program**

Dr. Lindley reviewed the flu vaccination program scheduled to take place in October.

### **Board Table at Open Doors**

Mr. Huss asked the Board Members to sign up for a time slot at the Open Doors event on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **FEDERATION REMARKS**

Mrs. Vollmuth asked what has been done to look into the district's liability for the Cross Country volunteer coaches when transporting students and also the liability for potential injuries to the students participating in the Cross Country competitions. She thanked the administration for including the Federation representatives in the 2-day Hope conference on leadership.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Mr. White – no comment.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Mrs. Wilson – no comment.

Ms. Harris was impressed with the PEAK assessment results. She welcomed the teachers back to the new school year.

Mr. Hartman – no comment.

Mr. Wausnock – no comment.

Dr. Sparagana invited all the Board Members to attend a PEAK fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Boscov's in the Coventry Mall.

Dr. Lindley announced there will be a public meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> in the high school cafeteria by the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee. The goal of the meeting is to gather community input on economic growth of the eight communities in the region.

Mr. Huss welcomed the teachers back to the new school year. He thanked the maintenance crew for a great job preparing the school buildings for the new school year. He complimented the students for their respect and participation in keeping the schools neat and clean.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board adjourns. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

  
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Linda S. Adams  
Board Secretary