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

**July 21, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, July 21, 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. Polly Weand, Mrs. Julia Wilson, Mr. Nat White, Mrs. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr. and Ms. Valerie Harris. Also present were Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Reed Lindley; Business Administrator, Mrs. Linda Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Mr. John Armato, , Mr. Barry Angstadt, Mrs. Danielle McCoy, Mrs. Lindi Vollmuth, a member of the press and interested citizens.

## AWARDS

None.

## PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Stephen Parks, Stephen Parks Associates, presented plans for the North Fields Project and Tennis Courts. He reviewed the design plan and explained Phase I and Phase II of the project. Phase I will take the existing 6 tennis courts, enlarging them and expanding to a total of 7 courts including new chain link fencing. Phase II includes moving the existing softball field 35 feet back to accommodate an additional softball field. He anticipates the final plans to be completed by next week. The plans will be submitted to the DCNR for a final review. Mr. Parks stated that the project could be completed by May 2012.

## COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 16, 2011 be approved as presented. Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the minutes of the committee of the whole meeting held on July 7, 2011 be approved as presented.

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

## LIST OF BILLS

It was moved by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Harris that the list of bills for the period of June 9, 2011 through July 13, 2011 from the Athletic Fund totaling $55,520.77; the Cafeteria Fund totaling $15,210.89; the Elementary Fund totaling $4,056.07; and the General Fund totaling $ 1,140,489.87 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum # 2011-2012-001.

Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. White that the Treasurer's Report be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum # 2011-2012-002.

Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS**

Ken Kummerer, 1048 South Street, stated that the residents of Pottstown want 5 elementary schools.

Penny Griffin, 176 South Roland Street, presented petitions to the Board to keep all 5 elementary schools. She stated that closing schools will decrease the property values.

Linda Beekley, 1335 Cherry Street, supports renovating the 5 elementary schools. She stated that the community needs 5 schools to generate growth.

Julia Kummerer, 1048 South Street, supports 5 elementary schools. She stated that the taxpayers want 5 elementary schools.

Robert Haines, 1101 N. Franklin Street, supports keeping the schools opened and maintained.

Portia Smith, 321 Grant Street, does not see the benefit of closing two schools. She voiced her concern about the negative effects on the students.

Susan Mock, 916 N. Franklin Street, supports closing the two elementary schools. The children accept all races. She understands the task of the Administration to budget the funds the school district receives. She would like to see the vacant buildings become housing for senior citizens.

Christopher Miller, 1214 N. Franklin Street, does not support closing Franklin Elementary. He fears for his children's safety if they had to walk outside of their neighborhood school.

Dr. James Smock, 1009 N. Evans Street, thanked the Board Members and Administration for the time and effort they are putting into this difficult decision. He expressed his hope that whatever the decision the Board makes that the community will get behind the decision.

Philip Thees, 63 South Evans Street, expressed his disappointment about negative remarks made towards the Task Force at the previous Board meeting. He stated the Board needs to look at the facts. The community cannot continue as we are. He is still waiting for the Board Member's report as requested by the Board President at a previous Board meeting.

Kathryn Haines, 1101 North Franklin Street, expressed her concern about closing schools. She felt that in the future the district would need to buy back the schools due to increased enrollments.

Danielle Butterfield, 1106 Queen Street, voiced her confusion about the Task Force information. She supports renovating the schools.

Kim Stillwell, 1228 Center Avenue, asked the Board to keep all 5 elementary schools opened. She stated

the schools have a purpose.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson 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

Resignations/Terminations

Professional

Karen E. Curley, Elementary Teacher, Franklin, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 31, 2011, employed since September 4, 1973.

Ratify John Lewiski, Secondary Teacher (Construction Technology Instructor), resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since August 24, 2005.

Samantha Kelly, Secondary Teacher (Spanish/ELL), resignation effective August 20, 2011, employed since August 25, 2009.

Ratify Lorraine Donnelly, Guidance Counselor, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective July 11, 2011, employed since September 3, 1991.

Ratify Connie D.Carver, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since September 12, 2008.

Ratify Lauren N. Hoover, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since October 5, 2009.

Ratify Diane L. Kleinert, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since December 7, 2009.

Ratify Mandy M. Poole, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since February 22, 2010.

Ratify Alexandria J. Samsel, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since September 20, 2008.

Ratify Stuart R. Schwarzer, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since March 4, 2008.

Ratify Christine N. Sowers, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective June 27, 2011, employed since November 22, 2010.

Ratify Christine A. Badger, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective July 6, 2011, employed since August 25, 2008.

Administrative

Theresa C. Lampe, Director of Development & Executive Director of the Foundation for Pottstown, resignation effective August 14, 2011, employed since January 15, 2009.

Classified

Ratify Roger Eppehimer, Classroom Assistant/Van Assistant, Annex, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since February 16, 2011.

Ratify Martha Coulter, Classroom Assistant, Edgewood Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since October 21, 2004.

Ratify Amelia Derstine, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since December 13, 2010.

Ratify Lisa Kirlin, Classroom Assistant, Edgewood Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since November 13, 2002.

Ratify Dawn Sheffy, Classroom Assistant, Franklin Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since April 21, 1986.

Ratify Jessica Ferraro, Part-time Physical Therapist, Annex, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since February 2, 2011.

Ratify Norma Jean Weatherly, Student Service Case Manager, Annex, termination effective June 30, 2011, employed since April 16, 2008.

Ratify William Wiles, Food Service Driver, Pottstown High School Cafeteria, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since October 27, 2010.

Ratify James E. Corum, Sr., Part-time Custodian, Annex, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since March 14, 2001

Ratify Tracey Hanson, Intervention Assistant (EAP). Rupert Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since August 25, 2009.

Ratify Patricia Klein, Intervention Assistant (EAP), Edgewood Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since October 30, 2007.

Ratify Melissa Lopez, Intervention Assistant (EAP), Franklin Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since February 2, 2010.

Ratify Kristen McMillan, Intervention Assistant (EAP), Franklin Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since August 22, 2007.

Ratify Sallie Chesbro, Classroom Assistant (EAP), Barth Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since September 27, 2010.

Ratify Krista Hillegass-Benfield, Classroom Assistant (EAP), Rupert Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since February 23, 2010.

Ratify Alyse Woodman, Classroom Assistant (EAP), Barth Elementary, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since September 14, 2010.

Co-Curricular

Ratify Terence Anderson, Assistant Band Director, Pottstown High School, resignation effective June 28, 2011, employed since September 7, 2006.

Summer Maintenance Program

Ratify Michael DiDonato, Summer Cleaning, resignation effective July 8, 2011.

Ratify Ralph Richards, Summer Cleaning, resignation effective July 8, 2011.

Ratify Abbey Yeager, Summer Cleaning, resignation effective July 8, 2011.

Leaves

Classified

Ratify Earl Kissinger, Custodian, Middle School, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective May, 20, 2011 through June 12, 2011.

Change in Position and/or Salary

Professional

Andrew R. Bachman, from Instructional Coach to SecondaryMath Teacher effective August 23, 2011, no change in compensation.

Christine D. Fiorillo, from Substitute Teacher to Long Term Substitute Teacher, Rupert Elementary, $194/day, coverage for Brenda DiDonato.

Rebecca M. Wyatt, from Instructional Coach to Classroom Teacher, effective August 23, 2011, no change in compensation.

Elections

Professional

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

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

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

Tracey L. Hanson, Special Substitute Teacher, effective August 29, 2011, $100/day. She will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, $14.13/hour.

Music Accompanists, 2010-2011 school year:

Christopher Sperat, District Accompanist, $70.00 ( 2 concerts)

Robin Ward, District Accompanist, $1,210.00 (13 rehearsals and 16 concerts)

Ratify Additions to 2010-2011 Co-Curricular Assignments

| Bldg | Professional Agreement Category | Employee | Level | Stipend |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dist. | P - Web Master | Lisa Schade | 2 | 5601.00 |
| HS | HOSA | Lisa Cassidy-Lawler | 1 | 870.00 |

Correct Middle School Summer Tutoring, paid through 21st Century Grant Funds. Program runs June 17, 2011 through July 29, 2011 (math, reading and vocational).

| Name | Position | Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Elizabeth Collings | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Barbara Gross | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Pauline Herrett | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Amy Leonard | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Francis Mulvihill | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Amy Nagle | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Lois O'Dell | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Theresa Truman | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Sara Wells | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr |
| Connie March | Office Assistant | $14.13/hr |

District Pupil Services Summer Staffing

| Name | Summer Position | Not to Exceed | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel J. Brooks | Psychologist | 75 hours | $52.66/hr. |
| Amy Piskai | Psychologist | 75 hours | $39.31/hr. |
| Alison M. Detweiler | Psychologist | 75 hours | $40.45/hr. |
| Angela Spinozi | Psychologist | 37.5 hours | $36.00/hr. |
| Patricia R. Carfagno | Special Education Tutor | 20 hours | $29.00/hr. |
| Vigliotta, Jamie | Elementary Occupational Therapist | 16 hours | $43.87/hr. |

Additions to Summer Maintenance Program, effective June 20, 2011through August 18, 2011.

| Name | Position | Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Gordon, Michael | Summer Cleaning | $11.17/hr |

High School Summer Tutoring paid through 21st Century Grant Funds. Program runs June 17, 2011 through July 29, 2011.

| Name | Position | Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Laura Christie | Science Teacher | $29/hr. |
| Dan Edleman | Math Teacher | $29/hr. |
| Theresa Dundon | Enrichment | $29/hr. |
| Jennifer Wiand | Math Teacher | $29hr. |
| J.Cal Benfield | English Teacher | $29/hr. |
| Sarah Pennypacker | Science Teacher | $29/hr. |
| Kate Minger | English Teacher | $29/hr. |
| Jolie Martinez | Program Coordinator | $29/hr. |
| Dennis Arms | Program Coordinator | $29/hr. |
| Eileen Undorfer | Program Coordinator | $29/hr. |
| Wendy Waters | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr. |
| Abby Yeager | Classroom Assistant | $14.13/hr. |

Compensation for Missed Planning Time 2010-2011school year $23 per period, for the time period ending, June 16, 2011.

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| Lisa Cassidy-Lawler | 7 missed planning times | $161.00 |

Tuition Reimbursement

Professional

| Name | School | 6/30/11 deadline |
|---|---|---|
| Ginger Angelo | PMS | $1335.00 |
| Perry Augustine | PMS | $408.00 |
| Sarah Buruschkin | PHS | $3000.00 |
| Rebecca Carey | PMS | $1161.00 |
| Laura Christie | PHS | $1161.00 |
| Justin Detweiler | PHS | $336.00 |
| Brenda DiDonato | Rupert Elementary | $370.00 |
| Justine Donnelly | PHS | $339.00 |
| Brooke Dunlap-Martin | Barth Elementary | $1161.00 |
| Matthew Fabian | Rupert/Franklin Elementary | $336.00 |
| Mary Jo Kuhwald | PHS | $1371.00 |
| Kristin Lafferty | Lincoln Elementary | $1161.00 |
| Lisa Cassidy-Lawler | PHS | $1875.00 |
| Lauren Mann(Dorn) | Rupert Elementary | $2760.00 |
| Jolie Martinez | PHS | $408.00 |
| Bradley Mayberry | Barth Elementary | $980.00 |
| Bridget McGuigan | PHS | $359.00 |
| Tom Medvetz | Barth Elementary | $400.00 |
| Layla Miller | PMS | $980.00 |
| Ryan Oxenford | PMS | $375.00 |
| Jennifer Swenk | Franklin Elementary | $1140.00 |
| Julie Voelker | PMS | $1440.00 |
| Shannon Wagner | Rupert Elementary | $1161.00 |

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| Stanley Walerski | PMS | $408.00 |
| Jennifer Wiand | PHS | $408.00 |

Administrative

| Name | Building | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Jerry Ummarino | PHS | $3,990 |
| Pamela Bateson | Annex | $1,995 |

Support Staff

| Name | Building | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Janice Bobst | PHS | $261.00 |
| J. Kelly Brown | PHS | $1154.00 |
| Barry Diamond | Admin. | $900.00 |
| Karen Dilliplanie | Barth Elementary | $680.00 |
| Mindy MacRone-Wojton | Annex | $755.94 |

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

| Bldg. | Name | Conference Title and | Location | Dates to Attend | Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sr. High | James Porter | Air Force JROTC Academic Instructor Course | Maxwell AFB, AL | 7/11/11 – 7/22/11 | All costs covered by USAF, no cost to district. |
| Middle | Angela Wagner<br>Sandra Zuchero | Increasing Reading Achievement for Adolescent Readers | Harrisburg, PA | 7/18/11 – 7/19/11 | None to district |
| Sr. High | Danielle McCoy | PACTA Summer Leadership Conference | State College, PA | 7/27/11 – 7/29/11 | Approx. cost $327.00 paid by Perkins grant |

FIELD TRIPS

| # of students and/or group | Name of conference or activity | Destination | Date of trip | Cost to student | Cost to district-substitutes | Chaperone(s) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | Camp Poyntelle (Football Camp) | Poyntelle, PA | 8/14/11 – 8/19/11 | $200.00 | N/A | B. Myers, B. Parks, T. Craver, T. Endy, R. Reinhart, A. Knight, B. Rogers, L. Hughes, M. Blute, J. Baker, D. Roberts, J. Bean |

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts and a copies be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum 2011-2012-003.

1. Camphill Special School
2. The Devereux Foundation
3. The Devereux Foundation
4. The Devereux Foundation
5. The Pathway School
6. Valley Forge Educational Services
7. MOU: Gallery School
8. MOU: Public Health Management Corp.
9. The Devereux Foundation

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Hours of Operation for the 2011-2012 school year as presented and a copy be file in the Secretary's offices as addendum 2011-2012-004.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Pottstown School District's participation in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program for the 2011-2012 school year and file the appropriate applications.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the student accident insurance coverage for the 2011-2012 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 2010-20110 prices):

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| School Time: | $ 36.00 |
| 24 Hour Coverage: | $130.00 |
| Dental: | $ 8.50 |

The Superintendent recommends that the football insurance coverage for the 2011-2012 school year be with Ace American Insurance Company through American Management Advisors as the plan administrator at a cost of $60.00 per player (prices no change over the 2010-2011 prices):

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

**NON-CONSENT**

RESOLUTION REGARDING NON-RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution regarding non-renewal of a temporary professional employee as a result of the July 6, 2011 Department of Education approval to curtail and/or alter the school district's Speech and Language Programming and a copy be filed in the Secretary's Office as Addendum #2010-2012-005.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the Resolution Regarding Non-Renewal of Temporary Professional Employee.

Upon roll call, all member present vote aye. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON FACILITIES RECOMMENDATION

The Board President recommends the Board approve the Board President's Task Force on Facilities Recommendations presented by the Task Force at the July 5, 2011 Board Workshop as listed below:

Task Force Recommendation
3 Schools – Barth, Lincoln, Edgewood
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5

and directs the Administration to initiate the Plan Con process with Crabtree Rohrbaugh Architects.

It was moved by Mr. Huss and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the Board approve the Board President's Task Force on Facilities Recommendation as presented.

Mr. Hylton stated his opposition to the Task Force Recommendation for 3 schools – Barth, Lincoln and Edgewood. He stated that he felt 3 elementary schools is fiscally irresponsible. He stated he will vote no.

Mr. Hartman explained that the renovations that would be made to the 3 elementary schools would enable the district to keep the class sizes down. He expressed his concern that if the district were to go with the $13million to do upgrades to the 5 elementary schools through subsidized funds that the district would not be able to go back to the state for subsidization for the next 20 years.

Mrs. Weand stated that the Board must consider all taxpayers. She voiced her concern about finding the funds to pay for any unexpected repairs if the Board decided to go with the $13 million to renovate the 5 elementary buildings.

Ms. Harris stated that the schools belong to everyone. She stated her willingness to listen to both sides. She does not vote according to her personal agenda but votes on what the majority of the public is supporting. She will being voting no on the 3 elementary schools.

Mrs. Pargeon stated that she ran on a platform to be fiscally responsible. Maintaining 5 elementary schools will not sustain the district for the next 20 years. She will be voting yes for the 3 elementary schools.

Upon roll call, the vote for the Board President's Task Force on Facilities Recommendation of 3elementary schools – Barth, Edgewood, Lincoln, with Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 was recorded as follows: Mr. White: nay, Mrs. Wilson: nay, Ms. Harris: nay, Mr. Hartman: aye, Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: nay, Mrs. Weand: aye. Ayes: Four. Nays: Five. Motion denied.

<u>MOTION</u>

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon that the Board approve a motion to place a referendum in the November election to raise the borrow the additional money needed to properly renovate the 5 elementary schools. He explained that the proposed $13million is fiscally irresponsible.

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon to place a referendum in the November election for taxpayer support to raise additional funds to properly renovate the 5 elementary schools.

Mr. Hylton stated that the referendum is a delay tatic.

Mr. Huss stated that the referendum would provide an opportunity for the entire community to vote yes for 5 schools. It would be up to the taxpayers. The referendum would bring voters to the polls.

Mrs. Wilson supported the idea of a referendum but would not support a resolution that did not provide a dollar amount.

Mrs. Weand supported the referendum. The district must be prepared to fund unexpected repairs that could be found. It would be the decision of the public.

Mrs. Pargeon stated that the public would be voting to incur the additional debit service but also be voting to maintain and sustain the buildings for the next 20 years.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to the referendum motion)

Philip Thees, 63 South Evans Street, was in favor of the referendum. It would give the community an opportunity to vote on maintaining 5 schools. The $13 million will not cover the costs to renovate all 5 elementary schools properly.

Judyth Zahora, 806 N. Franklin Street, agreed with the referendum asking the taxpayers to support renovating 5 elementary schools.

Ken Kummerer, 1048 South Street, asked who will write the referendum and when would the public see the referendum.

Penny Griffin, 176 S. Roland Street, stated that taxes are going up anyway, so give the taxpayers what we want.

Julia Kummerer, 1048 South Street, asked the Board to provide the public with the costs, "tell the whole picture".

Tiffany McKay asked if the referendum would have been presented had the 3 elementary schools been the decision of the Board.

Anthony Wonderlick asked if there is a list from the contractor to see what the public is paying for.

Kathy Yeagle, supports Dr. Lindley's previous comments about getting more businesses to move into the community to help support the tax base.

Susan Mock, 916 N. Franklin Street, stated the entire town needs to make a decision.

Kathryn Haines, 1101 N. Franklin Street, asked if 3 bids for renovations to the 5 elementary schools could be submitted with the referendum.

Mr. Hylton stated that the district would not be asking for state subsidy, therefore the 20 year rule would not apply to the renovations of the 5 elementary schools.

Upon roll call, the vote to place a referendum in the November election to raise additional funds to properly renovate the 5 elementary schools was recorded as follows: Mrs. Wilson: nay, Ms. Harris: nay, Mr. Hartman: aye, Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: nay, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mr. White: nay. Ayes: Four. Nays: Five. Motion denied.

MOTION- RESOLUTION #1

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. White that the Board approve the following RESOLUTION #1:

WHEREAS, after a review of pertinent documents, the Pottstown School Board finds that retaining and upgrading its five elementary schools, without major renovations, is by far the most cost-effective and educationally sound course of action, the Board of Directors hereby declares its five elementary schools shall be retained.

The Board of Directors further directs the district administration to work with our architects/engineers to establish a timetable for upgrading all five elementary schools in accordance with the spreadsheet provided to the district by Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects entitled "Elementary School Cost Summary – Reduced Scope" and dated 16-May-11. A copy of that spreadsheet is attached and made a part of this resolution.

The work is to be completed in the following order:

1. Rupert Elementary School
2. Lincoln Elementary School

with the intention of completing major work at these schools in the summer of 2012.

3. Barth Elementary School
4. Franklin Elementary School

with the intention of completing major work at these schools in the summer of 2013.

5. Edgewood Elementary School

With the intention of completing major work at this school in the summer of 2014, unless it can be done earlier.

If preliminary investigation determines that geo-thermal is not the most cost-effective heating and cooling system at any of the schools, our architects/engineers are authorized to proceed with the most cost-effective system to provide both heating and cooling.

In addition, our architects/engineers are hereby authorized to investigate the cost of installing elevators at the Rupert, Lincoln, Barth and Franklin schools.

All work shall be overseen by a newly established Neighborhood Schools Committee consisting of three board members as follows: Dennis Wausnock, Chairman; Valerie Harris, and Thomas Hylton.

The Neighborhood Schools Committee shall also research options for redistricting the elementary schools to reduce busing and place students as close as possible to their assigned school.

Mrs. Weand asked the Board who was going to pay for the additional money that will be needed to renovate the 5 elementary schools. She read a statement asking for Mr. Hylton's pledge to personally pay for the additional renovations that will be needed. It is the taxpayers that will have to pay.

Mrs. Pargeon asked the Board how is the renovations to the 5 elementary schools going to better education. "Where is the money coming from?" The renovations will not reduce class sizes.

Mr. Hylton stated that the resolution referring to the spreadsheet by Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects entitled "Elementary School Cost Summary – Reduced Scope" and dated 16-May-11 does not pertain to Middle School and High School, only the elementary schools.

Mr. Hartman stated that Crabtree's Elementary School Cost Summary – Reduced Scope was not recommended by Crabtree. Crabtree was asked by the Neighborhood Schools Committee for the cost to do upgrades and renovations submitted on the list.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to the motion to approve the resolution to renovate all 5 elementary buildings as presented above)

A Patron stated that education is made of teachers, not buildings.

Susan Mock voiced her concern about the time table presented in the resolution.

Philip Thees did not support the geo-thermal heating outlined in the resolution. He stated it is not economically feasible and voiced his concern about the impact to homes in the community.

Penny Griffin supports renovating all 5 elementary schools.

Robert Haines asked why the Board is not looking for local vendors who care about the community.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve Resolution #1 directing the district administration to work with our architects/engineers and the newly formed Neighborhood Schools Committee to establish a timetable for upgrading all five elementary schools in accordance with the spreadsheet provided to the district by Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects entitled "Elementary School Cost Summary – Reduced Scope" and dated 16-May-11. A copy of that spreadsheet is attached and made a part of this resolution was recorded as follows: Ms. Harris: aye, Mr. Hartman: nay, Mr. Huss: nay, Mr. Hylton: aye, Mrs. Pargeon: nay, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: nay, Mr. White: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye. Ayes: Five. Nays: Four. Motion carried.

MOTION- RESOLUTION #2

It was move by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. White that the Board approve the RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt in the amount of $28million was approved by the Pottstown School Board at its June 1, 2006 meeting and filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2005-2006-112, the Board of Directors hereby amends the resolution as follows:

The Pottstown School District shall incur no more than $20 million in debt. Funds borrowed shall be limited to upgrading existing structures within their current footprint. No funds shall be use to construct additions to any existing school district buildings, except for elevators.

The Board further directs it solicitor, Stephen Kalis, to notify all appropriate officials within five business days, in writing, that the Board has amended its June 1, 2006 resolution authorizing the incurrence of electoral debt and to provide a copy of the notification to all Board Members.

Mr. Hylton explained the purpose of the resolution is limiting $20 million for the existing structures and giving back $8 million of the forward borrowing.

Mrs. Pargeon stated that this resolution is restricting future Board's. She voiced her disappointment that this current Board would approve the proposed resolution. Mrs.Pargeon stated that $20 million will not support high level education.

Mr. Hylton stated that if goes to referendum the district could borrow as much as needed.

Mrs. Pargeon stated that additional costs will go to referendum for the taxpayers to make that decision.

Ms. Harris asked if the $20 million included the elevators

Mr. Hylton explained that cost for the elevators was included in the $20 million. The purpose is to provide a cushion and prevent future Boards from borrowing for new construction.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to the motion to approve resolution #2)

Philip Thees stated that this motion is equal to the referendum motion. He suggested the Board keep the money for emergency purposes. He voiced his concern that resolution #2 could take the school district into bankruptcy.

Danielle Butterfield stated that she does not understand the motions. The numbers do not make sense.

Mr. Hylton explained that resolution # 2 amends the $28 million forward borrowing to $20 million, limiting the purpose of the $20 million for interior renovations with no additions to buildings.

Mrs. Adams stated that the district may not have the ability to amend the $28 million to $20 million as it was an individual instrument. It may be all or nothing.

Mr. Hylton asked that resolution #2 be amended to state "subject to determination".

Dr. James Smock questioned the legality of the resolution. He reminded the Board of a previous lawsuit that was threatened when restricting forward borrowing.

Ms. Harris recommended that resolution #2 be tabled to allow time to research the legality of the resolution.

Mr. Hylton withdrew the motion to approve resolution #2 for future discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Kalis stated that he will research the school district's ability to amend the $28million forward borrowing instrument.

Mrs. Wilson stated that resolution #2 could be a benefit to the public. Any additional cost over and above the $20 million would go to referendum for the public to vote.

Mr. Hartman suggested that the forward borrowing be reduced to $15 million. He stated that 20% of the forward borrowing is retained for construction fees. These fees will not be needed as the proposed resolution #2 does not include new construction.

Mrs. Pargeon reminded the Board that the renovations to the 5elementary schools does not include additional classrooms.

The motion to approve Resolution #2 was withdrawn and no vote was taken.

NON-CONSENT - PERSONNEL

Dr. Lindley reviewed the Non-Consent Personnel items for Board approval.

Resignations/Terminations

Professional

Ratify Jessica H. Martin, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective July 11, 2011, employed since May 10, 2010.

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

Change in Position and/or Salary

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following change in positions and/or salaries:

Professional

Calista Boyer, from Elementary Teacher at Edgewood to Interim Principal, Edgewood Elementary, effective August 8, 2011, $15,000 stipend for Interim Principal position in addition to 2011-2012 teacher salary.

Ryan Oxenford, from Secondary Teacher at Pottstown Middle School to Interim Principal, Barth Elementary, effective August 8, 2011, $15,000 stipend for Interim Principal position in addition to 2011-2012 teacher salary.

Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

Professional

Katie Minger, Secondary English Teacher, effective August 23, salary as per contract Bachelors +15, Step 1.

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

| Name | Position | Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Danielle Slotter | Substitute Teacher | $29/hr. |
| Kevin Noll | Teacher | $19/hr. |

Additions to High School Summer Tutoring paid through 21st Century Grant Funds. Program runs June 17, 2011 through July 29, 2011.

| Name | Position | Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Jamie Gill | Substitute Teacher | $29/hr. |

Tuition Reimbursement

Administrative

| Name | Building | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Loretta Hoch | Lincoln | $2,280.00 |

Payment of Accumulated Sick Leave

Sally House, In accordance with the Professional Agreement, $4,160.00. This is for 104 accumulated sick days at $40 per day.

Lorraine Donnelly, In accordance with the Professional Agreement $3,520. This is for 88 accumulated sick days at $40 per day.

Jane Hamilton, In accordance with the Exempt Staff Guidelines, $9,800. This is for 245 accumulated sick days at $40 per day.

Ralph Bainbridge, In accordance with the Full Time Support Guidelines, $4,060. This is for 101.50 accumulated sick days at $40 per day.

Dawn Sheffey, In accordance with the Full Time Support guidelines, $3,240.00. This is for 108 ccumulated sick days at $30.00/day.

It was moved by Ms.Harris and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the Non-Consent Personnel items as presented.

Upon roll call, all members present vote aye. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

Dr. Lindley reviewed the Professional Leaves for Board approval:

| **Building** | **Name** | **Conference Title** | **Conference Location** | **Dates to Attend** | **Cost** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Franklin | Karen Neitz | Wilson Training: Advanced Strategies for MSL Instruction Seminar | Morristown, NJ | 8/1/11 – 8/2/11 | Approx. cost $1350.00 paid by Title I grant. |

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Harris that the Board approve the Non-Consent Professional Leave as presented.

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

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2011-2012-006.

1. Opportunities School
2. Opportunities School
3. Opportunities School
4. Valley Forge Educational Services

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

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

APPROVAL OF AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE 2010-2011, 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEARS

The Finance Committee recommends the Board approve Herbein and Company as the appointed independent auditor for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Ms. Harris that the Board approve Herbein and Company as the appointed independent auditor for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve Herbein and Company as the appointed independent auditor for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years was recorded as follows: Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mr. White: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: aye, Mr. Hartman: aye. Ayes: Eight. Nays: One. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**INFORMATION**

1. Monthly Meeting Notice: August 2011
2. PEAK Update: July
3. 4th Marking Period Honor Roll Comparison
4. Technology Update: June
5. Demand Response Test – July 26, 2011

**FEDERATION REMARKS**

Mrs. Vollmuth asked the Board to give significant notice to the teachers prior to the start of any renovations. She explained that the teachers need time to plan and prepare for any disruption to the daily class schedules.

**ROUND TABLE**

Mrs. Pargeon – no comment.

Mr. Hartman thanked the patrons for attending the meeting. He congratulated Mr. Oxenford and Mrs. Boyer for their new roles as Interim Principals. He expressed his concern about future budget cuts. He hopes that the elementary school project will run smoothly and that the Board will not regret its decision in the future. He thanked Mr. Bush and the Task Force Members and apologized that the Board could not approve their recommendation.

Mrs. Weand thanked the Task Force for a great job. She expressed her concern about the ramifications of keeping 5 elementary schools and the cost to the taxpayers.

Ms. Harris thanked the patrons for attending the meeting. She hopes that the public will continue to show their support and to speak out. Ms. Harris congratulated Mr. Oxenford and Mrs. Boyer for their new roles as Interim Principals.

Mrs. Wilson congratulated Mr. Oxenford and Mrs. Boyer for their new roles as Interim Principals. She voiced her concern about the need for better communications. Mrs. Wilson stated that the Board should have more discussion on grade configuration, more discussion on budget and what the district can afford. She felt it is important to have a better plan for the walkers and be prepared for the what-ifs.

Mr. Hylton stressed the importance to get moving on the 5 school elementary project. He explained that the project maximizes flexibility and allows for increase in enrollment. The work can be done in the summer and use the modulars as needed.

Mr. White congratulated Mr. Oxenford and Mrs. Boyer on their new roles as Interim Principals. He thanked the public for supporting the 5 elementary school renovation project.

Dr. Lindley stated that the administration looks forward to the opening of school and moving forward with the elementary renovation project. He stated that the administration will meet with the Federation in September to review and discuss ways to reduce the overall operating budget.

Mr. Wausnock thanked everyone for expressing their opinions. He stressed the importance for the Board to work together in a professional manner.

Mr. Huss agreed that the Board must work together to make Pottstown a better place. He thanked everyone for their comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board adjourns. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Linda S. Adams
Board Secretary