POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, September 15, 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, Mrs. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Thomas Hylton, and Ms. Valerie Harris. Absent were Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr. and Mr. Nat White. Also present were Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Reed Lindley; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Business Administrator, Mrs. Linda Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Ms. Pamela Bateson, Mr. Jerry Ummarino, Mrs. Calista Boyer, a member of the press and interested citizens.

AWARDS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Montgomery County Sheriff Department School Safety Programs

Sheriff Eileen Wahler Behr spoke about the various school safety programs available through the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department partners with the District Attorney's office in Safe Schools programs including Internet Safety Programs and Bullying Programs. A new "Shadowing" Program has been implemented for juniors and seniors interested in a career in law enforcement. Students have an opportunity to spend a day shadowing a deputy.

COMMUNICATIONS

Rupert Update

Dr. Lindley read the Rupert Update report and submitted a copy of his report which is included at the end of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on August 4, 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 Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Harris that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on August 18, 2011 be approved as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on August 18, 2011 were recorded as follows: Mr. Hylton: aye, Mrs. Pargeon: abstain, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: abstain, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: aye. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Abstention: Two. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 1, 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 Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the list of bills for the period of August 11, 2011 through September 7, 2011 from the Athletic Fund totaling $16,100.796; the Cafeteria Fund totaling 4120,101.29 ; and the General Fund totaling $1,147,947.19 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum # 2011-2012-017.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the July Treasurer's Report be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-018.

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

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the August Treasurer's Report be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-019.

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

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

Penny Griffin, 176 South Roland Street, asked the Board if the hurricane damages at Rupert would qualify for an insurance claim under the school district's insurance policy. Mrs. Adams stated at the current time the damages are under the $5,000 deductible. Mrs. Griffin asked the Board to clarify the enforcement of the Board Policy regarding the 10% give back of profits from the concession stand sales. Mr. Huss explained that under Policy 122.5c the 10% give back was not enforced in the past and due to the current economic conditions and the generosity of the volunteers, the Board determined it would waive the enforcement of this section of the policy this year.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

PERSONNEL

Resignation/Terminations

Professional

Ratify Brooke J. Dunlap-Martin, Librarian and Library Aide, Barth Elementary, resignation effective August 17, 2011, employed since August 25, 2004. (effective date is same dated as new hire date for Carol Fazioli)

Ratify Meghan Lynch, Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary, resignation effective August 23, 2011, employed since August 25, 2008.

Ratify Julia S. Steele, Substitute Teacher, termination effective August 23, 2011, employed since September 15, 2008.
Ratify Kimberley Valentine, Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary, resignation effective October 25, 2011 or until position is filled, employed since December 17, 2007.

Ratify Brandy Alvira, Building Substitute Teacher, Rupert Elementary, termination due to job elimination (budget), effective June 15, 2011, employed since October 1, 2007.

Ratify Jamie DeStefano, Building Substitute Teacher, Franklin Elementary, termination due to job elimination (budget), effective June 15, 2011, employed since June 11, 2007.

Ratify Ian Lawrence, Building Substitute Teacher, Middle School, termination due to job elimination (budget), effective June 15, 2011, employed since June 29, 2009.

Ratify Kris Stevenson, Building Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, termination due to job elimination (budget), effective June 15, 2011, employed since August 22, 2007.

Ratify Jacob Bean, Building Substitute Teacher, Edgewood Elementary, termination due to job elimination (budget), effective June 15, 2011, employed since July1, 2010.

Ratify David P. Woodley, Long Term Substitute Teacher, termination (due to new position to ISS/TPC Coordinator), effective August 29, 2011, employed since January 19, 2010.

Classified

Ratify Jodi Finnegan, Classroom Assistant, Lincoln Elementary termination due to job elimination (budget) effective June 15, 2011, employed since October 6, 2009.

Ratify Brittany Strunk, Classroom Assistant, Lincoln Elementary, termination due to job elimination (budget), effective June 15, 2011, employed since September 29, 2010.

Ratify Kacie Zipay, Intervention Assistant, Lincoln Elementary, termination due to job elimination (budget) effective June 15, 2011, employed since September 8, 2009.

Ratify Monique Henderson, Psychologist, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective August 18, 2011, employed since July 1, 2008.

Ratify Barbara Briest, Special Education Secretary, Administration Building, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 31, 2011, employed since May 5, 1997.

Ratify Karen Confino, Intervention Assistant, Edgewood Elementary, termination due to job elimination (budget), effective June 15, 2011, employed since October 1, 2009.

Ratify Jennifer Dixon, Special Education Classroom Assistant, Lincoln Elementary, resignation effective August 25, 2011, employed since July 1, 1996.

Ratify Keith Gerhard, Special Education Classroom Assistant, Edgewood Elementary, resignation effective August 11, 2011, employed since January 4, 2011.

Ratify Judith Horrocks, Special Education Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, resignation effective August 22, 2011, employed since December 15, 2008.

Ratify Amy Leonard, Intervention Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective August 15, 2011, employed since August 25, 2009.

Ratify Unique Nelson, Part-time Student Intern, Administration Building, termination (due to assignment ended), effective August 10, 2011, employed since October 5, 2010.

Ratify Kelly DeBlase, Substitute Breakfast Aide, Substitute Playground Aide and Substitute Cafeteria Helper, resignation (due to new position part-time breakfast aide) effective August 26, 2011, employed since December 21, 2009.

Ratify Levan Kolb, Part-time Playground Aide, Edgewood Elementary, resignation effective August 29, 2011, employed since October 26, 2010.

Ratify Earl Kissinger, Custodian I, Pottstown High School, resignation due to retirement, effective September 13, 2011, employed since March 17, 2005.

Co-Curricular

Ratify Kristen Cherneskie, High School Newspaper Business, termination due to position not needed (newspaper online), effective August 30, 2011.

Ratify David Todd, High School Key Club Advisor, resignation effective August 30, 2011.

Leaves

Professional

Ratify Brenda DiDonato, Special Education Teacher, Rupert Elementary, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act and Childrearing, effective date May 9, 2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Ratify Matthew Cohen, Special Education Teacher, Franklin Elementary, request for intermittent leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective August 23, 2011, end date August 29, 2011.

Ratify Denise Kuleski, Secondary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective August 29, 2011, end date TBD.

Administrative

Ratify Loretta Hoch, Principal, Lincoln Elementary, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective August 22, 2011,end date September 12, 2011.

Classified

Ratify Steve Trievel, Full-time Custodian II, Rupert Elementary, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective August 9, 2011, end date September 13, 2011.

Ratify Bozena Kull, Van Assistant, Administration Building, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective September 2, 2011, end date TBD.

Change in Position and/or Salary

Professional

Reinstate Patricia Carfagno from Part-time Special Education Teacher to Full-Time Special Education Teacher, Franklin Elementary, effective August 23, 2011, no change in compensation.

Reinstate Leslie Smoyer from Part-time Special Education Teacher to Full-Time Special Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 23, 2011, no change in compensation.

Classified

Ratify Jacqueline Keller from Cafeteria Substitute to Part-time Cafeteria Helper, effective August 29, 2011, $11.60/hour.

Ratify Maryann Bodtke from Cafeteria Substitute to Part-time Cafeteria Helper, effective May 25, 2011, $11.60/hour.

Elections

Professional

Ratify Rose N. Wentzel, Secondary Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, effective September 7, 2011, in accordance with Board Policy 3920, $95.00/day. She will also assume the role of Substitute Classroom Assistant, effective September 7, 2011, $14.13/hour.

Ratify Johanna G. Swoyer, Elementary Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, effective September 6, 2011 in accordance with Board Policy 3920, $95/day.

Ratify Jacob Bean, Extended Per-Diem Substitute, Pottstown High School, effective August 29, 2011 (coverage for Rebecca Heiser), $115/day.

Classified

Ratify Kelly DeBlase, Part-Time Breakfast Aide, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 26, 2011, $13.01/hour. This is in addition to her role as Substitute Secretary and Substitute Cafeteria Helper.

Ratify Karen Confino, Special Education Classroom Assistant, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 29, 2011, $14.13/hour.

Ratify Ian Lawrence, Intervention Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 24, 2011, $14.13/hour.

Ratify Geoff Thomas, Intervention Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 30, 2011, $14.13/hour.

Ratify Kristopher Stevenson, Special Classroom Assistant, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 29, 2011, rate $14.13/hour.

Ratify Carolyn Dise, Housekeeper, Rupert Elementary, effective August 29, 2011, $12.34/hour. This is in addition to her role as Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper.

Ratify Jennifer Fichthorn, Housekeeper, Rupert Elementary, effective August 29, 2011, $12.34/hour. This is in addition to her role as Substitute Cafeteria Helper, Substitute Breakfast Program Aide, Substitute Secretary and Substitute Playground Aide.

Ratify Patrick McMahon, Temporary Housekeeper, Edgewood Elementary, effective August 29, 2011, $12.34/hour. This is in addition to his role as Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper.

Ratify Cindy Nodolski, Temporary Custodian I, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 29, 2011, $15.60/hour. This is in addition to her role as Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper.

Ratify David P. Woodley, In School Suspension/Temporary Placement Center Coordinator , Pottstown High School, effective August 29, 2011, $24.35/hour.

Salaries

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following 2011-2012 Salaries and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012- 020.

1. Approval of 2011-2012 Professional Salaries
2. Approval of 2011-2012 Act 93 Salaries
3. Approval of 2011-2012 Support Staff Salaries

Horizontal Salary Movement as October 15, 2010 (note: SPE Column denotes salaries that receive the $400 Special Education Stipend in addition to their base salary)

Name		bldg	from	old salary	to	step	new salary	SPE
Budner,	Kimberly	PHS	M+15	$49,558	M+30	5.00	51,521	$400
Burkholder,	Jeniffer	Barth	B	$43,979	B+15	1.89	44,581	$400
Cohen,	Matthew	Franklin	M	$47,492	M+15	5	49,558	$400
Heiser,	Rebecca	PHS	B+15	$43,957	M	0.5	45,485	
DiDonato,	Brenda	Rupert	B	$44,873	B+15	4.5	45,576	$400
Eroh,	Kelley	Edgewood	M	$49,596	M+15	8.66	51,236	
Fazekas,	Jamie	Rupert	B	$43,335	B+15	1	43,957	
Ferster,	Allen	Rupert	B	$43,335	B+15	1	43,957	
Gallagher,	Bernard	PMS	M+15	$61,909	M+30	13	70,024	
Hayes,	Benjamin	PMS	B+15	$45,176	M	4.5	46,850	
Kindig,	Kari	Lincoln	B+15	$45,768	M	5.67	47,433	
Koman,	Michael	Lincoln	M	$47,601	M+15	6	49,689	
Kurtz,	Heather	Lincoln	M	$82,549	M+15	16.22	85,184	
Lawler,	Karen	Franklin	M	$64,953	M+15	14	67,929	
Leimeister,	Jared	PMS	B	$43,584	B+15	1.91	44,186	
Martinez,	James	PHS	M	$47,601	M+15	6	49,689	
Milkovits,	Jenn	PMS	B	$43,735	B+15	1	44,357	$400

Oxenford,	Ryan	PMS	B	$45,184	M	6	47,601	
Pollock,	Jayne	Franklin	M+15	$85,184	M+30	20.58	87,395	
Regensburg,	Ryan	PMS	B	$44,262	B+15	4	44,955	
Schneck,	Laura	Barth	B	$43,609	B+15	2	44,209	
Schwoyer,	Desiree	PMS	B+15	$45,679	M	5.51	47,752	
Sellman,	Amy	Edgewood	M+15	$85,584	M+30	18.85	87,795	$400
Stout,	Darla	Edgewood	B	$43,335	B+15	0.75	43,957	
Trainer,	Bonnie	Lincoln	M+15	$85,184	M+30	21	87,395	
Valentine,	Kimberly	Barth	B	$43,735	B+15	1	44,357	$400
Vollmuth,	Lindi	Franklin	M+15	$85,184	M+30	25	87,395	
Wagner,	Shannon	Rupert	B	$43,609	B+15	2	44,209	
Walerski,	Stanley	PMS	B	$43,335	B+15	1	43,957	
Wiand,	Jennifer	PHS	B	$44,262	B+15	4	44,955	

Horizontal Salary Movement as January 20, 2011: (note: SPE Column denotes salaries that receive the $400 Special Education Stipend in addition to their base salary)

Name		**bldg**	**from**	**old salary**	**to**	**step**	**new salary**	**SPE**
Bertoti,	William	PHS	Voc I/STD	$72,367	Voc II/M	17.00	$83,374	
Freese,	Theodore	Linc/Rupt	M+15	$85,184	M+30	19.00	$87,395	
Harle,	Jamie	Edgewood	B	$44,890	M+15	4.54	$49,326	$400
Hayes,	Benjamin	PMS	M	$46,850	M+15	4.50	$48,906	
Rice,	Dina	PMS	M	$49,349	M+15	8	$51,211	$400
Sperat,	Christopher	Lincoln	M+15	$57,341	M+30	12	$64,921	

Additions to 2011-2012 Co-Curricular Assignments

Bldg.	Professional Agreement Category	Employee	Level	Stipend
HS	N - Key Club	Dennis Arms	1	870.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Freshman	Jolie Martinez	No Level	792.00

Tuition Reimbursement

Administrative

Name	Building	Amount
Lisa Schade	Administration	$2,430.00

Approval of Resolution for Appointments and Certifications of Administrators and Supervisors –

The Superintendent recommends the resolution approving appointments and certifications for the purpose of rating professional staff members for the 2011-2012 school year be approved as presented a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-021.

Contracts

The Superintendent recommends the Board ratify/approve the following contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-022:

1. MOU: Creative Health
2. MOU: Family Services
3. Foundations: Lifeworks Alternative School
4. Chester County Intermediate Unit
5. The Devereux Foundation
6. MOU: PMS Evacuation Site for ManorCare

School Resource Officer

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the School Resource Officer agreement as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum#2011-2012-023.

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

NON-CONSENT

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

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

Mrs. Weand explained the reasons for the motion to direct the Facilities Committee to engage with the Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings:

- Lack of open communications breeds suspicion
- True transparency needed to function amicably
- Promotes a willingness to work together with the Board

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

NONE.

PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following personnel items:

Salaries

Approval of 2011-2012 Professional Salary

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2011-2012 Professional Salary as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-024.

It was moved by Mrs. Wausnock and seconded Ms. Harris by that the Non-Consent 2011-2012 Professional Salary be approved as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the 2011-2012 Professional Salary was recorded as follows:
Mrs. Wilson: aye,

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Abstention: One. Motion carried.

New Position

Exempt

School Psychologist from 188 day position to 200 day position (replaces 188 day position vacancy)

Classified

Special Education One-on-One Assistant, initial assignment to be Barth Elementary.

Resignation/Terminations

Professional

Maria K. Carroll, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, resignation effective October 29, 2011 (or until position is filled), employed since August 24, 2010.

Lisa Cassidy-Lawler, Health Care Occupation Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective October 7, 2011, employed since January 24, 2010.

Change in position and/or salary

Professional

Ratify Kristin Beaver from Extended Per-Diem Substitute Teacher to Long Term Substitute Teacher, Semester 1, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 23, 2011, $194/hour (coverage for Jared Leimeister)

Classified

Beth Taylor from Special Education Classroom Assistant to Intervention Assistant, initial assignment Barth Elementary, $14.13/hour.

Christopher Poole from Classroom/Van Assistant to Special Education Classroom Assistant, initial assignment Lincoln Elementary, $14.13/hour.

Michelle Evans from Substitute Van Driver/Aide to Van Driver, effective September 19, 2011, $14.54/hour.

Elections:

Professional

Ratify Brandy Alvira, Per-diem Substitute Teacher, effective September 7, 2011, in accordance with Board Policy 3920, $95/day.

Addition to 2011-2012 Game Workers, $10/hour

Dave Woodley

Additions to 2011-2012 Co-Curricular Assignments

BLDG	PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT CATEGORY	EMPLOYEE	LEVEL	STIPEND
MS	G – Music – Band Front	Alyssa Grebe	1	$1,090
HS	Event Supervisor/Game Manager	Jamie Gill	No Level	2,500.00
HS	Event Supervisor/Game Manager	Steve Burdan	No Level	2,500.00

Additions to 2011-2012 Co-Curricular Volunteer Coaches

Eric Schmidt	High School Girls Soccer
Dan Wyatt	High School Cross Country
Ashley Spickard	High School Cheerleading

Accumulated Sick Leave Payment at Retirement:

Karen Curley, In accordance with the Professional Agreement, $12,000.00. This is for 300 accumulated sick days at $40 per day.

Girls Today Leaders Tomorrow Advisors paid through United Way Grant (not to exceed 250 hours):

Name:	Position	Rate
Layla Miller	Co-Advisor	$29/hour
Desiree Schwoyer	Co-Advisor	$29/hour

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the Board approve the Non-Consent personnel items as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the Non-Consent personnel items as presented was recorded as follows: Ms. Harris: nay, Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye.

Ayes: Five. Nays: Two. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leave:

Bldg.	Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
HS	Dennis Arms	PDE Career & Technical Education Programs of Study Task List Development/Revision	State College, PA	9/29/11 – 9/30/11	No charge to district. Dennis will be reimbursed by PDE.

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

Upon roll call, all members presented 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 #2011-2012-025.

1. Berks County Intermediate Unit Agreement
2. The Devereux Foundation

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Ms. Harris 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.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE PRESENCE AT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was moved by Mrs. Weand and seconded by Mrs. Pargeon that the Board approve the motion to direct the Facilities Committee to engage with the Neighborhood School Committee meetings.

Mr. Hylton stated he felt this was a silly motion. He commented that Mr. Hartman had indicated he was not interested in attending the Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings.

Mrs. Weand stated the seriousness of the expenditure being discussed at the Neighborhood Schools Committee Meetings stresses the importance of the whole Board being involved and indicated that Mr. Hartman expressed interest in Facilities involvement. Mrs. Weand believes that this motion will endorse open communication and harmony among the Board. She expressed her concern that previous history of the Neighborhood Schools Committee has shown a lack of communication and transparency. She disagrees with three Board members making decisions for the entire Board.

Ms. Harris took offense at the way the motion was presented. She disagreed with the reference made that the committee lacked transparency. As a member of the committee, she has always been transparent with her communications. Ms. Harris explained that the purpose of committees is to gather information. All committee meetings are open to the public and other Board Members.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the motion to direct the Facilities Committee to engage with the Neighborhood School Committee meetings was recorded as follows: Mr. Hylton: nay, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: nay, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: nay, Mr. Huss: aye.

Ayes: Four. Nays: Three. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

Mr. Huss thanked the Board for their vote. He stated that every committee meeting is open to all Board Members and the patrons of the schools. Mr. Huss stated that Facilities is in charge of all buildings. He felt it would be good for the Facilities Committee to be involved with the Neighborhood Schools Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 620: Fund Balance – 1st reading (no action to be taken)

Mrs. Adams explained that this policy is the implementation of an accounting change required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

NEW BUSINESS

Conditional Use Approval for Annex

Mr. Kalis reported that the Borough has favorably granted the conditional use for the Annex. Draft leases have been prepared and forwarded to Buxmont Academy and Montgomery County Head Start. Mr. Angstadt is working with the Borough Codes Department to keep things moving forward. The leases will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting Notice: October

Mrs. Adams asked the Board to consider a Joint Personnel and Finance Committee meeting on October 13 for the purpose of budget preparations. The committees agreed to the combined meeting.

Marching Band Schedule 2011-2012

Dr. Lindley presented the Marching Band Schedule as an information item.

PEAK: 2010-2011 Outcomes

Dr. Sparagana reported that the PEAK project has increased school readiness for the students. He encouraged the Board to review the report.

MR. HARTMAN ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:07 PM.

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Vollmuth commended the administration for taking a pro-active stance regarding the Rupert water damage for the safety of the students. She expressed the Federation's appreciation for being part of the Open Doors event.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the Open Doors event was a positive and enjoyable day.

Ms. Harris agreed with Mrs. Wilson's comments regarding the Open Doors event. She stated that she is willing to work with any Facilities member who attends the Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings. Ms. Harris stated that each Board Member may realize some degree of achievement by working together. She looks forward to a good year and moving forward with providing a quality education in safe buildings.

Mrs. Pargeon's primary concern is for the education of students. She explained that she will speak out against any decisions made by the Board that do not promote education. She expressed her concern that the Finance Committee has not met to discuss the financial repercussions of the 5 elementary schools project and wonders if the committee members understand what they are doing financially to the district.

Mr. Hartman agreed that as Board Members it in important to speak out in a proper manner. He was pleased that the Open Doors event was a success for the 2nd year. Mr. Hartman thanked the administration for their prompt attention to the water damage at Rupert and he thanked Dr. Lindley for taking action in getting things done.

Mrs. Weand was impressed with the Open Doors event and the flag display at Borough Hall. She stated that the purpose of her motion to engage the Facility Committee with the Neighborhood Schools Committee meeting is to promote harmony among the Board.

Dr. Sparagana congratulated the staff and all participants of the Open Doors event for the time spent planning the event. He thanked Mr. Armato for tying it all together. Dr. Sparagana reported that a "Drive to Survive Program" is being scheduled, to take place on October 13, for students in grades 9 to 12, at a significant savings to the district. He was pleased to report there were approximately 62 parents and 67 children who attended the 1st Parent Literacy Night. He looks forward to a great year focusing on building a strong foundation for success.

Dr. Lindley reported the administration met with the federation leadership today. A process was established to update our lesson plan policy, look at the program for supervision of profession staff, and began to talk about a process to find creative ways to continue to support the non-mandated programs.

Mr. Wausnock stated that the Neighborhood Schools Committee will meet on Thursday, September 29 At 7:30 pm in the conference room at the Administration Building. All Board Members and patrons are invited to attend. Representatives from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates and Reynolds Energy Services will be in attendance.

Mr. Huss thanked the maintenance crew and custodial staff for their work in cleaning up the water damage at Rupert Elementary. He thanked the administration for taking care of the situation in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded Mr. Wausnock that the Board adjourns. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Linda S. Adams
Board Secretary

To: Board of Directors
From: Reed Lindley, Superintendent
RE: Rupert Update
Date: September 15, 2011

Given the amount of rain, there were a number of areas where water was coming through the plaster ceiling on the 2nd floor. Knowing that plaster did come down in the 2nd floor hallway last year and now with additional water coming through the plaster, it was prudent to move the students and staff until the matter was addressed:

On Friday, Sept. 9, we met with representatives from Crabtree Rohrbaugh to review the status of the school since the most recent rain damage. Present (Bob Nesbit and Jared from Crabtree-Rohrbaugh, Mr. Huss, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Angstadt, Mr. Moyer, Dr. Sparagana, Reed Lindley).

Crabtree-Rohrbaugh's Recommendations:

1. While there were additional wet areas in the plaster ceiling, the integrity of the ceiling was not compromised in areas that were not wet.

2. Scrape the damp areas of the plaster ceiling (to avoid loose material from falling).

3. Wrap the parapet walls on the roof to avoid further water damage. (Roofing material is deteriorated which caused the leakage).
    - A portion of this project was included in the current budget. However to prevent future water leaks, a more extensive area needs to be wrapped.

4. Crabtree-Rohrbaugh did not reach a conclusion as to the cause of water leakage around the windows on the 1st and 2nd floors (Could be windows/could be through the wall).

I subsequently sent an email to the Board indicating that I wished to poll the Board at this meeting to determine your interest in addressing the roof now or making it part of the renovation project.

Since the Walkthrough of September 9:

1. Maintenence Staff has removed all loose plaster from the 2nd floor ceiling and removed and supplies and equipment from the basement area that took on water; we are expecting to have industrial de-humidifiers in place tomorrow morning and to run through the weekend.

2. An air quality test is scheduled for Friday, with results expected by Monday afternoon.

3. Jeff Straub from Crabtree-Rohrbaugh inspected the building this afternoon and is confident that the loose material has been removed and the integrity of the ceiling is maintained.

4. With positive results from the air quality test, and knowing that roof repair can be made

while the building is inhabited, I plan to return students to Rupert on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

5. Given the recommendation from Crabtree-Rohrbaugh that we not begin temporary repair to the roof until all options are considered, and knowing that options will be presented at the Sept. 29 Neighborhood Schools Committee Meeting, I have no need to poll the board as I had previously indicated.

I appreciate the significant effort provided by the custodial and maintenance staff along with everyone's patience with this process.