POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, June 16, 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 Mrs. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Polly Weand, Mrs. Julia Wilson, absent were Ms. Valerie Harris, Mr. Thomas Hylton, 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; Mr. John Armato, Ms. Pamela Bateson, Mrs. Gail Cooper, Mr. Barry Angstadt, Mr. Scott Ware, Mrs. Rita Cohen, Dr. Angela Tuck, Ms. Terri Lampe, Mr. Robert Decker, a member of the press and interested citizens.

MR. THOMAS HYLTON ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:33 PM.

MR. ROBERT H. HARTMAN, JR. ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:33 PM.

AWARDS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 19, 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 Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the minutes of the committee of the whole meeting held on June 2, 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. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the list of bills for the period of May 12, 2011 through June 8, 2011 from the Athletic Fund totaling $82,668.04; the Cafeteria Fund totaling $276,015.75; the Elementary Fund totaling $3,186.66 and the General Fund totaling $755,282.99 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Aaddendum # 2010-2011-089**.**

Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: none. Absent: two. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Adams stated that the May Treasurer's report would be sent out to all Board Members by Thursday, June 23rd.

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

Mr. Hylton suggested that the Board receive written descriptions for future consent items. He stated it would be helpful to start working on a strategic plan for future budgets.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

PERSONNEL

Resignations /Terminations

Professional

Ratify Donna Carpenter, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, termination effective May 16, 2011, coverage for Diane Shofstall.

Ratify Charlene Bailey, Substitute Teacher, resignation effective April 15, 2011, employed since December 3, 2007.

Ratify Matthew Kasitz, Special Substitute Teacher, resignation effective May 10, 2011, employed since April 1, 2009.

Administrative

Dr. Angela Tuck, Elementary Principal, Edgewood, resignation effective June 30, 2011, employed since April 11, 2001.

Robert Giering, Elementary Principal, Barth, resignation effective June 30, 2011, employed since November 18, 2004.

Classified

Ms. Melissa Bennett, Athletic Trainer, Pottstown High School termination effective January 22, 2010, employed since March 20, 2007.
Ratify John Orr, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective January 15, 2011, employed since February 9, 2000.

Leaves

Professional

Ratify Leslie Smoyer, Special Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, request for leave of absence coverage under the Family Medical Leave Act, effective May 10, 2011, end date TBD.

Exempt

Ratify Edith McElroy, HR Generalist, Administration Building, request for intermittent leave of absence coverage under the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective May 11, 2011, end date TBD.

Classified

Ratify Theresa Dech, Classroom Assistant, Franklin Elementary, request for leave of absence coverage under the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective May 19, 2011, end date TBD.

Ratify Ray Golden, Custodian, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence coverage under the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective May 2, 2011, end date May 22, 2011.

Change of Job Classification

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the change of job classification for the following employee:

Mr. James Porter, JROTC Instructor, Pottstown High School, from Bargaining Unit to Exempt Support Staff, no change in compensation, effective July 1, 2011.

Additions to 2010-2011 Support Staff Salaries

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following additions to 2010-2011 Support Salaries and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2010-2011-090.

Compensation for Missed Planning Time, 2010-2011school year $23 per period, for the time period ending May 13, 2011

Lisa Cassidy-Lawler	31 missed planning times	$713.00

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leaves:

Bldg.	Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Sr. High	Danielle McCoy Dennis Arms	Governors Institute of Financial Education	Elizabethtown, PA	7/18/11 – 7/22/11	Approx. $150.00 paid by Tech Prep Grant
Middle Admin. Sr. High	Robert Stevens Sue Yocom Danielle McCoy Eileen Undorfer	21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Institute	National Harbor, MD	7/25/11 – 7/27/11	Approx. $3057.00 paid by 21st Century Grant

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts and a copies be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum 2010-2011-091.

1. The Academy
2. The Pathway School
3. Opportunities School
4. MOU: Wordsworth
5. Valley Forge Educational Services
6. The Lincoln Center

BID AWARD

The Superintendent recommends that purchase orders or contracts be awarded to the companies as listed and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-092. The award in each case being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications.

1. Fall Sports Supplies and Equipment
2. Winter Sports Supplies and Equipment
3. Spring Sports Supplies and Equipment
4. First Aid Athletic Supplies and Equipment

2011 HOMSTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2011 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-093.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Resolution authorizing transfers within the 2010-2011 Budget and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-094.

2011-2012 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

The Superintendent recommends the school lunch and breakfast prices for the 2011-2012 school year be approved as follows (Elementary Student Lunch prices listed below reflect a .25¢ increase over the 2010-11 prices.)

Lunches
Elementary (Grades K-5) School Student Lunch - $2.00
Middle School/Senior High School Student Lunches - $2.25

Elementary (Grades K-5) School Adult Lunch - $2.50
Middle School/Senior High School Adult Lunches - ala carte

Reduced Price Lunch - $.40
White Milk - $.50

Full Price Breakfast - $1.00
Reduced Price Breakfast - $.30
Adult Breakfast – ala carte

APPROVAL OF 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2011-2012 calendar and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #1010-2011-095.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

TENNIS COURTS AND NORTH FIELDS RECONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

The Facilities Committee recommends the Board approve the following contract and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-096.

1. Stephen Parks & Associates: Tennis Court Reconstruction and North Fields Reconstruction

2009-2010 SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT

The Superintendent recommends the Board acknowledge the school district Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, as prepared by Maillie, Falconiero, and Company.

REVISED TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

The Technology-Curriculum Committee and the Superintendent recommend the following revised textbook and supplemental materials adoptions and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-097.

1. Pottstown High School Revised Textbook Adoption

MS. HARRIS ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:38 PM.

POLICIES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following policies and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2010-2011-098:

1. Policy 100: Strategic Plan
2. Policy 101: Mission Statement
3. Policy 102: Academic Standards
4. Policy 103: Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
5. Policy 104: Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices
6. Policy 105: Curriculum

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: none. Abstention: one. Absent: one. Motion carried.

NON-CONSENT

Dr. Sparagana and Mrs. Adams reviewed the Non-Consent items for Board approval.

Mrs. Weand suggested that future contracts for repairs include language to address unexpected additional costs. She expressed her concern for future repairs that could reveal costs not anticipated as outlined in the contract. Mrs. Adams explained that the district paid approximately $3,000 for testing last year to prepare the scope of work for the bid process. The district did not re-test this year prior to sending out the bid. Mrs. Adams stated that the district is looking into purchasing an infrared camera that would help alleviate future unexpected roof repairs.

Mrs. Adams reviewed the 2011-2012 Final Budget. She explained the financial summary and the final budget proposal. The changes as outlined will restore the instruction programs to 100% with the exception of the Middle School general music program.

Ms. Harris asked what the tax increase would be to the average taxpayer. Mrs. Adams stated the average annual increase would be $56.00.

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

Mrs. Vollmuth thanked the Board Members and administration for reinstating the arts to 100 %. She thanked all the groups who worked together.

PERSONNEL

Resignations/Terminations

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignations/terminations:

Classified

Ratify Sandy Freese, Substitute Housekeeper and Substitute Lunch Aide, resignation effective June 10, 2011, employed since April 11, 2011.

Ratify Michael Tucker, Part-Time Housekeeper, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective June 10, 2011, employed since December 11, 2006.

Ratify Richard Weidner, Career Coach, Annex, termination effective June 15, 2011, employed since January 5, 2006.

Co-Curricular

Felicia Weinfurter, Color Guard Instructor, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective June 30, 2011employed since August 31, 2011.

Change in Position

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following change in position:

Professional

Ratify Geoffrey Thomas, from Substitute Classroom Assistant to Extended Per Diem Substitute, Rupert Elementary, coverage for Brenda DiDonato, $115/day, effective May 16, 2011.

Ratify Melinda Wurtz, from Substitute Classroom Assistant to Extended Per Diem Substitute, coverage for Aileen Campbell, $115/day, effective May 13, 2011.

Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

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
Robert Stevens	Coordinator	$29/hr
Kevin Downes	Assistant to the Coordinator	$29/hr
Matt Boyer	Teacher	$29/hr
Regina Collins	Teacher	$29/hr
Ian Lawrence	Teacher	$29/hr
John Martin	Teacher	$29/hr
Layla Miller	Teacher	$29/hr
Ryan Oxenford	Teacher	$29/hr
Dave Roberts	Teacher	$29/hr
Stanley Walerski	Teacher	$29/hr
Bernard Gallagher	Vocational Teacher	$29/hr
Sarah Pennypacker	Vocational Teacher	$29/hr
Ryan Regensburg	Vocational Teacher	$29/hr
LaTayna White	Vocational Teacher	$29/hr
Cindy Hussman	Substitute Teacher	$29/hr
Denise Kuleski	Substitute Teacher	$29/hr
Dee Pettine	Substitute Teacher	$29/hr
Robin Romero	Substitute Teacher	$29/hr
Anita Scaltrito	Substitute Teacher	$29/hr
Elizabeth Collings	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Barbara Gross	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Pauline Herrett	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Amy Leonard	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Francis Mulvihill	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Amy Nagle	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Lois O'Dell	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Theresa Truman	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Sara Wells	Classroom Assistant	$13.65/hr
Connie March	Office Assistant	$13.65/hr
Kelly Ortlip	Office Assistant	$14.13/hr
Karen Dilliplane	Nurse	$29/hr
Shirley Schaffer	Security	$15/hr
Stephanie White	Security	$15/hr

Summer Food Service Program, effective June 17, 2011 through July 29, 2011:

Name	Position	Rate
Holsonback, Kim	Summer Food Service Manager	$15.24/hr
Lightcap, MaryAnn	Summer Food Service Manager	$15.24/hr
Rodden, Stacey	Summer Food Service Manager	$15.24/hr
Russ, Carol	Summer Food Service Secretary	$18.87/hr
Bentz, Janet	Summer Food Service Substitute	$11.80/hr
Chubb, Linda	Summer Food Service Substitute	$11.80/hr
Kane, Christina	Summer Food Service Substitute	$11.80/hr

Summer Maintenance Program, effective June 20, 2011 through August 18, 2011:

Name	Rate	Position
Bean, Beth	$11.85	Summer Cleaning
Bean, Caren	$11.51	Summer Cleaning
Bean, Jake	$11.51	Maintenance Crew
Bender, Carol	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Bobst, Janice	$11.51	Summer Cleaning
Bobst, Wendy	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Bohn, Jackie	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
DiDonato, Michael	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Edmunds, Cindy	$11.85	Summer Cleaning
Endy, Jeffrey	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Evans, Michelle	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Fehr, Sarah	$12.20	Summer Cleaning
Fichthorn, Jennifer	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Fiorillo, Brittany	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Frank, John	$11.17	Maintenance Crew
Frank, Mike	$11.17	Paint Crew
Gerhard, Keith	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Gratzinger, Deb	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Hueber, Cory	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Katch, Jarrod	$11.17	Paint Crew
Kraft, Ruth	$11.51	Summer Cleaning
Lacey, Annette	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Lee, Charlsie	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Medevetz, Tom	$11.17	Paint Crew
Nodolski, Cindy	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Pihanich, Seth	$11.51	Summer Cleaning
Retner, Kim	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Richards, Ralph	$11.17	Summer Cleaning

Sabuacak, Andrew	$11.17	Maintenance Crew
Schlear, Emily	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Shank, Sherry	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Tucker Jr., Mike	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Yeager, Abby	$11.17	Summer Cleaning
Yost, Robert	$11.51	Summer Cleaning

District Pupil Service Summer Staffing:

Name	Summer Position	Not to Exceed	Rate
Boettcher, Julie	Elementary ESY Life Skills/Autism Teacher	72 hours	$29/hr.
Cohen, Matt	Elementary ESY Life Skills/Autism Teacher	72 hours	$29/hr.
Stringer, Jamie	Elementary ESY Life Skills/Autism Teacher	72 hours –	$29/hr.
Harle, Jamie		Split Position	
Knapke, Cathy	Elementary ESY Learning Support Teacher	40 hours	$29/hr.
Lynch, Meghan	Elementary ESY Learning Support Teacher	40 hours	$29/hr.
Walsh, Meghan	Elementary ESY Learning Support Teacher	40 hours	$29/hr.
Calencea, Rachel	Elementary ESY Life Skills /Autism Classroom Asst.	72 hours	$14.13/hr.
Mills, Linda	Elementary ESY Life Skills/ Autism Classroom Asst.	72 hours	$14.13/hr.
Pritchard, Paula	Elementary ESY Life Skills/ Autism Classroom Asst.	72 hours	$14.13/hr.
Sabuacak, Lori	Elementary ESY Life Skills/Autism Classroom Asst.	72 hours	$14.13/hr.
Erd, Andrea	Elementary ESY Learning Support Classroom Asst.	30 hours	$14.13/hr.
Golden, Chris	Elementary ESY Learning Support Classroom Asst.	30 hours	$14.13/hr.
Vigliotta, Jamie	Elementary Occupational Therapist	16 hours	
Sellman, Amy	Elementary Speech Therapist	16 hours	$29/hr.
Harle, Jamie	Elementary IEP Teacher	40 hours –	$29.00
Stephenson, Lisa		Shared	
Walsh, Meghan			
Earnshaw, Diane	Special Education Department Chair	5 hours –	$29/hjr.
Zuchero, Sandy		Split Position	
Dundon, Theresa	Secondary IEP Teacher	20 hours	$29/hr.
Romero, Robin	Secondary ESY Life Skills Teacher	100 hours	$29/hr.
Griffin, Gina	Secondary ESY Life Skills Classroom Assistant	75 hours	$14.13/hr.
Trostle, Brian	Secondary ESY Life Skills Classroom Assistant -Substitute & Field Trips	25 hours	$14.13/hr.
Dundon, Theresa	Secondary ESY Tutoring	50 hours (25 hrs/student	$29/hr.
Schubert, Melissa	Secondary Language Reading Program Development	20 hours	$29/hr.
Smale, Kelly		Split Position	

Correct November 18, 2010 FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America): Advisor 2009-2010 stipend of $1,300, to be paid through the Perkins Grant Mary Jo Kuhwald , Pottstown High School

FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America): Advisors 2010-2011 stipend of $1,300, to be paid through the Perkins Grant

Name	Amount
Mary Jo Kuhwald	$650.00
Marilyn Bainbridge	$650.00

Tuition Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement:

Administrative

Loretta Hoch	Lincoln Elementary	$2,280.00

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the Board approve the Non-Consent Personnel items as presented.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIPS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following 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
20	Battle at the Beach VII Wrestling Tour.	Dagsboro, DE	12/16/11 – 12/17/11		$100.00	J. Gill, T. Daniels, J. Armato

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the Non-Consent Field Trips as presented.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2010-2011-099:

1. Valley Forge Educational Services 2011-2012
2. The Devereux Foundation
3. The Devereux Foundation
4. The Pathway School
5. Valley Forge Educational Services

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

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried

J.J.D. URETHANE CHANGE ODER

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the change order to J.J. D. Urethane as presented and a copy be file in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2010-2011-100.

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Ms. Harris that the Board approve the as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote for J.J.D Urethane Change Order was recorded as follows: Ms. Harris: aye, Mr. Hartman: aye, Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: aye, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: Nay, Mrs. Wilson: aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: one. Absent: one. Motion carried

ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2011-2012: FINAL

1. Adoption of Budget Resolution – Addendum # 2010-2011-101

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Board approve the Adoption of the 2011-2012 Final Budgets as presented.

Mr. Hylton spoke of his opposition to raising taxes to balance the budget. He suggested that the administration provide for future budgets a written narrative explaining the numbers and begin to develop a long term plan that shows how the district can help to restructure our educational programs to provide a quality education with reduced resources.

Ms. Harris was pleased that the related arts programs were restored to 100%. She stated that she cannot support a budget that increases property taxes.

Mrs. Weand thanked Mrs. Adams for her hard work to balance the budget without closing a school. She voiced her concern about next year's budget and the difficulties to continue to maintain 5 elementary schools. Mrs. Weand stated that the added costs to repairs and maintenance of the 5 elementary schools will dictate next year's budget.

Mr. Hartman agreed with Mrs. Weand's comments. He indicated that the Board could close one elementary building, which would provide a zero percent tax increase. The students could be spread out to the remaining elementary schools, impacting classroom size. Mr. Hartman stated that he supports the 2011-2012 budget and the effort to keep the tax increase minimal. He spoke about the current state and local economic factors that affect the district budget. He voiced his concerns about the impact maintaining 5 elementary schools will have on the future of the Pottstown community. Mr. Hartman stressed the importance to act on the Task Force recommendation.

Mrs. Pargeon stated her support of the 2011-2012 budget and is in favor of reducing the related arts to 85%. She spoke about contributing factors to Pottstown's high tax rate including maintaining 5 elementary schools. Mrs. Pargeon stated that to achieve a zero percent tax increase it would be necessary to close an elementary school. She voiced her regret at the resignation of the Director of Development influenced by a current Board Member. Mrs. Pargeon expressed that her efforts as a school director have been focused on advocating quality education. She acknowledged the district's current debt service and is aware that the district will incur more debt by reducing the number of elementary schools. Mrs. Pargeon does not believe that the Board should make the public afraid to invest in the educational future of their children.

Upon roll call, the vote to Adopt the 2011-2012 Final Budget was recorded as follows: Mr. Hartman: aye, Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: nay, Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: nay. Ayes: six. Nays: two. Absent: one. Motion carried

RESOLUTION TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR FUTURE PSERS COSTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution to commit funds for future retirement costs as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-102

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the resolution as resented.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried

CURTAILMENT OF PROGRAM RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Resolution to curtail the Pottstown Speech and Language program as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-103.

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the Curtailment of Program Resolution as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Hylton: aye, Mrs. Pargeon: nay, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: nay, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: aye, Mr. Hartman: aye, Mr. Huss: aye.
Ayes: six. Nays: two. Absent: one. Motion carried

AUTHORITY TO LAY-OFF NON-PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

The Superintendent recommends a motion to give the Administration the authority to lay-off ten and a half (10.5) non-professional employees as the results of the fiscal/budgetary issues currently facing the District. By approving this motion, the Board authorizes the Administration to notify the specific individuals directly affected by this action.

1. One (1) Part-Time Cafeteria Van Driver
2. One (1) Annex Secretary
3. One (1) Computer Lab Assistant
4. One (1) Part-Time Annex Custodian
5. Five Classroom Assistants
6. One (1) Case Manager
7. One (1) Part-Time Physical Therapist
8. Grant Funded EAP Assistants

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the Authority to Layoff Non-Professional Employees as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Pargeon: aye, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: Aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: nay, Mr. Hartman: aye, Mrs. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: aye.
Ayes: seven. Nays: one. Absent: one. Motion carried

RESOLUTION REGARDING DEMOTION OF TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution regarding the demotion of two special education teachers as presented and a copy be file in the Secretary's office as addendum #2010-2011-104.

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the Board approve the Resolution

Regarding Demotion of Two Special Education Teachers as presented.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried

APPROVE SOLICITOR FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2011-2012 and 2012-2013

Mr. Huss made a motion to approve Mr. Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild LLP, to serve as the district's solicitor for a one-year term. Mrs. Weand seconded the motion.

Mrs. Pargeon reminded the Board that the solicitor is appointed for a two-year term in the odd years.

Mr. Huss made a motion to amend the term to a two-year term. Mrs. Pargeon seconded the motion.

Mr. Hylton commented that he was happy to vote in favor of the motion but reminded the Board that under School Code the solicitor serves at the pleasure of the Board.

Upon roll call, all members presented voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kalis presented a recent request of the district received from a property owner to terminate the Keystone Opportunity Zone agreement. He explained the terms of the original agreement and advised the Board that he does not see any adverse effect to the school district in terminating the arrangement. He believes the delinquent taxes owed on the property will be paid through the sale of a portion of the property held in escrow by the bank.

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Ms. Harris that the Board agrees to terminate the agreement with the current owner.

Mr. Hartman asked if a new owner would have the same rights to take advantage of the KOZ agreement.

Mr. Kalis stated that the rights would pass along to a new property owner but the current request is to terminate an agreement with the current owner. The delinquent property taxes amount to approximately $287,000. The termination of the agreement is conditional upon agreement of all taxing bodies. It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon that the termination of the agreement is conditional upon approval of the other taxing bodies and receipt of the delinquent taxes. Mrs. Weand seconded the motion.

HEARINGS FROM PATRON OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to terminating the KOZ agreement with the current property owner, contingent upon the approval of all taxing bodies)

Mr. Theese asked if there is the potential that the property taxes will not be collected and have the potential to go to Sheriff Sale. He commented that he voted no on the Keystone Opportunity agreements when he served as a school director.

Mr. Kalis stated that if the current owner failed to pay the delinquent taxes, payment would be pursued through the normal collection process, by Portnoff Law Associates, with the ultimate potential for Sheriff Sale.

Upon roll call, all members present voted aye. Ayes: eight. Nays: none. Absent: one. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting Notice: July

Mrs. Adams reviewed the monthly meeting notice. She reminded the Board that the Co-Curricular Committee meeting and the Facilities Committee meeting have been moved to Tuesday, June 21st.

PEAK Update: June

Dr. Sparagana offered highlights from the Chamber Breakfast and PEAK Annual Meeting held on Thursday June 9. Mr. Dave Lawrence, former editor of the Miami Herald and an Early Childhood Advocate, spoke at the Chamber Breakfast. Dr. Sparagana and Mr. Lawrence had the opportunity to stress the importance to invest in the economic development of the community through early education. Dr. Spargana provided information to the businesses regarding the Education Improvement Tax Credit Program.

Foundation Final Report & Foundation and Fund Development Results: Jan. 2009 to June 2011

Ms. Lampe spoke about the success of the Foundation and reported that in 30 months the Foundation raised approximately $2.64 million. She stated that the "funding game has changed, looking for community partnerships." Ms. Lampe stated that the Foundation has reached the level that the funding process is looking for and she urged the Board to continue achieving that level.

Mr. Huss thanked Ms. Lampe for her hard work

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mr. Decker spoke about the benefits of a collaborative effort that helps to keep the district solvent.

Mr. Huss thanked the teachers for their efforts this year.

ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Pargeon expressed her gratitude that the district was able to continue with the 4K and all day Kindergarten programs. She thanked the teachers for their dedication and their professionalism demonstrated throughout the school year. She thanked Dr. Tuck and Mr. Giering for their years of service and Ms. Lampe for all her hard work. Mrs. Pargeon voiced her concern that the district not flounder and continues to pursue the funding and partnerships needed to address the deficits the district will be facing.

Mr. Hartman congratulated the graduates and complimented them for a wonderful job. He thanked Dr. Tuck and Mr. Giering for all their hard work during their time with the district. He thanked Ms. Lampe for moving the Foundation forward. Mr. Hartman stressed the importance to commit to the educational process.

Mrs. Weand wished the best of luck to Dr. Tuck, Mr. Giering and Ms. Lampe. She asked that the press report a full report of the events that take place at the committee meetings, not half the story.

Ms. Harris thanked the teachers for maintaining a level of professionalism. She expressed her gratitude that the district was able to keep the arts program and Pre-K in tact. Ms. Harris stated that it is her belief that a quality education is possible without raising taxes.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Mrs. Wilson echoed the sentiments of fellow Board Members regarding Dr. Tuck, Mr. Giering and Ms. Lampe. She was pleased that the final budget was able to maintain the related arts. Mrs. Wilson expressed her disagreement that less buildings save money. She commented on the roof conditions at all of the elementary buildings.

Mr. Wausnock – no comment.

Dr. Sparagana offered his congratulations to Ms. Lampe, Mr. Giering and Dr. Tuck on their successes at the school districts they will be serving. He complimented the graduating students and staff for a great ceremony. Dr. Sparagana reported that two Lincoln University students who participated in the field program would be returning for student teaching during the next school year. He spoke about the difficulty in finding housing for the student teachers and the help they received from the Mayor.

Dr. Lindley shared a comment from the new book "Answer is in the Room" by Adam Blankstein. He referred to a quote by Mrs. Gail Cooper, Pottstown Middle School Principal and thanked Mrs. Cooper and her staff for all the work they have done.

Mr. Huss thanked Ms. Lampe, Dr. Tuck and Mr. Giering for their years of teaching and serving the Pottstown students. He thanked all the teachers and this year's retirees (Mrs. Sally House, Mrs. Demko and Mrs. Donnelly). Mr. Huss asked Mr. Hylton "to make a full report to the Board at the Committee of the Whole meeting on the inquiries and discussions he has engaged in without authorization by the Board. Mr. Huss's statement is attached to the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Pargeon and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the Board adjourns. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Linda S. Adams
Board Secretary

Mr. Hylton, it has come to my attention that you have been making inquiries and engaging in discussions with several organizations in Pottstown regarding school board business, specifically, our school libraries and the possible sale of the Annex Building, to name just two. In the interest of "transparency in government," I ask that you make a full report at the Committee of the Whole meeting on these activities to your fellow Board Members and to the public. None of these activities and discussions, by the way, have been authorized by the Board.