POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
MARCH 19, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS

Barth Writing Awards/Board Report – Mr. Giering

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Special Education Review – Ms. Bateson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2009.
2. Approval of minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 5, 2009.

LIST OF BILLS

TREASURER'S REPORT

To be handed out at 4/2/09 Committee of the Whole Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Senator Rafferty Grant - Mr. Krem
2. Letter from Ms. Benfield – Mr. Krem
3. United Way Letter – Mr. Krem
4. Dome Building Suggestion from Mr. Wendel – Mr. Krem

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

(Items A to E are consent topics.)

A. PERSONNEL

1. Rescission of Elections

a. Robert Giering, Principal, Edgewood Early Learning Center, effective July 1, 2009. Mr. Giering will continue as Principal, Barth Elementary School.

b. Angela Tuck, Principal, Barth Elementary School, effective July 1, 2009. Dr. Tuck will continue as Principal, Edgewood Elementary School.

2. Resignations/Terminations

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

a. Exempt

(1) Sabrina Abate, School Psychologist, Rupert Elementary School, effective February 27, 2009, employed since January 5, 2009.

b. Classified

(1) Debra Hutchinson, Title I Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary School resignation effective March 12, 2009, employed since August 21, 2008.

(2) Rachel Smith, Tutoring Instructor, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(3) Valerie Freas, Tutoring Assistant, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(4) Todd Reazor, Laborer, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(5) Blaine Grebe, Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(6) Ronald Pascal, Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(7) Faith LaRosse, Substitute Classroom Assistant, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(8) Adrienne Jones, Substitute Classroom Assistant, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(9) Shana Harris, Substitute Classroom Assistant, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(10) Kimberly Butler, Substitute Classroom Assistant, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

c. Co-curricular

(1) Adam Neil, resignation as head Coach for Tennis and Softball, effective February 17, 2009.

(2) Randy Blackwell, resignation as Assistant Softball Coach, Pottstown High School, effective March 5, 2009.

(3) James Tsakonas, Extra-curricular Coach, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(4) Kenneth Shupinski, Extra-curricular Coach, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(5) Richard Ashburn, Extra-curricular Coach, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(6) Benjamin Morgan, Extra-curricular Coach, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

d. Substitute Teachers

(1) Kimberly Kennedy, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective February 24, 2009, employed since January 20, 2009.

(2) Melissa Minicozzi, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(3) Gail McVicker, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(4) Kristen Krasley, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(5) Jason Hess, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(6) Carol Hennessey, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(7) Laureen Burgess, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(8) Doris Baer, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(9) Richard Collings, Special Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(10) Suzanne Endy, Special Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(11) Jason Feather, Special Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(12) Danielle Gulotta, Special Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(13) George Harmansky, Special Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(14) Randy Hawkins, Special Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

(15) Deborah Jones, Special Substitute Teacher, termination, effective March 9, 2009.

3. Leaves

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following leaves:

a. Classified

(1) Kristen McMillan, Classroom Assistant, Franklin Elementary School, request for leave of absence, effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

(2) Dorothy Houser, Food Service Worker, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence, not covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective from February 27, 2009 to approximately March 9, 2009.

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(3) LeeAnn McCullough, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective March 3, 2009. End date to be determined.

b. Administration

(1) Penny O'Donnell, Assistant Business Manager, Administration Building, change leave of absence effective date to February 23, 2009, end date to be determined.

c. Professional

(1) Lori Hoshaw, Music Teacher, Barth/Lincoln Elementary Schools, request for leave of absence partially covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective the first semester of the 09-10 school year.

4. Change in Position and/or Salary

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following change in position and/or salary:

a. Charles Charlton, from Substitute Van Driver to Part-time Van Driver, effective March 3, 2009, $13.57/hour, replacing Sandra Wright.

b. Rhonda Shumaker, from Substitute Clerk Typist to Substitute Secretary, effective March 6, 2009, $14.56/hour.

c. Andrea Radice, from Per Diem Substitute Teacher to Extended Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective March 3, 2009, $115/day, coverage for Sabrina Abate.

d. Mary Mahr, from Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School to Part-Time School Nurse, Rupert Elementary School, $21.18/hour.

5. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Classified

(1) Kimberly Retner, Part-time Housekeeper, initial assignment to be Edgewood Elementary School, effective March 2, 2009. This is in addition to her position as a Cafeteria Aide, $11.52/hour, replacing Ray Golden.

(2) Lois Nolan, Part-Time Kindergarten Assistant, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary School, effective March 2, 2009, $13.19/hour, replacing Shannon Hunsberger

(3) Mindy MacRone-Wojton, Substitute Occupational Therapist, effective date to be determined, $270.00/day, coverage for Jamie Vigliotta.

(4) Larry Barton, Substitute Breakfast Aide, effective February 23, 2009, $12.20/hour.

(5) Diana Vargo, Substitute Breakfast Aide, effective March 10, 2009, $12.20/hour.

b. Substitute Teachers

(1) Bryan Leshinskie, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective February 20, 2009, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

(2) Jessica L. Herrmann, Special Substitute Teacher, effective March 16, 2009, $100/day.

(3) Robert Marcus, Special Substitute Teacher, effective March 17, 2009, $100/day.

c. Substitute Nurses

(1) AnneMarie Gruenling, Substitute Nurse, effective February 25, 2009, compensation in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

(2) Kimberly J. Geuss, Substitute Nurse, effective February 25, 2009, compensation in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

d. Additions to the Co-curricular List for 08-09

HS	Assistant Track Coach	James Martinez	Level 3	$3,202.00
HS	Head Softball Coach	Jaclyn Yoder	Level 1	$3,308.00
MS	Head Track Coach	Stanley Walerski	Level 1	$1,990.00
MS	Assistant Track Coach (1/2)	Jennifer Milkovitz	Level 1	$695.00
MS	Assistant Track Coach (1/2)	Stefanie George	Level 1	$695.00

e. Additions to the Mentor List for 08-09

(1) Nancy Mest, mentor for Brian Langdon, effective January 12, 2009, $510.50 (1/2 stipend).

f. CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) Program:
All salaries paid through Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation

Geoff Thomas	Instructor	$29/hour

6. Employee Disciplinary Actions

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following disciplinary actions:

a. Pottstown High School employee, two (2) days unpaid suspension, effective February 27 to March 2, 2009.

b. Lincoln Elementary School employee, two (2) days unpaid suspension, effective March 12 and 13, 2009.

7. Tuition Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement:

a. Administration

Pamela Bateson	Administration Annex Building	$1,848.00

B. PROFESSIONAL LEAVES – Dr. Lindley

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leaves:

Building	First Name	Last Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Barth Admin.	Robert Karen	Giering Shaner	PAFPC	Champion, PA	4/5/09 – 4/8/09	Approx. $2494.00 paid by Title I Grant
Annex	Sherri	Stagemer	Ready Bodies, Learning Minds – Designing Motor-Sensory Labs for the School Environment	Avalon, PA	6/29/09 – 6/30/09	Approx. $818.00 paid by the district [Pupil Services Budget]
Sr. High	Brett Jacob Jesse Art Tom Ron Todd Bill	Myers Bean Reider Knight Craver Reinhart Endy Beyer	Penn State Coaches Clinic	State College, PA	4/3/09 – 4/4/09	Approx. $1167.00 paid by the district [Athletic Budget]
Annex	Rita Pam Lisa	Cohen Bateson Snyder	PDE Conference 2009: Getting Results	Hershey, PA	4/14/09 – 4/17/09	Approx. $802. Approx. $802. Approx. $802. paid by the district [Pupil Services Budget]

C. FIELD TRIPS – Dr. Lindley

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)
4 High School	DECA International CDC Conference	Anaheim, CA	4/28/09 – 5/3/09		$360 – Sub $549 - Reg. $2628 – Hotel $1397 – Flight $1200 - Food $218 – Trans. to & from the airport **$6352 – Total** [Note: Mrs. Zahora is paying her own expenses]	Kevin Pascal & Judyth Zahora

D. BID AWARDS – EXHIBIT 1

The Superintendent recommends that purchase orders or contracts be awarded to the companies on Exhibit 1, the award in each case being made to the lowest bidder meeting the required specifications.

1. Custodial Supplies
2. General Supplies
3. Fall Sports Supplies
4. First Aid Athletic Supplies

E. CONTRACTS – Mrs. Adams

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts:

1. Hill Top Preparatory School – EXHIBIT 2
2. Glen Mills Schools – EXHIBIT 3
3. Letter Of Understanding: Tech Prep Grant – EXHIBIT 4
4. MCIU Title I Services – EXHIBIT 5

NON-CONSENT

None

INFORMATION

1. Conference Report – Dr. Lindley
2. WPAZ Educational Forum – Mr. Armato
3. PSBA Advocacy Conference: Money Mergers Mandate Relief (4/26-27/09) – Mrs. Adams
4. PSBA Spring Legal Roundup Conference – Mrs. Adams
5. Article: School in Poor Neighborhood Succeeds by Setting Standards
6. Special Education Summary and Costing Out Summary – Ms. Bateson
7. PCTV Spotlighting Pottstown School District Program – Mr. Armato
8. Technology Update, February 2009 – Mrs. Wolfe
9. PHS Conference Summary, March 10, 2009 – Mr. Krem
10. Curriculum/Technology Meeting Notes – Dr. Lindley

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

FEDERATION REMARKS

REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL