POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS

None

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Easy Procure Program – Mrs. O'Donnell

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Patriot Day – Mr. Krem
2. Elizabeth Bernhard Recognition – Mr. Krem/Dr. Lindley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2009.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on September 3, 2009.

LIST OF BILLS – Mr. Huss

TREASURER'S REPORT

HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. Recommendations for Action by the Board

(Items A to F are consent topics.
Items G to H are additional topics for Board consideration.)

A. PERSONNEL – Dr. Sparagana

1. Resignations/Terminations

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

a. Professional

(1) Kelly Tracy, Long Term Substitute Health Care Occupations Teacher, Pottstown High School, coverage for Denice DeAntonio, verbal resignation effective August 26, 2009, employed since August 25, 2009.

b. Substitute Teachers

(1) Megan Ritchey, part-time Substitute Teacher, Pottstown School District, written resignation effective September 3, 2009, employed since January 20, 2009.

(2) Kim Duelley, part-time Substitute Teacher, Pottstown School District, written resignation effective September 4, 2009, employed since March 24, 2009.

c. Classified

(1) Robert Edmunds, Proctor, Pottstown High School, termination effective September 1, 2009, employed since March 1, 1999.

(2) Doris Reddick, part-time Substitute Housekeeper, Administration Building, written resignation effective September 3, 2009, employed since September 26, 2007.

2. Leaves

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following leaves of absence:

a. Professional

(1) Marge Grim, District Head Nurse, Pottstown Middle School, request for leave of absence, covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective October 26, 2009 through to TBD.

(2) Kathy Marchek, Teacher, Edgewood Elementary School, request for medical leave of absence, partially covered by the Family Medical Leave Act, effective August 31, 2009 through approximately February 28, 2010.

(3) Rebecca Wyatt, Instructional Coach, Rupert Elementary School, request for use of sick days November 4, 2009 through December 31, 2009, covered by the Family Medical Leave Act.

b. Classified

(1) Nancy Lavinia, part-time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown High School, request for medical leave of absence effective August 31, 2009 through TBD.

(2) Dale Trievel, full-time Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence covered by the Family Medical Leave Act from September 3, 2009 through TBD.

(3) Amy Piskai, full-time School Psychologist, Administration Building, request for medical leave of absence effective January 4, 2010 through TBD, approximately six weeks.

(4) Randall Jones, part-time Cafeteria Worker, Pottstown High School, request for medical leave of absence effective August 27, 2009 through September 21, 2009.

3. Changes in Position and/or Salary

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

a. Professional

(1) Maureen Stocker, from Long Term Substitute at Pottstown High School, to Social Studies Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective September 16, 2009, Masters, step 1, $45,485.

b. Substitute Teachers

(1) Dana Scamardi, from full time Title I Assistant at Edgewood Elementary School to Building Substitute at Barth Elementary School, $194/daily, effective August 25, 2009.

(2) Jamie DeStefano from Building Substitute at Barth Elementary School, to Long Term Substitute at Barth Elementary School, $194/day, effective August 25, 2009.

(3) Elizabeth Allen, from Special Substitute Teacher to Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective August 31, 2009, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

(4) Melinda Wurtz, from Substitute Teacher to Long Term Substitute Teacher at Edgewood Elementary School, $194/day, effective August 31, 2009 for an expected duration of six months, filling in for K. Marchek.

(5) Elizabeth Kuhne, from Long Term Substitute Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School to Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective June 11, 2009, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

(6) Michael Novia, from Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Lincoln Elementary School to Per Diem Substitute Teacher, effective June 11, 2009, in accordance with Board Policy 3920.

c. Classified

(1) Beth Taylor, in addition to her current Substitute Teaching position, she will also assume the role of part-time Intervention Specialist at Edgewood Elementary School, $13.65/hour for 18 hours per week, effective September 8, 2009.

(2) Nicola Pascal, from Substitute Teacher to full-time Title I Assistant at Edgewood Elementary School, $13.65/hour, effective September 8, 2009.

(3) Eileen Strunack, from full-time Classroom Assistant at Barth Elementary School to full-time Classroom Assistant at Edgewood Elementary School, effective August 25, 2009.

(4) Thomas Reed, from Van Assistant to part-time Van Driver at the Administration Building, $14.05/hour, effective September 14, 2009.

(5) Larry Barton, in addition to his current part-time Housekeeper position, will also assume the role of part-time Substitute Lunch Proctor at Barth Elementary School, effective August 31, 2009.

(6) Annette Lacy, in addition to her current part-time Housekeeper position, will also assume the role of part-time Substitute Lunch Proctor at Barth Elementary School, effective August 31, 2009.

(7) Sharon Benson, from part-time Substitute Food Service to seasonal Substitute Van Assistant, $11.92/hour, and seasonal Substitute Van Driver, $14.05/hour, effective September 10, 2009.

4. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional

(1) Julie Shea, Art Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective September 1, 2009, Bach, step B, $43,335.

(2) Mary Jo Kuhwald, Culinary Arts Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective date TBD, Bach, step A, $43,335.

b. Substitute Teacher

(1) Kacie Zipay, add to Substitute Teacher list, in addition, she will also assume the role of part-time Intervention Specialist, $13.65/hour for 18 hours per week, effective September 8, 2009.

c. Classified

(1) Allen McBee, full time Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, $13.65/hr, replaces Holly Newman, effective August 25, 2009.

(2) Rachel Calancea, full time Classroom Assistant at Barth Elementary School, $13.65/hr, effective August 25, 2009.

(3) Carol Bender, seasonal Substitute Food Service for Pottstown School District, $10.41/hour, effective August 28, 2009.

(4) Loretta Garlington, seasonal Substitute Food Service for Pottstown School District, $10.41/hour, effective August 31, 2009.

(5) Tammie Scavello, part-time Playground Aide, Barth Elementary School, $14.14/hr, replaces R. Schultz, effective September 14, 2009.

(6) Jennifer Sanders, full time Classroom Assistant, Edgewood Elementary School, $13.65/hr, replaces Sharon Alessi, effective October 5, 2009.

(7) Brenda Berriker, full time Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, $13.65/hr, replaces Christina Willett, effective August 25, 2009.

(8) Thomas Cherry, Wellness Coordinator, grant funded through the Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation ending June 30, 2010, $29/hr, not to exceed 12 hours per week. This is in addition to his position as a Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School.

d. Pottstown High School Learning Center and PSSA Remediation:

Tom Leinhauser	Learning Center Teacher	Pottstown High School	$29/hour
Janice Bobst	Learning Center Secretary/Clerk	Pottstown High School	$13.19/hour
Deborah Bosler	Learning Center Librarian	Pottstown High School	$29/hour
Scott Braunsberg	Learning Center Substitute Teacher	Pottstown High School	$29/hour
Maggie Munz	Learning Center Substitute Teacher	Pottstown High School	$29/hour
Debbie Demko	Learning Center Substitute Teacher	Pottstown High School	$29/hour

e. Elementary Student Assistance Program Training

Training to take place on August 4-6, 2009, as a requirement of the Mental Health Linkage Grant, $29/hour.

f. Pottstown Elementary Schools-After School Tutoring:

All salaries paid through 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

Joyce	Cimaglia	Tutoring Coordinator	Franklin Elementary School	$29/hr.
Laurie	Gresko	Tutoring Coordinator	Ricketts Center	$29/hr.
Heather	Kurtz	Tutoring Coordinator	Lincoln Elementary School	$29/hr.
Darla	Stoudt	Tutoring Coordinator	Edgewood Elementary School	$29/hr.

g. 2009-2010 Co-curricular Assignments (correction from August meeting)

HS	R - Class Sponsor - Freshman	Jeff Delaney	No Level	792.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Freshman	Sara Miller	No Level	792.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Junior	Kirsten Cherneskie	No Level	1130.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Junior	Scott Braunsberg	No Level	1130.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Senior	Kelly Smale	No Level	1969.00
HS	R - Class Sponsor - Senior	Laura Luzeski	No Level	1969.00

h. Additions to the Mentor List for 09-10

(1) Lisa Rossi, mentor for Julie Shea, effective September 1, 2009, $523.50 (1/2 stipend).

5. Tuition Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement:

a. Act 93 Staff

Name	Building	Amount
Danielle McCoy	Pottstown High School	$2511.00

b. Support Staff

Name	Building	Amount
Mary Davidheiser	Administration Building	$348.00
Stacey Foster	Edgewood Elementary School	$522.00
Britney Haring	Rupert Elementary School	$999.00
Mary McMahon	Franklin Elementary School	$261.00
Jennifer Kelly Thomas	Barth Elementary School	$261.00
Daniel Wilchek	Administration Building	$1071.00

B. RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS OF ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS – Mr. Krem – EXHIBIT 1

The Superintendent recommends the resolution approving appointments and certifications for the purpose of rating professional staff members for the 2009-2010 school year be approved as presented in Exhibit 1.

C. 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
Lincoln	Loretta Chris	Hoch Sperat	Presenting Literacy & Coaching in PreK at Early Childhood Education Summit	State College, PA	10/27/09 – 10/28/09	Approx. $295.00 paid by the district. • Room • Registration Paid by Step by Step Learning
High	Jon	Ross	Functional Behavior Assessment (A r-equired duty for Alternative Ed. Program)	Harrisburg, PA	10/21/09 – 10/22/09	Approx. $85.00 paid by the district.
Sr. High	Stephen	Rodriguez	Restorative Practices Administrator's Conference	Burlington, VT	11/10/09 – 11/12/09	No expenses for this conference.

D. CONTRACTS – Mrs. Adams

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts:

1. High School Water/Gatorade Vending Contract for Athletic and After School Activities – EXHIBIT 2

2. Camphill Special School – EXHIBIT 3

3. Camphill Special School – EXHIBIT 4

4. Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence – EXHIBIT 5

5. The Children's Home of Reading – EXHIBIT 6

6. Memorandum of Understanding with MCIU – EXHIBIT 7

E. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER – Mrs. Adams – EXHIBIT 8

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the School Resource Officer agreement, as listed on Exhibit 8.

F. POLICIES – Mrs. Adams

1. Policy 810.1: School Bus/Van Surveillance – EXHIBIT 9
2. Local Board Procedures: – EXHIBIT 10
(000, 001, 002, 003, 004, 004.1, 005, 006, 006.1, 007, 008, 011, 012)

NON-CONSENT

G. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – Dr. Sparagana

Motion to ratify the terms and conditions of the signed Settlement Agreement and Release involving a former employee as conditionally approved at a prior Board meeting subject to review and approval of all final language by the School District's solicitor and counsel for the former employee...".

H. RESOLUTION ON STATE BUDGET – Mrs. Adams – EXHIBIT 11

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to approve a 2009-2010 state budget, as listed on Exhibit 11.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

INFORMATION

1. Monthly Meeting Schedule – Mrs. Adams
2. PEAK Update – Mrs. Rieck
3. Rupert Polling Site (November 3, 2009) – Mrs. Adams
4. Vanguard/United Way Press Release/Letter – Mr. Armato
5. Website Report – Mr. Armato

FEDERATION REMARKS

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ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LITIGATION