POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AGENDA
JANUARY 20, 2011 - 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS

1. Franklin Writing Awards – Dr. Sparagana

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Fact Finding Update – Mr. Kalis

PRESENTATIONS

1. Preliminary Budget 2011-2012 – Mrs. Adams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Regular Board meeting held on 12/16/10
2. Approval of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on 1/6/11

LIST OF BILLS – Mrs. Zahora

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Zahora

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.
Item F to H are additional topics for Board consideration.)

CONSENT

A. PERSONNEL – Dr. Sparagana

1. Leaves

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following leaves:

a. Exempt

(1) Ratify Monique Henderson, Psychologist, Annex Building, request for leave of absence covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective date December 15, 2010, end date to be determined.

2. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional

(1) Ratify Rachel Elliott, Extended Per-Diem Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, $115/day, effective December 17, 2010, coverage for Jolie Martinez.

b. Classified

(1) Ratify Tina Hoak, Secretary to Buildings & Ground /Transportation, Administration Building, $18.23/hour, effective January 3, 2011.

(2) Ratify Christopher Poole, Classroom/Van Assistant, Annex Building, $13.65/hour, effective January 3, 2011.

(3) Ratify Keith Gerhard, One-On-One Assistant, Barth Elementary, $13.65/hour, effective January 4, 2011, to be reimbursed by Pottsgrove School District.

c. Compensation for Missed Planning Time, 2010-2011 school year
$23 per period, for the time period ending December 11, 2010.

Lisa Cassidy-Lawler	High School	17 missed planning times	$391.00
Vanessa Unger	Barth Elementary	6 missed planning times	$138.00

d. Homebound Instruction

(1) Ratify Antoinette Rapp, Pottstown High School, from January 3, 2011 through June 17, 2011, $29/hour, assignment not to exceed 5 hours per week.

3. Tuition Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement:

a. Administrative

Name		Amount
Lisa Schade	Administration	$2,430.00
Anne Frederick	Franklin Elementary	$1,770.00
Stephen Rodriquez	Pottstown High School	$3,000.00

b. Professional

Name	School	12/31/10 deadline
Perry Augustine	PMS	1296.00
Rebecca Carey	PMS	1161.00
Robert Decker	PHS	2200.00
Justine Donnelly	PHS	339.00
Matthew Fabian	Rupert/Franklin Elem.	1332.00
Jamie Fazekas	Rupert Elementary	2592.00
Allen Ferster	Rupert Elementary	2592.00
Stefanie George	PMS	1332.00
Jamie Harle	Edgewood Elementary	980.00
Kari Kindig	Lincoln Elementary	980.00
Mary Jo Kuhwald	PHS	1371.00
Kristin Lafferty	Lincoln Elementary	1110.00
James Martinez	PHS	720.00
Jolie Martinez	PHS	2592.00
Megan Meier	Barth Elementary	1332.00
Ryan Oxenford	PMS	2625.00
Joshua Pierce	Barth Elementary	1332.00
Hayley Quigley	Barth Elementary	387.00
Ryan Regensburg	PMS	2592.00
Dina Rice	PMS	370.00
Laura Schneck	Barth Elementary	1960.00
Julie Voelker	PMS	1560.00
Shannon Wagner	Rupert Elementary	1161.00

c. Support Staff

Name	Building	Amount
J. Kelly Brown	Barth Elementary	846.00
Barry Diamond	Admin.	900.00
Stacy Foster	Edgewood	288.00
Chris Golden	PHS	2000.00
Pauline Herrett	PMS	1116.00
Norma Jean Weatherly	Annex	500.00
Mindy MacRone-Wojton	Annex	755.94

4. Approval of Tenure/Permanent Contract

First Name	Last Name	Building	Eligible Date
Hayley	Quigley	Barth	08/24/2008
Pierce	Joshua	Barth	08/22/2010
Jaime	Stringer	Barth	08/22/2010
Aileen	Campbell	Edgewood	08/22/2010
Darla	Stout	Edgewood	09/10/2010
Kimberly	Hilbert	Franklin	08/22/2010
Brenda	DiDonato	Rupert	01/17/2009
Jamie	Fazekas	Rupert	08/22/2009
Maxwell	Donnelly	Rupert	09/22/2009
Allen	Ferster	Rupert	08/22/2010
Amanda	Levengood	Rupert	08/22/2010
Lauren	Mann	Rupert	08/22/2010
Rebecca	Carey	PMS	08/25/2009
Kimberly	Adamski	PMS	12/13/2009
Jennifer	Milkovits	PMS	08/22/2010
Stanley	Walerski	PMS	08/22/2010
Andrea	Barlow	PMS	12/05/2010
Vincent	Burke	PHS	11/13/2009
Jennifer	Wiand	PHS	12/21/2009
James	Martinez	PHS	08/22/2010
Jolie	Martinez	PHS	08/22/2010
Kellie	McGavin-Wiedlich	PHS	08/22/2010
Brett	Myers	PHS	12/10/2010

B. PROFESSIONAL LEAVES – Dr. Sparagana

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leaves:

Building		Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Barth Edgewood Lincoln Admin.	Brad Mayberry Ann Marie McDonnell Treena Ferguson Lori Hoch Stacey VanDruff Kristen Lafferty Kelly Mooney Jeff Sparagana	Improving School Performance Conference (Presenting)	State College, PA	01/23/11 – 01/26/11	All expenses paid by Step by Step and PDE
Middle School	Diane Halpine	2011 Classroom Diagnostic Tools Standard Setting Reading/Literature	Harrisburg, PA	01/27/11 – 01/28/11	All expenses paid by PDE except for a substitute for 1 day.

C. FIELD TRIPS – Dr. Sparagana

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)
30 Middle School Students	3 day Workshop for the Environmental Science Club	Pocono Environmental Education Ctr. Dingman's Ferry, PA	5/11/11 To 5/13/11	$30.00 (The rest paid by a grant)	$900.00	Kevin Downes, Vanessa Barnaik, Kathy Eagle

D. CONTRACTS – Mrs. Adams – EXHIBIT 1

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following contracts:

1. MOU: Montgomery County Mentors Assoc.(21st Century)
2. Education Inc. (ratify)

E. REAL ESTATE TAX EXONERATION

The Superintendent recommends the following Resolution be adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, Linda S. Adams, Substitute Tax Collector for the Pottstown School District, has submitted a list of properties liened for school taxes amounting to $2,006,377.22_ plus penalties of $200,637.72_, totaling $2,207,014.94__ for the original 2010 Real Estate Tax Duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Substitute Tax Collector be and is hereby exonerated of and from said tax liability for the collection thereof, but no exoneration for the respected taxables is intended or affected by this action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Substitute Tax Collector file the required reports and information with Portnoff and Associates so that the liens against these properties be properly reported.

NON-CONSENT

F. PERSONNEL

1. New Position and/or Changed in Position

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following new position and /or changed position:

a. Exempt

(1) Ratify One Full-Time Physical Therapist position to Part-Time Position, 7.5 hrs/per day, 2 days per week, effective January 12, 2011.

2. Resignation

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following resignation:

a. Professional

(1) Ratify Erinn Logan, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective December 14, 2010, employed since October 1, 2007.

3.. Change in Position and/or Salary

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

a. Professional

1) Ratify Christine Fiorillo, from Extended Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, to Extended Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Barth Elementary, coverage for Jennifer Burkholder, $115/per day, effective January 12, 2011.

2) Ratify Rachel Elliott, from Extended Per Diem Substitute Teacher, coverage for Jolie Martinez to Building Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, $194/per day, effective January 18, 2011.

4. Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

a. Professional

(1) Ratify Gregory Weeks, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, coverage for Deborah Demko, $194/per day, effective January 13, 2011.

b. Homebound Instruction, $29/hour

(1) Ratify Jennifer Winterbottom, Pottstown Middle School, from January 14, 2011 through February 14, 2011, assignment not to exceed 5 hours per week.

c. Addition to the 2010-2011 Game Workers List, $10/hour

(1) Keith Gerhard

5. Tuition Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following tuition reimbursement:

a. Professional

Name	Building	Amount
Jennifer Swenk	Franklin Elementary	$1860.00

6. Payment of Accumulated Sick Leave

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following payment of accumulated sick leave:

(1) Deborah Demko, In accordance with the Full-Time Professional Agreement, $5,340.00. This is for 133.50 additional accumulated sick days at $40 per day.

G. PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following professional leaves:

Building	First Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Cost
Sr. High Barth	Robert Decker Elizabeth Yoder	Center for School Improvement Leadership Institute	Brooklyn, NY	1/27/11 - 1/28/11 1/27/11 – 1/30/11	All costs covered by Pottstown Federation of Teachers
Middle School	Lisa Whitehurst	PECT (PA Educator Certification Tests) Objective Review Conference	Hershey, PA	2/7/11 – 2/8/11	All expenses paid by PDE.
Admin.	Diane Meck Carol Miller	A/CAPA Spring Conference	Hershey, PA	3/9/11 - 3/11/11	Approx. $1200.00 paid by the district.
Middle School Sr. High Rupert	Robert Stevens Lois Sanders Danielle McCoy Matthew Moyer Laureen Gresko	2011 Promising Practices-Proven Strategies Conference	Harrisburg, PA	3/8/11 – 3/10/11 3/9/11 – 3/10/11	Approx. $2915.00 paid by the 21st Century grant
Admin.	Dr. Reed Lindley	AASA Conference Presentation with Alan Blankstein)	Denver, CO	2/16 /11 – 2/18/11	Funded by Hope Foundation

H. FIELD TRIPS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following field trip:

# of students and/or group	Name of conference or activity	Destination	Date of trip	Cost to student	Cost to district-substitutes	Chaperone(s)
16	DECA State Competition	Hershey, PA	2/23/11 – 2/25/11	$110.00	$3,300 (including substitutes)	Kevin Pascal & Judyth Zahora

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Policy 122: Interscholastic Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities for Pottstown High School and Pottstown Middle School, – Dr. Lindley
2. Policy 122.1: Co-Curricular Awards and Recognition for Co-Curricular Participation – Dr. Lindley

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION

1. Conference Report – Dr. Spagargana
2. Monthly Meeting Notice: February – Mrs. Adams
3. Technology Report: Nov/Dec – Mrs. Wolfe
4. PEAK Report: January – Dr. Sparagana
5. Webmaster Report – Ms. Schade

FEDERATION REMARKS

ROUND TABLE

ADJOURNMENT