



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria of the Pottstown High School with President Mrs. Amy B. Francis presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mr. Emanuel Wilkerson and Mr. Ron Williams. Absent were Ms. Katina Bearden, Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell and Mrs. Polly Weand. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Deena Cellini; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Student Representative, Mr. Michael Baker; Mr. Ryan Oxenford, Mr. Brian Hostetler, Mrs. Danielle McCoy, Mr. John Armato, Mr. Robert Decker, Mrs. Elisabeth Yoder, members of the press and interested citizens.

Ms. Bearden entered the meeting at 7:03 pm.

PRESENTATION

Blades Edge - Mr. Tony Betts

Mr. Betts, owner of Blades Edge Unisex Salon, spoke about his life decisions and his determination to make positive changes in his life. His shop is dedicated to engaging students and encouraging them to push forward to learn all they can and to help them appreciate the work of the teachers. The services the shop provides helps to build good self esteem. His goal is to encourage other businesses to get involved and support the students and district. Mr. Betts expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the all that the staff, administration and school board does for the students and community.

SUPERINTENDENT AWARD

Mr. Rodriguez presented Mr. Betts with the Superintendent Award in recognition of his dedication and service to the students and community.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the minutes from the Committee of the Whole held on August 17, 2017 and Regular Board meeting held on August 21, 2017 be approved as presented.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Two: None. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of August 2017 be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-014.**

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Two: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Treasurer's Reports for August 2017 be approved as presented and a copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-015**.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Two: None. Motion carried.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Rodriguez presented the consent items for Board approval and the non-consent for Board consideration.

CONSENT

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the following consent items be approved in accordance with Policy 005, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Administrative

Anne Frederick, Head School Nurse, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2018; employed since August 30, 1999.

Professional

Ratify Connie Belin, Intervention Specialist, Lincoln Elementary, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 20, 2017; employed since January 3, 2000.

Karen Kemmerer, Special Education Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 22, 2018; employed since November 16, 1998.

Patricia Dewald, Learning Support Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective February 2, 2018; employed since September 4, 1985.

Classified

Charles Rhoads, Custodian II-Head Custodian, Pottstown High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective January 3, 2018; employed since February 13, 2002.

Ratify Andrea Hillen, Intervention Assistant, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective September 5, 2017, employed since February 15, 2017.

Ratify Kathy Rhoads, Transportation/Communications Clerk, Transportation Dept., resignation effective September 1, 2017; employed since July 3, 2017

Ratify Nicollette Smith, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown High School, resignation effective September 15, 2017; employed since August 24, 2016.

Ratify Christine Hay, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective August 22, 2017; employed since May 15, 2017.

Ratify Melinda Black, Substitute Support Staff, termination due to no work activity for over a year, effective September 21, 2017.

LEAVES

Professional

Rebecca Vega, Elementary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, request for Professional Sabbatical, effective January 22, 2018, end date to the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Jacquelyn Mathias. Culinary Arts Teacher, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, anticipated effective date to be November 12, 2017, end date tbd.

CHANGE IN POSITION AND/OR SALARY

Professional

Ratify Karen Dilliplane, from School Nurse and Certified School Nurse, Barth Elementary, effective August 30, 2017, \$46,000/yr, Step 4 - Bach (contract of A. Gruenling)

Ratify Johanna Swoyer, from Intervention Assistant to Extended Per Diem Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 28, 2017, \$115/day (coverage for D.DiDonato). Upon completion of her assignment, she will assume the role of Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, \$194/day, (coverage for V. Redmond). Upon completion of Long Term Substitute Teacher assignment, she will return to Intervention Assistant.

Classified

Ratify Laderah Reinhart, Part-time Student Proctor to Classroom Assistant, Franklin Elementary, effective August 29, 2017, \$13.65/hr (replacing A. Magyar).

ELECTIONS:

Administrative

Mary Ellen Urquhart, Assistant Business Manager, Administration Bldg., effective September 25, 2017, \$85,000/yr (replacing M. Jampo, filling vacancy due to retirement of L. Adams).

Professional

Ratify Kalena Pippert, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary, effective September 12, 2017, \$49,000/yr, Step 2 - Mast (contract of M. DiDonato).

Ratify Christine Chase, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective September 18, 2017, \$49,000/yr, Step 4 - Mast (contract of M. Stocker)

Ratify Lyndsay Hashem, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective September 11, 2017, \$51,000/yr, Step 2 M+30 (contract of A. Santangelo).

Modify Jesse Tupper, Elementary Teacher, effective date from October 6, 2017 to August 29, 2017.
*previously approved on August 21, 2017

Tyler Kammerle, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective October 5, 2017, \$44,500/yr, Step 1 - Bach (contract of M. Storiti).

Stephanie Malfaro, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary, effective October 5, 2017, \$44,500/yr, + Special Education stipend in accordance with Professional Agreement (contract of K. Hilbert)

Jennifer Frattarelli, Special Education Teacher, initial assignment to be Franklin Elementary, effective October 5, 2017, \$50,000/yr, + Special Education stipend in accordance with Professional Agreement, Master +15, Step 1 (contract of C. Trego)

Gwenanne Hartshorn, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Barth Elementary, effective September 27, 2017, \$194/day. (coverage for H. Quigley).

Exempt

Heather Moyer, 21st Century Development Specialist/Grant Writer, Admin.Bldg., effective September 26, 2017, \$62,000/yr (replaces S. Yocom).

Michilea Patterson, PEAK Community Engagement Coordinator, effective October 2, 2017, \$40,000/yr. (grant funded). (Replacing V. Jackson, filling the vacancy due to retirement of M. Rieck).

Shelby Iezzi, Wellness Coordinator, Administration Building, effective October 4, 2017, \$48,000/yr. replacing D. Genova).

Rena Manela, Virtual Learning Facilitator, Pottstown Middle School, effective October 2, 2017, \$49,000/yr.(1 year position)

Classified

Ratify Mollie Heverly, Part-time Student Proctor, Franklin Elementary, effective August 31, 2017, 2 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr. (replacing D. Marcheski).

Ratify Christina Weiss, Part-time Student Proctor, Rupert Elementary, effective September 11, 2017, 2 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr. (replaces M. Somich)

Tracy Groff-Camacho, Pre-K Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective September 25, 2017, 7.5 hrs/day, \$13.65/hr (grant funded).

Ratify Sharon Gery, Part-time Kindergarten Assistant, Barth Elementary, effective September 12, 2017 1.75 hrs/day, \$13.65/hr (replacing M. Blank). This is in addition to her role as Student Proctor, 3 hrs/day.

Ryan Glenn, Classroom Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective October 2, 2017, 7 hrs/ day, \$13.65/hr. (replacing D. Auman).

Samantha Duncan, Intervention Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective October 2, 2017, \$13.65/hr. (replacing A. Hillen).

Ratify Kimberly Howerter, PEAK Pre-K Counts Coach, effective September 20, 2017, 20 hrs/wk, \$25/hr. (grant funded).

Ratify Lisa Campbell, Substitute Support Staff, effective September 20, 2017, hourly rate per schedule.

Ratify Yanira Morales, Substitute Support Staff, effective September 18, 2017, hourly rate per schedule.

Danielle Moser, Substitute Support Staff, effective September 25, 2017, hourly rate per schedule.

Pottstown High School Learning Center Program, \$29/hr.

Learning Center Teachers: Scott Braunsberg , Jolie Martinez, Theresa Dundon

All Pottstown High School Teacher-Certified staff are approved as Substitute Teachers on an as-need basis.

21st Century Tutoring 2016-2017: funded by 21st Century Grant

All Pottstown School District Teacher-Certified staff members are approved on an "as needed" basis as 21st Century Tutors, \$29/hr. and as 21st Century Classroom Assistants, \$13.65/hr.

All Pottstown School District Classroom Assistants are approved on an "as needed" basis as 21st Century Classroom Assistants, \$13.65/hr.

Medical Services

All Pottstown School District Nurses are approved for all after-school programs and activities including 21st Century, on as as-need basis, compensation to commensurate with salary rate.

Co-Curricular Assignments: Fall Sports 2017/2018 * **Addendum #2017-2018-016**

Co-Curricular Volunteers

Volunteer Coaches

Todd Endy	Olatunde Oladipo
Kelsey Shumaker	Kiersten Cruz
Kenneth Butler	Kevin Krause
Steve Oliver	Nathan Smith

Band Drivers

Dave Endy	Eugene Lafferty
Lonnie Kratzer	Kevin Ownes
Todd Thorne	Kevin Krause

PAYMENT OF SICK LEAVE

Accumulated Sick Leave Payment:

Anita Santangelo, In accordance with the Professional Agreement, \$2,295.00

Linda S. Adams, In accordance with the Act 93 Agreement, \$1,850.00

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following professional leaves:

<u>Bldg</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference Title/Location</u>		<u>Dates to attend</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Admin	Maureen Jampo	Four County Business Officials Fall Workshop	Skytop, PA	10/04/2017 – 10/06/2017	\$390.00 pd by dept. budget
Admin	Diane Meck Carol Miller	A/CAPA Fall Conference	Hershey, PA	11/01/2017-11/03/2017	\$691.00 pd from department budget.
Admin	Laurie Kolka Stephen Rodriguez	Building Community Resilience	Portland, Oregon	11/13/2017-11/17/2017	\$1,660.00 pd by Scattergood Foundation.

POLICY(S)

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Policy 815: Use of Technology as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-017**.

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-018**.

1. Martin Luther School
2. Buxmont Academy Slots
3. Camphill Special School
4. Elwyn Opportunities School
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9. Opportunities School
10. Opportunities School
11. New Story Schools & Servs
12. MOU: Green Valleys Watershed
13. Pitney Bowes Lease Agreement

SETTLEMENT OF 2016 PER CAPITA & OCCUPATIONAL TAX DUPLICATE

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt a resolution exonerating the Tax Collector from the balance of the 2016 Per Capita and 2016 Occupational Tax Duplicate as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-019**.

Upon roll call vote, all members voted aye for the above consent items. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Motion carried

NON-CONSENT:

PSBA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Superintendent recommends the Board participate in the voting procedures of PSBA Election of Officers endorsing the candidates of choice: (1) President-Elect: Otto W. Voit III and (2) Vice President: Gary Michael Smedley and a copy of the voting ballot be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-020**.

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

O & S ASSOCIATES 2018 BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIR PROGRAM

The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to move forward with O & S Associates services for the 2018 Building Envelope Repair Program as presented at the September 14, 2017 Facilities Committee meeting and a copy of the proposal be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-021**.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

INFORMATION

1. Monthly Meeting Notice: October 2017

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mrs. Yoder introduced the Mrs. Kelly Leibold, the new Vice-President of the Federation of Pottstown Teachers. She thanked Mrs. Weand for her dedication to the Save the Lights campaign. Mrs. Yoder addressed the Board with concerns about the hiring of a new Director of Technology. She stated the Federation Building representatives are pleased with the great job Carol Brightbill is doing and expressed interest in preparing a petition to promote her to the director position. Mrs. Yoder also asked the Board to consider hiring more teachers to relieve the larger class sizes and workload of the teachers.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. Baker noted the Cross Country team will be playing away on September 26 at Norristown.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Ms. Bearden thanked Mr. Betts and other community leaders for their leadership and commitment.

Mr. Wilkerson wished Mrs. Francis a happy birthday. He supports the need for Guidance Counselors at the elementary schools and thanked Mr. Betts for dedication to the students and support of the district.

Mr. Heidel – no comment.

Mrs. Lawrence agreed with Mr. Wilkerson's comment on Guidance Counselors at the elementary schools. She supports the teachers and Mrs. Yoder's request.

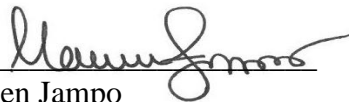
Mr. Williams – no comment.

Mr. Rodriguez reported the Carousel of Flavors was a big success and 125 students participated in the Pottstown Cares event. He encouraged everyone to advocate for the students by contacting their legislators. The schools are in serious financial trouble. The legislators' decisions affect the students and taxpayers.

Mrs. Francis extended her appreciation to Mr. Betts and all he has done for the students and community. She announced an executive session will be held tonight for the purpose of personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Bearden and seconded by Mr. Wilkerson that the Board adjourns. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.


Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
September 21, 2017**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria of the Pottstown High School with President, Mrs. Amy B. Francis presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mrs. Polly Weand, Mr. Emanuel Wilkerson, and Mr. Ron Williams. Absent were: Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Kurt Heidel and Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Deena Cellini; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Student Board Representatives, Ms. Courteney Parry and Mr. Michael Baker; Mr. Michael Dziura, Mr. Kevin Downes, Mr. Joseph Schroeder, Mr. Robert Decker, Mr. John Armato,, members of the press, and interested citizens.

Mr. Heidel entered the meeting at 7:04 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Arts in the Community - Mrs. Erika Hornburg-Cooper

Mrs. Hornburg-Cooper gave some background on Art Fusion 19464 and its commitment to the community. They have recently moved from their High Street location to 341 Beech Street. She shared information on various programs offered at Art Fusion 19464 and its partnership with 21st Century, YMCA, Creative Health, education exhibits and other community organizations. She asked the Board to commit and support the community. She stressed the need to grow the community.

SUPERINTENDENT AWARD

Mr. Rodriguez presented the Superintendent Award to Mrs. Erika Hornburg-Cooper in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the community.

PSBA CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mr. Rodriguez presented Mrs. Weand and Mr. Hylton with PSBA Certificates of Appreciation for their years of service as School Board Directors.

MINUTES

Mrs. Jampo reviewed the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on August 17, 2017 and the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on August 21, 2017 to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Jampo presented the list of bills from the various funds for the period of August 2017 to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Jampo presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2017 to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

HEARING FROM PATRON OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM /CO-CURRICULAR/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Lawrence

The Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee meeting was held on September 5. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed highlights from the meeting. Curriculum updates included PEAK, Literacy, STEAM and Wellness. The committee was provided with a copy of a Co-Curricular Clubs and Activity Report and updated version of the salary schedule for co-curricular assignments. Topics for discussion included branding and improving sports programs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Mrs. Lawrence

The Community Relations Committee meeting was held on September 5. A presentation on the Giant A+Plus Reward Program was made to the committee. The committee was interested in the program, pending review by the administration. Plans continue for the Father/Daughter dance and ideas for the end of year gift.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Parry

Student Government was able to raise \$50 for victims of Hurricane Harvey with their lollipop sales at the September 8 football game. The Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis and the Varsity Football teams had winning games; the Boys Varsity Soccer team tied with Owen J Roberts.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Heidel

The Facilities Committee meeting was held on September 14. The new Auxiliary Field poles came in damaged; replacement poles are due to arrive by Sept 29th. Future needs for consideration include replacing refrigeration equipment at the High School and the chiller at the Administration Building. The Facility Committee reviewed the O & S 2018 masonry and roof work proposal and is recommending moving forward with the repair program. The O & S 2018 Building Envelope Repair Program is recommended to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board agenda for approval.

JOINT FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Mr. Hylton

The Joint Finance/Personnel Committee meeting was held on September 14. The committee report can be viewed via an attachment to tonight's agenda.

POLICY - Mr. Wilkerson

The Policy Committee met on August 17. Policy 815: Use of Technology was reviewed and is being recommended by the committee for approval on the September 25 agenda. The committee discussed Policy 007 at tonight's Policy meeting for approval at next month's board meeting.

BOROUGH LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Heidel

No report.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE / MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT / PSBA REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Williams

The Senate and House Representatives have not been able to commit to a state budget. The MCIU has secured two leases for their old building, Head Start and Pre-K program. PSBA Election of Officers is now open for school districts to submit their votes. The Student Delegate Program that is usually held during the annual conference has been postponed this year.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

CONSENT AND NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Dr. Cellini reviewed the following consent items as presented to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval:

- PERSONNEL
- PROFESSIONAL LEAVES
- POLICIES

Mrs. Jampo reviewed the following consent and non-consent items as presented to be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda for approval:

CONSENT:

- CONTRACTS
- SETTLEMENT OF 2016 PER CAPITA & OCCUPATIONAL DELINQUENT TAX

NON-CONSENT

- PSBA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. William's recommendation from the list of candidates is President-Elect, Otto W. Voit III and Vice President, Gary Michael Smedley.

All members were in agreement to support these candidates of choice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION

1. Bank Loan Proposals Summary – Mrs. Jampo provided a summary of the bank loan proposals that were submitted on September 20. The District received thirteen options from five different banks. PFM reviewed the proposals and is recommending moving forward with the 10 year 2.55% fixed rate option from Republic Bank. The total net savings to the District is \$574,021.

2. Pottstown Pride: Spring/Summer 2017

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mr. Decker thanked Mrs. Weand and Mr. Hylton for their dedication to our district and students. He was pleased with a good start of the new year. He recognized the Pre-K teachers for their work getting set up for the full-day program and the middle school leadership as they start the new year. The high school musical is off to a good start with 112 roles offered to people and is the largest production to take place in a school.

ROUND TABLE

Mr. Heidel – no comment.

Mrs. Weand – no comment.

Mrs. Lawrence – no comment.

Mr. Williams asked everyone to keep the victims affected by the world tragedies in their thoughts and prayers.

Ms. Parry – no comment.

Mr. Baker – no comment.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

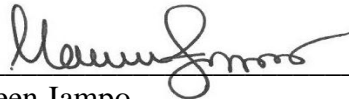
Mr. Wilkerson thanked Mrs. Weand and Mr. Hylton for their years of service on the school board. He congratulated Mr. Zurak on his role as the Assistant Principal at the Middle School.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the staff and teachers for a smooth opening to the new school year. He was pleased to announce the district has been approved by the state for a new Career and Technical program, “Entrepreneurship”. This program will provide more state and federal funding and better opportunities for the students.

Mrs. Francis announced that the First Responders will be recognized at Friday’s football game. There will be an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Francis called the meeting to adjourn. All members present were in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.



Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary



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MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Wilkerson and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the minutes from the Committee of the Whole held on June 15, 2017 and Regular Board meeting held on June 19, 2017 be approved as presented.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Three: None. Motion carried.

LIST OF BILLS

It was moved by Mrs. Stilwell and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of June 2017 (unaudited) and July 2017 be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-001**.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Three: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mrs. Stilwell and seconded by Mr. Wilkerson that the Treasurer's Reports for June 2017 (unaudited) and July 2017 be approved as presented and a copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-002**.

All members present voted aye. None opposed. Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Three: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Hylton entered the meeting at 7:04 pm.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Rodriguez presented the consent items for Board approval and the non-consent for Board consideration.

CONSENT

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the following consent items be approved in accordance with Policy 005, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Mr. Hylton asked that the P.A.I.D Support 2017/2018 be moved to non-consent.

PERSONNEL

POSITION(S)

Exempt

Assistant Director of Technology ***Addendum #2017-2018-003**

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Professional

Ratify William Gumby, Secondary Guidance Counselor, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective July 19, 2017; employed since June 6, 2006.

Molly Storti, Special Education Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective when position is filled or October 5, 2017; employed since September 9, 2013.

Maureen Stocker, Secondary Teacher, Pottstown High School, resignation effective when position is filled or October 6, 2017; employed since August 25, 2009.

Nicole Foraker, Elementary Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, resignation effective when position is filled or October 5, 2017; employed since February 14, 2013.

Corey Trego, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Franklin Elementary, resignation effective when position is filled or October 12, 2017; employed since January 4, 2016.

Michael DiDonato, Elementary Teacher, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective when position is filled or October 14, 2017; employed since August 23, 2006.

James Rine Strohecker, Elementary Teacher, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective August 15, 2017; employed since September 11, 2013.

Exempt

Ratify Anthony Kearse, AFJROTC Instructor, Pottstown High School, termination effective June 23, 2017; made inactive via Air-Force.

David Genova, Wellness Coordinator, Administration Building, resignation effective September 11, 2017; employed since May 21, 2012.

Classified

Ratify Diane Mossman, Substitute Van Driver/Assistant, resignation effective July 17, 2017; employed since April 17, 2017.

Marietta Somich, Lunch Proctor, Rupert Elementary, resignation effective August 28, 2017.

LEAVES

Classified

Ratify Timothy Emmick, Custodian, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective June 20, 2017, end date tbd.

Ratify Mary Price, Secretary to Director of Curriculum, request for leave of absence, effective July 17, 2017, anticipated end date to be July 28, 2017.

M. Cristina Kane, Cafeteria Manager, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective September 5, 2017, anticipated end date to be September 29, 2017.

CHANGE IN POSITION AND/OR SALARY

Administrative

Ryan Regensburg, from 10 month to 12 month Assistant Principal, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 22, 2017; \$82,781/yr.

Professional

Gerauldine Alderfer, from Intervention Assistant to Intervention Specialist, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 22, 2017, \$49,000/yr., Step 1 - Mast (contract of C. Belin).

Molly Callaghan, from Intervention Assistant to Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary, effective August 22, 2017, \$45,000/yr, Step 2 - Bach (contract of J. Strohecker).

Exempt

Carol Brightbill from Technology Trainer/Help Desk to Assistant Director of Technology, Administration Building, effective August 22, 2017, \$68,000/yr.

Classified

Brooke DiMarcello, from Substitute Support Staff to Intervention Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective August 22, 2017, \$13.65/hr (replacing J. Paris position at Rupert).

Ratify Susan Ross, from Part-time Secretary to Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services, Administration Building, effective July 31, 2017, \$14.46/hr.

Stacie Horne, from Substitute Support Staff to Part-time Lunch Proctor, Rupert Elementary, effective August 22, 2017, 2 hrs/day, \$11.74/hr.(replacing L. Willman).

Ratify Ruth Rambo, from Substitute Van Driver to Part-time Van Driver, Transportation Dept., effective August 10, 2017, 4 hrs/day, \$15.04/hr (replacing L. Gibbs).

Andrea Hillen, from Substitute Support Staff to Intervention Assistant, Rupert Elementary, effective August 22, 2017, \$13.65/hr. (replacing M. Callaghan).

Emily Hunsberger, from Substitute Support Staff to Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, effective August 22, 2017, \$13.65/hr. (replacing B. Stinson).

Carrie Love, from Part-time Breakfast /Lunch Proctor to Classroom Assistant, Barth Elementary, effective August 22, 2107, \$13.65/hr. (replacing C. Kenney).

ELECTIONS:

Administrative

Ratify Erin S. Jacobs, Director of Special Education, effective August 9, 2017, \$95,000/yr (replacing M. O'Neill).

Ratify Mary O'Neill, Daily Director of Special Education, effective July 24, 2017, 2 days/week, \$365.38/day, end date to be August 8, 2017.

Brian Hostetler, Principal, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 9, 2017, \$104,500/yr (replacing D. Todd).

Aaron Trusky Director of Technology, Administration Building, effective October 2, 2017, \$95,000/yr., (replacing R. Hug).

Michael Dziura, Assistant Principal (12 month), Pottstown Middle School, effective August 22, 2017, \$82,781/yr (replacing M. Boyer).

Professional

Marci Bieber, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2017, \$52,000/yr, Step 7 -Master (contract of D. Solliday).

Carol Livingston, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2017, \$45,000/yr, Step 2 - Bach (contract of E. Duffy).

Christy Nau, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown High School, effective August 21, 2017, \$49,000/yr, Step 1 - Master (contract of L. Blackwell).

Stephanie Roethlisberger, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Barth Elementary, effective August 21, 2017, \$50,000/yr, Step 2 - M+15 (contract of M. Beer).

Eric Brian Santiago, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 22, 2017, \$194/day (coverage for A. Roberts).

Kristin Slemmer, Secondary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 22, 2017, \$50,000/yr, Step 7 B+15 (contract of J. Thompson)

Ashley Baker, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown High School, effective August 22, 2017, \$194/day, (coverage for A. Schlowinski).

Ashley Bellevou, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Rupert Elementary, effective August 22, 2017, \$45,000/yr., Step 1-B+15, (contract of S. Paul).

Jesse Tupper, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, anticipated effective date to be October 16, 2017, \$45,5000/yr, Step 2, B+15 (contract of N. Foracker).

Krista Smith-Corropolese, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle school, effective August 22, 2017, \$45,000/yr., Step 2 - Bach (contract of S. Paravis).

Matthew Samohod, Elementary Teacher, initial assignment to be Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2017, \$49,000/yr, Step 3 - Mast (Contract of K. Bucca).

Rebecca Winson, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 21, 2017, \$194/day, (coverage for R. Vega).

Classified

Aprille Doherty, Office Clerk, Pottstown Middle School, effective September 5, 2017, \$14.04/hr. (replacing H. Yabroski).

Ratify Thomas Coyle, Part-Time Van Driver, Transportation Dept., effective August 16, 2017, 5.75 hrs/day, \$14.04/hr (replacing L. Stillings).

Terrence Shawell, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 22, 2017, \$13.65/hr.(replacing D. Brown).

Ginger Tiner, Classroom Assistant, Pottstown Middle School, effective August 22, 2017, \$13.65/hr. (replacing F. Mulvihill).

Summer Programs: Food Service

Ratify Lynda Lutz, Substitute Cafeteria Worker, \$12.28/hr

Compensation for Missed Planning Time, \$23/hr

Ratify Lisa Royer PHS 3 missed planning periods \$69.00 (6/6/17 through 6/7/2017)

Ratify Summer Middle School Guidance Scheduling Hours, \$29/hr.

Kelly Leibold, Ian Lawrence, Kim Petro, Arden Moore, Cynthia Ziegler

CO-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

2017-2018 Co-Curricular Assignments: Fall Sports * Addendum #2017-2019-004

2017-2018 Co-Curricular Game Workers , \$12/hr

Tom Coyle	Todd Wallace	Ron D'Arcangelo
Maggie Munz	John Armato	Jim Schaaf
Mike Zipay	Matt O'Blosser	Matt Morton
	Connor Benfield	Kevin Krause

PAYMENT OF SICK LEAVE

Accumulated Sick Leave Payment at Retirement:

Leslye Blackwell, In Accordance with the Professional Agreement, \$3,900.00

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>06/30/16 deadline</u>
David Woodley	PHS	\$ 1,245.00
David Roberts	PMS	\$ 1,362.00
Diane Shoffstall	PHS	\$ 1,335.00
Melissa Lopez	Franklin	\$ 180.00
Cynthia Kuklinski	Franklin	\$ 1,920.00
Ian Lawrence	PMS	\$ 1,449.00
Danielle Lawrence	PMS	\$ 1,449.00
Jordan Thomas	PMS	\$ 1,086.75
Jacquelyn Mathias	PHS	\$ 561.00
Theresa Dundon	PHS	\$ 1,410.00
Aaron Hinnershitz	PMS	\$ 1,449.00
Amanda Fusco	PHS	\$ 1,449.00
Leslie Swartz	Lincoln	\$ 180.00
Michael Ishler	PMS	\$ 1,425.00
Joshua Wagner	Lincoln	\$ 180.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Danielle McCoy	PHS	\$ 2,820.00
Laurie Kolka	Admin	\$ 2,910.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jaime Parris	Rupert	\$ 1,920.00
Janice Bobst	PHS	\$ 432.00
Sheria Somerset	Admin	\$ 2,000.00

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following professional leaves:

<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Conf. Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attend</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Admin	Sue Yocom	21st CCLC Summer Institute	Philadelphia, PA	07/25/2017 - 07/27/2017	\$880 pd by 21st CCLC

FIELD TRIPS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following field trips:

<u># Students/...Groups</u>	<u>Conference Name / Activity</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date of Trip</u>	<u>Cost: to Student</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Chaperone(s)</u>
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21	HS Cheerleading	J.P.Sports Traditions Box Olyphant, PA	08/13/2017 - 08/16/2017	\$260.00	\$0.00	Megan Miller Amy Nagle (1) TBD
25	Cross Country Team	Camp Canadinsis	08/18/2017 - 08/21/2017	\$50.00	\$0.00	Mark Agnew Mary Ann Hill

DISTRICT SPONSORED CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2017-2018 Co-Curricular Activities sponsored by the Pottstown School District as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2017-2018-005**.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS 2017-2018

The Superintendent recommends the individuals filling the following positions be approved as the 2017-2018 Attendance Officers:

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| Principals: | Mr. Ryan Oxenford | Mr. Matthew Boyer |
| | Mr. Kevin Downes | Mr. Bran Hostetler |
| | Mrs. Calista Boyer | Mrs.Danielle McCoy |
| | Mr. Matthew Moyer | |
| Assistant Principals: | Mr. Jeffrey Delaney | Mr. Michael Dziura |
| | Mr. Ryan Regensburg | |
| Director of Career & Tech. Ed | Dr. Steven Park | |
| ISS/Temporary Placement Center Coord. | Mr. Oscar Gans | |
| PMS Student Services Coordinator | Mr. Levert Hughes | |
| Out of District Placement Coordinator | Ms. Amanda Fraterman | |
| High School Guidance Secretary I | Ms. Christina Sellers | |
| Middle School Secretary I | Ms .Aprille Doherty | |
| School Resource Office | Officer David Mull | |
| High School Attendance Clerk | Mr. Randy Blackwell | |
| Director of Student Services | Dr. LaTanya White | |

PRE-K PROGRAM TO FULL DAY

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Pre-K Program district wide from half day to full day.

RESIDENCY INITIATIVE

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the transfer of funds in the total amount of \$100,000 in order to support the residency initiative program offered through the Foundation for Pottstown Education.

CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2017-2018-006**:

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| 1. MOU: Pottstown Police Authority | 11. New Story Schools | 21. River Rock |
| 2. MCIU: Service Agreement | 12. New Story Schools | 22. Woods Services Inc - ESY |
| 3. MOU: Family Services MC | 13. New Story Schools | 23. Woods Services Inc |
| 4. MOU: FSMC Bilingual | 14. New Story Schools | 24. Cottage Seven Slot Agreement |
| 5. MOU: Creative Health Services Inc | 15. New Story Schools | 25. Peason Online & Blended Learning |
| 6. MOU: Scattergood Foundation | 16. New Story Schools | 26. Melmark Inc. |
| 7. Invo HealthCare Associates | 17. New Story Schools | 27. Melmark Inc. |
| 8. Martin Luther School - ESY | 18. Progression School | 28. Herbein +Company Inc. |
| 9. The Academy | 19. NHS - ESY | 29. Staffing Plus |
| 10. The Meadows | 20. Timothy School | |

ATHELETIC PROGRAM TICKET PRICES

The Superintendent recommends the Board the athletic program ticket prices for 2017-2018 school year be adopted as presented. Prices reflect no change from 2016-2017.

2017-2018 Athletic Program Ticket Prices:

General Admission & Thanksgiving Game (All Tickets)	\$5.00
Student Admission	\$4.00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST RATES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2017-2018 school physician and school dentist for fees as listed:

<u>School Physician:</u>	Dr. John Anderson	933 N. Charlotte	\$11.00 <i>per school physical</i>
			\$75.00 <i>consultant</i>
<u>School Dentist:</u>	Dr. Louis Raven	63 N Hanover	\$4.80 <i>per exam</i>

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the School Resource Officer Resolution as presented and a copy by file in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2017-2018-007**.

TAX ASSESSEMENT APPEALS MATTERS RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution ratifying tax assessment appeals and authorize action by the solicitor and business office in furtherance of tax assessment appeal matters and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2017-2018-008**.

TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE DELEGATE APPOINTMENT

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Tax Collection Committee delegate appointment resolution as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2017-2018-009**.

PDE APPROVAL; PLANCON K PROJECT REFINANCING

The Board acknowledges PDE approval of PlanCon K Project Refinancing for the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016 as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as **Addendum #2017-2018-010**.

EXTERIOR WALL & SITE REPAIR 2016: CHANGE ORDER

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the/ratify the following Exterior Wall & Site Repair 2016 change order as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-011**.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion to approve a Special Education award settlement involving Student "R" pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the confidential settlement release agreement and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-012**. The Board Secretary is further authorized to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the board.

Upon roll call vote, all members voted aye for the above consent items. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

NON-CONSENT:

P.A.I.D SUPPORT 2017/2018

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mrs. Weand that the Board approve increasing the level of support to the Pottstown Area Industrial Development from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for 2017-2018.

Ms. Bearden stated that she cannot justify the increase in lieu of other things that require attention.

Mr. Hylton stated he is willing to take the risk this year.

Mrs. Weand stated she supports the increase.

Upon roll call, the vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Francis: aye, Mrs. Wilkerson: nay, Mrs. Weand: aye, Ms. Bearden: nay, Mrs. Stilwell: aye, Mrs. Lawrence: aye, Mr. Hylton: aye. Ayes: Five. Nays: Two. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve/ratify the following personnel items as presented:

- Approval of 2017/2018 Act 93 Salaries
- Approval of 2017/2018 Exempt Salaries
- Approval of 2017/2018 Support Salaries

It was moved by Mrs. Weand and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the Board table and send back to the Finance Committee the above personnel salary increases.

Upon roll call vote, all members voted aye to table the above personnel salary increases. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

PARAMETERS RESOLUTION: REFINANCE 2017

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Parameters Resolution as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2017-2018-013**.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

INFORMATION

1. Monthly Meeting Notice: September 2017

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mr. DiDonato wished everyone a happy new school year. The teachers extended their thanks and appreciation to the maintenance crew for a great job preparing the buildings for the new school year. The Healthy Body, Healthy Minds conference provided positive feedback to the teachers. He thanked the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation conducting the conference. Mr. DiDonato thanked the Board in advance for hosting the staff breakfast. The Federation appreciates the Board's direction to table the salary increases, expressing "what is fair for one side is fair for all sides". He stressed the value of the support staff to the teachers and expressed the Federation's desire to give the support staff the opportunity to receive an increase. Mr. DiDonato spoke about his decision to resign from his teaching position and his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the students and district.

ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Lawrence stated she is excited for the new school year. She voiced her concerns to keep good people in the district.

Mrs. Stilwell – no comment.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Ms. Bearden thanked the Board for the efforts to support the staff appreciation breakfast. She stated that the Board is not always able to give perks, salaries, etc. She asked that the Community Relations committee add a presentation to their September agenda. The presentation would be made by a local supermarket store representative regarding at the Community Relations Committee meeting regarding an funding opportunities


Mr. Wilkerson was sad to hear of Mr. DiDonato's resignation. He is looking forward to the staff breakfast.

Mr. Rodriguez introduced the new Middle School Principal, Mr. Hostetler.

Mrs. Francis welcomed Mr. Hostetler. She looks forward to the staff appreciation breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Ms. Bearden that the Board adjourns. None opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.


Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
August 17, 2017**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria of the Pottstown High School with President, Mrs. Amy Francis presiding. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Mrs. Kimberly Stilwell and Mrs. Polly Weand. Absent were: Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. Emanuel Wilkerson, and Mr. Ron Williams. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez; Board Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Jampo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Deena Cellini; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Student Board Representative, Ms. Courtney Parris; Mr. Jamie Schlesinger, Public Financial Management; Mr. Robert Decker, Mr. John Armato, members of the press, and interested citizens.

PRESENTATIONS

Residency Initiative: Foundation for Pottstown Education

Mr. Rusiewicz reviewed the approval process for the residency initiative loan program. Seven packets have been sent out. One of the applicants is currently set to go to closing in September and one applicant has received funds to assist with a home purchase that took place in July. Heather Kurtz, an elementary teacher, recently purchased her parents home.

Foundation Updates: The Foundation's Board of Directors have approved a new scholarship program beginning with the Class of 2018. The Forrest Scholarship is in recognition of Dr. Forrest's service to the Foundation. The Foundation is moving forward with an annual support campaign headed by Mr. Art Green.

MINUTES

Mrs. Jampo reviewed the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on June 15, 2017 and the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on June 19, 2017 to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Stilwell presented the list of bills from the various funds for the period of June 2017 (unaudited) and July 2017 to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Stilwell presented the Treasurer's Report for June 2017 (unaudited) and July 2017 to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

Ms. Bearden and Mr. Wilkerson entered the meeting at 7:11 pm.

HEARING FROM PATRON OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Lawrence

The Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee meeting was held on August 3. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed highlights from the committee meeting. Outlines for the 2017/2018 school year for Literacy, STEAM and Wellness were presented including Data & Assessment reviewing procedures and focusing on student outcome. The Technology Department has received support from the Montgomery County Intermediate during the summer transition.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Ms. Bearden

The Community Relations Committee meeting was held on August 3. The committee has scheduled a staff breakfast for August 22. Community initiatives were discussed including the selection process for Junior Student Board Representatives. Other events in progress include the Father/Daughter Dance and an end of year community gift from the board.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Parry

The Interact Club held a recruitment picnic on August 9 and have begun plans for the new school year. Fall sports and band practices began this week. Cross County raised funds to help teammates attend the July camp. Some new seniors will be taking the SAT on August 26.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Heidel

The Facilities Committee meeting was held on August 10. The committee reviewed project schedules for the masonry roof work, cosmetology a/c replacement, auxiliary field lights and the stadium lights. The committee recommends the change order for the Exterior Wall & Site Repair project for board approval. Mr. Hylton gave an update on the plans for the meadow at Edgewood. Plans will be sent to the Board for review by November. Signage will be displayed to let the community know about the meadow and be aware of the first application to kill the grass which will take place this calendar year.

JOINT FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Mrs. Stilwell

The Joint Finance/Personnel Committee meeting was held on August 10. The committee heard a presentation from PFM about a 2017 bond refinance. The committee was in agreement to move forward with the refinance process as outlined. The committee supports paying out the funds for the residency initiative and recommends the tax assessment appeal resolution as presented on tonight's agenda including the Pre-K Counts full day program.

POLICY - Mr. Wilkerson

The Policy Committee met on June 15. Policies reviewed and recommended by the committee were approved at the June 19 Regular Board meeting. The Policy Committee held a public meeting on July 24 for the purpose of public input on district wide uniforms and dress code policy.

BOROUGH LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Heidel

Highlights from the Borough Council's Committee of the Whole meeting included acceptance of a \$30,000

grant to build a natural playground in Memorial Park, Rockwell Development Group's proposal to support their shirt factory conversion, and approval of Sly Fox's Biergarten at the October 7 Citadel Palooza to benefit CHOP.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE / MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT / PSBA REPRESENTATIVE - no report

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS

None.

CONSENT AND NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Dr. Cellini reviewed the following consent items as presented to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval:

- o PERSONNEL
- o PROFESSIONAL LEAVES
- o FIELD TRIPS
- o DISTRICT SPONSORED CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the following consent and non-consent items to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval:

- o ATTENDANCE OFFICERS
- o PRE-K PROGRAM TO FULL DAY
- o RESIDENCY INITIATIVE
- o NON-CONSENT: PERSONNEL

Mrs. Jampo reviewed the following consent and non-consent items as presented to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval:

CONSENT:

- o CONTRACTS
- o ATHLETIC PROGRAM TICKET PRICES
- o PSD WORKER'S COMPENSATION MEDICAL PROVIDERS
- o SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST RATES
- o SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER RESOLUTION
- o TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL MATTERS RESOLUTION
- o TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE DELEGATE APPOINTMENT
- o PDE APPROVAL: PLANCON K PROJECT REFINANCING
- o EXTERIOR WALL & SITE REPAIR 2016 – CHANGE ORDER

Mr. Kalis reviewed the Special Education Settlement Agreement to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

Mrs. Weand asked the Board to consider tabling the non-consent personnel salary increases and send it back to the committee. It was the general consensus of the Board Members present to address the topic at Monday's Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

P.A.I.D. (Pottstown Area Industrial Development) Support

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the request made by P.A.I.D. for a increase in financial support from \$10,000 to \$20,000. He stated that a report from Ms. Lee-Clark was presented at the June Joint Borough and School Board meeting as requested by the school board. The 2017-2018 financial support is being presented for approval at the August 21, 2017 Board meeting.

Mr. Wilkerson asked that the report be emailed to all board members. Mr. Rodriguez confirmed the report will be sent out.

NEW BUSINESS

Parameters Resolution

Mrs. Jampo reviewed the Parameters Resolution as presented to be placed on the August 21, 2017 Board Agenda for approval.

Mr. Schlesinger gave a summary of the resolution. The maximum principal is \$12 million, the maximum interest rate would be 5 ½% for approximately 2% savings. The resolution gives flexibility to structure the refinancing for the most savings.

INFORMATION

PSBA Election of Officers – Mrs. Jampo reviewed the selection process for the PSBA Election of Officers. The election of officers will be placed on the September 25, 2017 Board agenda for approval.

FEDERATION REMARKS

Mr. Decker thanked the Board in advance for the staff breakfast on the teacher's first day of school. He noted the summer is a busy time getting ready for the start of the new school year.

ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Stilwell looks forward to the new school year and her remaining months to serve on the board.

Mr. Hylton – no comment.

Ms. Bearden thanked the Board Members who were able to attend the unity event and the administration for their support. She looks to continue moving forward.

Mr. Wilkerson agreed with Ms. Bearden's comment and is glad to have the SEL program in the district. He welcomed the new middle school principal and would like to an entrance plan.

Mr. Heidel thanked Ms. Bearden and Mr. Wilkerson for attending the unity event. He is excited for the new school year.

Mrs. Weand thanked all the donors that helped make the stadium light's dream come true. The lights are a symbol of the spirit of the community.


Mrs. Lawrence – no comment.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Mrs. Weand for her leadership in the stadium lights campaign. A return of the lights ceremony will take place at the September 8 football game. All donors are invited to line the Stadium prior to the start of the game. Mr. Rodriguez thanked the teachers for participating in the healthy Body, healthy minds conference. All board members are invited to attend the August 22 staff "Welcome Back" event.

Mrs. Francis thanked everyone who attended the unity event. She is excited for the new school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Francis called the meeting to adjourn. All members present were in favor. None opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Maureen Jampo
Board Secretary