

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 27, 2011

The Board of School Directors, Pottsgrove School District, conducted its Meeting at District Office on the above date with the following members present:

Scott Fulmer	Frederick Remelius	Patricia Grimm
David Faulkner(by Telephone)	April Kontostathis	Jodi Adams
Nancy Landes	Philip Keogh	Michael Neiffer

Also present were: Dr. Bradley C. Landis, Ms. Shellie Feola, Mr. David Nester, and Kyle Berman, Solicitor.

Call to Order

Mr. Neiffer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Keogh moved and Mr. Fulmer seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting as presented. The Board voted as follows: Neiffer, yes; Fulmer, yes; Landes, yes; Keogh, yes; Grimm, yes; Adams, yes; Kontostathis, abstained; Remelius, absent; Faulkner, absent. The motion passed 8-0-1.

Mr. Nester presented the Board with several budget scenarios for the Board to consider.

Mrs. Kontostathis moved and Mr. Neiffer seconded a motion to approve the following personnel items:

Resignations

Approve the following resignations:

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| Name: | Robin Gadsby |
| Position: | Duty Aide – West Pottsgrove Elementary |
| Effective Date: | 6/20/2011 |
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| Name: | Julie Lieberman |
| Position: | Girls Soccer Coach – MS
Girls lacrosse Coach - MS |
| Effective Date: | 6/21/2011 |

Substitute Employment

Approve the following substitute employment:

1. Name: Jennifer Holste
Position: Substitute teacher
Wage: \$100 per day
Effective Date: 6/20/2011

2. Name: Robin Gadsby
Position: Substitute aide
Wage: \$9.21/\$9.76 per hour
Effective Date: 6/20/2011

Non-Certified Employment

Approve the following non-certified employment:

1. Name: Laurie Bickert
Position: Secretary – Ringing Rocks Elementary
Replacing Terri Roberts
Wage: \$15.57 per hour
Effective Date: 7/18/2011

2. Name: Ashley Lanyon
Position: Special Education Instructional Assistant
Replacing Irene Pavlik
Wage: \$13.67 per hour
Effective Date: 8/24/2011

3. Name: Garrett Vandeweghe
Position: Grounds Utility Technician
Replacing Dan Coccie
Wage: \$15.56 per hour
Effective Date: 7/11/2011

Certified Employment

Approve the following certified Employment:

1. Name: Justin Giles
Education: Kutztown University – BS
Certification Type: Instructional I

- Certification Area: Special Education
Experience: Pottsgrove School District
Student Teacher
Spring 2011
Substitute Assistant/Teacher
2009-present
- Assignment: Teacher
Pottsgrove Middle School
Replacing Cheryl Fithian
- Salary: \$41,929 – Bachelors Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Salary Schedule
Effective Date: 8/24/2011
2. Name: Jennifer Holste
Education: Cabrini College – M.Ed.
Certification Type: Instructional I
Certification Area: Elementary Education
Experience: Pottsgrove School District
Pottsgrove Middle School
Science Teacher
8/07 – 6/10
- Assignment: Grade 2 long Term substitute
Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
Replacing Jessica Dierolf
- Salary: \$41,929 – Bachelors Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Salary Schedule
Effective Date: 8/24/2011
3. Name: Stephen Mellor
Education: Holy Name University – M.Ed.
Certification Type: Instructional I
Certification Area: Social Studies
Experience: Morrisville School District
Morrisville High School
Student Teacher
1/11 – 4/11
- Assignment: Long Term substitute
Pottsgrove High School
Replacing Krista Rundell
- Salary: \$41,929 – Bachelors Step 1 of the 2011-2012 Salary Schedule
Effective Date: 8/24/2011

Elementary Summer School Teacher

Approve hiring Mary Bradley for the elementary summer school program. She will be paid \$31.00 per hour per the contract.

Family Medical Leave of Absence

Approve the following family medical leave of absence:

Name: William Boerner
Position: Custodian
Reason: Family Medical/Maternity/Unpaid Child Rearing Leave
Effective Date: June 28, 2011. He expects to return to a position in the district in 12 -16 weeks.

Guidance Intern

Approve the following guidance intern placement for the 2011-2012 school year:

Kutztown University

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Aaron Bell	Cristina Kleinfelter - MS

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

General Fund Budget

The 2011 – 2012 General Fund Budget for the Pottsgrove School District has been tentatively proposed. It was recommended that the final Pottsgrove General Fund budget be approved in the amount of \$57,324,510. Mr. Remelius moved and Mr. Neiffer seconded a motion to approve the General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 school year with a 1.8% tax increase as presented. The Board voted as follows: Adams, yes; Kontostathis, yes; Remelius, yes; Faulkner, yes; Keogh, yes; Landes, no; Neiffer, no; Fulmer, no; Grimm, no. the motion passes 5-4-0.

Real Estate Tax Levy

Mrs. Kontostathis moved and Mr. Keogh seconded a motion to adopt a Real Estate Tax of 34.999 mills (35 per \$1000 assessed valuation of taxable property within the Pottsgrove School District) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The millage rate of 34.999 generates an increase of 1.8%. The Board voted as follows: Landes, yes; Adams, yes; Kontostathis, yes; Remelius, yes; Grimm, yes; Keogh, yes; Faulkner, yes; Fulmer, no; Neiffer, no. The motion passes 7-2-0.

Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions

Mrs. Kontostathis moved and Mr. Keogh seconded a motion to adopt a resolution establishing Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions for 2011-2012. The Board unanimously approved the motion. (Addendum #6/11-5)

Mrs. Kontostathis moved and Mr. Keogh seconded a motion to approve the following business items:

Act 511 Taxes and Per Capita Tax

Approve the continuance of presently enacted Act 511 Taxes and Per Capita Tax of Section 679 of the School Code as follows:

Continue all Act 511 taxes in 2011-2012 that are presently levied by the District with no substantial change:

- 1% Earned Income Tax
- Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 levied on all Pottsgrove residents who are eighteen (18) years of age or older
- Local Services Tax of \$5.00
- 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax
- Mercantile Tax (1 Mill – Wholesalers, 1½ Mills – Retailers)

School District Depositories

Appoint School District Depositories as follows:

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- Wells Fargo
- The Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust
- Citizens Bank
- First Niagra Bank
- PSDLAF/PNC
- National Penn Bank
- TD Bank
- WSFS Bank
- Tri-County Federal Credit Union

Tax Collectors

Appoint tax collectors for 2010-2011 as follows:

1. Local Services Tax

- Lower Pottsgrove Twp. – H. A. Berkheimer
- Upper Pottsgrove Twp. – H. A. Berkheimer
- West Pottsgrove Twp. – Theresa Yost

2. Earned Income Tax

- H. A. Berkheimer Associates at a fee of 1.39%
3. Delinquent Per Capita Taxes
- H. A. Berkheimer Associates at fees permitted by law
4. Mercantile Tax
- H. A. Berkheimer Associates at a fee of 3%
5. Real Estate Transfer Tax
- Recorder of Deeds of Montgomery County at fees established by law

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Neiffer moved and Mr. Keogh seconded a motion to approve the following business items:

Solicitor

Authorize administration to appoint Fox, Rothschild as solicitor for the 2011-2012 school year and to enter into a retainer agreement as presented.

Lakeside Educational Network

Authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Lakeside Educational Network for educational placements and mobile support services for the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

Wide Area Network License Agreement

Authorize administration to enter into a Wide Area Network License Agreement with Sunesys for a fiber lease for Ringing Rocks Elementary School at a rate of \$1,500 per month for 60 months.

Software License Agreement

Authorize administration to enter into a software license agreement with K12 Systems, Inc. for the Sapphire SchoolNurse Health System at the following cost:

• Implementation cost	\$ 8,100.00
• First year license fee	<u>4,950.00</u>
• Total	\$13,050.00

Metasys System Upgrade

Authorize administration to move forward on the Metasys system upgrade by Johnson Controls at a cost of \$23,053.00.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Attendance at Conference

Mrs. Kontostathis moved and Mr. Neiffer seconded a motion approve Margaret Scott, High School teacher, to attend AP Summer Institute – U.S. History. The cost for the course is \$800.00. Substitute coverage is not required. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Adjournment

Mr. Keogh moved and Mr. Remelius seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip G. Keogh, Jr.
School Board Secretary