

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 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:

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

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.

Executive Session

Mr. Neiffer announced an executive session would be held after the meeting for personnel.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Keogh moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting as presented. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

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

Professional:

Assignment/Classification Change

1. Name: Bev Stuart
Position: Substitute Teacher - Alternative Ed
Wage: \$31.00 per hour
Effective Date: September 28, 2011

Appointment

1. Name: Mark Heusser
Education: Ursinus College
Experience: Pottsgrove School District
Long Term Substitute
3/2011 – present
Certification: Biology/General Science
Position: Science Teacher – Alternative Education
program
Status: Non-Contractual
Compensation: \$31.00 per hour
Reason: Replace Dave Moyer
Effective Date: September 28, 2011

Approval of Substitutes

1. Name: Jarrold Wendel
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
2. Name: Lara Ferris
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
3. Name: Ashley Markwith
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
4. Name: Ronald Frederick
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
5. Name: Lyndsay Drumheller
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
6. Name: Shaina Ward
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011

7. Name: Lauren Gawel
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
8. Name: Wendy Helmer
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
9. Name: Jennifer McDannell
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
10. Name: Johanna Swoyer
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
11. Name: Andrea Graham
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
12. Name: Joanne Birely
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
13. Name: Diane Dadey
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
14. Name: Shelby Roland
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011
15. Name: Tanya Shea
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011

16. Name: Melissa Swenk
Position: Substitute Teacher
Wage: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 19, 2011

Support Staff:

Approval of Substitutes

1. Name: Lisa Livezey
Position: Substitute Aide
Wage: \$9.21 per hour/Duty Aide
\$9.76 per hour Instructional Aide
Effective Date: September 28, 2011 pending receipt of satisfactory background check
2. Name: Cynthia Fuess
Position: Substitute Aide
Wage: \$9.21 per hour/Duty Aide
\$9.76 per hour Instructional Aide
Effective Date: September 28, 2011 pending receipt of satisfactory background check
3. Name: Rosemary Lorenzo
Position: Substitute Aide
Wage: \$9.21 per hour/Duty Aide
\$9.76 per hour Instructional Aide
Effective Date: September 28, 2011 pending receipt of satisfactory background check
4. Name: Kristen Kornsey
Position: Substitute Aide
Wage: \$9.21 per hour/Duty Aide
\$9.76 per hour Instructional Aide
Effective Date: September 28, 2011

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

SRO Agreement

Mrs. Kontostathis moved and Mr. Keogh seconded a motion to approve the SRO agreement with Lower Pottsgrove Township for a period of one year beginning September 1, 2011 and ending August 31, 2012 as presented. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

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

Attendance at Conferences

Approve the attendance at the following conferences:

- a. Ron Linke, Assistant Business Administrator, to attend Medco Best Practices. The cost of the workshop is \$350.00. Substitute coverage is not required.
- b. Elaine Armstrong, Elementary Gifted Teacher, and Deb Frasca, Middle School Gifted Teacher, to attend Challenging the Gifted. The cost of this conference is \$361.20. Substitute coverage is required.
- c. Madeleine Tierney, Pottsgrove High School Special Education Teacher, and James Dargan, Pottsgrove High School Special Education Teacher to attend Simply Smart Board. The cost of the workshop is \$221.11. Substitute coverage is required.
- d. Cristina Kleinfelter, Pottsgrove Middle School Guidance Counselor, to attend Help the Anxious Client – Strategies That Really Work. The cost of the workshop is \$274.51. No substitute coverage is required.
- e. Michael Katzenmoyer, Director of Facilities, Mark Falter, Maintenance Supervisor, and Todd Covell, Custodial Supervisor, to attend PASBO Facilities Management Conference and Exhibits. The cost of the conference is \$961.00. Substitute coverage is not required.
- f. Jeff Kerchner, Pottsgrove Middle School Autistic Support Teacher, to attend Social Thinking Workshops – High Functioning, Autism, Asperger-Syndrome, ADHD, NLD, PDD-NOS. The cost of the workshop is \$475.00. Substitute coverage is required.
- g. Debbie Brilla, Human Resource Specialist, to attend PASPA – Best Practices in Human Resources. The cost of this conference is \$195.40. Substitute coverage is not required.
- h. Roberta Oxenford, Child Accounting, to attend ACAPA-Child Accounting. The cost of the conference is \$102.50. Substitute coverage is not required.
- i. Jack Thomas, Pottsgrove High School Athletic Trainer, to attend Low Back Pain workshop. The cost of the conference is \$212.00. Substitute coverage is not required.
- j. Jack Thomas, Pottsgrove High School Athletic Trainer, to attend Manual Skills for the Upper Quarter. The cost of the workshop is \$256.00. Substitute coverage is not required.

5th Grade Camping Trip Ringing Rocks

Approve the 5th grade camping trip as presented below:

The 5th Grade at Ringing Rocks Elementary School would like to have approval to go to Camp Conrad Weiser for their camping trip scheduled for May 14th, 15th, and return on May 16th, 2012. Fundraising events by the students have made minimal costs to the students. There is no cost to the School District.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Policies

Mr. Keogh moved to table the approval of revisions to Policy #201.1 Possession of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto –Injectors. There was no second. Mrs. Kontostathis moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded a motion to approve revisions to Policy #201.1 Possession of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto –Injectors. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion Items

Dr. Landis updated the Board on the Pottsgrove Educational Foundations Mini Grants.

Committee Reports

The Facility Committee updated the Board regarding their recent meeting.

New Business

Mr. Neiffer announced the music department's instructional program is expanding and in the near future there will probably not be enough uniforms and instruments to support the program.

David Faulkner announced his company provides Stem Grants and this year they will be used for Pottsgrove children to attend Camp Invention next summer.

Adjournment

Mr. Remelius moved and Mr. Neiffer seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip G. Keogh, Jr.
School Board Secretary