

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 29, 2015

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

Justine Valentine	Dave Faulkner	Dee Gallion	Diane Cherico
Rick Rabinowitz	Matt Alexander	Patti Grimm	Ted Coffelt
John Rossi			

Also present were: Ms. Shellie Feola, Dr. William Shirk, Mr. Dave Nester, Mr. Michael Wagman, Mr. Daniel Vorhis, and Dr. Maura Roberts.

Call to Order

Mr. Valentine called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session Announcements

Mr. Valentine announced there was an Executive Session held on September 17, 2015 to discuss Negotiations and there will be an Executive Session immediately following the meeting for Negotiations and Personnel.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Report of the Superintendent

Personnel:

Mr. Valentine moved and Mr. Coffelt seconded a motion to approve the following Personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- a. Resignation:
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| 1. | Name: | Laura Treichler |
| | Position: | Teacher - Pottsgrove Middle School |
| | Effective Date: | Not to exceed 60 day from
September 16, 2015 |
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| 2. | Name: | Terri Melchior |
| | Position: | Substitute Teacher |
| | Effective Date: | September 17, 2015 |

b. Appointment:

1. Name: Lisa Merritt
Education: East Stroudsburg University - M.S.
Experience: Perkiomen Valley School District
February 2003 - June 2015
German Teacher
Certification: German K-12
Position: Part Time German Teacher
Middle/High School
Status: Contractual
Reason: Replacing Katarina Fachin-Lucas
Compensation: \$30,057.50 - 50% Bachelors 24 Step 12
pro rated
Effective Date: September 30, 2015

2. Name: Amy Piskai
Education: West Chester University - M.S.
Immaculata - M.A.
Experience: Downingtown School District
School Psychologist
January 2014 - present
Pottstown School District
School Psychologist
June 2009 - January 2015
Certification: K-12 School Psychologist
Position: School Psychologist
Status: Contractual
Reason: Replacing Elizabeth Wykle
Compensation: \$63,674 - Masters Step 10
pro rated
Effective Date: To be determined

3. Name: Patricia Evans
Education: West Chester University - B.S.
Experience: Pottsgrove School District
June 2015 - present
Substitute Teacher
Certification: Special Education PK-8
Position: Long Term Substitute
Special Education Teacher
Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
First and second Trimester
Status: Non-contractual
Reason: Replacing Lacey Gauntlett
Compensation: \$41,929.00 - Bachelors Step 1 pro rated
Effective Date: September 21, 2015

4. Name: Nancy Cortez
Position: Substitute Teacher
Compensation: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT 168 release form
5. Name: Jennifer Reeder
Position: Substitute Teacher
Compensation: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT 168 release form
6. Name: Alexandre Kriebel
Position: Substitute Teacher
Compensation: \$100.00 per day
Effective Date: September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT 168 release form

c. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Lacey Gauntlett
Position: Special Education Teacher
Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
Reason: Unpaid Child Rearing Leave
Effective Date: Extend from December 15, 2015 through the last day of the second trimester.
2. Name: Michele Moyer
Position: Spanish Teacher
Middle School/High School
Reason: FMLA - unpaid child rearing leave
Effective Date: Approx. November 30, 2015 - not to exceed twelve weeks

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Rabinowitz moved and Mr. Valentine seconded the motion to approve the following Support Staff items:

SUPPORT STAFF

a. Resignation:

1. Name: Terri Kuklinski
Position: Intervention Tutor - West Pottsgrove
Effective Date: September 11, 2015

2. Name: Denise Stek
Position: Support Staff Substitute
Effective Date: September 18, 2015
3. Name: Shekeema Elam
Position: Student Assistant - High School
Effective Date: October 2, 2015
4. Name: Katherine Gundrum
Position: Support Staff Substitute
Effective Date: September 9, 2015

b. Appointments:

1. Name: Nicole Rohrbach
Position: Building Aide - Pottsgrove Middle School
Replacing Tara Breiner
Compensation: \$14.30 per hour
5 hours-15 minutes per day
181 days per year
Effective Date: October 5, 2015
2. Name: Dena Kraichely
Position: In School Support Monitor
Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
Replacing April Mayes
Compensation: \$14.30 per hour
5 hours 45 minutes per day
181 days per year
Effective Date: October 5, 2015
3. Name: Johanna Szumski
Position: Support Staff Substitute
Compensation: \$9.71 - \$9.76 per hour
Effective Date: September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of
ACT 168 release form
4. Name: Jennifer Moser
Position: Support Staff Substitute
Compensation: \$9.71 - \$9.76 per hour
Effective Date: September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of
ACT 168 release form
5. Name: Dawn Hairston
Position: Support Staff Substitute
Compensation: \$9.71 - \$9.76 per hour
Effective Date: September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of
ACT 168 release form

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| 6. | Name: | Cherie Iannavelli |
| | Position: | Support Staff Substitute |
| | Compensation: | \$9.71 - \$9.76 per hour |
| | Effective Date: | September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT 168 release form |
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| 7. | Name: | Caroline Levonuk |
| | Position: | Support Staff Substitute |
| | Compensation: | \$9.71 - \$9.76 per hour |
| | Effective Date: | September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT 168 release form |
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| 8. | Name: | Bruce Carter Jr. |
| | Position: | Substitute Custodian |
| | Compensation: | \$10.85 per hour |
| | Effective Date: | September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT 168 form |
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| 9. | Name: | Harry Dewees. |
| | Position: | Substitute Custodian |
| | Compensation: | \$10.85 per hour |
| | Effective Date: | September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT 168 Form |

The Board voted 8 - 0 - 1, Mrs. Grimm abstained from voting. The motion passed.

After discussion from Mr. Rossi questioning the need for so many supplemental and Mr. Valentine the amount spent each year for supplementals, Mrs. Grimm moved and Mr. Valentine seconded a motion to approve the following Supplemental items:

SUPPLEMENTALS/SPECIAL PAYMENTS

a. Appointments:

FALL ATHLETICS

Cheerleading Head MS F	Kim	Kalinoski	\$2,618.88
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NON ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTALS

HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Challenge Team Coach HS (split)	Gary	Christ	\$595.20
Art Club	Cindy	Scherer	\$1,190.40
Arts and Crafts Club	Cindy	Scherer	\$595.20

Athletic Director Asst HS	Rick	Pennypacker	\$7,023.36
Band Concert HS	Victor	Holladay	\$952.32
Band Front HS	Riley	Davenport*	\$3,214.08
Band Marching HS	Victor	Holladay	\$6,785.28
Band Percussion HS	Kevin	Smith*	\$3,214.08
Band Stage HS	Victor	Holladay	\$1,428.48
Children's Play HS	Todd	Kelly	\$2,618.88
Choraliers	Kelsey	Hendler	\$1,547.52
Concert Choir	Kelsey	Hendler	\$952.32
Color Day Chairperson HS	Gary	DeRenzo	\$238.08
Color Day Chairperson HS	John	Shantz	\$238.08
Color Day Chairperson HS	Cindy	Wozniak	\$238.08
Costume Coordinator	Elizabeth	Rodenbaugh	\$1,071.36
DECA	Megan	DeLena	\$2,261.76
Detention Monitor HS	Heather	Renn	\$1,785.60
Drama Production HS	Holli	Artim	\$3,095.04
Faculty Manager HS	Jim	Regensburg	\$5,952.00
Falcon Friends	Kristen	Schott	\$833.28
Freshman Class Advisor HS	Elizabeth	Mays Coleman	\$1,071.36
Graduation Project	Elizabeth	Mays Coleman	\$2,856.96
Homecoming Day Chairman HS	Elizabeth	Rodenbaugh	\$595.20
Intra Basketball Fall HS F	Mike	Bendlinger*	\$595.20
Intra Basketball Fall HS M	Scott	Palladino*	\$595.20
Intra. Lacrosse HS All	Kristen	Mayberry*	\$595.20
Intra Hockey HS All	Christine	Campbell	\$595.20
Intra Weight Trng HS	Rick	Pennypacker	\$595.20
Intra Weight Trng HS Head	Preston	Moser*	\$595.20
Junior Class Advisor HS	Dave	Moyer	\$2,023.68
Junior Statesman	Margaret	Scott	\$833.28

Key Club Advisor	Steve	Burdan	\$1,071.36
Maximi Advisor HS	Della	Caldwell	\$952.32
Maximi Technical Advisor HS	Della	Caldwell	\$952.32
Orchestra HS	William	Einhorn	\$833.28
Percussion Ensemble	Kevin	Smith*	\$952.32
Pottsgroviaan Advisor HS	Dani	Small	\$3,333.12
Pottsgroviaan Business Manager	Dani	Small	\$1,904.64
Senior Class Advisor HS	Mark	Shuster	\$3,095.04
Senior Class Play HS	Todd	Kelly	\$2,618.88
Set painting coordinator HS	Cindy	Scherer	\$1,190.40
Set Construction	Tom	Bannister	\$1,428.48
Show Choir HS	Kelsey	Hendler	\$2,380.80
Spark the Wave	Lisa	Smoyer	\$1,071.36
Sophomore Class Advisor HS	Heather	Renn	\$1,547.52
Stage Equipment & Scenery HS	Dave	Moyer	\$1,547.52
Student Government Advisor HS	Tom	Stock	\$952.32
Video News Advisor	Jim	Regensburg	\$1,666.56
Webmaster	Melissa	Grubbs	\$1,190.40

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Academic Competitions	Deborah	Frasca	\$1,904.64
Band - 6th	Kathy	Williams	\$714.24
Stage Band	Kathy	Williams	\$1,190.40
Band - Marching MS	Kathy	Williams	\$1,904.64
7th and 8th grade Band	Kathy	Williams	\$1,190.40
Bell Choir MS	Joy	Stathopoulos	\$714.24
Chorus Head MS	Carole	Bean	\$952.32
Detention Monitor MS	Joy	Stathopoulos	\$1,785.60
Events Coordinator	Carole	Bean	\$1,904.64

Faculty Manager MS	Paul	Exley*	\$5,594.88
Intra Basketball Head MS M	Eric	Engstrom	\$595.20
Intra Flag Football MS	Steve	Palladino	\$595.20
Intra Golf Head Ms All	Chip	Deveney	\$595.20
Intra Softball Head MS F	Julie	Davis	\$595.20
Intra Soccer MS	Steve	Palladino	\$595.20
Intra Street Hockey Head MS All	Marilyn	Eaton	\$595.20
Intra Volleyball Head MS All	Marilyn	Eaton	\$595.20
Intra Wrestling Head MS M	Ricky	Royce	\$595.20
Musical Director	Carole	Bean	\$1,904.64
National Honor Society MS	Debra	MacIlvain	\$1,785.60
String Orchestra MS	William	Einhorn	\$1,190.40
MS Project REACH OUT	Shelby	Kqira	\$952.32
Reading Olympics	Shelby	Kqira	\$595.20
School Annual Advisor MS (memory book)	Deborah	Frasca	\$1,190.40
School Store Manager MS	Marilyn	Eaton	\$1,428.48
Show Choir MS	Carole	Bean	\$1,547.52
Science Academy	Jeff	Devlin	\$833.28
Study Make up and Remediation Time	Michelle	Moyer	\$1,904.64
Student Government Advisor MS	Janet	Edleman	\$2,499.84
Theatre Workshop	Tom	Yenchick	\$1,904.64
Web Page Editor MS	Jeff	Devlin	\$714.24
LOWER POTTSGROVE			
Academic Competitions	Shari	Costanzo	\$714.24
Chorus LP (grade 3)	Heather	Hodgdon	\$476.16
Chorus LP (grade 4)	Heather	Hodgdon	\$595.20
Chorus LP (grade 5)	Heather	Hodgdon	\$595.20

5th Grade Musical	Heather	Hodgdon	\$476.16
Band - Advanced	Darrell	Weyman	\$833.28
Band - Beginner	Darrell	Weyman	\$595.20
Intramurals LP	Jen	Flanagan	\$595.20
Strings - Advanced	Kristen	Hyde	\$952.32
Strings - Beginner	Kristen	Hyde	\$595.20
Safety Patrol Sponsor LP	Melissa	Vishio	\$595.20
Web Page Editor LP	Kristen	Rambo	\$595.20
Club Coordinator LP - Fall	Veronica	Lightcap	\$952.32
Club Coordinator LP - Spring	Veronica	Lightcap	\$952.32
Elementary Club - Fall	Jen	Flanagan	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Jen	Thompson	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Janice	Dalton*	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Janice	Lawless	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Amy	Miller	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Melissa	Vishio	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Ashley	McShea	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Robin	Scouton	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Erika	Hinkle	\$595.20
Elementary Club - Fall	Rebecca	Slothower	\$595.20
RINGING ROCKS			
Web Page Editor RR	Kristin	Hyde	\$595.20
Club Coordinator RR - Fall	Gretchen	Radswillas	\$952.32
Club Coordinator RR - Spring	Gretchen	Radswillas	\$952.32
Elementary Club Fall	Susan	Wolbert	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Lauren	Delp	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Crystal	lloyd	\$595.20

Elementary Club Fall	Tracy	Dise	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Carolyn	Kochka	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Brianna	Robinson	\$595.20

WEST POTTS GROVE

Club Coordinator WP - Fall	Terri	Minotto	\$952.32
Club Coordinator WP - Spring	Terri	Minotto	\$952.32
Elementary Club Fall	Brenda	Hoch	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Wendy	Hasara	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Nicole	Kulp	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Pat	Mest*	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Chrissy	Long*	\$595.20
Elementary Club Fall	Mary	Savarese*	\$595.20

District Chairpersons

Dist Department Coordinator Art	Cynthia	Scherer	\$2,500.00
Dist Department Coordinator Music	Kathy	Williams	\$2,500.00
Dist Department Coordinator Physical Ed	Melissa	Vishio	\$2,500.00
Dist Department Coordinator Reading	Meganlyn	Rendina	\$2,500.00
Dist Department Coordinator Library	Shelby	Kqira	\$2,500.00
Dist. Curriculum Coordinator Guidance	Don	Petrella	\$2,500.00
Dist Department Coordinator Foreign Language	Tony	Montes	\$2,500.00
Lead Teacher of Technology - District	Christine	Henry	\$1,165.00

HIGH SCHOOL - Special Payments

Dept Coord English HS	Todd	Kelly	\$2,500.00
Dept Coord Math HS	Holli	Artim	\$2,500.00
Dept Coord Spec Ed HS	James	Dargan	\$1,770.00
Dept Coord Science HS	Gary	Christ	\$2,500.00
Dept Coord Social Studies HS	Tom	Bannister	\$2,500.00

Dept Coord Encore HS	Tony	Montes	\$1,770.00
Dept Coord Encore HS	Roxanne	Murgia	\$1,770.00
Lead Teacher of Technology HS	Dave	Moyer	\$1,165.00

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Special Payments

Dept Coord Language Arts MS	Susan	Smith	\$1,162.00
Dept Coord Math MS	Autumn	Kelly	\$1,162.00
Dept Coord Science MS	Jeff	Devlin	\$1,162.00
Dept Coord Social Studies MS	Chip	Deveney	\$1,162.00
Lead Teacher of Technology MS	Deborah	Frasca	\$1,165.00
Team Coord 6-1 MS	Jodi	Sproule	\$2,114.00
Team Coord 6-II MS	Janet	Edleman	\$2,114.00
Team Coord 6-3 MS	Christy	Kirsch	\$2,114.00
Team Coord 7-I MS	Kelly	Dunne	\$2,114.00
Team Coord 7-II MS	Chip	Deveney	\$2,114.00
Team Coord 7/8- MS	Lambert	Liebel	\$2,114.00
Team Coord 8-I MS	Tom	Bailey	\$2,114.00
Team Coord 8-II MS	Susan	Smith	\$2,114.00
Team Coordinator - ESR MS	Marilyn	Eaton	\$2,114.00

LOWER POTTS GROVE - Special Payments

Elem Grade Coordinator LP 3A	Brisha	Armstrong	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator LP 3B	Kristen	Rambo	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator LP 4A	Samantha	Kuzniar	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator LP-4B	Robin	Scouton	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator LP 5A	Eric	Sawchuck	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator LP 5B	Brenda	Novak	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator LP Encore	Melissa	Vishio	\$2,114.00
Lead Teacher of Technology LP EL	Jen	Egan	\$1,165.00
Elem Team Coordinator Spec Ed LP	Susan	Michener	\$2,114.00

RINGING ROCKS - Special Payments

Elem Grade Coordinator RR KA	Crystal	Lloyd	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator RR KB	Maria	Benedict	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator RR 1A	Sara	Beaver	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator RR 1B	Lauren	Delp	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator RR 2A	Vicki	Winnick	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator RR 2B	Kari	Klaus	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator RR Encore	Rebecca	Diehl	\$2,114.00
Lead Teacher of Technology RR EL	Karen	Ottaviano	\$1,165.00

WEST POTTS GROVE - Special Payments

Elem Grade Coordinator WP K	Lisa	McGroarty	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator WP 1	Terri	Minotto	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator WP 2	Brenda	Hoch	\$2,114.00
Elem Grade Coordinator WP Encore	Marianne	Harrison	\$2,114.00
Lead Teacher of Technology WP EL	Tom	Yenchick	\$1,165.00

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Valentine moved and Mrs. Grimm seconded a motion to approve the following Personnel items (a page):

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

a. Resignation:

3. Name: Jennifer Thompson
Position: Teacher - Lower Pottsgrove Elementary
Effective Date: September 29, 2015

b. Appointment:

7. Name: Corri Speakman
Education: Kutztown University - B.S.
Experience: Pottstown School District
June 2012 - present
Elementary ESL Teacher
Certification: Special Education N-12
Mid-Level English 7-9

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| | Position: | Elementary Education K-6
Special Education Teacher
Pottsgrove Middle School |
| | Status: | Contractual |
| | Reason: | Replacing Erin Percinsky-Schermerhorn |
| | Compensation: | \$46,697 - Bachelors 24 Step 4
pro rated |
| | Effective Date: | To be determined |
| 8. | Name: | Chad Lloyd |
| | Position: | Substitute Teacher |
| | Compensation: | \$100.00 per day |
| | Effective Date: | September 30, 2015 |
| 9. | Name: | Terri Keely |
| | Position: | Alternative Education Math Teacher |
| | Compensation: | \$32.50 per hour |
| | Effective Date: | September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of ACT
168 form |

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Rabinowitz moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded a motion to approve the following Support Staff:

SUPPORT STAFF

b. Appointments:

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| 10. | Name: | Joan Kabakajian |
| | Position: | Intervention Tutor - West Pottsgrove
Replacing Terri Kuklinski |
| | Compensation: | \$20.88 per hour
4.5 hours per day |
| | Effective Date: | October 5, 2015 - pending receipt of
ACT 168 form |
| 11. | Name: | Tamara Briggs |
| | Position: | Support Staff Substitute |
| | Compensation: | \$9.71 - \$9.76 per hour |
| | Effective Date: | September 30, 2015 - pending receipt of
ACT 168 release form |

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Business:

Mrs. Grimm moved and Mr. Coffelt seconded a motion to authorize administration to execute an agreement with Woodsworth Academy for one student for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$75,945.00 as presented. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mrs. Grimm moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded a motion to authorize administration to execute an agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit and their Brandywine Virtual Academy for our cyber program as presented. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Rabinowitz moved and Mr. Coffelt seconded a motion to authorize administration to execute an agreement with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for their cyber education option as presented. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mrs. Grimm moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded a motion to approve an agreement between the District and Student's parents to provide educational services as outlined in the agreement in lieu of providing Free Appropriate Public Education as presented.

Mr. Coffelt moved and Mrs. Grimm seconded a motion to approve the payment of the Pottsgrove High School Renovation Project invoices as presented:

E.R. Stuebner Construction, Inc. – General Contractor

Total amount of contract	17,822,000.00
Change Orders	<u>657,475.01</u>
Total amount of contract	18,479,475.01
Total paid to date	12,173,388.88
Current Amount Due	1,499,100.17
Balance to finish	4,806,985.96

MBR Construction Services, Inc. – Electrical Contractor

Total amount of contract	4,601,800.00
Change Orders	<u>48,040.22</u>
Total amount of contract	4,649,840.22
Total paid to date	3,322,931.00
Current Amount Due	126,405.00
Balance to finish	1,200,504.22

Frey Lutz Corporation – Mechanical Contractor

Total amount of contract	5,253,800.00
Change Orders	<u>141,755.00</u>
Total amount of contract	5,395,555.00
Total paid to date	3,665,098.59
Current Amount Due	294,261.06
Balance to finish	1,436,195.35

Integrity Mechanical, Inc. – Plumbing Contractor

Total amount of contract	1,467,525.00
Change Orders	<u>57,077.18</u>
Total amount of contract	1,524,602.18
Total paid to date	1,079,077.67
Current Amount Due	65,805.07
Balance to finish	379,719.44

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Education:

Mr. Valentine moved and Mr. Coffelt seconded the approval of the following conference attendance:

- a. Amy Cantymagli, Middle School Teacher, to present at the PASCO 65th Annual Conference, "Leading and Achieving in an Interconnected World". The cost of the conference is \$832.00. Substitute coverage is required.
- b. Lisa Jones, Ringing Rocks Elementary Principal, Shellie Feola, Superintendent and Daniel Vorhis, Director of Education and Assessment to attend Lucy Calkins' Units of Study Conference. The cost of the conference is \$165.00 for each. Substitute coverage is not required.
- c. Jeff Madden, Head Wrestling Coach, and Jim Swiggard, Wrestling Coach, to attend Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches' Convention. The cost of the convention is \$622.00. Substitute coverage is not required.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The Department of Education requires that we have a Teacher Induction Plan so that teachers new to their position or new to the district receive a thorough orientation to district procedures and instructional practices. The following people have agreed to be support teachers for the new teachers listed:

Mrs. Cherico moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded a motion to approve the following mentors for 2015-2016 as presented:

Support Teachers

Jen Forwood
Sue Michener

New Teachers

Alixandra Kleinschmidt
Patricia Evans

Building

Pottsgrove Middle School
Lower Pottsgrove Elementary

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion Item:

Superintendent Feola presented the new Board Meeting Committee Structure. A copy of the new Committee Meeting Calendar will be available on the district web site. A copy of the revised Board Meeting Schedule with locations will also available online. Both revisions can be found at <http://www.pgsd.org/board>. Mr. Rabinowitz moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded a motion to approve the 2015-2016 School Board Committee Meeting Schedule as presented. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Committee Report:

Operations/Facilities Committee

Mr. James Hanna of D'Huey Engineering discussed progress being made on the High School renovations, focusing on the library, LGI rooms, cafeteria and faculty dining spaces. It is expected that these spaces will be turned over to the school district in October. He also discussed progress on the addition currently going up at the school's main entrance to include the secure vestibule and guidance suite. This part of the renovation is expected to be completed next summer.

Building Standard Audits – Facilities Director Jeffrey Cardwell presented the very fine results of a third party audit of the schools’ custodial performance. An overview of the results will be posted on the custodial services page at <http://www.pgsd.org/facilities>.

Paving Issues- Mr. Cardwell presented photographs of asphalt distress in multiple locations at the Middle School and Lower Pottsgrove Elementary. Of particular concern is a play area at Lower Pottsgrove. Temporary repairs are underway as longer- term repairs of these locations are planned.

Ringling Rocks Update – Mr. Cardwell and Mr. Nester provided an update on the HVAC system at Ringling Rocks Elementary that may have had a role in the roof deck mold remediated this past summer. The recommendation is for a third party audit of the system configuration and its capacity to manage humidity levels to be conducted prior to next summer.

Summer Success – Mr. Cardwell reviewed the list of projects completed this past summer despite a focused custodial effort on the High School. Board Members John Rossi and Dee Gallion complimented Mr. Cardwell’s team on their hard work in keeping all of the buildings clean and on their state of readiness at the start of the school year.

Parking Lot Lighting - Mr. Rossi asked about the status of the exterior lights near the District Office. Mr. Nester explained that the lines servicing those lights were accidentally damaged in laying the foundation of the new guidance suite and secure vestibule at the main entrance of the High School. The contractors were not aware of the damage until it was discovered in the evening that the lights were not functional. Repairs are underway.

Transportation – Mr. Nester advised the Board of an EPA grant possibility that would provide financial incentives to replace older diesel buses with newer, cleaner buses. Additionally, Mr. Nester also noted the need to replace a wheelchair van damaged in an accident. Mr. Rabinowitz moved and Mrs. Grimm seconded a motion to authorize Mr. Nester to solicit bids for the replacement of the wheelchair van. They also authorized Mr. Nester to pursue the EPA Grant. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Curriculum/Technology/Student Affairs Committee

Gifted Program – Directors of Pupil Services and Education and Assessment Dr. Maura Roberts and Mr. Daniel Vorhis discussed the gifted education program review recommendations posted online at <http://www.pgsd.org/pupilservices>. The presentation included next steps in the implementation of the recommendations. Discussion among Board Members Rick Rabinowitz, Dee Gallion, Dr. Roberts and Mr. Vorhis took place around aspects of the presentation including, but not limited to, the concept of “strength-based” GIEPs.

Mr. Rabinowitz asked Mr. Vorhis about short and long-term plans related to the EDM and Carnegie math programs in use in the District. Mr. Vorhis responded to the question but also suggested that a more detailed discussion could occur as a specific agenda item on the next Curriculum/Tech/Student Affairs Committee meeting.

New Business

Superintendent Feola announced that the Pottsgrove Education Foundation is hosting the Harlem Wizards on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the High School's new gymnasium at 7:00 pm. She also complimented the work of Athletics and Activities Director Gary DeRenzo and Administrative Assistant Laurie Bickert on their work in organizing this event. A link to the flyer and the online ticket sales is located on the district's main web page.

Board President Justin Valentine noted the recent revitalization of the Education Foundation and complimented Board Member Diane Cherico who also serves as Foundation president for her efforts.

Mr. Valentine reminded those in attendance about the Annual Pink Out football game this Friday.

Adjournment

Mr. Valentine moved and Mr. Coffelt seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherico
School Board Secretary