



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Held June 16, 2015

Summary of Key Discussion and Actions Taken:

The Pottsgrove School District Board of Directors held its twice monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at District Office.

During the Presentations/Recognition/Awards report, the following was presented/discussed:

Retirement Recognition – School District personnel retiring this month were recognized and honored. Retirees include: Nancy Albright, Elaine Armstrong, Sharon Bradbury, Richard Burke, Barbara Fagan, Cynthia Foust, Gwyneth Jensen, Lucy Patania, Allen Reed, Jr., Lynn Reichenbach, Linda Rendina, and Judith Sidebottom.

Student Board Representative Recognition – Chloe Klaus was recognized for serving on the Board for the 2014-15 school year.

An update was provided on the High School renovations. PowerPoint slides will be posted on website Renovations page.

The progress report of the 2014-2015 continuous improvement plan focus areas/superintendent goals was presented.

The recommendations for the 2015-16 school year continuous improvement plan/superintendent goals were presented and approved by the Board.

The work of the Grading Practices Committee and the recommendation for transitioning to the ten-point scale were presented and discussed. The Board approved the proposed transition plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A Pottsgrove High School student expressed his appreciation for the discussion regarding the grading scale and his belief that moving to the ten point scale will benefit students.

In addition to the regular monthly reports and business, **the Board took action on the following:**

The Board approved all personnel items as presented.

The Board approved the 2015-2016 Board meeting schedule as presented.

The Board approved the General Fund Budget for the 15-16 school year as presented.

The Board adopted the 15-16 Real Estate Tax of 37.7158 mills \$38 per \$1000 assessed valuation of taxable property within the Pottsgrove School District for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The adopted millage rate generates an increase of .55 %.

The Board adopted the resolution establishing Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions for 2015-16.

The Board approved the continuation of all Act 511 taxes in 2015-2016 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
- 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax
- Mercantile Tax (1 Mill - Wholesalers, 1 ½ Mills - Retailers)

The Board appointed School District Depositories as presented.

The Board appointed tax collectors for the 2015-16 school year as follows:



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- Local Services Tax
 - Lower Pottsgrove Township - H. A. Berkheimer
 - Upper Pottsgrove Township - H. A. Berkheimer
 - West Pottsgrove Township - H. A. Berkheimer
- Earned Income Tax
 - H. A. Berkheimer Associates at a fee of 1.35%
- Delinquent Per Capita Tax
 - H. A. Berkheimer Associates as fees permitted by law
- Mercantile Tax
 - H. A. Berkheimer Associates at a fee of 3%
- Real Estate Transfer Tax
 - Recorder of Deeds of Montgomery County at fees established by law

The Board authorized administration to transfer \$200,000 in excess of amount budgeted to the Capital Reserve Fund. This represents half of the PlanCon proceeds received on the Ringing Rocks Project.

The Board authorized administration to prepare final budget transfers.

The Board authorized Mr. Nester to pay bills for the month of July 2015.

The Board approved budget transfers for the May 2015 as presented.

The Board awarded the 2015-2016 Fall Athletic Bid to the following vendors considered the lowest responsible bidders:

• Metuchen Center Inc. Garden State Apparel	\$20,273.93
• Riddell	\$ 2,405.24
• BSN Sports	<u>\$ 7,058.49</u>
Total	\$29,737.66

The Board approved the following bids conducted by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for 2015-2016:

• General Supplies	\$40,196.55
• Art Supplies	\$34,119.69
• Medical Supplies	\$23,230.78
• Paper	<u>\$34,860.80</u>
Total	\$132,407.92

The Board appointed Fox, Rothschild as the District's solicitor for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board authorize administration to enter into the following agreements with the MCIU for technology related services for the 2015-2016 school year.

• PowerSchool Licenses and Hosting	\$22,622.75
• Discovery Education Streaming Plus	\$ 6,047.70
• Schoology LMS	\$ 8,750.00

The Board approved of an agreement from Tilly's for the sponsorship of the student section at sporting events as presented.



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The Board authorized administration to enter into a new hardware lease with Apple for four years at a total cost of \$439,265.64 with annual lease payments not to exceed \$120,000.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Wordsworth Academy for extended school year services for one student at a cost of \$10,585.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Vanguard School for extended school year services for two students at a cost of \$7,545 per student.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Martin Luther School for extended school year services for one student at a cost of \$3,900.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Woods Services, Inc. for extended school year services for one student at a cost of \$9,489.60.

The Board authorized administration to enter into agreements with Melmark for two special needs students at a projected cost of \$366,457.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Vanguard School for the 2015-2016 school year for one student at a cost of \$51,575.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Lakeside Educational Network for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Jessica Ferraro for physical therapy services for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$70 per hour.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Lapreziosa Occupational Therapy Services for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services for a sign language interpreter for the 2015-2016 school year for one student at a rate of \$49 per hour plus paid travel time.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with Creative Health Services, Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$18,000.

The Board authorized administration to enter into an agreement with The Academy for the 2015-2016 school year at a per diem rate of \$130.00 per student.

The Board authorized Administration to purchase an IPTV system from AVT in the amount of \$71,843.00.

The Board approved a change order request to enhance the lighting configuration in the television studio in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

The Board approved the payment of the Pottsgrove High School Renovation Project invoices as presented.

The Board approved the payment of the Pottsgrove Middle School Cooling Tower Project invoices as presented.

The Board approved the conference attendance as presented.



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- Junior Class Trip to Boston, MA on April 8, 2016 - April 10, 2016. The approximate cost is \$685 per student. Substitute coverage is required (\$960)
- Senior Class Trip to Florida May 31, 2016 - June 4, 2016. The approximate cost is \$1290 per student. Substitute coverage is required (\$3,840)

The Board approved the following camp:

- Wrestling Mini-Training Camp at Pottsgrove High School on June 29, 30, July 1,2. The cost is \$25 per student. Substitute coverage is not required.

The Board appointed a student to serve as the Student Board Representative for the 2015-2016 school year. The name is being withheld until the student is notified.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Budget Update – Mr. Nester provided multiple budget scenarios. The Board discussed these scenarios extensively. The Board approved a budget as noted on the first page of this document.

Refinancing Opportunity – The Board approved a resolution to accept BB&T Bank's loan bid to refinance existing bond debt valued at \$9,999,000 at a fixed rate of 1.93%, saving the school district \$553,000.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Grimm congratulated the Class of 2015.

Mrs. Grimm proposed that the PGSD Board participate in a PA School Boards Association School Board Self-Assessment at a cost of \$600. The Board discussed this proposal but took no action.

UPCOMING DATES:

6/19/15 - 8/28/15 - District Closed each Friday for Flex Day

9/1/15 - 9/4/15 - Staff Development Days

9/8/15 - First Day of School

View the Comprehensive Calendar of District events at <http://www.pgsd.org/Page/2>

Visit the Board website at <http://www.pgsd.org/board>

For Renovation information, visit <http://www.pgsd.org/facilities>

Board meetings are now recorded for viewing on PCTV twice weekly, Wed., at 6:30 PM, Sun., at 6:00 PM and on demand from the District website.