

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 20, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 7:30 PM in the second floor LGI room of the Pottstown Middle School with President Richard Huss presiding. The following board members were present, Mr. Dennis Wausnock, Mrs. Polly Weand, Mrs. Julia Wilson, Mrs. Michele Pargeon, Mr. Thomas Hylton, and Ms. Valerie Harris and Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr. Absent was Mr. Nat White. Also present were Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Reed Lindley; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana; Business Administrator, Mrs. Linda Adams; Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Kalis; Ms. Pamela Bateson, Mr. Ryan Oxenford, Mr. Matthew Moyer, Mr. Patrick Connors, Mr. John Armato, a member of the press and interested citizens.

**AWARDS**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**MR. WHITE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 7:33 PM.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on September 15, 2011 be approved as presented.

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

Mr. Hartman asked the Board to amend the October 6, 2011 minutes to reflect the Facilities Committee recommendation includes the Middle School lighting and the Middle School and High School gyms.

It was moved by Mr. Hylton and seconded by Mr. White that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 6, 2011 be approved as amended.

Upon roll call, the vote to approve the October 6, 2011 minutes as amended was recorded as follows: Mr. Huss: aye, Mr. Hylton: aye, Mrs. Pargeon: abstain, Mr. Wausnock: aye, Mrs. Weand: aye, Mr. White: aye, Mrs. Wilson: aye, Ms. Harris: abstain, Mr. Hartman: aye. Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Absention: Two. Motion carried.

**LIST OF BILLS**

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the list of bills for the period of September 8, 2011 through October 12, 2011 from the Athletic Fund totaling \$57,329.04; the Cafeteria Fund totaling; \$76,829.60; the Capital Reserve fund totaling \$11,368.34; the Elementary Fund totaling \$2,014.68 and the

General Fund totaling \$1,087,693.11 be approved and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum # 2011-2012-028.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was moved by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the September Treasurer's Report be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-029.

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

### **HEARING FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS**

None.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Ms. Harris that the following consent items be approved in accordance with Policy 1120, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

#### **PERSONNEL**

##### **Resignation/Terminations**

##### **Professional**

Kathleen H. Hayes, Elementary Teacher, Rupert Elementary, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2011, employed since December 1, 1993.

Julie L. Shumacher, Intervention Specialist, Barth Elementary, resignation effective November 21, 2011 (or prior if position is filled), employed since August 25, 2009.

Ratify Ben J. Trombetta, Special Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 29, 2011, employed since October 22, 2003.

Ratify Marissa S. Bono, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since January 20, 2009.

Ratify Rachel K. Dragon, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since January 26, 2009.

Ratify Matthew Scarbatic, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since January 20, 2009.

Ratify Tamara D. Hartz, Special Substitute Teacher, resignation effective September 1, 2011, employed since October 15, 2008.

Ratify Maxine T. Endy, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since May 24, 2007.

Ratify Wayne F. Clark, Special Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since October 16, 2008.

Ratify Karen L. Weber, Special Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since October 16, 2008.

Ratify Zachary S. Brower, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective September 8, 2011, employed since October 6, 2008.

Ratify Matthew G. Risell, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective September 8, 2011, employed since October 6, 2008.

Ratify Diana L. Bilardo, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective September 8, 2011, employed since October 6, 2008.

Ratify Richard E. Lindberg, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective September 8, 2011, employed since October 2, 2008.

Ratify Lara B. Hoffman, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since August 25, 2008.

Ratify Michael A. Novia, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective September 8, 2011, employed since August 25, 2008.

Ratify Christina N. Roberts, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective August 30, 2011, employed since August 25, 2008.

Ratify Natalie A. Szabo, Per Diem Substitute Teacher, resignation effective October 5, 2011, employed since August 25, 2008.

#### Classified

Ratify Genevieve Bell, Physical Therapist, Administration Building, resignation effective September 15, 2011, employed since May 31, 2006.

Ratify Katie Spontak, Classroom Assistant, Edgewood Elementary, resignation effective June 16, 2011 employed since September 20, 2010.

Steve Trievel, Custodian II, Rupert Elementary, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective December 31, 2011, employed since August 1, 1990.

#### Leave of Absence

#### Classified

Ratify Stephen Hoffman, Custodian I, Pottstown High School, request for leave of absence covered by Family Medical Leave Act, effective October 19, 2011, end date TBD.

#### Change in Position and/or Salary

Classified

Ratify Danielle Slotter from Substitute Classroom Assistant to Special Education Classroom Assistant, effective September 13, 2011, \$14.13/hour. This is in addition to her role as Per Diem Substitute Teacher, in accordance with Board Policy 3920, \$95/day.

Ratify Shilid Ford-Bey from Substitute Custodian/Housekeeper to Temporary Business Machine Operator, effective September 19, 2011, \$12.50/hour.

Ratify Verna Latick from Substitute Van Assistant to Classroom/Van Assistant, effective September 28, 2011, \$14.13/hour.

2011-2012 Co-Curricular Assignments:

Ratify Robert Grim from Assistant Coach, Middle School Boys Soccer to Interim Head Coach, Middle School Boys Soccer (coverage for Denise Kuleski), Stipend \$2,040.

Elections

Classified

Ratify Kacie Zipay, Special Education Assistant, 185.5 days/year, initial assignment to be Lincoln Elementary, effective September 13, 2011, \$14.13/hour.

Ratify Jodi Finnegan, Kindergarten Assistant, 182 days/year, initial assignment to be Lincoln Elementary, effective September 20, 2011, \$14.13/hour.

Ratify Virginia McKain, Temporary Clerk, Administration Building, effective September 19, 2011, \$12.50/hour.

Ratify Edward Coffey, Substitute Van Driver, Administration Building, effective September 27, 2011, \$14.54/hour. He will also assume the role of Substitute Van Aide, effective September 27, 2011, \$12.34/hour.

Ratify Kristine Yonas, Substitute Nurse, effective September 29, 2011, \$22.26/hour.

Ratify Additions to 2011-2012 Co-Curricular Assignments:

<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Professional Agreement Category</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
MS	A – Football – Asst. Coach	Art Knight	2	\$1,335.00
HS	B – Wrestling – Asst. Coach	Brad Clark	1	\$2,299.00
HS	Q - Strength & Conditioning	Nancy Kupferschmidt	No	\$ 523.75
		(1/4 stipend) Melissa Schubert (1/4 Stipend)	Level	\$ 523.75

Additions to 2011-2012 Co-Curricular Volunteer Coaches

Ray Smith	MS Football – Asst. Coach
Lea Scott	HS Cross Country – Asst. Coach
Jane Thompson	HS Cross Country – Asst. Coach

Correction to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tutoring List 2011-2012: (funded by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant)

Ratify all Pottstown School District Teacher-Certified staff members are approved on “as needed” basis as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tutors, rate of \$29.00/hour, and as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Assistants, rate of \$13.65/hour.

Ratify all Pottstown School District Classroom Assistants are approved on “as need basis” as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Assistants, rate of \$13.65/hour

Professional Leaves

<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference Title</u>	<u>Conference Location</u>	<u>Dates to Attend</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Edgewood Admin	Treana Ferguson Jeff Sparagana	PAESSP Administrators Conference (Presenting)	State College, PA	10/23/11 – 10/24/11	All expenses to be reimbursed by “Step By Step Learning”
High School	Robert Decker Corby Drone Jen Wiand Rosemary Phillips	NCTM Regional Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	10/20/11 – 10/21/11	District paying \$1032 for registration fees & sub costs of \$800. Participants are paying their own hotel, transportation, & meals costs.
High School	Danielle McCoy David Todd Kellie McGavin James Porter Diane Shoffstall	Integrated Learning Conference	State College, PA	11/14/11 – 11/16/11	Expenses \$2470 pay by Perkins Grant.
Admin	Jeff Sparagana	NAEYC Conference (Presenting)	Orlando, Fl	11/2/11 – 11/4/11	All expenses to be reimbursed by “Step By Step Learning”
High School	Kim Holsonback	PASBO Directors Conference	State College, PA	11/1/11 – 11/2/11	\$285 registration paid by Food Service Dept. All other expenses paid by the SNAPA Board.

Field Trips

<u># of student s and/or group</u>	<u>Name of conference or activity</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date of trip</u>	<u>Cost to student</u>	<u>Cost to district-substitutes</u>	<u>Chaperone(s)</u>
5 High School	State Drama Competition (This trip is contingent based on the team’s performance at District Competition)	Susquehanna Univ., Selinsgrove, PA	12/9/11 – 12/10/11	\$50.00	Subs - \$200 Trans. \$200 Reg. \$100 <u>Lodge. \$209</u> Total \$709	Joe Perrone Jennifer Wiand

403(B) THIRD PARTY PROVIDER

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Main Line Financial Advisors as an approved district investment provider for 403(B) TSA Program

SELF-FUNDING RESOLUTION THROUGH SEPAT

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve to participate in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Schools Trust for Medical Benefits as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s offices as addendum #2011-2012-030.

ESTABLISH INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the establishment of an internal service fund to be used to capture the revenues and expenditures related to the districts self insurance program in conjunction with establishing a self insurance program through Southeaster PA Trust,

ASBESTOS SERVICE PROVIDER

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Environmental Control Systems as the district’s designated asbestos service provider regarding AHERA compliance.

PER CAPITA AND LOCAL SERVICE TAX CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Per Capita and LST Confidential Contact Resolution as presented and a copy be file in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-031.

RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE COSTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELIQUENT TAXES

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution authorizing Berkheimer Tax Administrator to impose and retain costs of collection on delinquent taxes as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-032.

AUTHORIZATION FOR BIDS

The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Secretary to seek bids for the following: (included in capital reserve budget)

- 1. Compressor Replacement on Chiller at High School
- 2. Recoat Portion of Middle School Roof

RUPERT BASEMENT CLEAN-UP CONTRACT

The Facilities Committee recommends the Board ratify the following contract as presented to clean-up Rupert Elementary basement due to water damage caused by severe weather conditions as presented And a copy be filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-033.

- 1. ServiceMaster Assured Cleaning

APPOINTMENT OF REYNOLDS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Neighborhood Schools Committee recommends the Board approve the appointment of Reynolds Construction Management to perform Construction Management Services for the five elementary schools renovations project. Pre-construction and bidding fees shall be \$38,000 per school if no energy project is approved for the five elementary school program, and \$30,000 per school if an energy project is approved. Construction phase services will be determined closer to bid time, and will be contemplated in the agreement. The agreement shall be a modified AIA form of agreement for these services, including but not limited to Pre-Construction (Design), Bidding, Construction, Close-Out Phase Services. The District Solicitor shall review the final agreement prior to signature by the Board President.

## SCOPING OF PLUMBING LINES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS PROJECT

The Neighborhood Schools Committee recommends the Board approve Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates to move forward with the scoping of the plumbing lines relative to the Neighborhood Schools Project with an estimated cost of \$50,000.

### POLICY

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following policy as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-034.

#### 1. Policy 620: Fund Balance

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

### NON-CONSENT

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the Personnel items, Professional Leaves, Field Trips and the Waiver of Policy 201: Admission of Students as presented for Board approval.

Dr. Lindley reviewed the MCIU Technology Program Agreement. He explained the concept of teaching with technology and the opportunity to do more with less as efficiently as possible.

Mrs. Adams reviewed the special education contracts as presented for Board approval.

Mrs. Adams reviewed the motion to approve confirming the incurrence of nonelectoral debt through the issuance of Pottstown School District General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2011 in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 plus costs for purposes of acquiring funds to pay for capital projects. initial borrowing shall be in an amount of \$10,000,000 with balance thereof not to be incurred prior to January 1, 2012. She explained as a result of recent Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings the structure of the General Obligation Bonds has changed to a reimbursable project. The district could potentially borrow a total of \$20 million to \$21 million but the net impact to the public taxpayer is a borrowing capacity of \$10.7 million. The district will not exceed the \$10.7 million impact to the taxpayer. Mr. Hylton will be making an amendment to this motion changing the amount not to exceed \$10 million.

Mr. Gordon Walker, Public Financial Management and Mr. Christopher Corcoran, PNC Capital Markets, LLC, provided an update on the General Obligation Bond, Series of 2011. Mr. Walker presented a handout to all the Board Members explaining the Interest Rate History, Standard & Poors ratings and a summary report of the Pottstown School District General Obligation; School State Program. He explained the benefits of borrowing \$10 million in a calendar year which results in a significantly lower interest rate. The interest rate is 3.999%. Mr. Walker stated that the funds could be available to the district by November 3, 2011.

Mr. Hartman asked if the district should be doing something different based on the Standards & Poors reference that "the district does not have a formal financial reserve policy aside from maximum fund balance restrictions as mandated by the commonwealth."

Mr. Walker explained that the Standard & Poors would like to see a fund balance at a certain % of revenues or expenses.

Mrs. Adams stated that the district does not have a fund balance policy. She stated that the administration can prepare a policy defining a minimum amount if the Board is interested in establishing a fund balance policy.

Mr. Walker explained that a fund balance policy might benefit the district's current A+ Standard & Poors rating. He stated that Standard & Poors does not like to see a declining "rainy day fund".

Mr. Corcoran presented a handout to all Board Members explaining PNC's role in executing the trade. He explained the market including the structure of the wrap around borrowing and the benefit to minimize the impact on the taxpayers. Mr. Corcoran reviewed the Purchase Contract, and the various requirements and conditions. Mr. Corcoran confirmed that if the Confirming Resolution is approved the funds would be available to the school district on November 3, 2011.

Mr. Hartman asked what is the district's current debt payment per year for a comparison to the payment structure of this \$10 million bond.

Mr. Walker referred to the Final Financial Analysis presented in Mr. Corcoran's handout. He explained the net basis of the variables and fixed issues. Mr. Corcoran explained that the debt service is designed to level out and can be re-structured if needed in the future.

Mr. Hylton made a motion to amend the Confirming Resolution and asked Mr. Kalis to further define the revised motion.

Mr. Kalis explained that the purpose of the amended motion is to clarify the scope of the project as it evolved over the past several weeks as discussed in the Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings.

Mrs. Adams clarified that the motion to approve the scope for the Neighborhood Schools Project not to exceed a local tax effort of \$10.7 million must be honored at the same time as the confirming resolution.

Mr. Kalis explained the order in which each motion is to be presented and voted upon.

Mr. Hartman asked for clarification that the objective of the motion to approve the scope of the Neighborhood School Project is to approve moving forward with the feasibility study and Plan Con, not to begin the project. Mrs. Adams confirmed that each process would require Board approval.

Mr. Kalis explained the process to proceed with the scope of the project.

Mrs. Weand questioned how the \$10.7 million was determined without the feasibility study.

Mrs. Adams explained that it was determined based on the information provided by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates at the recent Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings. The expectation is that with reimbursement the \$10.7 million should be higher than the actual amount needed for the project.

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to Non-Consent Items)

None.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCOPE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS PROJECT

The Neighborhood Schools Committee recommends Crabtree Rohrbaugh Architects continue with the project with the scope not to exceed a local effort of \$10,700,000 as a reimbursable project.

It was moved by Mr. Wausnock and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve The Neighborhood Schools Committee recommends Crabtree Rohrbaugh Architects continue with the project with the scope not to exceed a local effort of \$10,700,000 as a reimbursable project.

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

AMENDED CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Mr. Hylton amended the motion to approve confirming the incurrence of nonelectoral debt through the issuance of Pottstown School District General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2011 in aggregate principal amount necessary to complete the elementary project as a reimbursable project, inclusive of costs for purpose of acquiring funds to pay for capital projects.

Initial borrowing shall be Pottstown School District General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, in an amount of \$10,000,000 with balance thereof not to be incurred prior to January 1, 2012. A copy of the Amended Confirming Resolution be filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-035.

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Board approve the Confirming Resolution as amended.

Upon roll call, all members presented voted aye. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Elections

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the following elections:

Professional

Ratify Megan E. Klementisz, Learning Support Teacher, initial assignment to be Lincoln Elementary, effective October 11, 2011, \$47,474 (contract of Maria Carroll)

Correct 2011-2012 Teacher Salaries originally approved at Masters (no change in salary):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>Final Salary</u>
Kelley Eroh	M+15	8.66	51,741	51,741
Anita Scaltrito	M+15	5	49,650	49,650

2011-2014 Support Personnel Guidelines

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2011-2014 Support Guidelines and a copy be Filed in the Secretary’s office as addendum #2011-2012-036.

It was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the Board approve the Non-Consent Personnel items as presented.

Upon roll call, all members presented voted aye. Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### CONTRACTS

The Superintendent recommends the Board ratify/approve the following contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as Addendum #2011-2012-037.

1. Berks County Intermediate Unite Emotional Support Agreement
2. MCIU Technology Program Evaluation and Hybrid Learning Readiness Assessment
3. The Pathway School
4. Invo HealthCare Associates, Inc

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. White that the Board approve the Non-Consent contracts as presented.

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

### WAIVER OF POLICY 201: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

The administration recommends the Board waive Policy 201(admission to grade 1 shall be limited to children who have attained the age of six years on or before September 1 and that early entrance be approved for the student as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as addendum #2011-2012-038.

It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Wausnock that the Board approve the Non-Consent Waiver of Policy 201: Admission of Students.

Upon roll call, all members presented voted aye. Aye: Nine. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

### INFORMATION

#### Alumni Honor Roll

Mr. Armato announced the Alumni Honor Roll program is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am on Friday, October 21,2011 at the Pottstown High School.

#### Monthly Meeting Notice: November

Mrs. Adams reviewed the November Committee meeting schedule. Mr. Hartman stated that the Co-Curricular Committee and Facilities Committee meeting would be re-scheduled to meet on Monday, November 21, 2011.

#### PEAK Update: October 2011

Dr. Sparagana reviewed the PEAK Update. He spoke about Dr. Barbara Minzenberg, Deputy Director of Pennsylvania's Office of Child Development and Early Learning, visit to the district today. He looks forward to working with Dr. Minzenberg as an advocate for early learning.

#### Wellness Guidelines 2011

Dr. Lindley explained the development of the Wellness Committee as a result of grants from Pottstown Health and Wellness. The Wellness Guidelines as presented address the needs for students and staff.

#### Rupert Update

Mrs. Adams provided a progress report on the Rupert water damage. The clean up process has been completed. Air testing will be take place next week. The administration anticipates classes could resume by November 1. Board members discussed how to address any future potential water issues and any health risks. Mrs. Adams stated air testing was done prior to the clean up and again after the clean up to help mitigate any health risks. She indicated that Mr. Angstadt will be presenting quotes for fixing the parapets on Rupert's roof at next week's Facilities Committee meeting.

#### **FEDERATION REMARKS**

Mrs. Vollmuth stated the Federation was pleased the change in the scope as a reimbursable project has included some of the teachers concerns. She asked the Board to consider establish a meeting schedule for the Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings. Pre-determined meetings allow adequate notification for persons interested in attending the meetings. Mrs. Vollmuth invited all Board Members to attend the Fall Fest taking place at the schools next week.

#### **ROUND TABLE**

Mr. White – no comment

Mr. Hylton – no comment

Mrs. Wilson was pleased to report the Band had received second place in the Exeter High School Calvacde.

Ms. Harris – no comment

Mrs. Pargeon attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lights After School Event which supports good quality after school programs. After school programs are a great benefit to our students. She congratulated the band on their achievements. Mrs. Pargeon agreed there should be a planned meeting schedule for the Neighborhood Schools Committee meeting to allow adequate time to arrange for attendance.

Mr. Hartman concurred with the Board Members comments about the bands accomplishments. He agreed that regularly scheduled Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings is important as the project moves forward. He is not in favor of keeping five elementary schools but does support moving forward with the project.

Mrs. Weand agrees with the need to have a definite schedule for the Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings. It is important that the Neighborhood Schools Committee meetings be as transparent as possible. She supports moving forward with the project but is not happy with the \$10.7 million that is put on the taxpayers.

Dr. Sparagana congratulated Dr. Stevens, as the director of the program, for organizing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lights After School event. He was pleased with the speakers and the message they conveyed. Dr. Sparagana reminded the Board of the next Parent Literacy Night scheduled for October 25. Elizabeth Williamson from the Federal Department of Education will be spending the day visiting the district and attending the Parent Literacy Night.

Dr. Lindley thanked all the speakers who shared their message during Career Week at the high school. We need to continue to share their message of hard work and the perseverance needed to succeed.

Mr. Wausnock stated he, as chairperson of the Neighborhood Schools Committee, will meet with the administration to set up a meeting schedule.

Mr. Huss was pleased everyone had a forward looking approach to the Neighborhood Schools indicating everyone need to work together and keep looking forward. "You need to keep the student as your major concern and make the right decisions." "The students first and taxpayers second."

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Harris and seconded Mr. Wausnock that the Board adjourns. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Linda S. Adams  
Board Secretary