

AGENDA
Neighborhood Schools Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010

1. Summary of events leading up to this meeting by the Neighborhood Schools committee chairman
2. Presentation by David Hersh, principal of Schiller and Hersh Engineers, regarding our existing mechanical systems in the elementary schools, based on his inspection with Barry Angstadt, (Pottstown Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds) and the feasibility of installing geothermal systems in our elementary schools. (Schiller and Hersh is the engineering firm used by the Spring-Ford School District to install geothermal in four of its school buildings.)
3. Presentation by Doug Rohrbaugh, principal of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects, (the Pottstown School District architect of record) about the cost of previous plans for renovating our elementary schools and how those plans are affected by Pottstown's financial situation.

Rohrbaugh will discuss the costs and feasibility of extending the life of our existing elementary schools using geothermal systems and other upgrades and the costs of the building reorganization proposals discussed at the March 10, 2010 meeting of the Neighborhood Schools Committee (and published on the district's Web site).

He will also discuss zero-to-low-interest federal stimulus bond funding that the school district might be able to obtain through the state Department of Education.
4. Presentation by Pottstown School District administrators as to the feasibility of the building reorganization proposals and possible alternative proposals to make better use of existing space in the middle school and the high school.
5. Presentation by the Pottstown Federation of Teachers as to their reaction to the proposals.
6. Questions from members of the Neighborhood Schools Committee.
7. Questions from other members of the Pottstown School Board.
8. Questions from members of the community. (Questions only, please. Limit three minutes per person.)
9. Committee member roundtable and possible motion to recommend to the full school board applying to the state Department of Education for federal stimulus funding. (Application deadline is April 1, 2010).
10. Adjournment.