

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2010  
Academic Center  
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson,  
Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis,  
Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas,  
Dr. Gallagher, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick,  
Business Manager/ Board Secretary; Mr.  
Thornburg, Solicitor; Mr. Pytak;  
Republican Herald; Mrs. Lombel

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Boran.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed students from the high school and asked them to introduce themselves. They told the Board what classes they are taking and what their plans are after graduation.

Mr. Boran asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Since there was no one, President Boran proceeded with the meeting.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on October 13, 2010 as well as the regular board meeting held on October 20, 2010. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of October 2010 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of October 2010 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of October 2010 was accepted and ordered filed. (See office files.) Motion carried.

A list of bills, as appended, was submitted for payment. (Copy to each Director.)

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, vouchers were ordered drawn in payment of the bills listed or where vouchers had been drawn, such action was approved and the list of bills was ordered appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

Under the Solicitor's Report, Atty. Thornburg reported that a request from a member of the service personnel be granted family medical leave. On a motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the board approved the family medical leave. Motion carried.

Atty. Thornburg also reported that the county tax claim bureau is requesting that the county, school district and the city waive taxes, penalties and fees so the properties can be sold. On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the board approved the taxes, penalties and fees be waived. Motion carried.

The Superintendent submitted the part-time payroll and recommended payment.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized payment to the persons listed in the amounts indicated after their respective names for services on the programs specified, in accordance with payroll bills submitted and approved by the Superintendent. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board ratified the Superintendent's preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Leigh Ann Bosak - 3 credits; Kelly M. Brennan - 6 credits; Heather Davidson - 3 credits; and Scott Mattea - 9 credits; Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved reimbursement for the following professional employees as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Kelly M. Brennan - \$1,380.00; Jennifer Lipton - \$140.00; Elizabeth Wetzal - \$440.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, , Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board excused the following professional employees from their teaching duties to serve as jurors in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Patricia Denmon- beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2010; and Linda Smith - beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletic and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board accepted the resignation from T. J. O'Connor, Boys Head Volleyball Coach effective immediately. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletic and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board awarded the bids received October 20, 2010 for athletic equipment and supplies (spring sports). (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved a Resolution to enter into a Letter of Intent with HelioSage, LLC, without cost to the school district, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the feasibility of developing, installing, and operating a solar power system on the John S. Clarke Elementary School Facility. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board awarded the bid for the Digital Messaging Center to Green Group Media, Dallas, Texas in accordance with their low bid of \$37,331.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Aye.

Under Legislation, Atty. Rismiller stated, as reported in the Pottsville Republican, that there is activity on the pension crisis. Contribution rates will continue to increase slowly. Dr. Gallagher noted that there will be a change in retirement age from 60 to 62 which will occur with new hires beginning July 1, 2011.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Davidson congratulated Delilah Miske for being selected by the senior class as the 2010-2011 Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen.

Under Technology, Dr. Cortese said they will be interviewing for a new ITT employee on December 2, 2010. There will be an ITT In-Service at the January Work Session.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports for October 2010 as submitted by the following tax collectors: Eva Wesnoski, Mechanicsville; Thomas Bosack, Norwegian Township; Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon; Harry E. Ebling, Mount Carbon; and Ellen Micka, Pottsville. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of October 2010: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$110,228.47; Business Privilege Tax - \$16,587.91; Local Services Tax - \$1,394.31; Delinquent Per Capita Tax and Delinquent Occupation Tax - \$3,577.00; and Cheryl Messina -- Port Carbon Local Services Tax - \$16.00. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for October 2010 in the amount of \$4,027.56 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following commissions to tax collectors paid on the basis of \$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the school district during the month of October 2010. (See office files.) Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick stated that in accordance with Act 84 of 1986, the Sunshine Act, an Executive Session with the Board as a whole immediately following this meeting is hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: PAHS Wachter Auditorium for use of facilities for the Snowdrop/Snowflake Pageant and Rehearsals for the Great Pottsville Winter Carnival Association during the last two weeks in January 2011; PAHS Wachter Auditorium for the Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Association's activities for the Queen Pageant and rehearsals during the last week in January 2011 and first week of February 2011; Vicki Fisher, PASD Aquatics Director to hold public swimming lessons registration and classes at the Middle School Cafeteria and Pool. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran announced that the Board has to set the date for the Reorganization meeting to elect a President and Vice President for the ensuing year, elect a solicitor from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, and for general purposes. Mr. Boran noted that the date was set at the work session last week for Thursday, December 2, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the work session scheduled for December 8, 2010 and the regular board meeting scheduled for December 15, 2010 have been cancelled. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.