

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
December 2, 2010
Reorganization Meeting
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

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

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Boran, President.

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. Delenick, Secretary, read Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code providing for the reorganization of the Board of School Directors during the first week in December.

President John Boran made a motion to appoint Scott Krater as Temporary President to preside over the meeting. Dr. Davidson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick also read the following notice of the meeting that was sent to all Board Members, Superintendent, Solicitor, and the Press on November 18, 2010:

In compliance with Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code of the State of Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District will meet in the Directors' Room in the Academic Center on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year; electing a Solicitor for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011; and also for general purposes.

Mr. Krater declared the meeting in order to proceed with the election of a President and Vice President for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Petchulis nominated John Boran to serve as President for a term of one year. Dr. Cortese seconded.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the nominations for President were closed.

The ballot was cast and John Boran was elected to the office of President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

Mr. Boran took over the meeting and stated that the Board should proceed with the election of a Vice President.

Dr. Cortese nominated Scott Krater to serve as Vice President for a term of one year. Dr. Davidson seconded.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the nominations for Vice President were closed.

The ballot was cast and Scott Krater was elected to the office of Vice President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on November 10, 2010 as well as the regular board meeting held on November 17, 2010, since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran stated the next item for general purposes for the reorganization meeting is to elect a Solicitor at this time.

Dr. Davidson nominated Richard A. Thornburg to serve as Solicitor for the Pottsville Area School District beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Dr. Cortese seconded.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, nominations for Solicitor were closed.

The ballot was cast and Richard A. Thornburg was elected to serve as Solicitor for the ensuing year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

Mr. Thornburg has served twenty - four years with the district.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board set the salary of Richard A. Thornburg at a retainer of \$1,250.00 per month beginning January 1, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board authorized the proper officers to execute the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Richard A. Thornburg for his services as Solicitor. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran, President, announced that the Board will continue to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of each month during 2011. He stated public notice will be advertised in the Pottsville Republican on December 6, 2010 stating that the Board's regular meetings for the calendar year 2011 will be held at the Academic Center on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. and that public notice of each rescheduled regular meeting or special meeting or hearing shall be given in accordance with the Sunshine Act. He also noted the Board will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month beginning January 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular monthly work sessions and will continue until further notice.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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 Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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: Mary Hahner - 3 credits; and Lorraine VanStone - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employees for their 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: Erin Allan - \$3,483.00; Sandra Malone - \$2,817.00; and Patricia Markovich - \$1,161.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the salary adjustments be made retroactive to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year: Erin Allan - Master's +15; Sandra Malone - Master's (Equivalency) +15; and Patricia Markovich - Master's +15. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved Amy Babcock be elected to serve as an Assistant Director of Dramatics for the 2010-2011 school year and set her stipend at \$700.00 in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved a request from Ms. Jessica Harle for an extension of

her family/child rearing leave be approved until the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized payment of the fourth installment for the 2010-2011 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$229,818.00 which is due January 3, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized payment of the fourth installment for the 2010-2011 Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School Operations in the amount of \$129,433.00 which is due January 3, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted a letter of resignation for retirement from Debra Umbenhauer, full time employee in the Business Office at the Academic Center, effective March 11, 2011. Motion carried.

Mrs. Umbenhauer served the district for over thirty-five years and with regret the Board accepted her resignation.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed Suzette Joy as a Part-Time Life Skills Support Aide at \$9.25/hour, retroactive to November 30, 2010. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Fanelli, Absent.

Dr. Gary Cortese, Chairperson of the Technology Committee, reported that the committee is in the process of interviewing candidates for a new IT Support position.

Mr. Delenick reported 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.

Mr. Boran noted as a matter of record that the work session which was scheduled for December 8, 2010 and also the regular meeting scheduled for December 15, 2010 have been cancelled.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.