

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
April 20, 2011  
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,  
Secretary/Business Manager; 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, several students from Mrs. Delenick's and Mr. Merrick's government classes introduced themselves to the Board.

Representatives from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Robert Bold, Regional Director of PSBA Mid East/Region 8 and Beth Bradbury, Assistant Regional Director for PSBA, representing Region 8, Area 3, were at the meeting to present certificates of appreciation to Board Vice President Scott Krater and board member Dr. William Davidson. They were honored for each having served eight consecutive years of service. Ms. Bradbury said those board members will be honored for every four years afterward.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on March 9, 2011 as well as the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2011. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2011 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Fanelli, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2011 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Fanelli, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2011 was accepted and ordered filed. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board authorized the following budget transfers in the General Fund Budget. (See office files.) Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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.

Mr. Thornburg reported that our insurance company approved the repair work to begin on the Martz Hall Lobby roof. Mr. Thornburg noted that all the contracts and guarantees are in place for the work to be done.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved homebound instruction for one high school student, one middle school student and one elementary student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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 - 6 credits; Kelly M. Brennan - 3 credits; Cara Holman -15 credits; Jonathan Hughes - 6 credits; Maria Malek - 3 credits; Carolyn March - 6 credits; Lucas McMurtrie - 3 credits; David Mullaney - 3 credits; Danita Sippel - 3 credits; Michael Towle - 3 credits; and Lorraine VanStone - 6 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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: Jonathan Hughes - \$2,046.00; Jennifer Kepner - \$780.00; Jennifer Lipton - \$370.00; and Scott Mattea - \$1,380.00.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the salary adjustment of Deborah Lecker – Master’s effective in the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board granted a child rearing leave to Mrs. Sofia Capone retroactive to March 18, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese , seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted the resignation of Mary Hauck, effective June 29, 2011 in accordance with her letter received April 15, 2011. Dr. Gallagher noted that Mrs. Hauck was a teacher at the John S. Clarke Elementary School for thirty years. She is the lead teacher for the second grade. Dr. Gallagher had the pleasure to work with her and has done an outstanding job with the children. Dr. Gallagher said she will be missed. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran explained to the students that each board member is responsible for an individual committee and each Director will now give a report on his or her committee.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board awarded the bids received March 16, 2011 for athletic equipment and supplies (fall sports). (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following coaches for the 2011-2012 school year and set their salaries as indicated

Lauren Shandor - Girls’ Head Volleyball Coach	\$3,200.00
Nicole Nelson - Head Cheerleading Coach	\$2,600.00
Sherri Bensinger - Asst. Cheerleading Coach	\$1,600.00
Lisa Bensinger - Jr. High Cheerleading Coach	\$1,600.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, 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 authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for no-lead gasoline and diesel fuel required by the Pottsville Area School District between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, in accordance with the school district’s instructions and specifications. Mrs. Petchulis noted that these bids will be for a firm price. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board awarded the Asbestos Abatement and acoustical ceiling re-installation at the D.H. H. Lengel Middle School to First Capital Insulation, York, PA in the amount of \$143,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized payment of the final installment for the 2010-2011 Special Education Services in the amount of \$383,028.00.00 due May 2, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board authorized the proper officers to make withdrawals from the various commencement award funds to provide the awards for the 2011 Class Day. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Thomas noted last week the Senate Appropriations Committee approved Senate Bill I which is the vouchers bill. It passed with amendments 15-11. Senate postponed it for lack of support.

Under the Drug and Alcohol Committee, Mrs. Fanelli noted the committee will co-sponsor a guest speaker that will be at the Middle School to talk about the dangers of bath salts and designer drugs. Rep. Tobash said that the sales of bath salts are prohibited. The committee is still waiting to hear about the PLCB Grant and Operation Medicine Cabinet is scheduled for April 30, 2011. A new program "Young lungs at play" is underway. The next meeting is May 16, 2011 at 7PM in the Academic Center.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board appointed the following part-time Life Skills Support Teacher Aides at an hourly rate of \$9.25/hour: Robin Korrubin at the Pottsville Area High School; and Pearl Robertson at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the resignation of Ann Marie Keyes as a part-time Instructional Aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center effective Friday, April 8, 2011. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Davidson noted the 93% student attendance for the month of March. Thirty one members of the Pottsville Area High School concert band participated in the County Band Festival in Tamaqua. Meghan Hallick and Andy Hanzok were honored by the Pottsville Kiwanis Club for outstanding community service. The Middle School Computer Fair was held on March 15, 2011. Students placed First and Second in logo, graphic design, and digital movement. The Drama Club sent a thank you note to the board members for their continued support. They also thanked them for coming to their performances.

Under Technology, Dr. Cortese noted that Dianne Dougherty will be at the board meeting next month for an update on the Technology Department.

Dr. Davidson, Intermediate Unit #29 Representative, reported that the contract was signed.

Under the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Atty. Rismiller noted that twenty volunteers and two hundred children attended the Easter egg hunt. Upcoming events are movie nights, the bike race in May and Pottsville night at the Reading Phillies.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the March 2011 Per Capita and Occupation Tax reports as submitted by the following tax collectors: Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon; and Ellen Micka, Pottsville. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of March 2011: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$51,191.00; Business Privilege Tax - \$59,258.64; Local Services Tax - \$2,624.95; and Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$804.00. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, in the amount of \$11,020.49 for Realty Transfer Tax for the month of March 2011. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, 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 March 2011. (See office files.) Motion carried.

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.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: American way fair on Sunday, May 15, 2011 for the Pottsville Area High School Marching Band to perform; Martz Hall and the High School boys Gym to conduct a

summer Basketball Camp from June 13, 2011 through June 16, 2011;D.H.H. Lengel Cafeteria on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 5:30-8:00 PM for final registration for youth soccer registration; and Pottsville Fire Department and Fire Chief Todd March for the Pottsville Area High School Marching Band's participation in the annual Schuylkill County Firefighters Convention Parade on Saturday, August 27, 2011 in Minersville with the parade starting at 1PM.

Before the close of the meeting, as a representative of the Pennsylvania School Board Association, Mr. Bold voiced his opposition to Senate Bill 1.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.