

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2012
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube,
Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller,
Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner,
Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick,
Secretary/Business Manager; Mr. Thornburg,
Solicitor; Mr. Pytak, Republican & Herald;
Bob Bechtel, WPPA; Mrs. Lombel

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.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on March 14, 2012 as well as the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2012. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2012 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2012 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2012 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 Mr. Wagner, 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 Unfinished Business, President Boran asked each Director to complete the ballot for the Election of School Board Members to the Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, 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 Mr. Wagner, 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: Leigh Ann Bosak - 9 credits; Lisa Doyle - 3 credits; Brianne Drexel -6 credits; Kayla Fehr - 3 credits; Louise Hufnagle - 3 credits; Christopher Lombel - 3 credits; Ashley Shappell - 6 credits; Zane Simpson - 6 credits; Donna Skosnick - 3 credits; Jennifer Stock - 3 credits; Michael Towle – 6 credits and Stephanie Ziegmont - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner 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: Judith DiObilda - \$270.00; Lisa Doyle - \$2,061.00; Angela Holobetz - \$1,333.20; and Stephanie Ziegmont - \$2,061.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner , seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the following resignations for retirement purposes be accepted from the following professional employees in accordance with their submitted letters.

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| Donna Albert | Sue Pierdon |
| Diana Beausang | Lucy Portland |
| Lynn Bodenber | John Powers |
| Mildred Broughton | Sandra Sippel |
| Patricia Denmon | David Seward |
| Richard Fries | James Toomey |
| Patricia Heffner | Betty Trabosh |
| BeverlyHoutz | Judith Trout –Buchinsky |

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the resignation of Sherrill Silberling, part-time English teacher. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board elected the following as a Temporary/Professional Employee subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set her salary effective the beginning of the 2012-2013 school: Patricia Zartman – Family and Consumer Science – Bachelor+15 – Step 3 - \$41,200.00. 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 Mrs. Petchulis, the Board awarded the bids received March 21, 2012 for athletic equipment and supplies (fall sports). (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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, 2012 and June 30, 2013, 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 Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for the purchase of five (5) two year old pre-owned (72) passenger school buses; Vehicles to be model year 2010 with 30,000 miles or less (NO EXCEPTIONS). Motion carried.

Under Finance, Mr. Boran reported that each Director has received a copy of the proposed Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative and Program Budget and the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. These budgets are being presented tonight for adoption.

The Intermediate Unit 29 Budget for 2012-2013 totals \$2,546,357.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$11,802.00, a decrease of \$9,680.00 from the 2011-2012 school year.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board approve the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative and Program Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,546,357.00.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Intermediate Unit 29 Budget for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$2,546,357.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Mr. Boran further reported that the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2012-2013 totals \$5,081,655.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$896,397.00 an increase of \$191,821.00 over the 2011-2012 share.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board approve the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,081,655.00.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$5,081,655.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board authorized payment of the final installment for the 2011-2012 Special Education Services in the amount of \$264,884.00.00 due May 2, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board authorized the proper officers to make withdrawals from the various commencement award funds to provide the awards for the 2012 Class Day. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the resignation of Donna Dando, a full-time cafeteria employee at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective June 1, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board appointed George Long as a full-time custodial employee at Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$19,000, effective April 23, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board appointed Bradley Petchulis as a full-time custodial employee at Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$19,000, effective April 23, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Abstain.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed Kenneth Singley as a full-time custodial employee at Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$19,000 effective April 23, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board eliminated the Director of Special Education and the Assistant Director of Education positions for the district. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board restructured the Special Education Department as follows:

Lori Rauenzahn – High School Special Education Director - \$80,175

Kelly A. Brennan – Middle School Special Education Director - \$82,175

Jacqueline Wapinsky – John S. Clarke Elementary Special Education Director - \$95,039

Restructuring will be effective July 1, 2012.

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following changes:

Tiffany Reedy – current middle school principal transferred to become Pottsville Area High School Principal at a salary of \$95,100, effective July 1, 2012

Raymond Yost – current middle school assistant principal to become DHH Lengel Middle School Principal at a salary of \$82,100, effective July 1, 2012

Michael Maley – current high school assistant principal transferred to middle school assistant principal with a salary raise effective July 1, 2012

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

Under Technology, Dr. Cortese thanked the board for the approval of the technology budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

Under the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Atty. Rismiller noted that the Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 31. There will be a clean up on Sunday April 22 and several movie nights will be upcoming.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the March 2012 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 Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of March 2012: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$52,226.14; Business Privilege Tax - \$57,007.54; Local Services Tax - \$200.91; and Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$1,938.00. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, in the amount of \$7,301.99 for Realty Transfer Tax for the month of March 2012. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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 2012. (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 Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Pottsville Area School District Water Polo Team to use the DHH Lengel Middle School Pool for practices during June and July on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Martz Hall to conduct a Girls' Basketball Camp beginning June 4, 2012 to Friday, June 8, 2012; Martz Hall and the High School Boys and Girls Gym to conduct a Boys' Basketball Camp beginning June 11, 2012 through June 15, 2012; Tide Task Force to use the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium on April 24, 2012 at 6PM for a Town Hall Meeting; PAHS Little Theatre for Crimson Aides Band Parent Association Meetings which are held on Mondays throughout the school year; Alumni Field for 5th Annual PAHS Alumni Soccer game on September 1, 2012; Pottsville Area High School Band to perform at the Annual American Way Fair on May 6, 2012; and Pottsville Area School District facilities (DHH Lengel Middle School Parking Lot and JSC Elementary Gym and Cafeteri) for a spring majorette camp during various days in April and May. Motion carried.

On a motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board tabled the request from the Schuylkill Y Tempest Swim Team for the use of the Pottsville Area Swimming facilities. Motion carried.

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