

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
January 18, 2012
Regular Meeting
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. Gallagher, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick,
Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mrs. Lombel,
Mr. Pytak, Republican & Herald

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran noted that we are half way through the school year. Mr. Boran welcomed Joan Thomas, a graduate of Pottsville Area High School and also a recent graduate of Bloomsburg University, to the meeting.

Mr. Boran asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Dr. Jeff Zwiebel, Principal at John S. Clarke Elementary, spoke about the reading series "Superkids." Dr. Zwiebel used a power point presentation to explain the positive effects this reading series has for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade. Dr. Zwiebel explained that the teachers are very excited about this series. The series is sponsored by the non-profit Roland Reading Foundation. Dr. Zwiebel answered questions from the Board and also from the Republican and Herald.

On a motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes for the November 9, 2011 work session, the November 16, 2011 board meeting, and the reorganization meeting held on December 5, 2011. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the reports of the Treasurer for the months of November and December 2011 and directed that they be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Operating Reports of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the months of November and December 2011 were accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the following Financial Statements of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the months of November, and December 2011 were 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 Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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.

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. 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 Atty. Rismiller seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board ratified the action of the Superintendent for granting preapproval of 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: Lisa Doyle - 3 credits; Paula Jones – 3 credits; Mary Hahner - 3 credits; Courtney (Yost) Reichert - 3 credits; Nicole Stiles - 6 credits; Jennifer Stock – 6 credits; and Stephanie Ziegmont – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the reimbursements to 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: Beth Bauers - \$1,248.00; Leigh Ann Bosak - \$1,248.00; Jennifer (Pahira) Buggy - \$1,440.00; Lisa Doyle - \$1,248.00; Sarah Gaffney - \$3,360.00; Elizabeth (Wetzel) Grow - \$1,440.00; Mary Hahner - \$1,440.00; Jennifer Kepner - \$780.00; Christopher Lombel - \$1,800.00; Scott Mattea - \$3,240.00; Lucas McMurtrie - \$ 1,440.00; Katie Porrino - \$1,248.00; Courtney (Yost) Reichert - \$1,185.00; and Lorraine VanStone - \$1,440.00. 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 Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas the board approved the salary adjustment beginning of the 2012-2013 school for Beth Bauers – Master’s and Nicole Stiles – Master’s +15.

Under the Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mr. Wagner deferred the report to Dr. Zwiebel, chairman of the Tide Task Force. Dr. Zwiebel noted that with grant money received from PLCB, a digital bill board is in place and located on Route 61 near the Cressona Mall. The Tide Task Force is working with Kelly Line on ordering pamphlets, bumper stickers and magnets. A recent guest speaker, Tim Rader, from the Caron Foundation,

spoke to the students at the high school and the middle school. Dr. Zwiebel hopes to have Mr. Rader return as a guest speaker in April. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2012.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Mrs. Grube commended the Pottsville Area High School Student Council on collecting \$3,749.00 during the annual Penny-A-Week collections. Once again students at PAHS demonstrated that they understand the true meaning of holiday season by providing families with holiday gifts.

Mrs. Grube congratulated Paige Guers and Rachael Smith on representing Pottsville Area High School in the 2012 Snowflake Princess Pageant.

Mrs. Grube congratulated Karlie Janowski for being selected as the winner of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award. The alternate is Hannah Nabholz.

Mrs. Grube also congratulated Corey Conville for winning the ComCast Leaders and Achievers Award.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the November and December 2011 Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports as submitted by the following tax collectors: Eva Wesnoski, Mechanicsville; Harry E. Ebling, Mount Carbon; Thomas Bosack, Norwegian Township; Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon; and Ellen Micka, Pottsville. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the following reports for the months of November and December 2011: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$138,469.50; Business Privilege Tax - \$2,607.20; Local Services Tax - \$2,588.94; and Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$1,897.00. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the reports of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for the months of November and December 2011, in the amount of \$6,422.87 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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 months of November and December 2011. (See office files.) Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick noted 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. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Pottsville High Auditorium for registration and majorette tryouts on March 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2012; Pottsville High Auditorium for a Florida trip parent meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012; and Pottsville Recreation Commission for the use of Martz Hall on Sunday, February 19, 2012 for Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest; Alumni Field on Saturday, March 31, 2012 for annual Easter Egg Hunt, Veterans' Stadium on Sunday, May 6, 2012 for Youth Track/Field Meet, Hershey Qualifier and Martz Hall (lobby) on Saturday, July 28, 2012 for City Cycle 17 Race for use of restrooms and parking lot. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran thanked everyone who is involved with the many positive things happening in Pottsville such as the Bullying Program, the Tide Task Force billboards and the Pottsville High School band's Disney trip.

There being no further business, on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.