

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2012
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, students from the government classes at the high school 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 August 8, 2012 as well as the regular board meeting held on August 15, 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 Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of August 2012 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of August 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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, 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, Solicitor reported that he and Mr. Delenick were at the Schuylkill County Court House on September 18 and September 19, 2012 for 64 assessment appeals. There are seven that will need appraisals.

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

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 Mr. Wagner, the board recommended homebound instruction for one high school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board recommended that PAHS diplomas be awarded to two members of the class of 2012 based upon their successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the high school principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board recommended that the following teachers be elected as extracurricular advisors for the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Ashley Shappell	DHH Lengel Student Council Advisor	\$700.00
Mary Beth Conville	Homework Club	No Stipend
Mary Beth Conville	Upward Bound	No Stipend.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board recommended that the Independent Contractor's Agreement between Andrew M. Klein, special Education Consultant, and the Pottsville Area School District for the 2012-2013 school year be approved. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the following salary adjustments be approved for the 2012-2013 school year:

Jennifer Buggy	Master's
Jonathan Hughes	Master's (MEQ) +15
Emily Kleeman	Bachelor's +15
Patricia Zartman	Master's

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board recommended the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Lindsey Boncore	3 credits
Cristy Clemson	5 credits
Maria Hinchey	5 credits

Lucas McMurtrie	3 credits
Amy Rubinkam	3 credits
Jennifer Stock	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following professional employees be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Brianne (Mahoney) Drexel	\$ 840.00
Kayla Fehr	\$1,185.00
Lisa (Doyle) Giacomelli	\$2,061.00
Cara Holman	\$1,800.00
Louise Hufnagle	\$ 475.00
Emily Kleeman	\$1,800.00
Amy Rubinkam	\$1,248.00
Andrew Smink	\$1,185.00
Stephanie Ziegmont	\$2,061.00

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

Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of third year or teaching and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification:

Michelle Chelius	Michele Rhody
Sarah Gaffney	Amy Rubinkam
Paula Jones	Erin Tranquillo
Rachael Kubick	Lorraine VanStone
Peter McDonald	Susan Ventura
Lloren Reichert	

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the Independent Contractor's Agreement between Brenda A. Day and the Pottsville Area School District to provide Physical Therapy Services for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the 2012-2013 school year officially opened on Monday, August 27, 2012. The 2012-2013 student enrollment as of September 1, 2012 is as follows:

John S. Clarke Elementary	967
DHH Lengel Middle School	840
Pottsville Area High School	1,046
Marlin Center	<u>35</u>
Total	2,888

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the school district is waiting for approval for the Act 80 day on Friday, October 5, 2012 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students will not attend school that day. Students will also be off from school on Monday, October 8, 2012 for an In-Service Day.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board awarded the bids received August 15, 2012 for athletic equipment and supplies (winter sports). (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (spring sports) for the 2012-2013 school year, in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications, such bids to be received until 12:00, noon, October 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Mr. Charles Wagner reported on the Committee of Drug and Alcohol Coalition. The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2012 for the Tide Task Force. The medicine abuse project will be held the week of September 23 through September 29. Medications can be dropped off at all the local pharmacies and at the Schuylkill County Court House on September 29, 2012. Mr. Wagner also noted that a \$1,000 grant was received for reducing the dropout rate. The end of the year Barbeque will be held at Barefield Complex on May 30, 2013.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignations of the following Part-Time ParaProfessionals:

Noelle Cresswell	Learning Support	PAHS	effective August 30, 2012
Debra Hydock	Learning Support	JSC Elem.	effective September 28, 2012
Cindy Labe	Autistic Support	JSC Elem.	effective August 31, 2012

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed Kim Pekarik, a Full-Time Learning Support Aide at the PAHS at an annual salary of \$15,740.16 effective September 17, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board appointed the following Part-Time Paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$10.10/ hour:

Debra Barket	Autistic/Life Skills Support	JSC Elementary
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retroactive to August 27, 2012

Rosemary Hostetter	Life Skills Support	PAHS
	retroactive to September 17, 2012	
Bernadette Ott	Autistic Support	JSC Elementary
	retroactive to September 11, 2012	
Cynthia Schlegel	Learning Support	PAHS
	retroactive to August 27, 2012	
Katrina Staller	Learning Support	JSC
	effective October 1, 2012	
Suzanne Sweeney	Autistic Support	JSC Elementary
	retroactive to August 27, 2012	
Cecilia Weyand	Autistic Support	JSC Elementary
	retroactive to August 27, 2012	

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board appointed David Hess as a Full-Time Custodian at the Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$19,000.00 effective October 3, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board regretfully accepted the retirement letter from David J. Delenick, Business Manager/Board Manager effective June 30, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

Mr. Delenick thanked the current Board of Directors for their support over the last several years. Mr. Delenick also thanked the prior boards he had worked with since 1987. Dr. William Davidson was instrumental in his hiring along with Mr. Robert W. Wachter, who was a board member and the late John S. Clarke and Joseph Hopkins. Mr. Delenick said he owes a great deal of gratitude to these gentlemen when he was just starting as Business Manager. Mr. Delenick also thanked the administrators he worked with over the years. Mr. Charles Wagner, a current Board Director, was thanked for doing a great job in his leadership role as principal. Mr. Delenick thanked Dr. Zwiebel for all his help during the last few months. He noted the school district is in good hands with Dr. Zwiebel as Superintendent. Mr. Delenick also thanked all district employees including the Academic Center staff, teachers, aides, clerical, custodial, secretarial, bus drivers and cafeteria workers. As for the cafeteria workers, he just didn't know how they prepared all the food for breakfast and school lunches. Mr. Delenick also thanked Atty. Richard Thornburg, solicitor for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Kerry Ansbach was thanked for his dedication as Director of Buildings and Transportation.

Mr. Boran once again thanked Mr. Delenick for being one of the best school district managers any school district could ever have.

Mrs. Grube, Public Relations Chairperson, congratulated the newly elected 2012-2013 band officers as follows:

President	-	Michael Halcovage
Vice-President	-	John Shoener
Secretary	-	Katie Burke
Treasurer	-	Joseph Natishak

Mrs. Grube also noted that Freshman Haley Ragazinsky won first place in the Covenant Home Health Essay Contest.

An update on the 80th Anniversary of the Castle on the Hill was given by Mr. Wagner. The brick project is underway. An account was established called the "Castle Brick Project". There have been a lot of inquiries about the brick project. A Logo with the 80 years, High School and the TIDE slogan, that Dr. Zwiebel established, was shown. Atty. Rismiller added that a gala event is being planned, with help from teachers at the High School, with a dinner and possibly the Jazz Band from the High School.

On motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports for August 2012 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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of August 2012: Berkheimer-Earned Income Tax - \$75,968.56; Business Privilege Tax - \$9,004.58; Berkheimer-Local Service Tax - \$2,939.65 and Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$4,393.40. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for August 2012 in the amount of \$13,847.33 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, 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 month of August 2012. (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 was hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

On motion of Mr. Wagner seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: John S. Clarke Elementary gym and cafeteria to conduct a fall majorette camp on Saturday, October 20, 2012 and DHH Lengel Middle School for the registration on October 1 and October 8, 2012; Pottsville Boys' and Girls' Basketball Leagues for use of the Middle School Cafeteria, High School Boys' and Girls' Gym and John S. Clarke Elementary Gym. Girls' Basketball will be from September 13, 2012 to November 8, 2012 and November 27, 2012 to March 29, 2013. Boys' Basketball will be November 5, 2012 to March 2013; Gabriel Youth Symphony for use of Pottsville Area School District for various dates in September, October, November and December 2012. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.