

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2012
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese,
Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Wagner, Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick,
Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mrs. Lombel,
Mr. Pytak, Republican & Herald, Mr. Bechtel,
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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice- President Scott Krater.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Krater welcomed several students from Mrs. Delenick's and Mr. Merrick's government classes and had them introduce themselves to the Board.

Mr. Krater asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Mrs. Josephine Kwiatkowski, speaking as a taxpayer, not representing any group or coalition read a prepared statement. "First of all I would like to say thank you to the school board for not raising taxes this year. As a property owner I do appreciate this. With that said however;

After reading the newspaper report of your April board meeting, I was appalled. By adding another "Director of Special Education", we are not "restructuring" our special education administration as much as we are increasing it by 50%. Once created, these positions are rarely if ever are eliminated. In ten short years this administrative post will cost the taxpayers over \$1 million in salary alone. Have the long term ramifications of this decision been explored?

Yearly salaries for three directors of special education will now cost over \$250,000. How in this unstable economic atmosphere can you hire yet another administrator? State funding for education is either diminishing or stagnant, and the tax base in Pottsville is certainly not expanding.

I know that our schools have cut their budgets to the "bare bones" and in fact this year I believe that they are now into the marrow.

If we do in fact have a "windfall" from retirement I would suggest that the proceeds be used to return some of the budget items that would benefit the entire student population. I urge you to reconsider the creation of this new position. Thank you."

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 April 11, 2012 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 18, 2012. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of April 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 April 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 April 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 Atty. Rismiller, 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.

At this time, the Board proceeded with the election of a Treasurer for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Mr. Wagner nominated Scott Thomas for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2012 and ending the last day of June 2013. Dr. Cortese seconded.

With no further nominations and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, nominations for Treasurer were closed. Motion carried.

The ballot was cast for Scott Thomas as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Scott Thomas – Abstain. Mr. Boran – Absent.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the salary of Scott Thomas as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District was set at the annual rate of \$2,000.00 for the fiscal year from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board directed the Treasurer to provide a bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, with approved surety, the premium of the bond to be paid by the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

At 7:40 PM, Mr. Boran was in attendance.

On a motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Petchulis, the board approved the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg to sell used technology equipment on E-bay. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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. Thomas, the Board approved homebound instruction for one elementary school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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: Cara Holman – 6 credits and Amy Rubinkam – 3 credits. Motion carried

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employees for their successful completion of the preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Jennifer Buggy - \$1,440.00; Jennifer Lipton - \$1,185.00; Christopher Lombel - \$1,440.00; Courtney Reichert - \$1,185.00; Nicole Stiles - \$4,296; Jennifer Stock - \$1,185.00; and Lorraine VanStone - \$1,440.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following Temporary employees be elected subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set their salaries effective August 22, 2012:

Alicia Bromwell	M.S. Math Appl.	Bachelor-Step2	\$37,500.00
Kate Delenick	4 th grade	Bachelor+15 Step1	\$39,300.00
Derek DiRenzo	4 th grade	Bachelor-Step1	\$37,000.00
Kimberly Jackson	1 st grade	Bachelor+15 Step1	\$39,300.00
Tyler Moyer	H.S. Business	Bachelor+15 Step 1	\$39,300.00
Kara Prock	5 th grade	Bachelor+15 Step 1	\$39,300.00
Angela Snyder	1 st grade	Bachelor-Step 1	\$37,000.00
Amber Winkels	Autistic Support	Bachelor+15 Step 3	\$41,200.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following Professional employee be elected subject to the assignment of the superintendent and set his salary effective July 1, 2012:

Craig Shoener	H.S. Music	Bachelor+15 Step 16	\$71,242.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following Professional employee be excused from her teaching duties to serve as a juror in the Schuylkill County court of common Pleas in accordance with negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Jennifer Buggy – retroactive to Friday, May 4, 2012

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the list of prospective graduates (277) submitted by the Principal be approved for receipt of Pottsville Area High School diplomas. It is understood that diplomas will not be issued unless all requirements and obligations are met by each student. Students not meeting requirements for graduation will receive certificates of attendance. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following salary adjustments effective for the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year – Kelly M. Brennan – Master's (Equivalency). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on the motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved that a child rearing leave be approved for Rachael Kubick from April 23 until May 31, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Wagner seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board set the ticket prices for the 2012-2013 sports programs. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board awarded the low bid for resurfacing the All Weather Track and Field Events at Pottsville Area High School Veteran's Memorial Stadium according to school district instructions and specifications to ATT Sports Inc., Berlin, NJ with a bid amount of \$147,432.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, 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 awarded the low bid for Five (5), 72 passenger school buses according to school district instructions and specifications to Wolfington Body Co., Inc., Exton, PA with a bid amount of \$346,700.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, 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. Wagner, the Board approved a leave of absence for Mrs. Kelly Bevan, a Life

Skills Teacher Aide at the DHH Lengel Middle School. The days requested are as follows: May 10, 11, 14, and 15, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Joanne Barton, bus driver for the Pottsville Area School district effective June 1, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted a letter of resignation from Kathleen Davenport, a full-time paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary effective May 1, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted a letter of resignation from Victoria Kephart, Aquatic Director, effective June 30, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following Teachers be hired to teach the Extended School Year Program for Summer 2012 at the homebound rate of \$29.00/hr: Charles Rinaldo, Pamela Jones, Heather McDonald, Amy Waselewski and Melanie Thornburg. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, 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 Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following Teacher Aides be hired for the Extended School Year Program for Summer 2012 at \$9.60/hr. up to July 1, 2012 and then \$10.10/ hr. starting July 1, 2012: Monica Natishak, Lou Ann Vinc, Kimberly Pekarik, Sharon Holley, Mary Anne Alisauckas, Katrina Ricci, Karen Runkle and Mary Ann Filiac. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the April 2012 Per Capita and Occupation Tax reports as submitted by the following tax collectors: Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon and Harry Ebling, Mount Carbon. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of April 2012: Harry E. Ebling/ Centax - Earned Income Tax - \$127,883.27; Business Privilege Tax - \$156,344.12; Local Services Tax - \$19.96; Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$265.00. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, in the amount of \$6,575.46 for Realty Transfer Tax for the month of April 2012. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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 April 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. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board granted the following requests for use of facilities: 16th Street Softball and Baseball Complex during the week of June 11-15, 2012 to conduct a Pottsville Area Crimson Tide Softball Camp; Pottsville Lions Legion Baseball team for the use of the 16th Street baseball field from the conclusion of the high school season until the end of July 2012; 16th Street Baseball Complex for a Youth Baseball Camp during the week of June 4, 2012; and Football Practice Field during the week of June 18, 2012 to conduct a Youth Football Camp for grades 3 to 9. Motion carried.

There being no further new business and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.