

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2012  
Academic Center  
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mrs. Grube, Dr. Smink

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed students from the high school and asked them to introduce themselves. They told the Board what classes they are taking and what their plans are after graduation.

Mr. Boran asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Since there was no one, President Boran proceeded with the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on October 10, 2012 as well as the regular board meeting held on October 17, 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 Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of October 2012 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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 Mrs. Petchulis, 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 Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following professional employee be reimbursed as indicated on the successful completion of a preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

John Carr - \$1,248.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following salary adjustment be made retroactive to the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year:

Brock Holland - Master's (MEQ) Degree

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following teacher be appointed as a lead teacher/extracurricular advisor for the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Amy Babcock - PAHS Quiz Bowl Advisor - \$1,300.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following employees be granted maternity leaves from their teaching positions:

|                | <u>Tentative Dates</u> |                  |   |                  |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| Jennifer Buggy | -                      | January 2, 2013  | - | May 14, 2013     |
| Alicia Gombola | -                      | January 2, 2013  | - | May 20, 2013     |
| Leslie Salem   | -                      | November 9, 2012 | - | February 4, 2013 |

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved that a revised contract be approved for Lara Swartz, Licensed Social Worker. Lara's contract was revised to reflect the percentage of time shared with the Saint Clair Area School District. The revised contract states that 60% of her work week will serve the students of Pottsville Area School District and 40% will serve the students of Saint Clair Area School Area School District. Her ten month contract at the salary of \$40,000.00 will remain in effect. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Dr. Smink, Absent.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that student attendance for October is as follows:

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| John S. Clarke Elementary   | 96.09% |
| D.H.H. Lengel               | 95.47% |
| Pottsville Area High School | 91.73% |

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the Crimson Tide Foundation held its second Board of Director's meeting last week. The foundation will continue to meet monthly.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletic and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following Winter Sports Budgets for the 2012-2013 school year:

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Boys' Basketball  | \$20,680.00 |
| Wrestling         | \$10,442.00 |
| Boys' Swimming    | \$ 5,797.00 |
| Girls' Swimming   | \$ 6,826.00 |
| Girls' Basketball | \$17,258.00 |

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletic and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas the Board approved the following Athletic Equipment and Supplies (Spring Sports):

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Aluminum Athletic Equipment Co. | \$ 632.00        |
| BSN Sports                      | \$ 259.48        |
| Longstreth Sporting Goods       | \$ 181.60        |
| M-F Athletic                    | \$ 972.05        |
| Sportsman's                     | \$1,577.38       |
| Triple Crown Sports             | \$1,954.40       |
| Valley Athletic Supply          | <u>\$ 701.96</u> |
| Total                           | \$6,278.87       |

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

Finance Chairperson Mr. Boran noted that the budget process will begin soon for the 2013-2014 school year.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis the Board approved Geraldine Schwartz as part-time Life Skills Support Aide at the DHH Lengel Middle School retroactive to November 13, 2012 at a rate of \$10.10/hour. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis the Board accepted the resignation of Cynthia Schlegel, a part-time Life Skills Support Aide at the DHH Lengel Middle School effective October 19, 2012. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, Mr. Wagner reported that the Tide Task Force was recognized by the South East Tobacco Free Coalition for their efforts to keep tobacco and cigarettes away from playgrounds. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2012.

On behalf of the Public Relations Committee, Mr. Krater congratulated Molly Zwiebel for being selected by the senior class as the 2012-2013 DAR Good Citizen.

On behalf of the Technology Committee, Dr. Cortese noted all systems are up and running. School Reach has been utilized with the recent school closings.

On behalf of the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Atty. Rismiller noted that the annual Christmas event will be held at the United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 24, 2012.

An update on the 80<sup>th</sup> PAHS Anniversary was given by Mr. Wagner. Tickets for the banquet are on sale at the Academic Center, and the entertainment has been selected. 80<sup>th</sup> PAHS Anniversary mugs and Christmas ornaments are currently on sale.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner the Board accepted the Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports for October 2012 as submitted by the following tax collectors: Eva Wesnoski, Mechanicsville; Thomas Bosack, Norwegian Township; Anna Cook, Palo Alto; and Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of October 2012: Berkheimer -- Earned Income Tax - \$71,786.36; and Berkheimer -- Local Services Tax - \$6,481.51. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for October 2012 in the amount of \$8,640.98 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 October 2012. (See office files.) Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick stated 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 Mr. Krater, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council, Inc. request use of Martz Hall for the Annual Schuylkill County Career Fair on Monday, April 15, 2013 and on Tuesday, April 16, 2013; Coal Cracker Wrestling League for a

wrestling tournament in Martz Hall on Saturday, February 23, 2013 and on Sunday, February 24, 2013 and for use of DHH Lengel Cafeteria on Saturday, February 23, 2013 and Sunday, February 24, 2013 (concession stand); and for the use of Veterans Memorial Stadium (including concession area) and the High School girls' gym for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Relay for Life on Friday, May 17, 2013 through Saturday, May 18, 2013. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.