

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
December 2, 2013
Reorganization Meeting
Academic Center
6:00 p.m.

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

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed everyone attending the reorganization meeting.

Mr. Curran, Board Secretary, read Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code providing for the Reorganization of the Board of School Directors during the first week in December.

The Secretary continued by reading the following notice of the meeting that was sent to all Board members, Superintendent, Solicitor, and the Press on November 25, 2013 and advertised in the Pottsville Republican on November 22, 2013.

In compliance with Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code of the State of Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District will meet in the Directors' Room in the Academic Center on Monday, December 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of accepting the Certificates of Election for the School Directors who were elected in November 2013, and for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year; electing a Solicitor for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014; and also for general purposes.

Mr. Krater, temporary President, proceeded with the reorganization meeting.

Mr. Krater requested the Certificates of Election for the Directors who were recently elected to be presented.

Mr. Curran reported he had received the original Certificates of Election for the following: John Boran, Dr. Christina DiCello, Patrick Moran and Charles Wagner being elected for four-year terms at the General Election held on November 5, 2013.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the Certificates of Election.

Mr. Krater requested that the Oaths of Office be administered to each newly-elected member of the Board by Judge William Baldwin.

Judge William Baldwin administered the Oaths of Office individually to each newly-elected Board member in the presence of some of their family members.

Judge Baldwin wished all of the newly-elected members the best of luck. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Krater thanked Judge William Baldwin.

Mr. Krater declared the meeting in order to proceed with the election of a President and Vice President for the ensuing year.

Dr. Cortese nominated John F. Boran to serve as President of the Board for a term of one year. Mr. Moran seconded.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, nominations for President were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and John F. Boran was elected to the office of President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

Mr. Boran proceeded with the election of a Vice President.

Atty. Rismiller nominated Scott Krater to serve as Vice President of the Board for a term of one year. Dr. Cortese seconded.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Moran, the nominations for Vice President were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Scott Krater was elected to the office of Vice President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

President Boran asked if anyone wanted to address the board. Eli Nabholz, a junior at Pottsville Area, asked the board why carpets were removed from the locker room. Mr. Boran said that there will not be carpet in areas where students are for bacteria reasons, cleanliness reasons and maintenance reasons. Mr. Boran said that the Board expects the basketball team to win the Schuylkill Leagues and maybe districts and possibly states with or without a carpet.

The Board proceeded with a motion to proceed with the election of a Solicitor for the ensuing year. Mr. Wagner nominated Richard A. Thornburg to serve as Solicitor for the Pottsville Area School District beginning January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Dr. Cortese seconded.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, nominations for Solicitor were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Richard A. Thornburg was elected as Solicitor of the Pottsville Area School District beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board set the salary of Richard A. Thornburg at a retainer of \$1,250.00 per month beginning January 1, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board authorized the proper officers to execute the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Richard A. Thornburg for his services as Solicitor. Motion carried.

Mr. Thornburg thanked the Board for their continued support and said he is looking forward to serving for another year. He said this would be the start of his twenty-seventh year.

Mr. Boran announced that the Board will continue to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of each month during 2014. Mr. Boran stated public notice will be advertised in the Republican Herald on December 6, 2013 stating that the Board's regular meetings for the calendar year 2014 will be held at the Academic Center on the third Wednesday of each month beginning January 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. and that public notice of each rescheduled regular meeting or special meeting or hearing shall be given in accordance with the Sunshine Act. He also noted the Board will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month for work sessions beginning January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until further notice. The meeting schedule will be posted in the Academic Center.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the renewal of an agreement with the Pottsville Area School District and Bob Allen & Associates, Ltd. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Dr. Cortese seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the revised policy for the School Police Officers. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved homebound instruction for one middle school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved reimbursement to the following professional employee 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:

Jill Quigley \$1,233.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved a salary adjustment be made retroactive to the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year for Maria (Hinchey) Larish – Master's +15. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that there will be early dismissal on Friday, December 20, 2014 for the Christmas Holiday.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that a presentation "Social Media, the Internet, Mobile Devices, and Beyond: What I Don't Know that I Don't Know" will be held on December 4, 2013 in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following Substitute Paraprofessionals retroactive to November 25, 2013:

Susan Davidson
Destiny Centano

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following Paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$10.10/hour with a start date of December 9, 2013:

Danielle Major – Autistic Support Aide – JSC
Brittany Ortiz – Emotional Support Aide – JSC

Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner noted they are still selling bricks for the 80th PAHS Anniversary.

Mr. Curran 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.

There being no further new business, on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 6:33 p.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Steph C Curren 12/5/13
Board Secretary (Date)