

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
April 17, 2013  
Academic Center  
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, several students from the high school government classes introduced themselves to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on March 13, 2013 as well as the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 20, 2013. 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 Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2013 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2013 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2013 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. Wagner, 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.

On a recommendation of Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Atty. Rismiller the Board approved a resolution authorizing a lease-purchase agreement with Banc of America to move forward on the Honeywell project (see office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

Also on a recommendation of Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved a resolution to enter into a joint-purchasing agreement to move forward on the purchase of the band uniforms (see office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On a third recommendation of Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Wagner seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved a resolution authorizing Mr. Ansbach, Director of Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, to move forward with the purchase of materials for the Martz Hall roof (see office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, 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. Krater, the Board ratified the Superintendent's preapproval of the 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: Kayla Fehr - 6 credits; Kelly Lombel - 3 credits and Kate Zimmerman - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employee for his successful completion of a preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: William Rhoads - \$1,399.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis , seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the following resignations for retirement purposes be accepted from the following professional employees in accordance with their submitted letters.

Marilou Hoppe  
Debra Moran  
Janice Rehnert

Effective  
June 3, 2013  
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June 3, 2013

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board granted an extension to Alicia Gombola's maternity leave until May 28, 2013. Her original request for her return was May 20, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis , seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following salary adjustment be effective in the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year: Courtney Reichert – Bachelor+15. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis , seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the hiring of Mary Ellen Setlock as consultant for the Pottsville Area School District. It is also recommended that the contract between Mary Ellen Setlock and the Pottsville Area School be approved. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis , seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the hiring of Gary Keener as High School In-school Suspension Room Monitor effective August 26, 2013 and his salary set at \$16,000.00. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the Student Attendance for March was at 92.56% and the C-Tide Foundation recently had a successful fundraiser. There were 2,048 "wavelengths" newsletters mailed to each family in the school district on March 21, 2013.

Mr. Boran explained to the students that each board member is responsible for an individual committee and each Director will now give a report on his or her committee.

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 March 20, 2013 for athletic equipment and supplies (fall sports). (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board appointed Gary Keener Jr. as Head Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year at a salary of \$4,800.00. Motion carried.

Mr. Krater thanked the committee and board members for their time in the appointment of the new wrestling coach.

Under Finance, Mr. Boran reported that each Director has received a copy of the proposed Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative and Program Budget and the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. These budgets are being presented tonight for adoption.

The Intermediate Unit 29 Budget for 2013-2014 totals \$2,640,156.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$11,679.00, a decrease of \$123.00 from the 2012-2013 school year.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board approve the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative and Program Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,640,156.00.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the Intermediate Unit 29 Budget for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$2,640,156.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

Mr. Boran further reported that the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2013-2014 totals \$5,252,352.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$943,782.00 an increase of \$47,385.00 over the 2012-2013 share.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board approve the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,252,352.00.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2013-2014 in the amount of \$5,252,352.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized payment of the final installment for the 2012-2013 Special Education Services in the amount of \$260,282.00.00 due May 1, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized the proper officers to make withdrawals from the various commencement award funds to provide the awards for the 2013 Class Day. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board appointed Jacqueline Toomey as a temporary Full-Time Learning Support Paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School effective April 22, 2013 at an annual salary of \$15,740.16. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board appointed Joanne Doyle as a Part-Time Life Skills Support Paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School retroactive to April 2, 2013 at \$10.10/hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted the letter of retirement from Patrick Dierenzo, employee at the Pottsville Area High School effective May 31, 2013. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner reported for the IU 29 that a tentative teacher agreement was reached. Mrs. Grube attended the IU 29 meeting.

Under the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Atty. Rismiller noted that a city wide yard sale will be held on May 4, 2013 at the Union Street Parking Lot.

Under the PAHS 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary update, Mr. Wagner reported that a second order of bricks were received.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the following Per Capita and Occupation Tax reports as submitted by the following tax collectors: 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 March 2013: Harry E. Ebling- Business Privilege Tax - \$29,016.88; Delinquent Personal Tax - \$121.00; Berkheimer-Earned Income Tax - \$198,889.81 and Berkheimer -Local Sales Tax - \$4,730.90. (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, in the amount of \$5,917.49 for Realty Transfer Tax for the month of March 2013. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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 March 2013. (See office files.) Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick reported 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 Mr. Krater seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Academic Center Board Room and Front Conference room for AP Testing for various days in May; DHH Lengel Cafeteria for High School Track and Field Banquet on May 19, 2013 and Jr. High Track and Field Banquet on May 20, 2013, also use of concession stand at the high school stadium in March and April; Middle School pool for swim classes during the month of May. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran noted that Teacher Appreciation Day will be May 7, 2013.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.