

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2013
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed seniors from the AP Government class. The students' introduced themselves and told the Board what their plans were after graduation. Mr. Boran also asked if anyone wanted to address the board at this time.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on January 9, 2013 as well as the regular board meeting held on January 16, 2013. 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. Wagner, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2013 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 2013 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 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 Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved the resolution appointing Mr. Delenick as liaison between Berkheimer Tax Collectors and the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the board approved homebound instruction for two high school students. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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 the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA retroactive to February 1, 2013 – Lloren Reichert. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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: Lindsay Boncore -3 credits; Lucas McMurtrie- 3 credits and Krista Torpey – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employee for the successful completion of preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Linda Smith - \$156.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following substitutes be hired as permanent substitutes during the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year and set their salaries on the Bachelor-Step 1 column:

Jennifer Oakley	-	January 2, 2013 – May 31, 2013
Crystal Pugh	-	January 2, 2013 – May 17, 2013
Nicole Stock	-	January 18, 2013 – May 31, 2013

(Extended from 1st semester)

Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following employee be granted a maternity leave from her teaching position: Sofia Capone – tentative date – March 24, 2013 – return date to be determined. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the adjustment of the 2012-2013 school calendar due to the inclement weather:

**Tuesday, April 2, & Wednesday, April 3, 2013 – be changed to regular school days
Motion carried.**

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved Stephanie Ziegmont as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction effective April 1, 2013. It is also recommended that her pro-rated salary be set at \$65,000.00 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board awarded the following bid from Skyward, Inc. as the district's new Student Information System solution: \$81,852.00 (Year 1), \$36,028.00 (Year 2 and Year 3). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas, Absent.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board awarded the following proposal from School Wires as the district's new website and intranet solution: \$7,819.20 per year (Pre-Erate Cost), \$1,876.60 per year (After Erate Discount). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas, Absent.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that the C-Tide Foundation continues to meet monthly at the Academic Center.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following Spring Sports Budgets for the 2013 season: Baseball - \$8,872.50; Girls' Softball - \$9,600.00; Boys' Track - \$8,166.50; Girls' Track - \$8,341.50; Boys' Tennis - \$3,079.00; and Boys' Volleyball - \$6,640.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board appointed the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year and set their salaries as indicated:

BASEBALL

Michael Welsh, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
Thomas Guzick, First Assistant	\$4,318.00
Edward Terefenko, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Scott Mattea, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$2,600.00

SOFTBALL

Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach	\$4,300.00
Thomas Mull, Assistant	\$2,800.00
Clarence Herndon, Assistant	\$2,800.00
Scott Reichert, Head Junior Varsity	\$2,800.00

SPRING TRACK

Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach	\$4,773.00
Barbara McGinley, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,300.00
Kevin Keating, Assistant	\$3,431.00
Kelly Brennan Lombel, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Robert Shaffer, Assistant	\$2,200.00
Peter McDonald, Assistant	\$2,400.00
William Rhoads, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Diane Dunkel, Jr., Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,600.00
Cara Holman, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,000.00
Matt Maccarone, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,000.00
Jim Lord, Jr. High Assistant	\$2,200.00

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Dan Hedemann, Head Coach	\$3,200.00
Steve Weicikosky, Assistant	\$2,000.00

BOYS' TENNIS

Andrew Smink, Head Coach	\$2,600.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (Fall Sports)

for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications, such bids to be received until 12:00, noon, March 20, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized payment of the fifth installment for the 2012-2013 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$156,169.00 due on March 1, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized payment of the fifth installment for the 2012-2013 Area Vocational Technical Program Operations in the amount of \$179,279.00 due on March 1, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mr. Thomas, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the letter of retirement from Christine H. Ellex, a Learning Support Paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area High School effective January 31, 2013. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Mrs. Grube congratulated the following Freshman Class officers elected on January 24th: President – Katrina Whalen; Vice President – Anthony Wojciechowsky; Secretary – Emily Zelinsky; and Treasurer – Mitch Robison.

Mrs. Grube congratulated Eric Yoder for being awarded first place in the countywide Amvets Essay Contest for his essay on the relevancy of today's U.S. Constitution.

Mrs. Grube also congratulated the following students who received honors at the South Schuylkill Technology Center:

Nicole Klinger	-	Health Careers
Dominique Rodriquez	-	Occupational Child Care

Mrs. Grube also congratulated Patricia Lombel on being appointed Assistant Business Manager.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Textbooks and Supplies, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for supplies and equipment for the 2013-2014 school year including general supplies, art, medical/clinic, physical education, science, janitorial, technology, and equipment. Motion carried.

On a motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports for January 2013 as submitted by the following tax collectors: Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon and Harry E. Ebling, Mount 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 January 2013: Berkheimer – Earned Income Tax - \$136,582.79; Berkheimer – Local Services Tax -\$5,919.69; Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$160.00. Motion carried.

On a motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the final reports on Real Estate Taxes and turn over delinquent taxes to Schuylkill County for collection. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for January 2013 in the amount of \$3,323.67 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On a motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis the Board approved the following commission to a tax collector paid on the basis of \$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the school district during the month of January 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 Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria for Pottsville Youth Soccer Association soccer registrations in March; DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria for Pottsville Boys Basketball League awards banquet on Thursday, March 14, 2013; PAHS Cafeteria for the PAHS Swim/Dive Team Boosters on Sunday, March 10, 2013; DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria for Pottsville Midget Football League annual awards banquet on Thursday, February 28, 2013; PAHS Stadium for Schuylkill County Special Olympics on Wednesday, May 8, 2013; and PAHS Planetarium on Monday, March 18, 2013 for a visit by the Port Carbon Cub Scouts, Pack 604. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.