

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2013
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

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.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the work session held on September 11, 2013, the regular board meeting held on September 13, 2013 and the special board meeting held on September 30, 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. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of September 2013 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of September 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 Dr. Cortese 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 the recommendation of Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the Texas Cooperative Program Network (TCPN). This program offers savings through bulk orders from vendors including Office Depot. Motion carried.

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

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board ratified the Superintendent's preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employee in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Sara Arnold – 6 credits; Cristy Clemson – 6 credits; Maria Hinchey – 3 credits; Jennifer Kepner – 6 credits; Derek DiRenzo – 6 credits and Stephanie Maroukis – 6 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved reimbursement for the following professional employees 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: Kelly Lombel - \$1,512.00; Tyler Moyer - \$3,024.00; and Andrew Smink - \$4,566.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran. Aye. Mrs. Grube – Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following salary adjustment: Andrew Smink– Bachelor +15. Motion carried

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the new teacher evaluation plan (as mandated by the state) effective 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following professional employee be excused from his 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:

Charles Schuster - beginning Friday, October 18, 2013

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved that PAHS diploma be awarded to one member of the Class of 2013 based upon their successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

Mr. Curran reported that proper notice to bidders was advertised in the Pottsville Republican on September 24, October 3, and October 7, 2013 of the Board's intention to receive bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (spring sports) in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications. Mr. Curran reported receipt of several bids.

On motion of Mr. Krater seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board directed Mr. Curran to open the bids and refer them to the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities for tabulation, study, and recommendation. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed Colleen Coulson as a substitute lunch and cafeteria aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary retroactive to October 2, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed Mildred Mezquita as a substitute lunch aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary retroactive to October 15, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the resignation of David Hess as a full-time custodian at the Pottsville Area High School effective October 14, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved David Hess as a full-time Life Skills Teacher Aide at the Pottsville Area High School effective October 15, 2013 at an annual salary of \$16,354.41. Motion carried.

On Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Cortese congratulated the following students who were elected as Student Council Officers:

President	Benjamin Serano
Vice President	Isabel Miske
Treasurer	Brianna Lotz
Secretary	Rachael Naradko


On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the Revenue Report for September 2013, which included local, state and federal sources. (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran. Aye. Mrs. Grube – Absent.

Mr. Curran 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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: Martz Hall for the Coal Cracker League Wrestling Tournament in February 2014; Martz Hall Parking Lots for Fans Unite Now, LLC , a 5 K Run, on November 17, 2013; PAHS Auditorium, band room, art room, 2 class rooms for LA Dance Theatre rehearsals and 2 shows during the week of June 10, 2014; PAHS Cafeteria for PAHS Cheer Boosters Cheerleader Party on November 1, 2013; PAHS Main Entrance, Hallway and Auditorium for PAHS Majorette Squad Tryouts on January 6,7,13,16, 2014; PAHS Girls Gym and Main Entrance for PAHS Flag Squad Tryouts on January 20, 21, 27, 30, 2014; Martz Hall for Pottsville Youth Wrestling in December 2013 and January 2014; and Martz Hall for PAHS Varsity Wrestling Charity Wrestling Match on November 22, 2013. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 7:52 p.m. and adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

 11/20/13

Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary