

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis

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 also welcomed a teacher/graduate student to the meeting. Mr. Patrick Moran, a Board Director Elect, was also welcomed.

Mr. Boran presented Dr. Smink a Certificate of Recognition from the Pennsylvania School Association for eight years of service. Mr. Boran thanked Dr. Smink and Mr. Thomas for their service.

Dr. Smink said, "I was grateful for the opportunity. There's a lot of good, dedicated people here that make this district run. And it's not an easy job."

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 Mr. Krater, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on October 9, 2013 as well as the regular board meeting held on October 16, 2013. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of October 2013 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of October 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. 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.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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 recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the FMLA of an aide at the JSC Elementary Center. Atty. Thornburg noted that all the appropriate paperwork has been received. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the 2nd Reading of Policy 829 – Electronic Records and Signatures. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the 2nd Reading of Policy 831– Screening of Employees and Contractors for Exclusion from Participating in Federal Health Care Programs. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater,

seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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:

Jill Quigley - \$1,233.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following resignation for retirement purposes in accordance with his submitted letter:

John Sutter - effective January 15, 2014

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following teacher be appointed as extracurricular advisor for the 2013-2014 school year at the stipend listed in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Lindsey Boncore - Senior Mural Advisor- \$400.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following professional employee be excused from her teaching duties to serve as a juror in the United States District Court, Scranton, PA in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Leigh Ann Bosak - on call for the month of December 2013.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following professional employee be excused from her teaching duties to appear as a witness in the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Kristin Ort - Monday, December 9, 2013

Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel thanked Dr. Smink and Mr. Thomas for their services and dedication to the students of the school district.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the Student Council Students at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School were one of nine groups honored at the Make a Difference Day held at the Pearl Stadium Theatre at the Schuylkill Mall for their construction of "Little Lengel Library Book Houses". The students received certificates from Congressman Cartwright, Representative Tobash and the County Commissioners. Dr. Zwiebel also mentioned that

the traveling trophy, which is awarded to one of the nine groups honored, was won by the students at the middle school. The award will stay with them one year and then be given to another group next year.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that there is early dismissal on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 2013-2014 school year:

Boys' Basketball	\$30,820.00
Wrestling	\$18,397.00
Boys' Swimming	\$ 6,235.00
Girls' Swimming	\$ 7,165.00
Girls' Basketball	\$23,067.50

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

Aluminum Athletic Equipment Co.	\$ 510.00
BSN Sports	\$ 34.90
M-F Athletic	\$1,240.75
Sportsman's	\$ 704.36
Team Express	\$ 673.97
Triple Crown Sports	\$ 826.00
Valley Athletic Supply	<u>\$1,671.52</u>
Total	\$5,661.50

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

On the recommendation of the Committee of Athletic and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed the following coaches for the 2013-2014 school year and set their salaries:

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dave Mullaney, Head Coach	\$5,700.00
John Toomey, Varsity Assistant	\$3,600.00
Tom McGeoy, Junior Varsity	\$3,000.00
Jake Wartella, Freshman	\$3,000.00
Scott Reichert, 8 th Grade	\$5,010.00
Mick Kondrack, 7 th Grade	\$2,800.00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Rick Wojciechowsky, Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Mike Sukeena, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$3,000.00
Joseph Eckley, Assistant Varsity	\$1,700.00
Serenity Allen, Asst. Jr. Varsity	\$1,700.00

WRESTLING

Gary Keener, Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Jason Thomas, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Ryan Anderson, Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,400.00
Ian Keck, Asst. Jr. High Coach	\$2,400.00

SWIMMING

Ned Hampford, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,050.00
Greg Schuettler, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,050.00
James Lotz, Co-Assistant	\$1,900.00
Robert Price, Co-Assistant	\$1,900.00
Meredith Boris, Co- Assistant	\$1,100.00
Neil Johnson, Co-Assistant	\$1,100.00

WINTER TRACK

Charlie Schuster, Head Coach	\$3,350.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

Mr. Thomas stated his farewell as he read the following statement to the Board:

Faculty & Staff:

It is with great sadness that I bid farewell to the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District this evening.

Four years ago, as a 19-year old, the people of this district entrusted me with the honor of representing them and their children. I have taken this honor very seriously, and, as I leave the board this evening, I am proud to say that, thanks to the efforts of many, some current board members, and others who have served our district in the past, I am proud to leave our school district in a sound position, both fiscally and educationally.

All over the state of Pennsylvania, and particularly locally, school districts are faced with difficult financial dilemmas. Many districts have been forced to lay off teachers or raise taxes, and some districts have had to do both, in order to survive.

Here at Pottsville, we have not raised taxes in 8 years, we have not cut personnel or essential programs, and we have maintained the high quality of educational excellence our students and parents deserve.

Thanks to the sound financial guidance of our previous Business Manager, Dave Delenick, our current Business Manager, Steve Curran, and Assistant Business Manager Pat Lombel, the districts tax dollars have been used wisely.

It has been my privilege to receive the guidance of our former Superintendent, Dr. Bill Davidson, who mentored me as a fellow School Board member. Also, it was my honor to work with former superintendent Dr. Jim Gallagher, under whose leadership, Pottsville Area achieved greatness. It is my fervent hope that our current superintendent will follow in their footsteps.

Students and visitors alike enjoy clean, well-maintained buildings and grounds thanks to our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Kerry Ansbach, who has been doing his job magnificently for 30+ years. Many times, Kerry isn't given the respect he truly deserves. He saves this district hundreds of thousands of dollars by his steadfast leadership.

Board members, past and present, with whom I have served, have displayed tremendous dedication to this district, and I would like to thank them for their service. A special thanks goes out to current board president, John Boran. Under his steady leadership, Pottsville Area School District is, indeed, in capable hands.

Leadership, however, means nothing without a dedicated team. Our teachers, administrators, and service personnel work tirelessly, in the trenches, to bring the highest quality of education to our students, from Kindergarten to 12th grade.

And look at the results. In science, technology, the arts; in education, politics, and engineering, and in service to our nation, Pottsville Area graduates distinguish themselves every day. For that we can all be proud.

Thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to serve my Alma Mater. I am leaving this board, but I'm not leaving the Pottsville Area School District. I will continue to look out for the interests of the students, parents, and taxpayers of our district, and I wish all of you the best of luck as you further the cause of quality education for Pottsville Area.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Thomas

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the letter of resignation for retirement from Sharon Heckman, D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Secretary, effective February 13, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the letter of resignation for retirement from Linda Pavao, High School Administrative Secretary, effective January 14, 2014. 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 Heather Bondura, Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, retroactive to November 7, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved Bridget Schwartz as a part-time Life Skills Support Aide at the Pottsville Area High School, retroactive to October 11, 2013, at a rate of \$10.10/hour. 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 Michelle Melenchick as a Cafeteria Ticket Aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary retroactive to October 2, 2013. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Technology Committee, Dr. Cortese noted all systems are up and running.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the Revenue Report for October 2013, which included local, state and federal sources. (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, 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 Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: PAHS Hall (little theatre) for the PHS Cheer Boosters on December 17 and 18, 2013; DHH Lengel Auditorium for Anthracite Philharmonic on December 11, 2013; HS Girls Gym, football field and concession stands for American Cancer Society on May 16 and 17, 2014; PAHS Auditorium for Winter Carnival

Association during dates in January and February 2014; D.H.H. Lengel Cafeteria for Pottsville Boys' Basketball Booster Meeting on December 3, 2013 and PAHS Auditorium and four classrooms for Dalinda Dance Studio on June 19 and 21, 2014. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. for the Reorganization Meeting and general purposes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved scheduling of the Work Sessions and Board Meetings for 2014; and the scheduling of the Athletic Committee Meetings the Tuesday before the Work Session - January through June 2014 and August through November 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Krater thanked Dr. Smink and Mr. Thomas for their dedicated service to the school district.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Executive Session commenced at 7:58 P.M. and adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Stephen C. Curran 12/3/13
Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary