

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2013
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a student from the government class at Nativity BVM High School introduced herself to the Board.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on August 14, 2013 as well as the regular board meeting held on August 21, 2013. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

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

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

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved a request for a FMLA retroactive to August 20, 2013. Motion carried.

Also on the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the designation of Gary Keener as security liaison. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mrs. Grube, 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 Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved the following teachers be elected as extracurricular advisors for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Sara Arnold	PAHS Sketch Club	\$400.00
Alyssa Palina	DHHL Co-Art Club Advisor	\$400.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the following salary adjustments be approved for the 2013-2014 school year:

Sara Arnold	Master's +15
Brianne Drexel	Bachelor's +15
Cara Holman	Master's

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Kate Delenick	3 credits
Paul Jones	3 credits
Kelly Lombel	3 credits
Mary Matulevich	3 credits
Jennifer Stock	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following professional employees be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Brianne Drexel	\$1,417.50
Cara Holman	\$1,512.00
Kimberly Jackson	\$1,512.00
Emily Kleeman	\$1,512.00

Krista Torpey

\$ 2,208.00

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

Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of third year or teaching and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification:

Erin Anderson

Emily Kleeman

Ryan Anderson

Mary Matulevich

Lindsey Boncore

Courtney Reichert

Jacqueline DiCello

Robert Shaffer

Brianne Drexel

Ashley Shappell

Kayla Fehr

Andrew Smink

Cara Holman

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved 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:

Deidre Anchorstar – beginning Thursday, October 17, 2013

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved a contract with Jessica Tofany to serve as an Auditory, Speech and Language Subcontractor from September 9, 2013 through June 2, 2014 at a rate of \$100.00 per hour/maximum 86 hours. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that the 2013-2014 school year officially opened on Monday, August 26, 2013. Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the new Skyward system is available for parents to access.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board awarded the bids received August 21, 2013 for athletic equipment and supplies (winter sports). (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, 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 (spring 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, October 16, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved a one year contract with Pottsville Area Physical Therapy Services, P.C. to provide a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) with credentials from the state of Pennsylvania to provide on the field and training room coverage for the Pottsville Area High School interscholastic sports. Coverage will begin July 1, 2013 and end with the conclusion of the spring 2014 sports season including any playoffs. The cost for all services will be \$29.00/hour and will be billed on a monthly basis. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Daniel Slotterback as certified physical trainer at a yearly salary of \$40,000.00 effective September 23, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved a Building Security Plan for the Pottsville Area School District. The Building Security Plan includes conditions of employment, uniforms, communication and building locations. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted the resignation of the following Part-Time Paraprofessional:

Suzanne Sweeney -JSC Elementary - effective September 13, 2013.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board appointed the following part-time Autistic Support Aides at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center effective October 3, 2013 at a rate of \$10.10/hour:

- Jacqueline Butz
- Heather Bondura

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following substitute paraprofessional list contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances retroactive to September 9, 2013:

- Tina Marie Sibbett
- Danielle Major
- Samantha McDonald
- Candace Witmier
- Bridget Schwartz

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following substitute paraprofessional list contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances retroactive to September 23, 2013:

- Georgia Thomas
- Brittany Ortiz

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, and on motion by Mrs. Grube, the Board accepted the resignation of Madonna Hammer as a full-time Special Education Secretary at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center effective September 20, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, and on motion by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved Madonna Hammer as a full-time receptionist/transportation clerk at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center effective September 23, 2013 at her current salary. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, and on motion by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the following Lunch Aides at an hourly rate of \$9.10:

Brittany Guris – JSC Elementary Center – effective September 23, 2013

Kelly Roos – Pottsville Area High School – effective September 30, 2013

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, and on motion by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following Substitute Lunch Aide effective September 23, 2013:

Brittany Ortiz – JSC Elementary Center

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, and on motion by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Gino Yourey as an addition to the school security list at an hourly rate of \$18.00. Motion carried.

Under Pottsville Recreation Committee, Atty. Rismiller noted that Halloween events are being planned.

An update on the 80th Anniversary of the Castle on the Hill was given by Mr. Wagner. The dedication of the brick project will be in the courtyard after the football game on Friday, September 20, 2013.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Revenue Report for August 2013, which included local,

state and federal sources. (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following as PSBA officers for 2014:

President	Mark B. Miller, Centennial S.D.
Vice-President	Larry Breech, Millville Area S.D.
Treasurer	Otto Voit III, Muhlenberg S.D.
Representative	Robert M. Schwartz, Wallenpaupack S.D.

Motion carried.

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.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: Senior Cheerleader Party, PAHS Cafeteria, on November 1, 2013; DHH Lengel PTO, Meetings, Halloween Dance, Valentine Dance, 8th Dance, DHH Lengel Cafeteria during the months of September, October and February through May; Alumni Band Meal, PAHS Cafeteria, September 20, 2013; Jr. High Football Boosters Meeting, DHH Lengel Cafeteria, October 2 & November 10, 2013; Lady Tide Volleyball Schuylkill League Senior Volleyball Game, Martz Hall, November 13, 2013; Pottsville Boys Basketball League Sign Ups and Tryouts, DHH Lengel Cafeteria and all gyms, various days in October and November. Use of gyms for weekly basketball games and practice from November 2013 to March 2014; and Tide Wrestling Club's 1st Annual Christmas Round Robin, Martz Hall, December 21, 2013. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 7:52 p.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Stephen Curran 10/16/13
Board Secretary (Date)