

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2014
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mrs. Grube

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on March 12, 2014 as well as the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2014. 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 Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2014 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2014 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. Cortese, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2014 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 Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater the Board approved Family Medical Leave for an employee at Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the Repository Sale for the property located at 525 North Third Street, Pottsville, PA in the amount of \$780.00. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, 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. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, 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 - 3 credits; Katelynn Hranchock - 6 credits; Heather Jenkins - 3 credits; Katie Koneschusky - 3 credits; Stephanie Maroukis - 3 credits; Jill Quigley - 3 credits; Ashley Shappell - 6 credits; Krista Torpey - 6 credits and Kate Zimmerman - 6 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employee for her 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: Elizabeth Grow - \$1,572.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

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

	<u>Effective</u>
Thomas Guzick	June 3, 2014
Debra Laureti	June 3, 2014
Sally Schlitzer	June 3, 2014
John Toomey	June 3, 2014
Barbara Tarconish	June 3, 2014
Edward Tarconish	June 3, 2014
Catherine Zimmerman	June 3, 2014

Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel thanked the above teachers for their years of dedicated service to the Pottsville Area School District.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board excused the following professional employee from her duties to serve as a juror in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with her contract:

Migdalia Gunoskey – Friday, May 2, 2014.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Heidi Buzzard be hired as long term substitute and placed on the Bachelor's Step 1 of the salary chart from March 28, 2014 until the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that 2,058 "Wavelengths" newsletters were mailed to each family in the school district on March 20, 2014.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that teachers will have the opportunity to earn ACT 48 hours this summer through Pottsville Area School District's first Summer Learning Academy. This academy is a professional development initiative that will be crafted and facilitated by district staff, building administrators and outside presenters at little or no cost to the district. This goal is to provide staff with informative and quality professional development that will directly impact the students and staff of the district. The courses will range from continuing education: the state mandated Student Learning Objectives (SLO), Skyward tips and techniques (parent communication, assessment, etc.), Webb's Depth of Knowledge Levels, LETRS Training, Differentiated Instructions, Technology Topics (iMovie, Schoology etc.) and Safe Crisis Management. All district staff members, including paraprofessionals, as well as St. Clair teachers will be invited to attend the trainings. Mrs. Stephanie Ziegmont, Director of Curriculum Instruction, will be the coordinator of this first Summer Learning Academy.

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. Wagner, the Board awarded the bids received March 19, 2014 for athletic equipment and supplies (fall sports). (See office files.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the letter of resignation from Lauren Shandor, Varsity Head Coach of the Girls' Volleyball Team, effective April 17, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner recommended a letter be sent to Ms. Shandor thanking her for her dedication and service as Head Girls' Volleyball Coach for the Pottsville Area School District.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport (Wrestling) between the Pottsville Area High School and Nativity BVM High School. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved a Summer Swimming Program which will be held at the Ned Hampford Natatorium at the DHH Lengel Middle. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved authorization of the Athletic Director to formally request our inclusion into the Anthracite Football League effective July 1, 2016. Motion carried.

Mr. Krater noted that with enrollment decrease, the change to the Anthracite Football League from the Berks Football League will be a good fit for the Pottsville Area School District.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the 2nd Reading of the following policy:

Policy 810.2 – Transportation – Video/Audio Recording
Motion carried.

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 2014 Class Day. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the participation of the Pottsville Area School District in the Multi-County School District Healthcare Consortium effective July 1, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the 2nd Reading of the Policy 610 (Revised) – Purchased Subject to Bid/Quotation. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the tax collector audit report of the Pottsville Area School District for the period July 1, 2012 through December 30, 2012. The audit was completed by Jones & Co., Pottsville, PA. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Marie Lipsett as a substitute paraprofessional contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances effective April 17, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved Marie Lipsett as a substitute clerical employee contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances effective April 17, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the resignation of Richard Miske, custodian at the Pottsville Area High School, effective March 23, 2014. Mr. Miske declined the position. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved an adjustment to the hourly rate for Special Education Part-Time Aides (new) to \$10.60 retroactive to August 26, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board appointed Charles Brode as a full-time custodial employee at Pottsville Area High School an annual salary of \$19,500.00 effective April 21, 2014 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Donna Bentz as High School Guidance Secretary effective May 1, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the Alternate Substitute Professional Daily rate of \$140.00 for a required Keystone Biology Substitute Teacher, effective April 17, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Cortese noted that the Batting Cages at the 16th Baseball/Softball Field will be dedicated to Mr. Howard "Bud" Fernsler.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Technology, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board waived the 1st Reading and approved policy: Policy 815.1 – You Tube. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner, IU 29 Representative, noted that negotiations will resume on May 1, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Under the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Mr. Moran noted that the annual Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 was well attended.


On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the revenue report for the month of March 2014; the report includes local, state and federal sources (see office files). Motion carried.

Mr. Curran announced 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. Moran, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: 16th Street and Alumni fields summer programs for Pottsville Lions Legion Baseball Senior and Youth League during months of May through July 2014; DHH Lengel School Cafeteria for American Red Cross Instructors Meeting on May 1, 2014; DHH Lengel Auditorium for PASD Educational Association General Assembly Meeting on April 24, 2014; 16th Street Field for Pottsville Pride Softball practice during months of May through July 2014; DHH Lengel Auditorium for LA Dance Theatre Nutcracker Ballet practices and performances during months of November and December 2014; PAHS Boys' Gym for PAHS Wrestling Camp on July 29 through July 31, 2014; and Ned Hampford Natatorium for PAHS Water Polo during months of April and May 2014. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 8:06 p.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary