

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
January 15, 2014
Regular Meeting
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed a student from the high school and asked the student to introduce himself. He told the Board what classes he is taking and his plans after graduation.

Mr. Boran also asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

On a motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes for the November 13, 2013 work session, the November 20, 2013 board meeting, and the reorganization meeting held on December 2, 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 reports of the Treasurer for the months of November and December 2013 and directed that they be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Operating Reports of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the months of November and December 2013 were accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the following Financial Statements of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the months of November, and December 2013 were 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 Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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.

Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor, recommended that the Board approve the 1st Reading of the following policies:

- **Policy 121 – Field Trips**
- **Policy 210– Use of Medications**
- **Policy 210.1 – Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injector**
- **Policy 313 – Evaluation of Administrative Employees**
- **Policy 702 – Gifts, Grants, Donations**
- **Policy 913 – Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals**

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the 1st Reading of the policies. Motion carried.

Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor, recommended that the Board approve the yearly request from Luther Ridge to use our facilities in the cast of a disaster. On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved this request from Luther Ridge. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, 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 Mrs. Petchulis seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board ratified the action of the Superintendent for granting preapproval of 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: Kate Delenick - 3 credits; Jacqueline DiCello – 6 credits; Bridget Freiler - 3 credits; Stephen Horvath - 3 credits; Katelynn Hranchock - 6 credits; Heather Jenkins – 6 credits; Paula Jones– 3 credits; Nicole Kutsmeda– 3 credits; Scott Mattea – 3 credits; Lucas McMurtrie – 6 credits; Tyler Moyer – 3 credits; Kristin Ort – 3 credits; Alyssa Palina – 6 credits; Kara Prock – 3 credits; Courtney Reichert – 3 credits; Robert Shaffer – 3 credits; Robert Sheaffer – 6 credits; Andrew Smink – 3 credits; Jennifer Stock – 3 credits and Stephanie Ziegmont – 6 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the reimbursements to 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: Sara Arnold - \$4,566.00; Cristy Clemson - \$270.00; Steve Curran - \$1,233.00; Kate Delenick - \$1,572.00; Derek DiRenzo - \$1,740.00; Paula Jones - \$1,572.00; Kelly Lombel - \$1,326.00; Stephanie Maroukis - \$270.00; Scott Mattea - \$1,326.00; Lucas McMurtrie - \$1,572.00; Courtney Reichert - \$2,466.00; Robert Shaffer - \$1,512.00; Jennifer Stock - \$1,233.00 and Stephanie Ziegmont -

\$1,326.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner (Skype), and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Krater, Absent.

**On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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: Angela Holobetz – Friday, January 31, 2014
Motion carried.**

**On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the adjustment of the 2013-2014 school calendar:
Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – be revised to a regular school day
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 – be revised to a regular school day
Motion carried.**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Jennifer Oakley be hired as long term substitute and placed on the Bachelor's Step 1 of the salary chart from January 15, 2014 until the return of Mrs. Carolyn March on approximately January 29, 2014. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee of Finance and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board adopted the Resolution Pursuant to Section 311(d)(1) of the Special Session Act 1 of 2006 indicating that the Pottsville Area School district will not increase any school district tax for the 2014-2015 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner (Skype), and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Krater, Absent.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following substitute paraprofessionals contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances effective January 16, 2014:

- Deborah Herb
- Jennifer Singer
- Nicole Stevens

Motion carried.

Also on recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following part-time transportation aide contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances effective January 16, 2014:

- Deborah Herb

Motion carried.

On recommendation of Stephen Curran, Business Manager and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the Revenue Reports for November and December 2013, which included local, state and federal sources (see office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner (Skype), and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Krater, Absent.


January 2014 is School Director Recognition Month. Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent, thanked all the Board Members for their continued commitment to the Pottsville Area School District and each received a certificate.

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 is hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

On motion of Dr. Cortese seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Schuylkill County Softball Officials – spring meetings during various dates in February, March and April 2014 in the PAHS Little Theatre; NEPA Manufacturers Council – 6th annual Schuylkill County Career Fair at Martz Hall on April 16, 2014; City of Pottsville Recreation Commission – Hot Shot Basket Ball shooting on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at Martz Hall, Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at Alumni Field, Youth Track Meet on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Veterans Stadium, City Cycle 17 Bike Race on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Martz Hall Lobby and parking lot; Juliette Bridals – Fashion Show on Sunday, February 16, 2014 in the DHHL Auditorium; PAHS Majorette & Flag Squad Training in the PAHS Girls gym on various dates in February and March 2014; Joseph Anthony – Ronan Tynan Concert on Sunday, May 4, 2014 in the PAHS Robert Wachter Auditorium; Swim Team Booster Club – League Championships, Meeting, Swim Team Banquet on various dates in February and March in the DHHL and PAHS Cafeterias and use of a classroom and Schuylkill County Special Olympics – Track and Field meet on May 14, 2014 at Veteran’s Memorial Stadium. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Executive Session – commenced at 7:47 p.m. and adjourned at 9:13 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran 1/30/14
Board Secretary (Date)