

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2014
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran asked if anyone had questions or comments.

On motion of Mr. Krater seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on April 9, 2014 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 16, 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 DiCello, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of April 2014 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Moran, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of April 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 Atty. Rismiller, 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.

At this time, the Board proceeded with the election of a Treasurer for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Mrs. Grube nominated Charles Wagner for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2014 and ending the last day of June 2015. Mr. Krater seconded.

With no further nominations and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, nominations for Treasurer were closed. Motion carried.

The ballot was cast for Charles Wagner as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner-Abstain; Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Cortese – Absent.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the salary of Charles Wagner as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District was set at the annual rate of \$2,000.00 for the fiscal year from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board directed the Treasurer to provide a bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, with approved surety, the premium of the bond to be paid by the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner thanked the Board for his nomination and will donate his salary to several school organizations.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, the board approved the FMLA's for two school district employees. Motion carried.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the board approved the Repository Sale for the property located at 479 Peacock Street, Pottsville, PA in the amount of \$1,454.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the board approved the 1st Reading of Policy 235.1 – Surveys. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Moran, 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. Moran, the Board approved homebound instruction for one middle school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Moran, 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: Alicia Fehr – 6 credits; Elizabeth Grow – 6 credits; Samantha Lecher – 6 credits; Tyler Moyer – 9 credits (6 credits 2014-2015); Stacey McClusky – 3 credits; Kara

Prock – 3 credits; Lloren Reichert – 3 credits; Erin Shaffer –12 credits (6 credits 2014-2015); Robert Shott – 3 credits; Zane Simpson – 3 credits; and Andrew Smink – 6 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employees for their successful completion of the preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Kate Delenick - \$1,572.00; Jacqueline DiCello- \$2,466.00; Stephen Horvath - \$1,474.00; Katelynn Hranchock - \$2,466.00; Heather Jenkins - \$1,233; Nicole Kutsmeda - \$1,233.00; Jennifer Lipton - \$1,233.00; Stephanie Maroukis - \$270.00; Scott Mattea - \$1,326; Lucas McMurtrie - \$1,572.00; Tyler Moyer - \$1,572.00; Alyssa Palina - \$4,566.00; Robert Shaffer - \$1,572.00; and Jennifer Stock - \$1,233.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello; Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Cortese - Absent.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following administrative employee for her successful completion of a preapproved credit course: Stephanie Ziegmont - \$1,326.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello; Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Cortese - Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the list of prospective graduates (243) submitted by the Principal be approved for receipt of Pottsville Area High School diplomas. It is understood that diplomas will not be issued unless all requirement and obligations are met by each student. Students not meeting requirements for graduation will receive certificates of attendance. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent, congratulated the following four students from the Pottsville Area High School who performed with the Allentown Band: Benjamin Blake, Cody Gemmel, Allyssa Kovich and Jacob Shoener. These students were among fifty-five students who were invited to perform with the Allentown Band as part of its "Side by Side" concert. This annual event gives outstanding high school musicians the opportunity to perform with America's oldest civilian concert band.

Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent, also congratulated High School Teacher, Jacqueline Mitchell on her recognition from the Society of Chemical Industry for her role in "inspiring students to pursue technical careers" with a grant of \$1,000.00 to be used for classroom purposes as you best determine. One of this year's Scholars, Darby Doyle, a former student, nominated Ms. Mitchell.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board set the ticket prices for the 2014-2015 sports programs. Ticket prices will remain the same as the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for no-lead gasoline and diesel fuel required by the Pottsville Area School District between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, in accordance with the school district's instructions and specification. The bids will be for a firm price. Bids are due 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved Waste Management of Central PA as the Pottsville Area School Districts' Solid Waste and Recycling Provider for the 2014-2015 school year at an annual cost of \$24, 373.84. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello; Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Cortese - Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved a three (3) year contract with Thyssenkrupp Elevator, Allentown, PA, as the Pottsville Area School Districts' Full Service Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services at a total cost of \$26,333.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello; Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Cortese - Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the Registration Gateway Agreement which will provide online student registration. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran noted that House Bill 434, Child Protection Bill, was signed into law. Mr. Moran also noted that the district is already in compliance with some of the child protection laws.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Teachers be hired for the Extended School Year Program, effective June 24, 2014, at a rate of \$29.00/hour:

Stephanie Crighton
Tara Hess
Cara Holman
Heather McDonald
Erin Tranquillo

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Substitute Teachers be hired for the Extended School Year Program, effective June 24, 2014, at a rate of \$29.00/hour:

Judith Hall
Melissa Troutman

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following School Nurses be hired on a rotating basis for the Extended School Year Program, effective June 24, 2014, at a rate of \$29.00/hour:

Donna Romano
Danita Sippel
Angela Holobetz
Kendra Rooney
Jennifer Kepner

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Teacher Aides be hired for the Extended School Year Program, effective June 24, 2014, at \$10.60/hr. through June 30, 2014 and starting July 1, 2014 at \$11.10/hr.:

Michelle Aungst	Mary Ann Filiac
Debra Barket	Sandy Paulshock
Lois Bogan	Geraldine Schwartz
Jacqueline Butz	Shannon Seiders
Barb Charowsky	Katrina Staller
Joann Doyle	Monica Natishak

Motion carried.

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Jessica Robbins

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved a Contract with Progressive Pediatric Therapy for the Extended School Year Program effective June 24, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the resignation of Mary Louise Buehler, DHH Lengel Middle School Lunch Aide, effective the last day of school. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Jessica Robbins as a substitute paraprofessional contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances effective May 22, 2014. Motion carried.

Under Committee on Public Relations, Mrs. Grube recognized the following students:

- Sara Williams will receive recognition in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program in the fall of her senior year.
- Laura Dallago was named as a semi-finalist in the John Stossel National Contest this year, competing against over 7,000 other students. The class viewed a segment of the video entitled "Myths, Lies and Complete Stupidity re: government "food regulations that are designed to encourage people to make healthier food choices. Why or why not? Should this be the government's choice?" Laura submitted an essay and was awarded \$100.00.
- The high school art students participated in the 2014 19th Annual SCCA High School Art Show on April 6th. This show represented the best art work from ten school districts of Schuylkill County. High School teachers Lindsey Boncore, Mark Dreisbach and Sara Arnold submitted 15 works of art for the show. Although prizes were not awarded this year, Pottsville Area High School was well represented. Students who participated are Alexis Aguila, Ryan Bertsch, Sam Cescon, Michaela Connors, Gabrielle Holley, Kayla Kasmari, Autumn May, Rebecca Ohnmacht, Jolyn Rodrian, Margot Shrift, Kevin Sninsky, Carollyn Schwent and Trent Williams.
- Danielle Gordon received first place in the IU 29 Computer Fair – Graphic Design Category. She will now compete at the state level in May.

Atty. Rismiller noted that the Drama Club received awards at the Sovereign Majestic Theatre for the students' roles in the schools' production of "Oliver".

Under the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Mr. Moran reported that there will be a city wide yard sale on Saturday, at Union Station, from 9am to 1pm.

Mr. Moran noted that the Tide Task Force will have a summer picnic at Barefield Complex on May 29, 2014 for students in Grades 7 through 12.

Mr. Moran also noted that a Mock DUI Program in the parking lot behind the DHH Lengel Middle School for high school seniors. The theme was "Don't Become a Memory". Dr. Zwiebel also spoke to the students.

Under Special Education/Alternative Education/Charter Committee, Mrs. Grube congratulated Dr. Zwiebel, Ms. Kelly Brennan, Mrs. Deneen Reese, Ms. Eleanor Sanayka, the administration and staff for a successful Special Education Audit.

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

There being no further new business and on motion of Atty. Rismiller seconded by Mrs. Grube, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Executive Session commenced 7:57 p.m. and ended at 9:05 p.m.

Stephen C. Curran 6-18-14
Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary