

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2014
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed everyone and asked if anyone wanted to address the board at this time. Atty. James Bohorad asked the board for their support in the consideration of a cooperative wrestling program with Nativity and Minersville. Mr. Boran stated that the committee is still considering this option. Coach Gary Keener, wrestling head coach, recently spoke with the board about a wrestling program that would include these two schools.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on January 8, 2014 as well as the regular board meeting held on January 15, 2014. 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 Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2014 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 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 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.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved the 2nd 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 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Wagner, 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. Wagner, 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: Cristy Clemson -3 credits; Kimberly Jackson- 3 credits; Jennifer Lipton – 6 credits; Kristin Ort – 3 credits; Krista Torpey – 6 credits and Janice Whitaker – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employee for the successful completion of preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Stephen Horvath - \$1,572.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

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

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the resignation of Rachael Kubick as Pottsville Area High School Aletheia club Advisor effective approximately April 13, 2014 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Heidi Buzzard as Co-Art Club Advisor in the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. The \$400.00 stipend will be prorated from December 1, 2103 until the last day of school for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the adjustment of the 2013-2014 school calendar due to the inclement weather:

Thursday, April 17, Monday, April 21, 2014 and Tuesday, June 3, 2014 (Revised last day of school) – be changed to regular school days
Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the 2014-2015 School Calendar. The first day of school for school for students will be Monday, August 25, 2014, and tentatively the last day of school will be Friday, May 29, 2015. Teacher In-service days will be held August 19, 20, 21 and October 13, 2014 and January 19, 2015. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved that a PAHS diploma be awarded to one member of the class of 2013 based upon the successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Grube the Board approved the following Spring Sports Budgets for the 2014 season: Baseball - \$11,121.50; Girls' Softball - \$10,040.50; Boys' Track - \$9,091.50; Girls' Track - \$8,776.50; Boys' Tennis - \$2,491.00; and Boys' Volleyball - \$6,048.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed the following coaches for the 2013-2014 school year and set their salaries as indicated:

BASEBALL

Michael Welsh, Head Coach	\$4,850.00
Thomas Guzick, First Assistant	\$4,518.00
Edward Terefenko, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Scott Mattea, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$2,800.00

SOFTBALL

Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach	\$4,550.00
Thomas Mull, Assistant	\$3,000.00
Clarence Herndon, Assistant	\$3,000.00
Scott Reichert, Head Junior Varsity	\$3,000.00

SPRING TRACK

Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,023.00
Barbara McGinley, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,550.00
Kevin Keating, Assistant	\$3,631.00
Kelly Brennan Lombel, Assistant	\$2,800.00
Robert Shaffer, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Peter McDonald, Assistant	\$2,600.00
William Rhoads, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Diane Dunkel, Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,800.00
Cara Holman, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,200.00
Matt Maccarone, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,200.00
Jim Lord, Jr. High Assistant	\$2,400.00

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Dan Hedemann, Head Coach	\$3,450.00
Steve Weicikosky, Assistant	\$2,200.00

BOYS' TENNIS

Andrew Smink, Head Coach	\$2,850.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

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 (Fall Sports) for the 2014-2015 school year in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications, such bids to be received until 12:00, noon, March 19, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Krater, Chairman of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, noted that the committee is still reviewing the request for a wrestling cooperative program with Nativity and Minersville.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate & Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the purchase of two (2) signs through COSTARS as per the proposal from Stewart Signs, Sarasota, Florida. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran reported receipt of the audit report completed by Jones and Company for the school year ending June 30, 2013. The audit report was made in compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984 and copies have been distributed as required by the Single Audit Act.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the board approved the audit report as completed by Jones and Company for the school year ending June 30, 2013. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the establishment of a consumer Drive Health Plan 1 (CDHP-1). Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Destiny Centano as a part-time learning support aide at the DHH Lengel Middle School at an hourly rate of \$10.10 retroactive to January 27, 2014. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Rochelle Sylvester as a part-time instructional aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$10.10 retroactive to January 24, 2014. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Edward Heffron, custodian at the Pottsville Area High School, effective January 23, 2014. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Jennifer Singer as a substitute cafeteria and lunch aide contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances effective February 20, 2014. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Gloria Hoak as a bus driver effective February 20, 2014 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following Police Officers at an hourly rate of \$18.00:

Steve Durkin

Michael Stank

Motion carried.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Cortese congratulated the following Freshman Class officers elected on January 23th: President – Eric Wapinsky; Vice President– Sierra Watkins; Secretary – Rebecca Sites; and Treasurer – Kory Kleckner.

Mr. Wagner, IU 29 representative, announced that the next meeting on negotiations will be held on March 6, 2014.

Under the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Mr. Moran noted that the Pottsville Recreation once again sponsored the Hot Shots program.

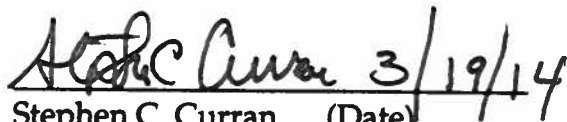
On recommendation of Stephen Curran, Business Manager and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Revenue Reports for January 2014, which included local, state and federal sources along with the Delinquent Real Estate Tax for 2013 (see office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

Mr. Wagner asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Thomas Bosack, who retired after many years as tax collector of Norwegian Township.

Mr. Curran reported 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. Wagner, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: High School Cafeteria for fundraiser pickup sponsored by the band boosters on February 14, 2014; Martz Hall, HS Boys' gym, JSC Elementary Center for two tournaments sponsored by the PAHS Volleyball Team on September 13 and October 11, 2014; Martz Hall, Middle School and Middle School parking lot for the PAHS Majorette Squad, who will sponsor a Majorette Camp on various dates in April and May; Middle School Auditorium and cafeteria for Wrestling Boosters end of season banquet on March 30, 2014; Martz Hall, practice field and housing for the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps on August 1 and August 2, 2014; Middle School cafeteria for Basketball Boosters end of season banquet on March 16, 2014; and Middle school cafeteria for Pottsville Midget Football annual awards party on March 6, 2014. Motion carried.

There being no further business, on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.; executive session from 8:03 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran (Date) 3/19/14
Board Secretary