

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
August 19, 2015
4:30 p.m.
Academic Center

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater,
Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller
(via telephone); Mr. Wagner,
Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent; Mr. Curran,
Business Manager / Board Secretary;
Atty. Thornburg; Solicitor; Mr. Ansbach,
Mr. Pytak, Pottsville Republican;

Absent: Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Petchulis

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President John Boran.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Boran asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of June 22, 2015 Special Board Meeting, the Work Session held on July 8, 2015, the Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2015 and the Special Board Meeting on July 24, 2015. 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 Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of July 2015 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the cafeteria financial report of Pottsville Area School District Cafeteria for the month of July 2015 was accepted and ordered filed. (See office files) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board set the following lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year. There will be a \$.10 price increase for the 2015-2016 school year; milk prices will remain the same:

- Elementary Student Lunch \$2.15
- Secondary Student Lunch \$2.25
- Adult Lunch \$3.60
- Extra Milk \$.65
- Reduced Price Lunch \$.40

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board set the following breakfast prices for the 2015-2016 school year. There will not be a price increase for the 2015-2016 school year; milk prices will remain the same:

- Elementary Student Breakfast \$1.45
- Secondary Student Breakfast \$1.50
- Adult Breakfast \$2.50
- Extra Milk \$.65
- Reduced Price Breakfast \$.30

*Reduced meal prices are set by the government.

Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Bimbo Baking Co., Inc. as bread and baked goods supplier for the 2015-2016 school year, with the option to purchase certain specialty rolls from an alternate vendor should these products not meet our standards. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Hershey's Ice Cream as the ice cream products supplier for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Guers Dairy as milk, 100% orange juice, iced tea, 20% orange drink, lemonade and spring water supplier for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the "Agreement for Participation in the Child Nutrition Program" between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency, effective July 1, 2015. Motion carried.

A list of bills, as appended, was submitted for payment. (Copy to each Director)

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. DiCello, 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 motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, an executive session was called at 4:40 p.m. and ended at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened and President Boran asked for the Solicitor's Report.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved two FMLA requests. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the sale of parcel#68-0119.000, 68-13-0153.000 & 68-0284.000, as per request of the County. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved an agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and MBC Grings Hill, LP. Motion carried.

The agreement allows persons attending soccer games to use the parking area to park their vehicles. There is no cost to the district. A thank you note will be sent to Miller Brothers.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the resolution for additional three school police, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances including Act 120/235. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Moran, 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 Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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:

Alicia Fehr	-	3 credits
Kayla Fehr	-	3 credits
Elizabeth Grow	-	6 credits
Kimberly Jackson	-	3 credits
Heather Jenkins	-	3 credits
Krystina Kubeika	-	3 credits
Kelly Lombel	-	3 credits
Lucas McMurtrie	-	6 credits
Kara Prock	-	3 credits
Courtney Reichert	-	6 credits
Ashley Shappell	-	3 credits
Janice Whitaker	-	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the reimbursement for the professional employees as indicated for the successful completion of a preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA: Suzanne Delaney - \$300.00; Judith DiObilda - \$300.00; Katelyn Dunn - \$5,355.00; Alicia Fehr - \$1,314.00; Tara Hess - \$1,632.00; Cara Holman - \$300.00; Heather Jenkins - \$1,314.00; Nathan Kraft -

\$300.00; Kelly Lombel - \$1,530.00; Matthew Maccarone - \$300.00; Stephanie Maroukis - \$300.00; Mary Matulevich - \$900.00; Heather McDonald - \$300.00; Benjamin O'Brien - \$2,628.00; Kara Prock - \$1,314.00; Nicholas Sajone - \$3,264.00; Christina Seiger - \$895.00; Ashley Shappell - \$2,724.00; Zane Simpson - \$4,086.00; Robert Sheaffer - \$1,344.00; Jennifer Stock - \$1,314.00 and Kate Zimmerman - \$5,355.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller (via telephone), Mrs. Grube, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following Temporary/Professional Employees subject to assignment of the Superintendent and set their salaries effective August 25, 2015 pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork:

Katrina (Novatnak) Greenawalt – DHHL-Art – Bachelor's - Step 2- \$40,500.00

Corrine Frederick – DHHL-Music – Bachelor's – Step 1 - \$40,000.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following revised long term substitutes be hired for the start of the 2015-2016 school year:

Effective August 25, 2015 - until

Kaycee Sullivan – 3rd grade learning support – December 21, 2015

Crystal Pugh – 1st grade – October 15, 2015

Amy Hedemann – 2nd grade – January 4, 2016

Amy Santai – 3rd grade – November 2, 2015

Rebecca Clayton – 3rd grade – June 2, 2016

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Erin Shaffer, PAHS English Teacher be accepted effective August 10, 2015 in accordance with her letter dated August 11, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Susan Rutolo as a long term middle school science substitute for the 2015-2016 school year, effective August 25, 2015. It is further recommended that Susan's salary be set at the 2015-2016 approved alternate substitute rate. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the first reading of the following policies: Policy #221 – Dress Code Guidelines; Policy #819 – Suicide Awareness Prevention & Response and Policy #819.1 – Suicide Prevention Resources for Schools. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following salary adjustments and become effective for the 2015-2016 school year: Heather Jenkins – Bachelor+15; Krystina Kubeika – Bachelor+15; Samantha Lecher – Bachelor+15; Stephanie Maroukis – Master+15; Heather McDonald – Master+15; Robert Sheaffer – Bachelor+15; Jennifer Stock – Masters and Kate Zimmerman – Bachelor+15. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that during the summer the administrative staff has prepared for the opening of the 2015-2016 school year. A district in-service program will be held for teachers on Tuesday, August 25, Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27, 2015. The practice bus run and orientation for kindergarten children will also be held on Thursday, August 27. The opening of school for all students is Monday, August 31, 2015.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the 2nd reading of Policy #915 – Booster Clubs (revised). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the 1st reading of Policy # 707-AR-1 – High School/Building Tours. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Special Education Service Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year, at a tentative amount of \$997,166.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran, Atty.Rismiller (via telephone), Mrs. Grube, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the agreement with the Schuylkill IU 29 for Title I services, effective August 19, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the agreement between Pottsville Area School District and National Penn Insurance Services Group, effective July 16, 2015. NPISG will provide Accident Prevention Programs and Consultation Services. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that the budget impasse continues with a growing concern when a new budget will be passed. Mr. Moran also noted that standardized testing and the common core needs to be addressed. Scores are lower than before but the style of testing has changed. Students, teachers, educators and staff are doing a phenomenal job though.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Negotiations, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following Memorandum of Understanding between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education PSEA/NEA:

- Professional employees in the Association bargaining unit will be compensated by the District at the homebound instruction rate of \$32.00 per hour

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Victoria Torres, bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District, effective July 27, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the extension for Sue Griffin and Monica Natishak to perform confidential student file management, retroactive to July 1, 2015 and not to exceed 20 hours per week. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the letter of retirement from Barbara Kull, library aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective June 5, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the resignation of Heather Luscavage, a kindergarten aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective August 12, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Kaitlyn Fleischut, part-time paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area School District, effective August 6, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Michelle Stephenson, part-time paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area School District, effective August 17, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following paraprofessionals be hired for the 2015-2016 school year at an hourly rate of \$11.10, effective August 24, 2015, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Patricia Blake – Learning Support

Diana DePauli – Learning Support

Jill Prestileo – Learning Support

T. Mary Rinaldo – Learning Support

Ralph Saunders – Emotional Support
Vaughn Shuman – Learning Support
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following substitute paraprofessionals be hired for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Tabitha Raicu
Karen Schock
Donna Silkowski

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the addition of Kelli Shaner to the substitute clerical list, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Christina Muldowney as a bus driver for the 2015-2016 school year at \$15.20/hr., effective August 24, 2015, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved Theresa Stonelake as a bus driver for the 2015-2016 school year at \$15.20/hr., effective August 24, 2015, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following van drivers for the 2015-2016 school year, at an hourly rate of \$10.45, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Michelle Bowman
Diane Boyer
Kathleen Chekan
William Linkchorst
Mark Marks
Gerard Schiegel
Lauren Spece

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following transportation aides for the 2015-2016 school year, at an hourly rate of \$10.00, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Cynthia Wixted

David Wixted

Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Cortese, Chairperson, noted that this week the School Board accepted the written legacy of Howard S. Fernsler. Dr. Cortese also noted that his commitment and dedication was beyond all expectations and formed the foundation on which this school was built. Dr. Cortese continued to note that this board has an obligation to expand on his legacy. The public is invited to view this part of history anytime during the day, during normal business hours, at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center. The public is also able to view this board's accomplishments and their vision at www.pottsville.k12.pa.us or on the Martz Hall marquee.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following policies:

Policy #216.2 – Privacy and Security of Student Electronic and Digital Information

Policy 815.2 – Cloud Computing

Motion carried.

Under IU 29/PSBA Representative, Mr. Wagner, Chairperson, noted that with the beginning of the new school year there are last minute resignations and hires. Mr. Wagner also noted that there are still issues with the STC funding.

On the recommendation of the Committee on IU 29/PSBA, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board nominated the following for the PSBA Slate of Candidates for 2016:

President Elect – Mark B. Miller – Centennial SD (Bucks Co.)

Vice President - John Love – Muhlenberg SD (Pike Co.)

Eastern At Large – Gary Smedley – Carbondale Area SD (Lackawanna Co.)

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Ed/Alternative Ed/Charter, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the agreement with Pottsville Area School District and Safety Net Counseling, Inc., effective July 1, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Ed/Alternative Ed/Charter, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the agreement with Pottsville Area School and Child and Family Support Services, Inc., effective July 15, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Ed / Alternative Ed / Charter, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the agreement with Pottsville Area School District and Behavioral Health Services, effective July 1, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Ed / Alternative Ed / Charter, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Jessica Tofany to provide Auditory, Speech and Language Therapy at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour for a maximum of 86 hours. Contract Period: August 25, 2015 – June 2, 2016. Motion carried.

Under Curriculum and Grading, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, met with the high school staff, along with Edulog and Skyward personnel. Mr. Moran noted that progress is being made. The committee is also looking at the PIAA rules and regulations concerning eligibility.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the revenue report for the month of July 2015; the report includes local, state and federal sources (see office files). Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Tide Cheer Boosters for Purse Bingo on November 8, 2015 at the DHHL Middle School Cafeteria; PAHS Majorette Squad for a Majorette Training Camp to be held August 19, 2015 August 26, 2015, September 2, 2015 and September 9, 2015 at the DHHL Middle School Canopy Area; PAHS Class of 1965 for a tour of the high school on September 12, 2015; Junior High Cheerleading for practice during various dates in August, September and October 2015 at Martz Hall and Water Polo Boosters for meeting on August 19, 2015 at the DHHL Middle School Cafeteria. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran read a letter that was received on August 18, 2015 from Cindy Petchulis, a Board of Director at Pottsville Area School District.

Dear John Boran, Chairman of the Board,

This letter serves as my official notice to you of my resignation as a Director of the PASD Board of education, effective August 19, 2015. I have enjoyed serving over the past 8 years, but I am relocating in early September to Florida.

I hope my time on the board was found to be beneficial in the pursuit of giving our children the best education possible. I will miss the friendships I have made along the way.

If there is anything you should need from me, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,
Cindy Petchulis
Board of Directors
Pottsville Area School District

On the recommendation of Mr. Boran, Board President, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the letter of resignation of Cindy Petchulis, a Board of Director at the Pottsville Area School District, effective August 19, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller (via telephone), Mrs. Grube, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.


The Board of Directors have 30 days to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Petchulis according to Atty. Thornburg.

Mr. Krater received letters from Jostens on the PAHS award winning yearbook and from Special Olympics for the excellent service by the custodial staff.

Mr. Wagner held a Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the work done over the summer by the staff and the timetable for work that still needs to be done.

Mr. Boran noted that a walk through in all buildings will be scheduled. Mr. Boran also noted that the tennis courts are completed.

There being no further business and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary