

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2015
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Wagner

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. High school teacher, Nathan Halenar, spoke about the "Tide Kicks Cancer" mini-thon that will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Pottsville Area High School gyms from 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This first year mini-thon, with a goal of \$5,000 to be raised, will benefit the Four Diamonds Funds. There will be students from the various high school service clubs that will volunteer for this event. There will be food, music, games, and arts and crafts. Mr. Halenar hopes this will be an annual event.

Mr. Boran welcomed students from the high school and asked them to introduce themselves. They told the Board what classes they were taking and what their plans were after graduation.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on January 15, 2015 as well as the regular board meeting held on January 21, 2015. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2015 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 2015 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 2015 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 Mrs. Petchulis, 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.

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

On motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, 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. Krater, 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: Kate Delenick -3 credits; Anthony Majorino - 3 credits; Stephanie Maroukis – 3 credits; and Kate Zimmerman – 6 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employees 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: Kate Delenick - \$1,632.00 and Zane Simpson – \$1,362.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the adjustment of the 2014-2015 school calendar due to the inclement weather. Thursday, April 2, Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7, 2015 will be changed to regular school days. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the resignation of Kim Akers, professional employee, be accepted in accordance with her submitted letter, effective January 24, 2015. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Krater, the Board adopted/ revised the following policies:

- #302 - Employment of Superintendent/ Assistant Superintendent
- #304 - Employment of District Staff
- #304 - Employment of Substitutes
- #309 - Assignment and Transfers
- #317 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- #317.1 - Educator Misconduct
- #818 - Contracted Services
- #306 - Employment of Summer School Staff
- #307 - Student Teachers/Intern

Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved Michael Kostick as a long term middle school health and physical education substitute for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, effective February 20, 2015. Michael's salary was set at the 2014-2015 approved alternate substitute rate. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved an extended three weeks of maternity leave be granted to Lorraine Van Stone. Her new date to return to work will be Thursday, March 26, 2015. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel read the following:

PRESS RELEASE REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDY
FEBRUARY 18, 2015

As part of the ongoing process of conducting a merger study regarding the feasibility of merging the St. Clair Area School District with the Pottsville Area School District, the next step in this process is to release the study to the citizens and taxpayers of both school districts. The feasibility report and its executive summary will be downloaded onto the main page on our district website (www.pottsville.k12.pa.us), under the News and Events column later this week. There will be an email link included so people can leave us feedback regarding the study. Before any decision is made, the Pottsville Area administration and board of directors welcome feedback from the district's taxpayers regarding the results of the study. A public presentation of the study will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Auditorium. We encourage everyone to attend.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following Spring Sports Budgets for the 2015 season: Baseball - \$10,357.00; Girls' Softball - \$10,597.50; Boys' Track - \$13,279.50; Girls' Track - \$8,496.50; Boys' Tennis - \$2,824.00; and Boys'

Volleyball - \$7,701.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed the following coaches for the 2014-2015 school year and set their salaries as indicated:

BASEBALL

Michael Welsh, Head Coach	\$5,100.00
Thomas Guzick, First Assistant	\$4,718.00
Edward Terefenko, Assistant	\$2,800.00
Scott Mattea, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$3,000.00

SOFTBALL

Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Thomas Mull, Assistant	\$3,200.00
Clarence Herndon, Assistant	\$3,200.00
Scott Reichert, Head Junior Varsity	\$3,200.00

SPRING TRACK

Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,273.00
Barbara McGinley, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Craig Stevens, Assistant	\$2,000.00
Kelly Lombel, Assistant	\$3,000.00
Robert Shaffer, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Peter McDonald, Assistant	\$2,800.00
William Rhoads, Assistant	\$2,800.00
Diane Dunkel, Jr. High Head Coach	\$3,000.00
Cara Holman, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,400.00
Matt Maccarone, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,400.00
Jim Lord, Jr. High Assistant	\$2,600.00

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Dan Hedemann, Head Coach	\$3,700.00
Steve Weicikosky, Assistant	\$2,400.00

BOYS' TENNIS

Andrew Smink, Head Coach	\$3,100.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the resignation of Margaret Lynn, a Life Skills Support Teacher Aide at Pottsville Area High School, retroactive to January 29, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Gianna Agnello as a part-time Life Skills Support Teacher Aide at John S. Clarke Elementary, at an hourly rate of \$11.10, effective February 19, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Cecily Hess as a part-time cafeteria aide at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Cafeteria, at an hourly rate of \$13.45, effective February 19, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Sarah Ames as a part-time lunch aide at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Cafeteria, at an hourly rate of \$9.10, effective February 19, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the resolution to hire Jonathan Randolph as a police officer at an hourly rate of \$18.00, effective February 19, 2015. Motion carried.

Atty. Rismiller noted that the next personnel meeting will be on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Cortese announced the following:

- The Jobs 1st STEM competition was held February 11, 2015 and Pottsville's team finished in first place. They will now be representing our region in the State competition in May.
- Congratulations to Junior Arrianna Daniels (a PAHS Drama Club member) who won the Harrisburg Area English-Speaking Union of the United States Shakespeare Competition. She competed against schools such as Hershey, Warwick, CASA and Carlisle and many other districts. Arrianna will now move on to the Central branch of the ESUUS finals at Lock Haven University. If she wins that competition she will advance to national competition which will be held in New York City late April.
- Congratulations to Junior Percussionist Cody Gemmell who successful re-auditioned at Region Band and will now be moving on to the PMEA All State Concert Band. The district will now have two representatives at the PMEA All State Conference in March at Hershey. Jacob Shoener will be in the Jazz Ensemble and Cody Gemmell will be in the Concert Band.

- Congratulations to two of our eleventh grade students, Miss Lucy Murray for being named the 2015 "Snowflake Princess" and to Miss Gina Comfort for being named "Miss Congeniality" in this year's Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Pageant.
- Congratulations also to Ms. Kelci Killian, D.H.H. Lengel Middle School girls' physical education teacher who was selected as the 2015 "Queen of the Snow" in this year's Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Pageant.

Mr. Moran, Pottsville Recreation Committee Chairperson, noted that a Pottsville recreation meeting was held this evening.

On recommendation of Stephen Curran, Business Manager and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the Revenue Reports for January 2015, which included local, state and federal sources. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

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 and negotiations.

Mr. Curran also noted that an executive session of the Personnel Committee was held on February 17, 2015 from 7: 00 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.; executive session from 7:55 p.m. to 9:32 p.m.

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Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary