

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2015
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Boran.

President Boran welcomed representatives from the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, Robert Carl, Executive Director and Monica Walborn. They explained the advantages of the membership in this organization. They also noted that there are different levels of memberships and services that are available to its members.

Under Public Comment, there were several comments from adults, who have children attending Gillingham Charter School and from children, who attend Gillingham Charter School. The comments reiterated the "good" that is being done in educating the students who attend the charter school. Tara Cromis, Communication Coordinator for Gillingham Charter School, presented parent testimonies to the Board of Directors. The charter for the Gillingham Charter School is up for renewal with the initial charter approved on June 7, 2011 by the State Charter School Appeals Board. A parent, who was not in favor of the charter renewal, explained to the Board that her daughter is no longer a student at Gillingham Charter School. She felt her daughter was not academically where she should be, while a student at the school, so she is now homeschooling her.

President Boran thanked everyone for coming. The school board has not taken action on the charter renewal.

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 Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the work session held on September 16, 2015, the regular board meeting held on September 16, 2015. 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 Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of September 2015 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of September 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 Mr. Krater seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran 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. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

- Lindsey Boncore – 2.5 credits
- Derek DiRenzo – 3 credits
- Kimberly Jackson – 3 credits
- Anthony Majorino – 6 credits
- Mary Matulevich – 3 credits
- Jennifer Stock – 3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following professional employees be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

- Suzanne Delaney - \$300.00
- Cara Holman - \$600.00
- Nathan Kraft - \$300.00
- Matthew Maccarone - \$300.00
- Anthony Majorino - \$300.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following adjustment for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Suzanne Delaney - Master's+15
- Cara Holman – Master's+15
- Nathan Kraft – Master's+15
- Matthew Maccarone – Master's+15

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following professional employee be appointed as Extracurricular Club Advisor for the 2015-2016 school year at the stipend listed in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Meredith Coleman – AID Advisor - \$400.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved a PAHS diploma be awarded to two additional members of the class of 2015 based upon their successful completion of the requirements and recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, and on pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching, the Board approved the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification:

- Kate Delenick
- Derek DiRenzo
- Alicia Fehr
- Jennifer Holiday
- Kimberly Jackson
- Heather Jenkins
- Katie Koneschusky
- Nicole Kutsmeda
- Samantha Lecher
- Anthony Majorino
- Tyler Moyer
- Kara Prock
- Robert Sheaffer
- Angela Snyder
- Kate Zimmerman
- Patricia Zimmerman

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board excused Elizabeth Grow 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, retroactive to Tuesday, October 13,, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following coaches for the 2015-2016 school year and set the salaries as indicated:

- Boy's Basketball
 - Dave Mullaney, Head Coach \$6,200.00
 - John Toomey, Assistant \$4,000.00
 - Tom McGeoy, Junior Varsity \$3,400.00
 - Jake Wartella, Freshman \$3,400.00
 - Bruce Heffner, 8th Grade \$3,200.00
 - Scott Delenick, 7th Grade \$2,400.00
- Girl's Basketball
 - Curt Ziegmont, Head Coach \$4,800.00
 - Jen Stock, Assistant \$2,400.00
 - Serenity Allen, Jr. Varsity Head Coach \$3,400.00
- Wrestling
 - Gary Keener, Head Coach \$5,300.00
 - Jason Thomas, Assistant \$3,000.00
 - Tyler Moyer, Jr. High Head Coach \$2,600.00
 - Sam Julian, Asst. Jr. High Coach \$2,600.00
- Swimming
 - Ned Hampford, Boys' Head Coach \$5,500.00
 - Greg Schuettler, Girls' Head Coach \$4,550.00
 - James Lotz, Assistant \$2,200.00
 - Debbie Logothetides, Assistant \$2,200.00
 - Kim Barone, Co-Assistant \$1,300.00
 - Neil Johnson, Co-Assistant \$1,300.00
- Winter Track
 - Charlie Schuster, Head Coach \$3,850.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

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 following Winter Sports budgets for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Boys' Basketball \$23,599.00
- Wrestling \$13,078.00
- Boys' Swimming \$ 5,345.50
- Girls' Swimming \$ 5,860.50
- Girls' Basketball \$17,291.50

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

Under Building, Real Estate and Transportation, Mr. Wagner, Chairperson, noted that there were numerous upgrades to the lighting around the campus, which will result in substantial savings to the district.

Under Legislation, Chairperson Patrick Moran noted that the budget impasse is now in its 112 day and counting. This is National School Bus Safety Week (October 19-23). Mr. Moran, on behalf of the Board of Education, would like to thank the bus drivers, van drivers and everyone associated with transporting students every day safely and efficiently. Mr. Moran also noted that state troopers will be riding school buses looking for violators. "Operation Safe Stop" is meant to crack down on drivers who illegally pass school buses, especially when they are picking up or dropping off students. Mr. Moran stressed that a ticket for passing a bus with its flashing red lights on carries a \$250 fine, a 60 day license suspension and five points against one's license.

Under Negotiations, Chairperson Scott Krater said progress is being made with negotiations and talks continue.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Suzanne Hedemann as a substitute cafeteria/lunch aide, effective October 22, 2015. 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 full-time custodians, effective October 26, 2015, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Nicole Guldin DHHL \$19,000.00
- Clarence Herndon DHHL \$18,500.00
- Mary Lukach JSC \$19,000.00
- Mark Poslosky PAHS \$18,500.00
- Jamie Putalavage JSC \$18,500.00

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 part-time paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$11.10, effective October 22, 2015, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Brittany Bendetti JSC Life Skills
- Jeffrey Buchanon PAHS Learning Support
- Kayla Matlock JSC Life Skills

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Lee Ann Morgan as Accounts Receivable Manager for the Pottsville Area School District, at an annual salary of \$40,000.00, effective October 22, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Robert Heckman as part-time transportation aide for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective October 22, 2015 and a part-time bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.45, effective October 22, 2015, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the contract renewal of Dr. Jeffrey S. Zwiebel, as Superintendent for the Pottsville Area School District, effective April 6, 2016 through April 5, 2021. Motion carried.

President Boran and the Board of Directors thanked and commended Dr. Zwiebel, as Superintendent, for his dedication to the children of the Pottsville Area School District. President Boran also noted that he respects Dr. Zwiebel's judgment in decisions and challenges; his first concern is how these decisions affect the children of the school district.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the contract renewal Stephen C. Curran, as Business Manager for the Pottsville Area School District, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

President Boran and the Board of Directors also thanked Mr. Curran for his excellence as Business Manager and his experience in maintaining the financial stability of the Pottsville Area School District.

Under Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Cortese congratulated the following students who were elected as Class Officers:

	<u>Senior Class</u>	<u>Junior Class</u>	<u>Sophomore Class</u>
President	Katrina Whalen	Eric Wapinsky	Max Kelly
Vice President	A. Wojciechowsky	Sierra Watkins	Mariella Przywara
Treasurer	Brandon Daubert	Rebecca Sites	Cory Fanelli
Secretary	Leah Guzick	John Mason	Lauren Hunter

Student Council Officers:

President	Erin Goodman
Vice President	Mykaihla Sernick
Secretary	Shelby Hahner
Treasurer	Aislinn Lehane

2015-2016 Band Officers

President	Sarah Leibel
Vice President	Taylor Brigade
Secretary	Paige Fellows
Treasurer	Cole Demcher
Librarian	Amanda Meyers
Managers	Michael DeColli, Jacob Moyer and Shane Scheitrum

Drum Majors	Cody Gemmel and Anthony Wojciechowsky
Cheerleaders	Varsity Co-Captains – Devon Sinkovick and Haley Reedy Jr. Varsity Captain – Roxanne Geiger
Majorettes	Co-Captains: Lucy Murray and Ciara Resnick

2015 Homecoming Royal Court

Queen	Essence Johnson	King	Brandon Daubert
1 st runner-up	Delaney Golden		Hayes Krammes
2 nd runner-up	Gabrielle Vetrano		Taylor Brigade

Republican & Herald's Artist of the Month

Cailey Carl – 10th grade student

Mr. Wagner, PSBA Representative thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the PSBA conference in Hershey. Mr. Wagner noted that it was very informative.

Under Pottsville Recreation Committee, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The following events are scheduled:

- Safe Trick or Treat on Tuesday, October 29, 2015. Candy will be handed out from City Hall
- Christmas Shopping for the City's Christmas Party for children will be on Sunday November 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
- Gift Wrapping will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2015
- Movie at the Majestic Theater will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Mayor's Tree Lighting and Party will be on Saturday, November 28, 2015
 - Holiday Entertainment at Methodist Church – 4:30 p.m.
 - Tree Lighting at Garfield Square – 6:00 p.m.
 - Santa Party at Humane Fire Co. – 6:30 p.m.
- High Rise Concerts – All concerts start at 7:00 p.m./refreshments are served
 - Tuesday, December 1, 2015
 - Wednesday, December 2, 2015
 - Thursday, December 3, 2015
 - Monday, December 7, 2015
 - Wednesday, December 9, 2015
 - Thursday, December 10, 2015

Mr. Moran, Chairperson of the newly formed Curriculum and Grading Committee, reported that the committee met and progress was made in the proposed grading changes. Mr. Moran thanked the members of the committee for their input.

On recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

- PASD Mini Thon Council to collect donations at home football games at both stadium gates on October 13, 2015 and November 6, 2015
- Basketball Cheer Practice for PAHS Cheerleaders at the top of Martz Hall and the girls' gym during various dates in November and December 2015
- PAHS Drama Club for Shakespeare Competition at PAHS Wachter Auditorium on November 7, 2015
- PAHS Volleyball for Senior Volleyball All Star game at Martz Hall on November 11, 2015
- DHHL Middle School PTO for Vendor Bingo Fundraiser at the DHHL Cafeteria on April 10, 2016
- Pottsville Midget Football League Playoff games at Alumni Field on November 1 and November 8, 2015
- PAHS Quiz Team for the Schuylkill County Academic League Quiz Match in the PAHS Library and Room 209 on December 7, 2015
- PAHS Wrestling for the Elementary Wrestling Match at Martz Hall on January 17 and 24, 2016 and February 21 and 28, 2016

- Pottsville Midget Football Bulldog Cheerleaders Practice at the DHHL Parking Lot, retroactive to various dates in September and October 2015
- Alpha Iota Delta Club at PAHS for meet and greet new members at the PAHS cafeteria on November 11, 2015
- PAHS girls soccer banquet on November 6, 2015 at the DHHL cafeteria

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the Revenue Report for September 2015, which included local, state and federal sources. (See office files) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Absent.

Mr. Moran noted that "Aladdin" will be performed at the Majestic Theater on November 13, 14 and 15, 2015.

Mr. Curran stated 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/legal matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 8:45 p.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

 Stephen C. Curran 11-18-15

Stephen C. Curran (Date)

Board Secretary