

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2015
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, 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. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, several students from the high school government classes introduced themselves to the Board.

Dr. Zwiebel introduced students from Ms. Barbara McGinley's 5th Grade Class at the DHH Lengel Middle School. They presented iMovies from an app on their iPads. These iMovies were about endangered animals.

Students from Ms. Louise Winkler's Life Skills Class at Pottsville Area High School spoke about their brownie making sales and what is done with their profits.

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 8, 2015 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 15, 2015. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of April 2015 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of April 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 Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, 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 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Mr. Moran nominated Dr. Christina DiCello for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2015 and ending the last day of June 2016. Mr. Wagner seconded.

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

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

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the salary of Dr. Christina DiCello 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, 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.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the board approved the agreement between KingSpry and the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved the agreement between Bayada Home Health Care and Pottsville Area School District for nursing coverage for a student at the high school, at an hourly rate of \$45.00. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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: Heather Berger – 6 credits; Suzanne Delaney – 6 credits; Katelyn Dunn – 9 credits; Tracey Fidler – 3 credits; Nathan Halenar – 6 credits; Cara Holman – 3 credits (2014-2015); Cara Holman – 9 credits; Heather Jenkins – 3 credits; Paula Jones – 3 credits; Kelci Killian – 6 credits; Nathan Kraft – 3 credits; Matthew Maccarone – 6 credits; Shannon Magdeburg – 3 credits; Mary Matulevich – 6 credits; Stacey McClusky – 9 credits; Heather McDonald – 9 credits; Tyler Moyer – 6 credits; Benjamin O'Brien – 6 credits; Kara Prock – 3 credits; Nicholas Sajone – 6 credits; Gregory Schuettler – 3 credits; Erin Shaffer – 6 credits; Ashley Shappell – 6 credits; Ashley Shappell – 6 credits; Robert Sheaffer – 3 credits; Angela Snyder – 3 credits; Jennifer Stock – 6 credits; Janice Whitaker – 3 credits; Zane Simpson – 9 credits; and Kate Zimmerman – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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: Heather Berger - \$2,352.00; Kate Delenick - \$1,632.00; Derek DiRenzo - \$1,269.00; Heather Jenkins - \$1,269.00; Kelci Killian - \$2,724.00; Nicole Kutsmeda - \$1,269.00; Samantha Lecher - \$1,362; Stacey McClusky - \$2,352.00; Alyssa Palina - \$2,325.00; Robert Sheaffer - \$2,538.00; and Jennifer Stock - \$1,269.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello; Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis - Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved homebound instruction for one middle school student. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following salary adjustments and become effective for the 2015-2016 school year: Cristy Clemson – Master +15; Derek DiRenzo – Bachelor +15; and Alyssa Palina – Bachelor +15. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the list of prospective graduates (257) 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.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board appointed Susan Ruotolo as a middle school science substitute for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, retroactive April 2, 2015. Her salary was set at the 2014-2015 approved alternate substitute rate. Motion carried.

The 10th annual Majestic Awards were held at North Schuylkill High School. Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent, noted the following awards were received for the high school production of "Les Miserables": graphic design, outstanding costume design, outstanding stage crew, outstanding chorus and outstanding overall production. The "Heart and Soul" recipient was Taylor O'Brien and character achievement award recipient was Cole Demcher.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the Pottsville Area High School was honored with a Bronze Medal from U.S. News and World Report for student performance.

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 2015-2016 sports programs. Ticket prices will remain the same as the 2014-2015 school year. 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 appointed Dr. Robert Boran as Athletic Team Doctor for the 2015-2016 school year at a retained of \$3,300.00 per annum. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board appointed Curt Ziegmont as Varsity Head Girls' Basketball Coach for the Pottsville Area School District. His salary was set at \$4,800.00 for the 2015-2016 school year, effective May 21, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative and Program Budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,697,911.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$0.00, the same as year 2014-2015. Each director signed the ballots indicating their vote on the above motions. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello; Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis - Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the 2nd Reading of Policy 609 – Investment of District Funds. Motion carried.

Under Negotiations, Mr. Krater congratulated both the PASD and PASDEA for the two year contract effective July 1, 2015. The agreement is for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board appointed Sue Griffin and Monica Natishak to perform confidential student file management, effective June 8, 2015 through June 30, 2015, not to exceed 20 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$11.10. Motion carried.

Under Committee on Public Relations, Mr. Moran recognized the following students:

1. Congratulations to the following "Stossel in the Classroom" semi-finalists - \$100.00 essay contest winners: Sarah Comisac, Kyle Wilner and Michaela Zanis. There were also three students who were awarded \$50.00 honorable mention awards: Aaron Mickonis, Angel Kristoff and Matt Schappell. This contest is for students aged 12 to 18 sponsored by the Center for Independent Thought. Students, after viewing John Stossel's TV special, were asked to write an essay taking a critical look at any government regulation and building their case for whether the regulation is good or bad. Nearly 3,500 essays were submitted and Pottsville Area High School had the most winners from any high school.
2. Congratulations to Destiny Lucas for finishing 7th place for auto refinishing at the Schuylkill Technology Center Skills USA State Competition held in Hershey.
3. Congratulations to the following fifth grade students who attended the PMEA Elementary Songfest at Southern Lehigh High School: Faith Eckley, Sydney Gerhard, Taylor Lazarchick, Elena Martinko, Abigale Motto, Autumn Walchak and Taylor Welsh.
4. Congratulations to the following fifteen students who represented the DHHL Middle School at the Junior Schuylkill County Band Festival held at Tri-Valley Jr/Sr High School on March 19-21, 2015: Autumn Mc Donough, Morgan Rich, Alexis Yoder, Madison Spencer, Grace Muench, John Hannaway, Gary Chen, Evan Spevak, Haley Wagner, Donna Lonergan, Marcayla Lutzkanin, James Blake, Brian Daniels, Keith Minnich, and Patrick Ryan.
5. Congratulations to Arrianna Daniels for being a semi-finalist in the 32nd annual English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition. The Competition was held on April 27, 2015 at Lincoln Center Theater in New York City for 57 winners of ESU Branch competitions nationwide. Arrianna is a student in Maria Malek's class and has previously won the ESU Central PA Branch regional competition.
6. Fifteen high school students participated in the Schuylkill County Artist High School show on April 12, 2015. Congratulations to the following Art Show winners - Lizzi Walters - 1st Place (mixed media), Breana Brennan - Honorable Mention

(mixed media), Rebecca Consugar – Honorable Mention (ceramics) and Aysia Centeno – Honorable Mention (painting).

7. The following students participated and won 1st place Schuylkill Technology Center S.K.I.P. clean-up competition: Sarah Lecher; Katie Deegan; Rachael Setlock; Taylor Young; Sierra Hoover; Micki Garland; Travis Blankenhorn; Eli Nabholz and Ty Painter.

Under Technology, Dr. DiCello announced the new twitter accounts at the school district. The district's account is @Pasdtide and Dr. Zwiebel's twitter account is @Pasdsupt.

Mr. Wagner, Schuylkill IU 29 Representative, noted the passing of Robert Betz, long time Schuylkill IU 29 board member and a member of the Tamaqua Area School Board of Directors.

Mr. Moran noted that a Mock DUI Program in the parking lot behind the DHH Lengel Middle School for high school seniors. Mr. Moran also noted that the students were respectful and responded to questions.

President Boran noted that the middle school was having a family reading night this evening; over 300 children and adults participated in this event.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the revenue report for the month of April 2015; 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 and/ or legal matters.

There being no further new business and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Executive Session commenced 8:24 p.m. and ended at 9:57 p.m.

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Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary