

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2015
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Ms. Christine Parry-Schwent, Pottsville, and Ms. Cathy Steever, Pottsville, spoke in support of the renewal of the Gillingham charter for another five years. They both have children who attend Gillingham Charter School.

President Boran thanked them for taking an active role in their children's education.

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

President Boran recognized two outgoing members of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Linda Grube and Mr. Scott Krater. Mr. Boran presented a plaque to each of these members. Mr. Boran noted that Mrs. Grube and Mr. Krater were very devoted to the education of the children of the Pottsville Area School District. The Board members also thanked them for their commitment and dedication.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special board meeting on October 7, 2015, work session held on October 21, 2015 as well as the regular board meeting held on October 21, 2015. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Cafeteria Financial Report for the month of October 2015 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello 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 the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, 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 Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Policy #203.2 – Universal Precautions. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Policy #204 – Pupil Attendance. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Susan Ruotola, as a long-term substitute, be accepted effective November 25, 2015 in accordance with her letter dated October 20, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Sarah Fridirici, School Psychologist, be accepted in accordance with her letter dated November 13, 2015. Her release date will be determined at a later date. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board preapproved credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

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| Kayla Fehr | - | 3 credits |
| Nathan Halenar | - | 3 credits |
| Katelynn Hranchock | - | 3 credits |
| Kelci Killian | - | 9 credits |
| Krystina Kubeika | - | 3 credits |
| Christopher Lombel | - | 3 credits |
| Shannon Magdeburg | - | 3 credits |
| Stacey McClusky | - | 3 credits |

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| Stephanie McDonald | - | 3 credits |
| Alyssa Palina | - | 6 credits |
| Kara Prock | - | 3 credits |
| Nicholas Sajone | - | 3 credits |
| Robert Sheaffer | - | 6 credits |
| Angela Snyder | - | 3 credits |
| Jenna Troutman | - | 3 credits |
| Cara Turolis | - | 3 credits |

Motion carried.

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

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| Kate Delenick | - | \$ 300.00 |
| Kayla Fehr | - | \$1,314.00 |
| Anthony Majorino | - | \$ 300.00 |
| Mary Matulevich | - | \$ 975.00 |
| Courtney Reichert | - | \$1,314.00 |
| Jennifer Stock | - | \$ 300.00 |
| Patricia Zimmerman | - | \$ 825.00 |

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, 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 Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board elected John Donton as a Professional Employee subject to the assignment of the Superintendent. His effective start date will be determined upon his previous employer's release date and the submission of all appropriate paperwork. Approval is also recommended to set his prorated salary of \$49,352.00 for Master's-Step 4 of the salary chart the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

Mr. Krater, Chairperson of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, noted that the "Y" Swim Program will use the pool Tuesday, November 24, 2015 instead of the holiday, Thursday, November 26, 2015.

Mr. Krater also noted that it has been a pleasure working with members of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee. Mr. Krater was chairperson for the last six years.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved a new contract with Honeywell to manage the district's energy efficiency. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner also noted that the executive summary from the Honeywell Project states "will upgrade aged equipment, reduce energy and operation cost, increase student and staff comfort and safety, and will improve operational excellence and efficiency."

Under Legislation, Chairperson Mr. Moran noted that the budget impasse is in day 140.

Under Negotiations, Chairperson Mr. Krater thanked the professional staff and the support personnel staff for their mutual respect during negotiations with the Pottsville Area School Board.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved William Robbins as a substitute paraprofessional, effective November 19, 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 Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the resignation of Matt Maccarone, Junior High Track Coach for the Pottsville Area School District, effective November 16, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Public Relations, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved membership with the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce at the executive level, at a cost of \$1,200.00, effective upon the approval of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 2015-2016 Budget. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Moran, Abstain.

Dr. Cortese congratulated Tide Lines for being named by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association as a Gold Medalist in a hybrid critique of our print issues and website. The staff earned All-Columbian honors in the verbal category of its critique. This is a high honor for our newspaper. Dr. Cortese also congratulated Laura Cholko, 12th grade PAHS student, for being chosen as Artist of the Month.

Mr. Wagner, CTC Representative noted that the next meeting will be on January 7, 2016.

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

Mr. Boran announced that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board should be held during the first week of December for the purpose of accepting the Certificated of Election for the School Directors who were elected in November 2015; and for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year; electing a Solicitor for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016; and for general purposes. The Reorganization Meeting and general purposes will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. DiCello the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities:

John S. Clarke Elementary

- PAHS Cheer Boosters, "Rock the Court Camp" on January 30, 2016

D.H.H. Lengel Middle School

- Greg Schuettler, PASD Swimming Registration on November 3, and 4, 2015
- PAHS Swim Team Booster, cafeteria and hallway, concession stand on various dates in December 2015, January and February, 2016
- Lady Tide Volleyball Boosters, Volleyball Tournament, Martz Hall on April 10, 2016
- PASD Boys' Basketball Boosters, Booster Meeting, in cafeteria, November 18, 2015, retroactive approval request
- DHHL PTO Fundraiser Pickup in cafeteria November 23, 2015
- DHHL Drama Club meeting on November 18, 2015, retroactive approval request, in auditorium
- Pottsville Midget Football League, Pizza Party in the cafeteria on November 24, 2015
- PAHS Swim Team Boosters, Parent's Meeting in the small classroom in pool hallway during various dates in December 2015, January and February 2016
- Pottsville Area Softball/Baseball Parents' boosters, Quartermania, in the cafeteria on April 2 and April 3, 2016
- Mike Ryan, on behalf of the Drum Corps International for Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps, rehearsal and use of Martz Hall, Locker Rooms, three classrooms, music room, football practice field on August 5 and 6, 2016
- LA Dance Theater, Dance Recital in the auditorium and use of four dressing rooms on June 14, 15, 16 and 18, 2016

Pottsville Area High School

- PAHS Diversity Club, Halloween Movie Night, Little Theater, October 28, 2015, retroactive approval request
- PAHS Swim Team Parents' Boosters, Annual Banquet in the cafeteria on March 13, 2016
- Great Pottsville Winter Carnival Pageant for use of auditorium, band room, art room, faculty on various dates in January and February 2016

- DHHL Middle School Music Department, Holiday Choir Concert, auditorium on December 13, 2015
- PAHS Drama club, Shakespeare Festival on November 21, 2015 in the auditorium
- PAHS Crimson Aides Band Parent Association, Parent Meeting for Florida Trip, in the auditorium on February 1, 2016 and Poinsettia/Wreath Pick Up on December 2, 2015 in the cafeteria
- PAHS Cheer Boosters, Rock the Court Camp sign ups in the little theater on January 6 and 7, 2016

16th Street Field

- Softball/Baseball Parents' Boosters, BBQ Chicken Fundraiser, 16th Street Field on April 9, 2016

Motion carried.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Krater thanked all Board Members, past and present, for their dedication and commitment in the education of the students at the Pottsville Area School District. Mr. Krater noted that it's been an honor and a privilege to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Moran, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Stephen C. Curran 1/20/16
Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary