

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Academic Center

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

Absent: Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis,
Atty. Thornburg

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President John Boran.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Boran asked if anyone had questions or comments.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on June 10, 2015 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 17, 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 report of the Treasurer for the month of June 2015 was accepted and ordered appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Operating and Financial Reports of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 2015 were 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. 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.

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

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 conferences, field trips, and staff development activities for the 2015-2016 school year, based on the recommendation of the building principals and the policies pertaining to conferences, field trips, and budget allocations. Each building principal will receive a budgeted allocation for these purposes. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, 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: Lindsay Boncore - 8 credits; Stephen Horvath – 3 credits; Paula Jones – 3 credits; Christopher Lombel – 3 credits and Gregory Schuettler – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the reimbursement for the following professional employees as indicated for their successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Tracey Fidler - \$300.00; Nathan Halenar - \$1,314.00; Cara Holman - \$300.00; Kimberly Jackson - \$1,632.00; Paula Jones - \$1,696; Jennifer Kepner - \$1,568; Nathan Kraft - \$300.00; Krystina Kubeika - \$300.00; Nicole Kutsmeda - \$2,628; Tyler Moyer - \$1,314.00; Gregory Schuettler - \$1,362.00; Angela Snyder - \$1,314.00 and Jennifer Stock - \$1,314.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved that the following Administrator be reimbursed for her successful completion of a preapproved credit course: Stephanie Ziegmont - \$1,695.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the medical and dental examiners whose names appear on the list as submitted for the 2015-2016 school year. (See Office File). Dr. Zwiebel noted the medical and dental examiners will not be limited to this list and additional applications for placement on this list will be welcomed. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board reappointed Dr. Matthew Sophy as Physician in charge of certifying students' Individualized Educational Programs at a rate of \$3.00 per evaluation.

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

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the English as Second Language Education Service Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for the 2015-2016 school year at the following scheduled payments: October 1, 2015 - \$5,867.50 and February 3, 2016 - \$5,867.50. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Jacqueline DiCello, effective August 11, 2015, in accordance with her letter submitted July 15, 2015. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following salary adjustments and become effective for the 2015-2016 school year: Tracey Fidler – Master’s+15; Elizabeth Grow – Master’s and Nicole Kutsmeda – Bachelor’s+15. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Kate Zimmerman as PAHS Assistant Band Director. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board appointed Katelyn Dunn as PAHS Assistant Band Director and set her stipend at \$2,200.00 for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation Lindsey Boncore as PAHS Assistant Drama Director. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board appointed Edward Leibel, Jr. as a PASD Assistant Drama Director (Set Designer/Technical Director) for the 2015-2016 school year and set his stipend at \$700.00. 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 the following coaches for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Gregory Schuettler – Aquatics Director - \$4,200.00
- Tom McGeoy – Head Football Coach - \$6,000.00
- John Toomey – First Assistant Football Coach - \$6,103.00

- Jake Wartella – Assistant Football Coach - \$3,800.00
- Jamie O'Brien – Assistant Football Coach - \$3,200.00
- Peter McDonald – Assistant Football Coach - \$3,400.00
- Rob Shaffer – Assistant Football Coach - \$3,600.00
- Raymond Yost – Assistant Football Coach - \$2,800.00
- Robert Shott – Assistant Football Coach - \$3,800.00
- Charles Schuster – Head Freshmen Football Coach - \$6,513.00
- Pete Kalinich – Assistant Freshmen Football Coach - \$4,000.00
- Kurt Eroh – Assistant Freshmen Football Coach - \$3,400.00
- Bill Messaros – Assistant Freshmen Football Coach - \$2,600.00
- William Rhoads – Head Jr High – 8th Grade Football Coach - \$3,600.00
- Matt Maccarone – Assistant Jr High Football Coach - \$3,200.00
- Nick Sajone – Head 7th Grade Football Coach - \$3,000.00
- Scott Grochowski – Assistant 7th Grade Football Coach - \$2,600.00
- Charles Rinaldo – Football Equipment Manager - \$4,274.00
- Barbara McGinley – Head Cross Country Coach - \$4,954.00
- Cara Holman – Jr High Cross Country Coach – Volunteer
- Howard Merrick – Head Golf Coach - \$7,221.00
- Marie Sherakas – Head Girls' Volleyball Coach - \$4,111.00
- Sami Davidavage – Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach - \$2,600.00
- David Newton – Head Boys' Soccer Coach - \$5,050.00
- Matthew Newton – Jr Varsity Head Boys' Soccer Coach - \$3,200.00
- Robert Stock – Head Girls' Soccer Coach - \$5,050.00
- John Dalton – Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach - \$3,200.00
- Andrew Smink – Head Girls' Tennis Coach - \$3,350.00
- Gregory Schuettler – Head Water Polo Coach - \$2,850.00
- Neil Johnson – Assistant Water Polo Coach - \$1,800.00
- Curt Ziegmont – Head 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach - \$2,600.00
- Jennifer Stock – Head 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach - \$2,400.00
- Melissa Recla – Head Varsity Cheerleader Advisor - \$2,600.00
- Jody Rutherford – Assistant Varsity Cheerleader Advisor – \$1,800.00
- Samantha Lecher – Jr. High Cheerleader Advisor - \$1,600.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, 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 weight room supervisors for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual salary of \$5,000.00:

- James Lord - \$1,666.66
- Peter McDonald - \$1,666.66
- Dan Slotterback - \$1,666.66

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, 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 Fall Sports Budgets for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Football - \$56,265.00
- Boys' Soccer - \$7,310.00
- Girls' Soccer - \$11,256.00
- Girls' Volleyball - \$7,441.00
- Water Polo - \$8,068.00
- Cross Country - \$3,109.00
- Golf - \$5,695.00
- Girls' Tennis - \$2,252.00
- Medical Budget - \$3,037.00

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the 1st reading of Policy 915 – Booster Clubs (revised). Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that the Budget in Harrisburg continues to be at an impasse.

Atty. Rismiller, Personnel Chairperson, reported that the next personnel meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

As IU 29 Representative, Mr. Wagner noted that a meeting was held this past Monday. Mr. Wagner also noted that there are new programs for the 2015-2016 school year.

Under Curriculum and Grading, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that the next meeting will be held on July 22, 2015.

Under New Business, there were no requests for the use of facilities.


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.

Mr. Moran noted that "Rent", a musical, will be showing at the Majestic Theatre on July 24, 25, and 26, 2015.

Mr. Wagner requested a motion to revise the meeting dates for the Board of Directors beginning with the September 16, 2015 meeting. There would be one meeting a month, on the third Wednesday, with the work session at 5:30 p.m. and the board meeting at 7:00 p.m. This request would be with consultation of the solicitor, Mr. Thornburg. The meeting changes would be advertised with new meeting dates. On recommendation and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the change of meetings from two meetings a month to one meeting. This request would be with consultation of the solicitor. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

There being no further new business and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 8:04 p.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary