

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2015
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Boran welcomed former Superintendent, Dr. William R. Davidson. Dr. Davidson will replace Mrs. Cindy Petchulis as a Pottsville Area School District Board of Director. Judge James P. Goodman administered the oath of office.

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.

Under Public Comment, members of the Schuylkill YMCA swim program, David Plachko, Shelby Hostetter and Lindsay Ryan asked the Board to consider granting the Schuylkill YMCA access to the pool for two days per week. Mr. Plachko noted that a new coach was in place. The Board agreed to allow the meets and would like to see the other districts commit to practice time. The Board will continue to discuss the swim program.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on August 12, 2015 as well as the regular board meeting held on August 19, 2015. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of August 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. 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.

On the recommendation of the Solicitor, Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved an FMLA for a school district employee. Motion carried

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, 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 Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved 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:

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| Heather Berger | 3 credits |
| Kate Delenick | 6 credits |
| Brianne Drexel | 6 credits |
| Elizabeth Grow | 3 credits |
| Nathan Halenar | 3 credits |
| Tara Hess | 3 credits |
| Paula Jones | 3 credits |
| Nicole Kutsmeda | 3 credits |
| Jennifer Lipton | 6 credits |
| Anthony Majorino | 3 credits |
| Tyler Moyer | 6 credits |
| Christina Seiger | 3 credits |
| Patricia Zimmerman | 6 credits |

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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:

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| Heather Berger | \$4,704.00 |
| Lindsay Boncore | \$4,800.00 |

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| Suzanne Delaney | \$ 300.00 |
| Tara Hess | \$1,632.00 |
| Nathan Halenar | \$1,314.00 |
| Katelynn Hranchock | \$1,314.00 |
| Kimberly Jackson | \$ 1,632.00 |
| Paula Jones | \$1,632.00 |
| Nathan Kraft | \$ 300.00 |
| Matthew Maccarone | \$ 300.00 |
| Anthony Majorino | \$ 300.00 |
| Patricia Zimmerman | \$ 750.00 |

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the resignation of Matthew Saporito, PAHS Science Teacher. His resignation will become effective as soon as a release date is determined, in accordance with his letter dated August 28, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the resignation of John Carr, D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Health & Physical Education teacher, effective September 1, 2015, in accordance with his letter received August 25, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board awarded PAHS diplomas to two additional members of the class of 2015 based upon the successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following professional employee be excused 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:

Tara Hess - effective October 16, 2015

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following salary adjustments and become effective for the 2015-2016 school term:

Katelynn Hranchock – Bachelor’s +15

Kelly Lombel - Master’s +15

Zane Simpson – Master’s

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following be elected as Temporary/Professional Employees subject to assignment of the Superintendent, with an effective date to be determined, and set their salaries pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork:

Scott Delenick – PAHS – Biology/Space – Bachelor's+15 Step 2 \$46,370.00

David Jake Wartella – Health & Phys. Education – Master's Step 6 \$50,352.00

Motion carried

Dr. Zwiebel noted that the Academic Center will display art work of a high school student every month. The first artist of the month is Carly Hoak, a sophomore at the high school.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted a donation from Linda Shoener Dunham of a Musser 4.3 octave Canterbury model #500 Marimba valued at \$7,500.00 as per Board Policy 702. Motion carried.

Mr. Krater thanked Ms. Dunham for this generous donation. Mr. Boran will send a thank you note on behalf of the school district.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate & Transportation, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the proposal from National HVAC Services to replace the heating unit in the PAHS publication room at a cost of \$9,752.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

Mr. Wagner also noted that numerous upgrades were completed during the summer at the district. Mr. Wagner thanked Mr. Ansbach for some of these upgrades such as the natatorium upgrade on the LED lighting which will result in a 70% reduction in electrical usage.

Under Finance, Mr. Boran noted that the Schuylkill County Historical Society donation will need further discussion.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran noted that the budget impasse was in its 77th day. Mr. Moran also explained that some school districts are struggling to cover their expenses.

Mr. Moran also noted that a pilot program in a Pennsylvania School District is using exercise equipment in the classroom along with educational material.

Under Legislation, Mr. Krater noted that no date was set for further negotiations between the school district and the support staff.

Atty. Rismiller, Chairperson of the Personnel Meeting, announced that meetings were held on August 31, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. and on September 14, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:41 a.m.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Gianna Agnello and Ralph Saunders, part-time paraprofessionals for the Pottsville Area School District, effective September 17, 2015. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Patricia Goodman as part-time library aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective September 21, 2015, at an hourly rate of \$11.25. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the letter of retirement of Edward Montag, custodian at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective October 9, 2015. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Bradley Petchulis, custodian at the John S. Clarke Elementary, effective September 22, 2015. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the letter of retirement from Mary Ann Craig, bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District, effective August 25, 2015. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following bus/van drivers for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$10.45, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Angela Detweiler – effective September 17, 2015
- Glenn Konsavage – effective September 17, 2015
- Tara Ellex – effective September 17, 2015
- Catherine DeSantis – retroactive to September 9, 2015
- William McElvaney – retroactive to August 28, 2015

Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Holly Gotshall as a substitute van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, effective September 17, 2015, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board appointed the following part-time transportation aides, effective September 17, 2015, at an hourly rate of \$10.00, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Erin Geisweit
- Karen Heckman
- Kimberly Huffman
- Cynthia Thomas

- Dorothy Eiler –Vaughan
- Jackie Murton

Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Mark Marks as a part-time mechanic as needed, for the Pottsville Area School District, effective September 17, 2015, at an hourly rate of \$14.32, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Kelly Messina as a part-time lunch aide at the Pottsville Area High School, effective September 17, 2015, at an hourly rate of \$9.70. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Cayla Becker, Pamela Schnitzler and Sherry Simons as substitute lunch/cafeteria aides, effective September 17, 2015. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following concession stand workers for the 2015-2016 school year, at an hourly rate of \$10.00:

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| Serenity Allen | Brittany Ortiz |
| Michelle Boran | Bernadette Ott |
| Meredith Coleman | Kelly Painter |
| Colleen Coulson | Jessica Robbins |
| Nancy Jones | Michelle Robbins |
| Paula Jones | Diane Schwiekert |
| Renee Kalinich | Ashley Shappell |
| Jodie Kline | Vaughn Shuman |
| Christine Kondrack | Missy Whitaker |
| Maria Larish | Joanie Williams |
| Colleen Miller | |

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

On recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted with regret the letter of retirement of Michelle Tranquillo, Accounts Receivable Manager for the Pottsville Area School District, effective October 16, 2015. Motion carried.

Mrs. Tranquillo has served the district for over twenty five years.

The next personnel meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

Dr. Cortese, Public Relations Chairperson, congratulated Jerome Setlock, a 2015 graduate of Pottsville Area High School. Mr. Setlock was awarded the Presidential Scholarship

which is a 25% tuition scholarship from McCann School of Business and Technology. Mr. Setlock plans to pursue an Associate Degree in HVAC-R.

Dr. Cortese also noted that all three of our school buildings will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 26th – October 30th. This year's theme is "Respect yourself: Be Drug Free."

Under IU 29/PSBA Representative, Mr. Wagner noted that a meeting was held Monday, September 14, 2015 at the IU 29. The meeting discussed the achieve program, funding for STC buildings and a PowerPoint was presented.

Mr. Moran, Pottsville Recreation Chairperson, noted that free movies will be starting this Saturday at the Majestic Theatre.

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


On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: Steidle Field for Penn State Schuylkill Baseball games on Sundays from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.; D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Canopy Area and Martz Hall Track Area for Schuylkill Achieve After School Program on Mondays through Thursday during the months of September, October, November and December 2015; Natatorium for PASD Open Swim Program weekly throughout the school year; PAHS Auditorium, two classrooms, band room and teachers lounge for the annual rehearsal and recital for Dalinda Dance Studio on June 16 and June 18, 2016; JSC Elementary Center Cafeteria for JSC PTO Family Bingo Night on April 19, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; PAHS Cafeteria for the Alumni Band Dinner on Friday October 2, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; PAHS Cafeteria and Little Theatre for Wrestling Registration (September 16 and September 23, 2015) and Meet the Parent Night for Wrestling on October 15, 2015; Martz Hall for Varsity Charity Wrestling Match on November 20, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Martz Hall for a Wrestling Tournament on December 12, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Cafeteria for the Senior Night High School Dance sponsored by the PAHS Student Council on November 6, 2015; PAHS Boys' and Girls' Gym and various classrooms at PAHS for the 2nd Annual Mini Thon on Saturday February 27, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; JSC Elementary Center Gym for Girls' Instructional Basketball sponsored by the Pottsville Recreation on Saturdays during various dates in September and October 2015; Wachter Auditorium for Meeting and Rehearsals for the PAHS Drama club on various dates in September 2015, October 2015, January, February and March 2016; Wachter Auditorium for Pep Rally Practice for the PAHS Cheerleaders during various dates in September and October 2015; Martz Hall Track for Walking/Jogging sponsored by the Pottsville Recreation Commission during various dates from September 2015 through May 2016; JSC Elementary Center gym for practice and games for the Pottsville Girls' Basketball League during various dates in September

through November 2015; Wachter Auditorium for the Crystals School of Dance Annual Recital on June 6 and June 7, 2016; D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Cafeteria Water Polo Boosters parent meetings on September 22, 2015 and October 13, 2015 and Ned Hampford Natatorium for Schuylkill YMCA swim team meets and championship meet during various dates in December 2015 and February 2016. 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 matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 7:51 p.m. and adjourned at 8:52 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary