

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2017  
Academic Center  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone,  
Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran,  
Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner,  
Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent; Mrs. Lombel,  
Assistant Business Manager/Board Secretary,  
Mr. Manning, Atty. Tucker, Solicitor; Mrs. Kalovcak,  
Amy Marchiano, Republican Herald

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Boran welcomed everyone in attendance.

Under Public Comment, Tyshawn Curry addressed the Board explaining he did some things he regretted earlier in his life, came from a broken home and served time eleven years ago for his mistakes. He said for the past four years he was a coach for the Pottsville Bulldogs football team for students of our District. He said because he learned from his mistakes and is an excellent role model he asked the Board to reconsider their decision for him to continue coaching.

Joel Budwash also addressed the Board remarking that Tyshawn Curry is good with the players and thanked the Board for their help over the years in the Pottsville Midget Football League. He said Mr. Curry is a good role model because he can steer a child in the right path by recognizing when they are headed in the wrong direction because he made some of those same wrong choices as a child.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on August 2, 2017 as well as the regular board meeting held on August 16, 2017. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran, President, noted that there was an executive session held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel purposes.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of August 2017 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeteria for the month of August 2017 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 Mrs. Blankenhorn, 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 Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, 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: Beth Bauers – 3 credits; Leigh Ann Bosak – 3 credits; Meredith Coleman – 3 credits; Derek DiRenzo – 3 credits; Paula Jones – 3 credits; Erin Tranquillo – 3 credits; Jenna Troutman – 3 credits; and Nicholas Sajone – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the board approved the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following administrative employee: Caitlin Mohl – 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 Fredericks - \$2,832.00; Katrina Greenawalt - \$2,700.00; Nathan Halenar - \$1,416.00; Kimberly Jackson - \$300.00; Peter McDonald - \$2,832.00; Katelynn Miller - \$1,416.00; Lloren Reichert - \$2,167.00 and Andrew Smink - \$2,526.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following administrative employees be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of a preapproved credit course: Michael Maley - \$1,944.00 and Caitlin Mohl - \$1,944.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board awarded PAHS diplomas to three additional members of the class of 2017 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. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following salary adjustments effective for the 2017-2018 school term: Katrina Greenawalt – Bachelor's+15 and Katelynn Miller – Masters. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the resignation of Jacqueline Morgan, Middle School Special Education Teacher, at an effective date to be determined, be accepted in accordance with her letter dated September 7, 2017. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board excused the following professional employees from their teaching duties to serve as jurors in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Leigh Ann Bosak	-	Beginning, Friday, October 20, 2017
Emily Kleeman	-	Beginning, Friday, October 20, 2017

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the revisions to the 2017-2018 School Calendar as follows:

- Holiday and last day of school early dismissal times were adjusted as follows:  
PAHS – 11:00 a.m.; DHHL – 11:30 a.m.; JSC – 12:00 noon.
- Additional days school will be closed:  
Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Thursday, March, 29, 2018; Friday, March 30, 2018 and Monday, April 2, 2018 for Easter recess.
- April 3, 2018 is the only scheduled weather emergency make-up day, additional days as needed will be added to the end of the school year.

Under Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, Mr. Wagner noted that he met with the head custodians of each building who are only dealing with minor problems and things are going along relatively smoothly at this time.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board designated Mid Penn Bank, Pottsville, PA as depository for the Pottsville Area School District for General Funds and Federal Funds. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that there is a lot of talk going on in Harrisburg. He said the House plan that creatively did financing by taking money from the fiscally responsible departments and directed it to the general fund without any tax hiking or taxing the gas industry or anyone else has been rejected. The Senate is not even considering the existing Bill. It currently looks like the Governor will hold the line for financing to October 7<sup>th</sup> as far as covering any funding to the Districts and non-profit organizations that are affected by the State budget.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Chairperson, said there will be a meeting held on September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium and a Drug Task Recovery Event held on September 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Martz Hall.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Irene Miller as a transportation aide for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$10.00 retroactive to September 19, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board authorized Solicitor Atty. Jeffrey Tucker to negotiate the shared Business Manager Service Agreement with the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29, retroactive to September 13, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Davidson, Chairperson noted that Upward Bound is a federally-funded TRIO (educational opportunity) program that works with eligible college-bound high school students in grades 9-12 to prepare them for enrollment and success in higher education.

He noted the Upward Bound Program, that began when he was Superintendent, had a very successful Summer Academy at Bloomsburg University this year (from June 24 to August 3). Maksim Bolton, Makala Minnich and Annika Staller from Pottsville Area High School were among the group of "Bounders" on campus for the six week residential experience. He also noted Jessica Wensus, one of our recent graduates, was one of three "bridge students" and successfully completed two college courses, Public Speaking and General Psychology, at no expense.

Dr. Davidson congratulated Sadie Bowman, PAHS Senior, for being selected as Artist of the Month of September. He noted her drawing was on display in the Academic Center.

Under Technology, Dr. DiCello, Chairperson reported that a print study of our copiers is currently being conducted. She said she will provide information to the Board prior to updating our copier leases.

Under Special Education/Alternative Education/Charter School, Mr. Thomas, Chairperson, said the District received the decision from the Charter Review Board on September 19, 2017 but is waiting for the formal decision to be handed down.

Dr. Davidson asked if it was possible there were other stipulations used to determine the outcome because he felt the District presented a great case.

Under Policy, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that there will be some policies ready to be updated at the next meeting.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the Revenue Report for August 2017, which included local, state and federal sources. (See office files) Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

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

#### **D.H.H.L. Middle School**

1. DHHL PTO, Eighth Grade Farewell Event, May 5, 2018, 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm, MS Cafeteria. ( Set up May 4, 2018/ 5:00 pm)
2. PASD Music Dept., Beginner Band Parent Meeting, September 20, 2017, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Auditorium.
3. DHHL Music Dept., Junior Schuylkill County Band Director's Meeting, January 8, 2018, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, MS Music Room.
4. DHHL PTO, Halloween Dance, October 28, 2017, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
5. PGTC, Musical Performance, July 13, 14, 15, 2018, 2:00 – 11:00 pm, 10:00 am – 11:00 pm, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, MS Auditorium. (July 8<sup>th</sup> 10-6 Set Up/ July 9-12<sup>th</sup>, 4-9 Rehearsals)
6. PAHS Guidance, Eighth Grade Presentation, December 19, 2017, 8:00 – 9:00 am MS Auditorium.
7. Pottsville Boys Basketball League, Bidy Boys BB Sign Up, October 18, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.

#### **P.A.H.S.**

8. Dalinda Dance Studio, Annual Recital, June 23, 2018, 10:30 am – 6:30 pm, HS Auditorium, Two Classrooms, Teachers' Lounge, Band Room. (June 21, 2018 3:30 – 9:30 pm/Rehearsal)
9. Pottsville Wrestling, Meet the Coaches, November 2, 2017, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Little Theatre.
10. Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival, Snowdrop and Snowflake Pageant, January 27, 2018, 7:00 am – 10:00 pm, HS Auditorium. (Jan. 15, 16, 23, 26, 2018/Rehearsals 6-9 pm & Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 12-3pm)
11. Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival, Queen Pageant, February 3, 2018, 7:00 am – 11:00 pm, HS Auditorium. (Jan. 22, 24, 25, 30, Feb. 1, 2, 2018/Rehearsals 7-9pm/Feb. 4 Clean Up 9 am)
12. Pottsville Boys Basketball League, Bidy Boys BB, October 30, 2017 – March 10, 2018, (Mon – Sat) 6-9 pm & 9-5, Dec. 9, 2017 – March 10, 2018, (Wed & Sat), 6-8 & 9-12, Hs Gyms and JSC Gym.
13. Pottsville Boys Basketball League, Bidy Boys BB Try Outs, October 26, 2017, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, HS Boys Gym.
14. PAHS Science Dept., Planetarium Public Open House, Sept. 28, Oct. 13, Nov. 13, Dec. 13, 2017, Jan. 31, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 16, May 9, 2018, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, HS Planetarium/Observatory.

15. PAHS Drama Club, Drama Club Rehearsals, Oct. 2, 4, 10, 11, 16, 18, 23, 24, 30, Nov. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 28, 29, Dec. 3, 2017, 2:30 – 5:30 pm, HS Auditorium.

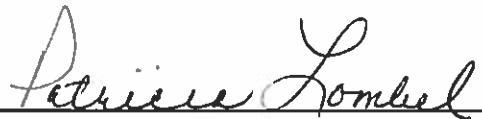
**J.S.C.**

16. Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Sign Up, October 4, 2017, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, JSC Library.

Motion carried.

Under New Business, Desiree Ulicki addressed the Board and asked them to please reconsider the dress code policy. She brought in pieces of clothing that her children wear and asked what was wrong with their selections. She said they are constantly being reprimanded and she is constantly called. She asked the Board to reconsider and revise the current policy. She said the children should be clean, neat and comfortable.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



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Patricia Lombel      10/18/2017  
Board Secretary