

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2018
Academic Center
7:40 p.m.

Present: Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Blankenhorn,
Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello,
Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank,
Mr. Urban, Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent;
Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager/
Board Secretary; Atty. Reid, Solicitor;
Amy Marchiano, Republican Herald
Absent: Mr. Manning, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Atty. Rismiller.

Atty. Rismiller welcomed everyone in attendance and announced an executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

Atty. Rismiller asked if anyone would like to address the Board. There were no public comments this evening.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the July 18, 2018 regular Board meeting. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of July 2018: Mid Penn Bank - \$1,473,384.83, BB & T Bank - \$163,905.10. Total -\$1,637,289.93. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lombel, in absence of Mr. Manning, said that the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of July 2018 will be presented next month.

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

On motion of Mr. Quandel, 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. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board preapproved credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Meredith Coleman	-	3 credits
Jennifer Lipton	-	6 credits
Peter McDonald	-	3 credits
Kimberly O'Brien	-	3 credits
Julie Saunders	-	6 credits
David Sterner	-	3 credits
Krista Torpey	-	6 credits
Cara Turolis	-	6 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board recommended that 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:

Kimberly O'Brien	\$ 870.00
Julie Saunders	\$5,118.00 (6 credits)
David Sterner	\$1,416.00
Kate Zimmerman	\$2,622.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following salary adjustments be made effective in the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year:

Suzanne Fredericks	-	Master's
Kayla Kurtz	-	Bachelor's +15
Jillian Strohecker	-	Master's + 15

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board awarded a PAHS diploma to one additional member of the class of 2018 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. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the updated list of personnel be elected as advisors at the stipend indicated for the 2018-2019 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following be elected as a Temporary/ Professional Employee subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set her salary effective August 22, 2018 pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork: Alison Cantwell – JSC Elementary 2nd grade – Bachelor’ Step 1 - \$40,500.00. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that during the summer, the administrative staff has prepared for the opening of the 2018-2019 school year. A district in-service program will be held for teachers on Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 23, 2018. The practice bus run and orientation for kindergarten children will also be held on Thursday, August 23rd. The opening of school for all students is Monday, August 27, 2018.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the 2018-2019 Title I agreement between Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. The Term of Agreement – August 27, 2018 to June 10, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved the 2018-2019 Title II Nonpublic Program and Services agreement between Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. The Term of Agreement – September 1, 2018 until the 2018-2019 funds are expended. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the June 30, 2017 Single Audit Report from Jones & Co. P.C. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board accepted the tax collector audit reports for the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for the City of Pottsville, Norwegian Township, Port Carbon Borough, Mechanicsville Borough, Mount Carbon Borough and Palo Alto Borough. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation of Leo Tobin, 2nd shift custodian at the John S. Clarke Elementary, effective August 8, 2018 (1/2 day). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Heather Heck as a Substitute Lunch Aide, effective August 27, 2018 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following part-time Title I Aides: Michelle Corby, Middle School and Amanda Wright, John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$13.60, effective August 27, 2018. The new positions are funded by Title I Grant money. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation of Rosie Hostetter, a part-time paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective August 15, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following part-time paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$13.60, effective August 27, 2018 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Crystal Reedy
- Tessa Remaley
- Tonya Shappell

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following substitute paraprofessionals contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Rosie Hostetter
- Lilly Seiders
- Jennifer Sterner

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the following transportation aides for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective August 21, 2018 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Brandin Andrews

- Tressa Beury
- Patricia Bracey
- Paula Emery
- Walter Lash

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Karen Zombro as a bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$15.45, effective August 21, 2018 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved two (2) personal days for each PT bus/van driver annually (this is for bus and van drivers only) effective with the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Jacqueline Szeliga as a full-time clerical employee at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an annual salary of \$20,000.00, effective August 20, 2018 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Davidson read the following items:
Molly Lubinsky and Abbey Wapinsky attended the Jostens Summer Yearbook Camp at Gettysburg College on July 29-31, 2018. Congratulations to both Molly and Abbey for earning the following three awards.

1st place for a writing package
3rd place for a design package
Camp Excellence Award

Under PSBA Representative, Atty. Rismiller will attend the PSBA conference in October at Hershey, PA. Atty. Rismiller also commented that the PSBA Board training, that was held this evening, was very informative.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education/Alternative Ed/Charter, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the agreement between Schuylkill Pediatric Physical Therapy LLC by Lynn M. Babbitt, MSPT and the Pottsville Area School District for Physical Therapy Services at an hourly rate of \$62.00. Term of Agreement – July 1, 2018 to June 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Policy and Procedure Review, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Policy 227. 1 - Drug Testing. First reading of Policy 227.1 was July 18, 2018 and Second reading of Policy 227.1 was on August 1, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Policy and Procedure Review, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Policy 204 - Attendance. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Policy and Procedure Review, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved revised Policy 222 - Tobacco Use. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the Revenue Report for July 2018, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$1,089,299.86; State Sources - \$00; Federal/Other Sources - \$00. Total - \$1,089,299.86. Mrs. Lombel also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye.

Under New Business:

On recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

DHHL Middle School

1. PAHS Aquatics Parent Boosters, Concessions for Swim Meets, Dec. 20, 22, 29, 2018, Jan. 5, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019, Various times, MS Hallway adjacent to the Pool.
2. PAHS Aquatics Parent Boosters, Team Pasta Dinner, Feb. 7, 2019, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
3. PAHS Aquatics Parent Boosters, Sch. Co. Leagues/Set Up, Feb. 8 & 9, 2019, 4:00 – 7:00 pm/7:30 am – 4:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
4. PAHS Aquatics Parent Boosters, Sprint Meet, Jan. 5, 2019, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
5. PAHS Aquatics Parent Boosters, Booster Meetings, Sep 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, 2018, Jan. 3, 2019, 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm, MS Cafeteria.
6. Girls Volleyball, JV/Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament, Sep. 8, Oct. 13, 2018, 7:30 am – 7:00 pm, Martz Hall/HS Gyms.

CACL Complex

7. Penn State University Baseball, Practice/Games, Sept. 4 – Oct. 7, 2018,
(Various days depending on weather) 5:00 pm, CACL Baseball Field.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. Cardamone, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary