

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2018
Academic Center
7:36 p.m.

Present: Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Blankenhorn,
Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran,
Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Thomas (via
phone), Mr. Urban, Dr. Zwiebel,
Superintendent; Mr. Manning, Business Manager;
Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager /
Board Secretary; Atty. Tucker, Solicitor;
Amy Marchiano, Republican Herald

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Karen Rismiller.

President Rismiller welcomed everyone in attendance.

President Rismiller announced an executive session was held from 6:50 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.

Under Public Comment, Mr. Adrian Portland thanked Mr. Roger Wehbe of Martian Materials Meteorite Store for his donation of a piece of 4-Vest encased in safety glass so that people are able to stand on it. 4-Vesta is the 4th largest and the brightest asteroid we have discovered. A thank you note from the district will be sent to Mr. Wehbe.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 21, 2018. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2018: Mid Penn Bank - \$1,660,533.09 and BB & T Bank - \$217,940-.83. Total for month of March 2018 - \$1,878,473.92. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of March 2018 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 Mr. Urban, 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.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Davidson, 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: Leigh Ann Bosak – 6 credits; Corrine Houtz – 3 credits; Benjamin O'Brien – 3 credits; Jillian Strohecker – 9 credits and Kate Zimmerman – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Kaylan Watt to attend LaSalle University for an AP Summer Institute course. This course is required for Kayla to continue teaching AP Government. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation for retirement purposes from the following professional employees in accordance with their submitted letters:

- Pamela Delenick – effective conclusion of the last day of school 2017-2018
- Susan Ventura – effective conclusion of the last day of school 2017-2018

Dr. Zwiebel thanked both Mrs. Delenick, social studies teacher at the high school and Mrs. Ventura, speech and language therapist, for their dedication to the students of the Pottsville Area School District. Dr. Zwiebel said he wishes them well. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board appointed Dara Deibert to serve as an intern School Psychologist for the 2018-2019 school year and set a stipend of \$10,000.00 contingent upon proper submission of all paperwork. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved that the students of PAHS Marching Band perform at Disney World, Florida from February 25 through 29, 2020. It should be noted that the band has traditionally traveled to Florida every four years for the past forty years and will not cost the school district any money. With this approval, advanced fundraising can begin. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved an agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 and the Pottsville Area School District. This agreement will grant permission to the Schuylkill IU #29 to establish shelter site locations and terms of use in the event of an emergency evacuation of their students and staff. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved Monique Brennan, flag instructor/assistant for the 2018-2019 school year, at a stipend of \$1,300.00. Motion carried.

Dr. DiCello, Committee on Finance Chairperson, reported that each Director had received a copy of the Proposed Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Administrative and Program Budget and the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. These budgets are being presented tonight for adoption.

The Intermediate Unit 29 Budget for 2018-2019 totals \$2,435,548.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$ 0.00, same as year 2017-2018.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Administrative & Program Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,435,548.00. Motion carried.

The Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2018-2019 totals \$6,014,199.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$801,331.00.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$6,014,199.00. Motion carried.

Each Director signed the ballots indicating their vote on the above motions.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that the Pottsville Area School District is hosting the 9th Congressional District Candidates Forum in the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Seating is limited and reservations are requested by calling Mr. Bob Carl at the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Moran urged the public to attend.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Chairperson, said the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved unpaid days for a part-time paraprofessional – employee #1337. Days requested – April 12, 2018 (half-day) and April 6, 20 & May 11, 17, 18, 2018 (full-days). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved an unpaid day for a teacher at the Pottsville Area School District – employee #592. Date requested – June 11, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Angela Mason, paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective May 4, 2018. Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Davidson read the following items:

- Congratulations to Victoria Oswald (11th grade student) for being selected to attend the PA Governor's School of Sciences.
- Congratulations to the cast and crew of the PAHS Drama Club for their outstanding production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying".
- Congratulations to Michael Botto, Senior, for being selected as the 2018 PAHS Football Scholar Athlete.
- The following Youth Summit Members (Angela Eckert, Aaron DeLeon, Grace Muench, Sophie Murray, Caleb Reedy and Noah Robertson) attended the Annual Schuylkill Youth Summit at Penn State Schuylkill on March 23rd.
- Thomas Honicker (12th grade student) will represent PAHS in the All-State Concert Band at the PMEA Convention in Lancaster on April 18-21, 2018.
- Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Pottsville Area School District in this year's Schuylkill County Council of the Arts Annual High School Art Show: Max Babcock, Reilly Babcock; Alyssa Cicero, Tahlea Estep, Hannah Evans, Morgan Guers, Michael Holobetz, Egan Kauffman, Leigha Keitsock, Caitlyn Kline, Taylor Koch, McKaylah Reidler, Megan Skosnick, Autumn Tarconish, and Tiffany Wychunas

Under Textbooks and Supplies, Dr. Davidson said the committee was very satisfied with the budget reviews and with the extensive student use of the iPads.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board appointed Mr. Michael Stank as the Schuylkill IU #29 Representative, effective May 1, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board appointed Atty. Karen Rismiller as the PSBA Representative, effective May 1, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved the Revenue Report for March 2018: Local Sources -

\$168,541.36; State Sources - \$1,408,885.89; Federal/Other Sources - \$64,949.93. Total Revenue for month of March 2018 - \$1,642,377.18. Mr. Manning also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See Office Files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye.

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

D.H.H.L. Middle School

1. GHSPA (Girl Scouts), Parking/Bus Pick Up (8 cars), April 15, 2018, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, MS Parking Lot. (Retro)
2. Walk In Art Center, Art Demonstration, March 7, 2019, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Martz Hall.
3. Pottsville Youth Soccer Assoc., Soccer Pictures, August 25 & 26, 2018, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
4. Pottsville Boys Basketball, Barefield Blast Varsity Basketball Tournament, June 14 – June 16, 2018, 4:30 – 10:30 pm/8:00 – 7:00 pm, Martz Hall/Boys Gym. (Only needed if rain)
5. Pottsville Boys Basketball, Give and Go Basketball Camp, June 12 – June 15, 2018, 8:00 – 3:30 pm, Martz Hall & HS Gyms.

P.A.H.S.

6. PAHS, SAT's, August 25, October 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, 2018, March 9, May 4, June 1, 2019, 6:30 am – 12:00 pm, PAHS.
7. Pottsville Wrestling, Wrestling Camp, June 19 - 21, 2018, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, HS Boys Gym.

Alumni Field

8. Pottsville Boys Soccer Association, Boys Soccer Alumni Game, September 1, 2018, 6:00 – 9:30 pm, Alumni Field.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Lombel 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 is hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Under Public Comment, Mr. Dave Swirsky asked about the Budget for the 2018-2019. Mr. Manning said if he had any questions that he would be available to review the 2018-2019 Budget with him.

An executive session was held from 8:01p.m. to 8:48 p.m.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Patricia A. Lombel 5/16/18

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary