

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2018
Academic Center
7:44 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Vice President Mrs. Blankenhorn, in the absence of Atty. Rismiller.

Mrs. Blankenhorn welcomed everyone in attendance and announced an executive session was held from 6:50 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

Mrs. Blankenhorn asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

Mr. Adrian Portland, a lead science teacher at Pottsville Area School District, informed the Board of Directors that donations of meteor fragments have been imbedded at different locations in the city. Some of the fragments are in front of Sovereign Majestic Theater, at the JFK Bike Path and on North Second Street in front of the Martian Materials store owned by Roger Wehbe. There was a recent moon rock dedication in front of the Garfield Diner. Mr. Wehbe has had discussions about a 5K race. Any profits from the race would benefit the PAHS science department.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the June 20, 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. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of June 2018: Mid Penn Bank - \$1,589,541.85, BB & T Bank - \$163,905.10. Total -\$1,753,446.95. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Mr. Moran, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 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 Mr. Stank, 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 authorized the Superintendent to approve conferences, field trips, and staff development activities for the 2018-2019 school year, based on the recommendation of the building principals and the policies pertaining to conferences, field trips, and budget allocations. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board preapproved credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA: Katrina Greenawalt – 6 credits; Nicholas Sajone – 3 credits; Cara Turolis – 6 credits; Kate Zimmerman – 6 credits and Patricia Zimmerman – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board recommended that the following professional employee be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA: Crystal Pugh - \$300.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the 2018-2019 school year list of medical and dental examiners. It should be noted that the medical and dental examiners are not limited to this list and additional applications for placement on this list are welcome. (See office files). 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 student's Individualized Educational Programs at a rate of \$3.00 per evaluation. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the salary adjustment of Jennifer Kepner – Master's (MEQ) and become effective for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

On the 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 2018-2019 school year at the following scheduled payments: October 1, 2018 - \$7,081.25 and February 3, 2019 - \$7,081.25. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the contract with Dana Robbins to serve as a School Psychologist from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the contract with Daniel Slotterback to serve as an Athletic Trainer from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the contract with Donna Romano to serve as an Assistant Nurse at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center from August 22, 2018 through the last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the contracts for the following Licensed Social Workers, effective August 22, 2018 through the last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year: Jessica Coyle, Migdalia Gunoskey and Lara Swartz. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the contract with Jessica Jansson to serve as an Occupational Therapist from August 22, 2018 through the last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Michele Rhody, PAHS Mathematics Teacher, in accordance with her letter submitted July 13, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Robert Sheaffer, DHH Lengel Middle School Social Studies Teacher, in accordance with his letter dated July 16, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Bridget Freiler, PAHS

English Teacher and Publications Advisor, in accordance with her letter submitted July 18, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Temporary/Professional Employee subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set her salary effective August 22, 2018 pending of all appropriate paperwork:

Amy Schneider – DHH Lengel ELA Teacher - \$47,100 – Bachelor+15 – Step 1
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Cynthia Stasulli as a PAHS Guidance Counselor effective 2018-2019 school year subject to the assignment of the Superintendent as soon as she is released from her current employment and pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork. It is also recommended that her salary be set at \$65,583.00 – Master's +15 – Step 11 and will also include twenty days at her per-diem daily rate for each school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved at the discretion of the Superintendent per-diem days as needed for Cynthia Stasulli prior to the start of the 2018-2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following Speech Therapist be hired, subject to the assignment of the Superintendent, and set her salary effective August 22, 2018 contingent upon proper submission of all appropriate paperwork – McKenzie Stutzman – Master's Step 1 - \$49,100.00. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel thanked Mrs. Mary Beth Conville for her work at the Guidance Office this summer.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the first reading of the Student Drug Policy. The Student Drug Policy will be approved at the August 15, 2018 Board meeting. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignations of the following coaches:

- James Lotz – Assistant Boys' Swim Coach – effective June 26, 2018
- Cara Holman – Asst. Jr. High Track and Field Coach – effective June 7, 2018
- Dee Dunkel – Head Jr. High Track and Field Coach – effective June 5, 2018

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following volunteer assistant volleyball coaches' contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Kendra Boris
- Cassie Kuperavage

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved that ticket prices for the 2018-2019 sports season remain the same as the 2017-2018 sports season. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved the list of Athletic Event Game Workers for the 2018-2019 school year. (See office files). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the game worker stipend listing for the 2018-2019 school year. (See office files). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the PIAA Cooperative Sponsorship between the Saint Clair Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District in Junior High Wrestling and Junior High Track and Field. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Building, Real Estate and Transportation Committee and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board awarded Northeast Foundation & Concrete, Inc. for mud-jacking/leveling the curbs and sidewalks at the district. Cost of the project – not to exceed \$17,800.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the lease agreement in the amount of \$283,000.00 with Santander Bank for the 2018-2019 school year. Due date for initial payment is July 25, 2018. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, chairperson, stated that the PIAA is in discussion of separation of schools and their levels. This has to go through the general assembly. Governor Wolf is budgeting up to two million dollars for retention and training to

bolster teaching ranks. Governor Wolf is budgeting 60 million dollars to bolster school safety.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Blankenhorn, chairperson, noted that the Tide Task Force Meeting, which was held on the DHH Lengel Middle School on July 2, 2018, went well. Representatives from around the county along with administrators were present to discuss the drug policy which will be approved at the August 15, 2018 Board meeting.

There will a first annual drug awareness day at Barefield Complex. The Tide Task Force will have an informational table.

On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Employee ID #601, paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School, leave without pay days. Days requested are October 15, 2018 and October 16, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved Employee ID #114, library aide at the DHH Lengel Middle School, leave without pay days. Days requested are September 4, 2018 through September 7, 2018. Motion carried.

Dr. Cardamone, IU Representative, noted that the STC roof project is proceeding. The Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 has leased some of its space to an outside partial hospital facility.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Revenue Report for June 2018, which included local, state and federal sources. Mr. Manning also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Stank, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Urban, Aye. Dr. Davidson, Atty. Rismiller, Absent.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the Agreement for Participation in the Child Nutrition Program between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29. Term of Agreement – July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the Agreement for Participation in the Child Nutrition Program between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill County AVTS

Operating Agency. Term of Agreement – July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved a Repository Sale for Parcel No: 59-03-0036.000, Fourth Street, Port Carbon, PA for the purchase price of \$250.00. Motion carried.

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On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved a Repository Sale for Parcel No: 68-36-0082.000, 317 Centre Avenue, Pottsville, PA for the purchase price of \$2,159.00. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

DHHL Middle School

1. Swim Parent Boosters, Overnight swim party/Early AM Practice, November 16, 2018-November 17, 2018, 7:00 am – 10:00 am, Pool, Auditorium, Cafeteria.
2. PMFL Bulldog Cheerleading, Sign-ups, July 15, 2018, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Bus Canopy. (Retro) There will be no additional staffing costs.
3. PIAA Schuylkill County Swimming and Diving Officials, Meetings, 10/24, 11/1, 12, 12/3, 17/2018, 1/2, 7, 16, 23, 28, 2/6/2019, 7:00 pm, Classroom.

PAHS

4. Football Boosters, Fall Sports Pep Rally, August 23, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Football Stadium/Martz Hall if it rains.
5. Majestic Theater Association, Community Theater Showcase, September 16, 2018, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, Auditorium, Stage, Lobby.

CACL FIELD

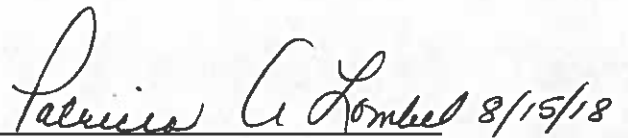
6. Adrenaline Fastpitch Travel Softball, Tryouts, 8/11/ and 8/12/2018, 2:00 – 4:30 pm, CACL Softball Field.

Motion carried.

Mr. Manning said an Energy Star Certification was received by the John S. Clarke Elementary Center. Mr. Manning said this is a testament for energy projects and that the schools are running efficiently. The certificate will be displayed at the entrance to John S. Clarke Elementary Center.

Dr. Zwiebel welcomed Dean Budwash, an Eagle Scout candidate, who was present at the meeting.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

8/15/18

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary