

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
December 5, 2018
Reorganization Meeting
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

Present: Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Blankenhorn,
Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, 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; Ms.
Marchiano, Republican Herald

The **Reorganization Meeting** was called to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Atty. Rismiller welcomed everyone attending the Reorganization Meeting.

Atty. Rismiller continued with the Reorganization Meeting.

Mrs. Lombel, Board Secretary, **read Sections 402 and 404** of the School Code providing for the Reorganization of the Board of School Directors during the first week in December.

The Secretary continued by reading the following notice of the meeting that was sent to all Board members, Superintendent, Solicitor and advertised in the Pottsville Republican on November 26, 2018.

In compliance with Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code of the State of Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District will meet in the Directors' Room in the Academic Center on Monday, December 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year; and also for general purposes.

Dr. DiCello, temporary President, proceeded with the Reorganization Meeting.

Dr. DiCello declared the meeting in order to proceed with the election of a President and Vice President for the ensuing year.

Dr. Davidson nominated **Atty. Karen Rismiller to serve as President of the Board** for a term of one year. Mr. Moran seconded.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Moran, nominations for President were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Atty. Karen Rismiller was elected to the office of President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye.

Congratulations were extended to Atty. Rismiller on her election as President of the school Board.

Atty. Rismiller thanked the Board for their vote of confidence.

Atty. Rismiller proceeded with the election of a Vice President.

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Dr. Cardamone nominated **Mrs. Ann Blankenhorn to serve as Vice President of the Board** for a term of one year.
Dr. DiCello seconded.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the nominations for Vice President were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Ann Blankenhorn was elected to the office of Vice President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Blankenhorn as Vice-President of the school Board.

Under **Public Comment**, Mr. Doug Allen, Executive Director of **Big Impact** (formerly Big Brothers/Big Sisters) was introduced by Atty. Rismiller. Mr. Allen spoke about how his organization would like to bring its services to the school district. He noted that it would not cost the district anything. The high school based program which mentors students in the elementary schools is in seven other districts. The funding is provided by United Way, fundraisers and other revenue sources. On the motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board agreed to start this program at the school district. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the November 7, 2018 work session minutes. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the **minutes were approved**. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the **report of the Treasurer** for the month of October 2018: Mid Penn Bank - \$4,076,383.48,
BB & T Bank - \$9,879.70. Total - \$4,086,263.18. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved the **Cafeteria Financial Report** for the month of October 2018. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, 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. Urban, seconded by Dr. Davidson, 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:

Michael Anthony	-	6 credits
Jennifer Kepner	-	6 credits
Stephanie McDonald	-	3 credits
Kaycee Sullivan	-	3 credits
Krista Torpey	-	3 credits
Kate Zimmerman	-	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following professional **employees be reimbursed** as indicated for the successful completion of a preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

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Derek DiRenzo	-	\$ 300.00
Stacey McClusky	-	\$ 300.00
Kimberly O'Brien	-	\$ 870.00
Julie Saunders	-	\$2,658.00
Krista Torpey	-	\$1,470.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following salary adjustment be approved and made retroactive to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year: Lindsay Boncore – Master's.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the adjustment to the 2018-2019 school calendar due to the inclement weather: Snow Day – November 16, 2018; Changed to Regular School Day – January 21, 2019 (1st make-up day).

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved that permission be granted to the Office of Child Development and Early Learning PreK classrooms at JSC be allowed to extend their school year until June 28, 2019 due to the school cancellations. Motion carried.

There will be early dismissal for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 21, 2018.

Dismissal times are as follows:

- Pottsville Area High School – 11:00 a.m.
- D.H.H. Lengel Middle School – 11:30 a.m.
- John S. Clarke Elementary School – 12:00 noon

Under Negotiations, Mr. Quandt noted that the tentative agreement was not met favorably. A new date will be set to meet.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Eileen Bowers, transportation aide for the Pottsville Area School District, effective November 16, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Katrina Staller, paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective December 7, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Molly Bressler, kindergarten instructional aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective November 19, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Michele Robbins, Access Coordinator/Special Education Secretary, effective January 4, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Jessica Robbins, Safe Schools Coordinator/Secretary at Pottsville Area High School, effective December 27, 2018. Motion carried.

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On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board **approved Isabelle Hovan-Mettam** as a lifeguard for the Pottsville Area School District, effective December 6, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board **approved John Logothetides** as a lifeguard for the Pottsville Area School District, effective December 6, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board **approved Cole Stevenosky** as a lifeguard for the Pottsville Area School District, effective December 6, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board **approved Erin Murhon** as a part-time lunch aide and a substitute cafeteria worker for the Pottsville Area School District, effective December 6, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board **approved Debra Hydock and Joann Matina** as part-time instructional kindergarten aides at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$13.60, effective December 10, 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 **Leave Without Pay** as per School Board Policy(s): 334, 434 and 534:

- Employee #119 – A/P Manager – November 11, 2018
- Employee #70—paraprofessional – November 12 through November 30, 2018; December 3, 2018 through January 1, 2019
- Employee #175 – cafeteria aide – November 14, 2018
- Employee #114 – library aide – November 5 through November 9, 2018
- Employee #1318 – paraprofessional – December 3, 2018
- Employee #794 – breakfast aide – November 8, 2018 through November 27, 2018
- Employee #1337 – paraprofessional – November 28, December 5, December 13, 20, 2018 and January 3, 2019
- Employee #216 – ticket aide - November 19 and November 28, 2018

Motion carried.

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

- Representing the Pottsville Area High School as 2019 Winter Carnival princess candidates are Madison Dalton, Isabelle Myers and Anya Wojciechowsky.
- Thirty- eight baskets were donated and delivered by various Pottsville Area School District clubs and building offices to needy families on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.
- Congratulations to John Hannaway for being nominated by the faculty, staff and peers as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen award. John will go on to participate in the State and National competitions.

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- Congratulations to Zachary Turnitza for being notified that he has been conditionally selected for an Army ROTC scholarship.
- Congratulations to Amelia Painter (11th grade) and Julia Plachko (9th grade) for being selected to the Volleyball AAA All State Team. This is quite an accomplishment for both of these players to be selected to this team. In addition, they were also selected to be on the First team District XI AAA team.
- Congratulations to the following PAHS Band members for making the PMEA District Band Festival.

Grace Muench	-	Alto Sax
Vanessa Biddle	-	Clarinet
Grace Mongrain	-	Clarinet
- Congratulations to PAHS Band Member, Michael Johnson-Ponce for making the PMEA District Orchestra Festival on Violin.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board **approved the Revenue Report** for October 2018, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$880,123.71; State Sources - \$2,351,386.06; Federal/Other Sources - \$137,028.00. Total - \$3,368,537.77). Mr. Manning also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See office files). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following **Use of Facilities**:

DHHL Middle School

1. Majestic Theatre, Film Shooting Pool Scene, November 17, 2018, 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm, MS Pool. (Retro)
2. Pottsville Midget Football League, Pizza Party, January 9, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
3. PASDEA, Meeting, November 28, 2018, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, MS Auditorium. (Retro)
4. Pottsville Boys Basketball, Banquet, March 3, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
5. Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council, Inc., Schuylkill County Career Fair, April 10, 2019, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm, Martz Hall.
6. PASD, Open Swim, Dec. 1, 2018 – June 1, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (Tue & Thur), 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Sat & Sun), MS Pool.
7. PASD, Age Group Swimming, Nov. 28, 2018 – Mar. 16, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Jan. 12, 19, Feb. 2, 16, 2019, 7:30 am – 11:30 am, Mar. 16, 2019, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, MS Pool.

PAHS

8. PAHS Social Studies Dept., History Night, April 30, 2019, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, HS Ground Floor, First, and Second Floor Classrooms/Library/Little Theatre.
9. Crimson Academy for the Performing Arts, Dance Recital, May 17, 2019, 4:00 – 9:00 pm, May 18, 19, 2019, 12:00 – 4:00 pm, HS Auditorium. Rehearsal May 15, 2019, 5:00 – 9:00 pm.
10. PAHS Boys Basketball, Parent Meeting, Dec. 4, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, HS Little Theatre. (Retro)
11. PAHS Girls Tennis, Banquet, Dec. 4, 2018, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Cafeteria. (Retro)
12. PAHS Drama Club, Rehearsals, Jan. 2, 2019 – Mar. 4, 2019, 2:30-5:00 pm, HS Auditorium.

Alumni Field

13. West Schuylkill FC, Soccer Practice, March, April, May, 2019, Mon. – Thur. 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Alumni Field.

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On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board **approved the Crimson Tide Foundation** as a fiscal sponsor for the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board **approved an FMLA** for employee #1271, effective December 6, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board **approved an FMLA** for employee #430, effective November 28, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board **approved the 2018-2019 Letter of Agreement with ReDCo** Group Behavioral Health Services. The Letter of Agreement will remain in effect until December 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board **approved the AccuWeather Service** Renewal Addendum Agreement. The Agreement shall be extended for a period of one year through October 24, 2019 at an annual fee of \$2,031.00. Motion carried. Mr. Manning announced that the Board will continue to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of each month during 2019. Public notice will be advertised in the Republican Herald on December 13, 2018 stating that the Board's regular meetings for the calendar year 2019 will be held at the Academic Center on the third Wednesday of each month beginning January 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and that public notice of each rescheduled regular meeting or special meeting or hearing shall be given in accordance with the Sunshine Act. He also noted the Board will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month for work sessions beginning January 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. and will continue until further notice.

The **meeting schedule will be posted** in the Academic Center.

On the motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board **approved the Board Meetings** and Work Session Meetings for calendar year 2019 and authorized the advertisement of notice. 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 was hereby announced for the purpose of **discussing personnel/legal matters**.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 5:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST: Brian A. Manning

BY: Patricia A. Lombel