

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2018
Academic Center
7:37 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Karen Rismiller.

President Rismiller welcomed everyone in attendance. There were no Public Comments this evening.

All Board members received copies of the minutes for the February 12, 2018 Work Session and February 21, 2018 Board Meeting. On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the Work Session and Board Meeting and was approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of February 2018 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. The Treasurer's Report is as follows: Mid-Penn Bank - \$2,860,480.46 and BB & T Bank - \$156,703.19. Total for the month of February 2018 - \$3,017,183.65. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of February 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 Mrs. Blankenhorn, 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.

Atty. Rismiller noted that an Executive Session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Homebound Instruction for one middle school student and one elementary school student. 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:

Katelyn Reichard	-	9 credits
Julie Saunders	-	6 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 employee 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: Kimberly Barone - \$870.00. Motion carried.

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On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Jenna Troutman, teacher at D. H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective March 6, 2018, be accepted in accordance with her letter submitted March 1, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following School Psychologists be hired, subject to the assignment of the Superintendent, and set their salaries effective August 1, 2018 contingent upon proper submission of all appropriate paperwork and completion of a successful internship program: Jocelyn Beck - \$59,500.00 and Christina Connors - \$59,500.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the adjustment of the 2017-2018 school calendar due to inclement weather: changed to Regular School Days - Friday, June 8, 2018 (Tentative Last Day of School/Commencement). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved that the Pottsville Area School District Board of Education pass a resolution opposing the ESA Voucher Programs (SB2). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board appointed Michael Anthony as the golf coach for the 2018-2019 school year, at a salary of \$2,600.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Committee and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed Derek Dumboski as a volunteer golf coach for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

Mr. Quandel, Chairman of the Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation Committee, said that the committee is perfecting their improvement list and is looking into replacing the software used for Transportation. Transfinder software is a new program that will enhance and increase our subsidy reimbursement and provide financial savings. Transfinder works with our Skyward system and has the capability to assign students to buses. This software would replace the Edulog program. Mrs. Krater will be the main trainer on this software. Mr. Manning will meet with representatives from Transfinder on Friday.

Mr. Moran noted that the district needs to replace the band truck. A box truck is available from Yorkville Hose Co. and Yorkville Hose Co. has offered to sell the truck to the district for \$12,500.00. Mr. Ansbach and Mr. Ditzler were impressed with the condition of this truck. On the recommendation of the Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation Committee, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved the purchase of the box truck from Yorkville Hose Co. at a cost of \$12,500.00. The truck will be paid out of the Capital Reserve Funds. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran said the big talk in the legislature is school security and carrying a weapon in schools. Mr. Moran stated that Pottsville Area School District is not leaning towards this. A resource officer can end a situation as was seen in a recent school shooting. Mr. Moran said that our teachers are protecting students, not trying to harm them.

Mrs. Blankenhorn, Negotiations Chairperson, said the committee had their second negotiations meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

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Mrs. Blankenhorn, **Drug and Alcohol Chairperson**, said that a meeting will be held in April 2018. Date will be determined.

On the recommendation of the **Personnel Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the letter of **resignation** from **Stacie Long**, paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective February 16, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board **rescinded the resignation** motion dated February 12, 2018 for **James George**, custodian at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board **denied the request for five (5) unpaid days** from employee #1256. Motion carried.

The **Public Relations report** reads as follows:

1. Congratulations to Luke Stoner, PAHS Senior for receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.
2. Congratulations to Thomas Honicker, PAHS Senior for being selected to advance to the PMEA All-State Concert Band. He will perform at the PMEA All-State Music Conference in Lancaster on April 18th through April 21st.
3. Congratulations to Collin Ebling on his 8th place finish at the Indoor State Track Meet on February 24th.
4. Congratulations to the members of the Boys' Swimming and Diving Teams on their first ever District XI Championship.
5. Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball Team on their District XI 5-A Silver Medal. The Boys' Basketball Team also qualified for District Play-offs.
6. Congratulations to the Caleb Reedy, Noah Fredericks, Laura Turnitza, Max Kelly and Luke Stoner who participated in Pennsylvania STEM Competition at the IU 29, Maple Avenue Campus on February 27. Their project was designed to clean up acid mine drainage and produce electricity during the process earned them 3rd place.
7. The Lengel Middle School Student Council has decided to participate in a wonderful community service project. They have decided to help children that are hospitalized in our local hospital(s) by making busy bags to take to the nurses to distribute to sick children.
8. The High School 4th Annual Mini-Thon was held on Friday, March 16, 2018. This fun-filled event raised approximately \$9,000.00. In conjunction, THON will be hosting a Dine Out at the Wheel Restaurant with proceeds going to THON.
9. Congratulations to Lauren Hunter, a senior at PAHS has been notified that she has earned a \$10,000 Horatio Alger Scholarship. The Horatio Alger Association honors the achievements of outstanding individuals in our society who have succeeded in spite of adversity and who are committed to supporting young people in pursuit of increased opportunities through higher education.
10. Congratulations to the following students who were part of the middle school team that won the Outstanding Career Pathway award at the 2nd annual "What's So Cool About Manufacturing" contest in Reading: Aidan Moran, Justin Sickel, Mario Ortiz, Ayva Strauss and Logan Miscannon.
11. Congratulations to the following middle school students who participated in the PA Middle School Computer Fair regionals:

Aidan Moran & Bryce Sadowski	-	2 nd Place	-	Digital Movie
Aubrey Rickard & Haley Zerby	-	2 nd Place	-	Graphic Design
Nick Guiffre, James Malek & Dominic Steidle	-	1 st Place	-	Programming
Chloe Oberheim	-	1 st Place	-	Animation
Gwen Hamilton & Emilee Rose	-	1 st Place	-	Logo Design

All 1st place winners will advance to the state competition in May.

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12. The Tide Tones from the middle school appeared on WPPA's Step up to the Mic program on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. They will be performing at the Reading Royals hockey game on March 23, 2018.
13. As a reminder the HS Drama Club performance of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will take place on March 23, 24 at 7:30 pm and on March 25 at 2:00 pm. Advance tickets are \$10.00 for adults; seniors & students are \$7.00. A three-day pass is \$25.00 and tickets at the door are \$10.00. Mr. Moran encouraged everyone to attend the musical on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

On the recommendation of the **Technology Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accept and awarded the bid from **ePlus Technology, Inc.** for the purchase of **Uninterruptable Power Supplies** in the amount of \$2,432.71 (Total after 80% eRate Discount). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted and awarded the bid from CDW-G for the replacement of the district's **network firewall appliance** in the amount of \$3,949.85 (Total after 80% eRate Discount). Motion carried.

Mr. Urban had two additional informational items on **account balances** as of March 16, 2018:

- eBay Account Balance - \$12,325.77 (will be put towards the last old Apple lease payment)
- TechFee Account Balance - \$32,621.22

Under **Policy and Procedure Review**, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, said that the committee will meet on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. to review the **dress code**.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board **approved the Revenue Report** for February 2018, which included the following: Local Sources - \$1,182,232.31; State Sources - \$2,172,340.46; Federal/Other Sources - \$116,847.43 for a Total of \$3,471,420.20. Mr. Manning also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See Office Files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board accepted the **resignation of Scott R. Thomas**, Member of the Board of Education, effective April 30, 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas has accepted a position in Florida and will be relocating. Mr. Thomas said it has been a pleasure to serve this Board and service alongside some great people. Mr. Thomas was first elected in 2009 at the age of 19. He was re-elected in 2015.

Atty. Rismiller said that Mr. Thomas always brought a very unique perspective to the Board and had worked tirelessly and was very focused. Atty. Rismiller said that he will be missed and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Thomas said he would resign effective immediately his position as Vice President and nominated Ann Blankenhorn. Mr. Quandel seconded the motion. Mr. Moran nominated Christina DiCello. Dr. DiCello seconded the motion. Mr. Thomas made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Dr. Davidson. Roll Call: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Urban – Six (6) votes for Mrs. Blankenhorn; Dr. DiCello and Mr. Moran – two (2) votes for Dr. DiCello and Atty. Rismiller – Abstain. **Mrs. Blankenhorn was welcomed as the new Vice President.**

Mrs. Blankenhorn resigned her position as Treasurer and nominated Mr. Stank. Mr. Quandel seconded the motion. Dr. Davidson made a motion to close the nomination, seconded by Mr. Thomas. On a motion of Mrs.

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Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved Mr. Stank as the new Treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board rejected the grievance response #PASDEA-2018-001 for employee #244. Motion carried.

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

- Parcel No. 57-04-0011.000 638 West Bacon Street Palo Alto \$1.00
- Parcel No. 20-04-0013.000 Mamies Avenue Norwegian Twp. \$1,879.00

Motion carried.

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

D.H.H.L. Middle School

1. Pottsville Boys Basketball League, Pizza Party, March 19, 2018, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria. (Retro)
2. Pottsville Wrestling, Banquet, April 23, 2018, 4:00 am - 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria/Auditorium.
3. DHHL PTO, Meetings, March 8, 22, April 5, 19, May 3, 2018, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
4. Title I, Family Night, May 2, 2018, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria, Auditorium, Library.
5. Pottsville Cheerleading, Practices, May 1 to May 4, May 7 to May 11, May 14 to May 18, May 21 to May 25, May 29 to 31, June 4 to June 7, 2018, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Top of Martz Hall.
6. PAHS Girls Softball Boosters, Basket Mania Auction, April 8, 2018, 12:00 – 5:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
7. PASD Aquatics, Red Cross Swimming Lessons, April 2 to May 3, 2018 (Mon-Thu), 5:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Pool.
8. Pottsville Fire Dept., Public Safety Night Out, June 18, 2018, (June 19th Rain Date), 5:00 – 8:30 pm, MS Parking Lots.
9. PASD Aquatics, Red Cross Lifeguard Class, May 7 to May 25, 2018 (M-F), 3:30 – 6:00 pm, May 12, 19, 26, 2018 (Sat), 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, MS Pool.
10. PASD Aquatics, Summer Swim Practice, May 7 to June 4, 2018 (M,W,F), 6:00 – 8:00 pm, June 7 to July 27, 2018 (M-F), 8:00 am – 11:00 am, MS Pool.
11. PAHS Majorette Squad, Majorette camp Registration, April 29th & 30th, 2018, 1:00 – 4:00 pm & 5:30 – 7:00 pm, MS Parking Lot.
12. Jim Masdea/Chris Hartshorn, Trimount: Before Boston Performance, May 5, 2018, 4:00 – 10:00 pm, MS Auditorium.

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13. Schuylkill League, Coaching Training, March 6 & 7, 2018, 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm, HS Room 5. (Retro)
14. Schuylkill County Relays Committee, Track and Field Event, May 4, 2018, 2:45 pm – 11:00 pm, HS Stadium.
15. PAHS Guidance, New Student/Freshman Orientation, August 15 & 21, 2018, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, HS Auditorium.
16. PAHS Guidance, Financial Aid/FAPSA Night, October 24, 2018, 6:00 – 7:00 pm HS Auditorium, 7:00 – 9:00 pm Computer Lab.
17. PAHS Guidance, Eighth Grade Transition Night, January 8, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Auditorium. (Snow Date January 9, 2019)

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18. PAHS Majorette Squad, Majorette Camp, May 12, 2018, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, JSC Gym and Cafeteria.
19. JSC PTO, Chinese Auction Basket Wrapping, April 30, 2018, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, JSC Gym.
20. Schuylkill YMCA, Summer Day Camp, June 4 – August 17, 2018, 6:45 am – 5:30 pm (Mon thru Fri), JSC Classroom/Caf./Gym.

Mr. Moran question when the summertime cleaning of the floors and pool will be started. Mr. Manning said that it would probably start the beginning of August.

Mr. Moran also stated that the Planetarium will be open on April 16, 2018.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Moran, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST: Brion A. Manning

BY: Patricia A. Lombel