

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2018
Academic Center
7:40 p.m.

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

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 6:35 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

Atty. Rismiller asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

The following had public comments:

- Mr. Matthew Peleschak, Pottsville, PA, read a prepared statement concerning the services his child receives as a student at DHH Lengel Middle School. (See office file.)
- Mrs. Kristyn Blum, first grade teacher at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center and secretary of the teacher's union (PASDEA) read the following: "Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board this evening. PASDEA would like to thank Dr. Zwiebel, Brad Ross and the custodial staff for remediation of the mold issues at John S. Clarke Elementary in recent weeks. We appreciate your encouraging words this morning, reassuring us that you will continue to address the new cases of mold that have arisen. Once all areas of the building have been tested and cleared, we have confidence that we will have a healthy environment for the students to learn and the staff to educate in the Pottsville Area School District."
- Mrs. Heather Martin, a first and second grade learning support teacher told the Board that mold-free rooms are needed. Mrs. Martin said that she has been sick since last year suffering from numerous health problems. She said that she would like to get the mold problem fixed properly and spare colleagues and students from having to endure similar negative health effects.

Dr. Zwiebel said that the district has been consulting with experts about the problems. He has spoken with the staff at John S. Clarke on Wednesday morning about the situation and updates the school Board. Dr. Zwiebel said that he is in constant contact with air quality experts. Dr. Zwiebel said he will have the HVAC system operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice.

- Mr. Angel Garcia was concerned about bullying at the high school. He wants to see a safer environment for students who are bullied. Mr. Garcia said he is worried about the safety of every student.

Dr. Zwiebel said the school district will be addressing these concerns. The district will be rolling out a new program titled "Safe to Speak Up." Dr. Zwiebel said it is a new app that will be pushed out to all the students via their iPads on which they can report bullying. Dr. Zwiebel said the program was first used in Colorado. Dr. Zwiebel also noted that Pennsylvania is working to roll out the program for all schools in the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the August 1, 2018 work session 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 Dr. Davidson, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the August 15, 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 Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of August 2018: Mid Penn Bank - \$3,337,445.79, BB & T Bank - \$177,667.33. Total -\$3,515,113.12. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Cafeteria Financial Report for July / August 2018. 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.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved homebound instruction for one elementary student. Motion carried.

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

Corrine Houtz	-	4 credits
Neil Johnson	-	6 credits
Paula Jones	-	6 credits
Kayla Kurtz	-	4 credits
Jeremiah Lynn	-	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved 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:

Katrina Greenawalt	-	\$1,500.00
Nathan Halenar	-	\$2,832.00 (6 credits)
Corrine Houtz	-	\$ 300.00
Benjamin O'Brien	-	\$1,470.00
Katelyn Reichard	-	\$6,075.00 (9 credits)
Nicholas Sajone	-	\$3,624.00 (6 credits)
Cara Turolis	-	\$1,500.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following administrative employee be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses: Caitlin Mohl - \$4,032.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved that Kayla Watt be reimbursed \$1,350.00 for an AP course she was required to complete this summer. Motion carried.

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

Nathan Halenar	-	Master's
Benjamin O'Brien	-	Master's

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following 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. (Copy attached)

Nathan Halenar	-	Co-Advisor Alethea Club	\$200.00
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Charles Taronis - Co-Advisor Alethea Club \$200.00
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following registered nurses be hired as substitute school nurses at a rate of \$100.00 per substitute day: Suzanne Heiser and Kendra Rooney. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the following Winter Coaches for the 2018-2019 School Year:

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dave Mullaney, Head Coach	\$6,450.00
John Toomey, Assistant	\$4,200.00
Tom McGeoy, Junior Varsity	\$3,600.00
Jake Wartella, Freshman	\$3,600.00
Tyler Heffner, 8 th Grade	\$2,400.00
John Toomey, 7 th Grade	\$2,400.00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Curt Ziegmont, Head Coach	\$5,050.00
Chris McLaughlin, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Kevin Cresswell, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$2,400.00

WRESTLING

Gary Keener, Head Coach	\$5,500.00
Corey Keener, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Brett Matukewicz, Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,600.00
Sam Julian, Assistant Jr. High Coach	\$2,800.00

SWIMMING

Ned Hampford, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,800.00
Greg Schuettler, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Kaycee Sullivan, Assistant	\$2,200.00
Debbie Logothetides, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Kim Barone, Assistant	\$1,400.00
Neil Johnson, Assistant	\$1,400.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following volunteer Winter Coaches for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Boys' Basketball:
Eric Hampford

Girls' Basketball:
Amanda Pavalko
Phil Tenaglia

Wrestling:
Chris Gardner
Chuck Kahler
Travis Moyer
Jason Thomas

Girls' Swimming:
John Matulevich
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Gary Keener and Corey Keener as security event workers for the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Gary Keener as a concession worker for the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board directed and authorized the District's Administration to terminate the existing maintenance service agreement ("Agreement") with Honeywell Building Solutions in accordance with the termination notification provisions of the Agreement, effective September 30, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the proposal from McClure Company, Wilkes Barre, for 2018 Preferred Labor Rates for HVAC service technicians, effective October 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018. Straight time - \$109/hr. Overtime - \$163.50/hr. Double Time - \$218/hr. Motion carried.

Mr. Moran, Legislation Chairperson, noted that there are eight legislative days left and then their session will be closed. All legislation will then be reintroduced when the legislative session reopens.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Chairperson, noted that the group met with Caron Foundation and shared information about the substance trend. There were about 30 in attendance.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board accepted the resignation of Cindy Labe, part-time Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective September 12, 2018. 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 Kim Ulmer as a part-time paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective September 14, 2018. 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 the Assistant Director of Attendance, effective October 1, 2018, at a salary of \$32,000.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved Jennifer Sterner as a substitute lunch aide, effective September 20, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Walter Lash as a Van Driver retroactive to August 27, 2018, at an hourly rate of \$10.70. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Joanne Matina as a transportation aide for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective September 20, 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 the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 334, 434, and 534:

Employee #905 – paraprofessional – August 31, 2018

Employee #1300– lunch aide – September 12, 2018

Employee #1228 – lunch aide – September 17, 2018 through September 21, 2018

Employee #171 –lunch aide – September 10, 2018 through September 13, 2018

Employee # 1231 – lunch aide – September 10, 2018

Employee #793 – lunch aide – September 17, 2018

Employee #471 – breakfast and lunch aide – October 18 and October 19, 2018

Employee #283 – Reading Aide – September 5, 2018 (1/2 day)

Employee #538 - paraprofessional – November 30, 2018

Employee #617 – paraprofessional - October 5, 8, 9 and October 10, 2018

Employee #814 – paraprofessional – September 11, 2018 through October 1, 2018 (tentative).

Motion carried.

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

- Congratulations to Adrianna Glunz, PAHS Senior, for being selected as the Artist of the Month for September. Her drawing is on display at the Academic Center.
- Congratulations to the PAHS Marching Band for earning 1st place at the August 25, 2018 Schuylkill County Firefighters Convention parade in Pine Grove for Best Appearing High School Marching Band.

Under PSBA Representative, Atty. Rismiller will attend the PSBA conference in October at Hershey, PA.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education/Alternative Ed/Charter, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved the agreement between Yellow Breeches Educational Center, Inc. and the Pottsville Area School District, effective September 4, 2018. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education/Alternative Ed/Charter, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Pottsville Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year. The participation cost in the Special Education program is \$823,217.00, payable in four (4) scheduled installments. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the Revenue Report for August 2018, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$5,123,301.26; State Sources - \$2,647,897.26; Federal/Other Sources - \$68,260.19. Total - \$7,839,458.71). Mr. Manning 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. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Mr. Stank – Absent.

Under New Business:

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the exoneration from taxes for property 638 West Bacon St, Pottsville, PA. Motion carried.

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

DHHL Middle School

1. Pottsville GTC, Mary Poppins Theatre Show, October 27 & 28, 2018, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm/12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, MS Aud. October 21, 22, 23, 26, 2018 Rehearsals various times, MS Auditorium. (This is a date change request from Oct. 12 – 14, 2018)
2. Tide Task Force, PREP Program for Parents, September 17, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, MS Auditorium.
3. Schuylkill Achieve, After School Program, September 17, 2018 – May 31, 2019, Mon. – Thur. / 3:00 – 6:00 pm, MS Classrooms.
4. Schuylkill Achieve/Title 1, Trunk or Treat, October 29, 2018, 3:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Caf/AC Lot.
5. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Registration, October 10, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
6. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Wrestling Meet, December 16, 2018, 7:00 – 5:30 pm, Martz Hall/Concession.
7. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Wrestling Meets, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, 2019, 7:00 – 5:30 pm, Martz Hall/Concessions.
8. Sch. Co. Drug and Alcohol, Tall Cop Presentation, October 8, 2018, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, MS Auditorium.

PAHS

9. Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Association, Snowdrop/Snowflake Pageant and Rehearsals, Jan. 14, 15, 2019, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Jan. 20, 2019, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, Jan. 22, 25, 2019, 6:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsals, Jan. 26, 2019, Pageant, 7:00 am – 11:00 pm, HS Auditorium.

10. Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Association, Queen Pageant and Rehearsals, Jan. 21, 23, 24, 29, 31, 2019, Feb. 1, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsals, Feb. 2, 2019 Pageant, 7:00 am – 11:00 pm. Feb. 3 Clean Up if needed.
11. Pottsville Art Dept., Art Dept. Paint Nite, November 11, 2018, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, HS Art Rooms 11, 12, 15.
12. Pottsville Wrestling, Meet the Parents, October 30, 2018, 7:00 pm, HS Little Theatre.
13. American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, June 14, 2019, 12:00 pm – 12:00 am, HS Stadium/Girls Gym.
14. Pottsville Boys Basketball League, Practices and Games, October 24, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, November 5, 2018 – March 2, 2019, (Mon – Sat) 6:00 – 9:00pm and 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
15. PAHS Band, Alumni Band Dinner, October 12, 2018, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, HS Cafeteria.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary