

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 27, 2019
Academic Center
7:40 p.m.

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

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 6:00 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. Atty. Rismiller noted that tonight's Board meeting was rescheduled from the cancelled Board meeting on February 20, 2019 which was due to inclement weather.

Dr. Zwiebel read the following press statement:

"The Pottsville Area School District has reviewed certain allegations of student misconduct. This review resulted in advisory notification to the Pottsville Bureau of Police as a matter of courtesy, as well as a detailed internal investigation. Our investigation included extensive interviews.

As a result of the actual information uncovered and discovered through the interview and investigation process, certain discipline was imposed and other actions taken. The Pottsville Area School District, consistent with its obligations under the law, will not discuss the specifics concerning the incident, students involved, discipline taken, or any other action taken.

The Pottsville Area School District is committed to re-doubling its efforts to communicate with the entire Tide Community our expectations regarding student conduct and provide encouragement and recognition to our students upholding the standards we embrace.

We anticipate that the Tide community will continue to witness and hear about the success of our students as they display their many academic and extracurricular talents while demonstrating good citizenship."

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

Josephine Kwiatkowski, asked the Board what media outlets the district uses to notify the public about the change in the meeting from February 20, 2019 which was moved

due to inclement weather. Mr. Brian Manning, Business Manager, said that the school notifies the public via its Facebook page and the district website.

There were no other public comments.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the January 2, 2019 Work Session Meeting and the minutes from the January 16, 2019 Board Meeting. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2019: Mid Penn Bank - \$2,619,432.71. Total -\$2,619,432.71 Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. Cardamone, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Cafeteria Financial Report for January 2019. Motion carried.

Mr. Manning read the following informational item:

Delinquent Outstanding Real Estate Tax Balances as of 12/31/18 for 2016 & 2017:
A listing of all properties is available for review in the district office pursuant to 53 P.S. 7146 (b)(1).

- o Face Balance = \$901,186.57
- o Penalty = \$90,119.62
- o Interest = \$45,770.09
- o Total Balance Outstanding = \$1,037,076.28

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello, 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 Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, 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:

Leigh Ann Bosak	-	3 Credits
Neil Johnson	-	3 Credits
Jeremiah Lynn	-	3 Credits
Courtney Reichert	-	6 Credits
Charles Taronis	-	3 Credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, 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:

Michael Anthony	-	\$ 600.00
Corrine Houtz	-	\$1,278.00
Neil Johnson	-	\$1,548.00
Kayla Kurtz	-	\$ 426.00
Jennifer Lipton	-	\$4,032.00 (6 credits)
Jeremiah Lynn	-	\$1,548.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following salary adjustment be approved and made effective in the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year:

Nicholas Sajone	-	Master's
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Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following salary adjustment be approved and made retroactive to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year:

Allison Hughes	-	Bachelor's +15
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Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the 2018-2019 school calendar be adjusted, due to the inclement weather, as follows: (copy of adjusted calendar attached)

Mold/Air Quality Days -

<u>No School JSC</u>		<u>Make-up Day</u>
August 28, 2018	-	Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, November 26, 2018
August 29, 2018	-	Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, February 18, 2019
August 30, 2018	-	Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, April 18, 2019
August 31, 2018	-	Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, April 22, 2019
October 17, 2018	-	Make-up Day JSC Teachers & JSC Students, June 10, 2019
October 18, 2018	-	Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, June 11, 2019
October 19, 2018	-	Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, June 12, 2019

Snow Days -

School Cancelled

November 16, 2018 -
January 29, 2019 -
January 30, 2019 -
January 31, 2019 -
February 12, 2019 -
February 13, 2019 -
February 20, 2019 -

Make-up Day

Make-up Day, April 24, 2019
Make-up Day, April 23, 2019
Make-up Day, June 3, 2019
Make-up Day, June 4, 2019
Make-up Day, June 5, 2019
Make-up Day, June 6, 2019
Make-up Day, June 7, 2019

Please note: The In-Service Day of January 21, 2019 was originally changed to a regular school day for a snow make-up day but was cancelled due to inclement weather. Teachers will make up the In-Service Day on:

High School/Middle School Teachers – June 10, 2019
JSC Teachers – June 13, 2019

Tentative Graduation / Last Day of School PAHS / DHHL - June 7, 2019
Tentative Last Day of School JSC - June 10, 2019
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following coaches for the 2018-2019 school year and set their salaries as indicated:

<u>BASEBALL</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Michael Welsh, Head Coach	\$5,600.00
Tyler Heffner, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$2,400.00
Edward Terefenco, Assistant	\$3,200.00
Ben O'Brien, Jr. Varsity Assistant	\$2,600.00
<u>SOFTBALL</u>	
Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach	\$5,300.00
Thomas Mull, Assistant	\$3,600.00
Ashley Shappell, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Bruce Heffner, Head Junior Varsity	\$2,600.00
<u>SPRING TRACK</u>	
Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,773.00
Kelly Lombel, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,000.00
Craig Stevens, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Lucas Bricker, Assistant	\$2,000.00
Peter McDonald, Assistant	\$3,200.00
William Rhoads, Assistant	\$3,200.00
Samantha Gardner, Assistant	\$2,000.00
Cara Turolis, Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,400.00

Mark Laubenstine, Jr. High Assistant \$3,200.00
Jim Lord, Jr. High Assistant \$3,000.00

BOYS' TENNIS

Adrian Portland, Head Coach \$2,600.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following volunteer spring coaches for the 2018-2019 school year as indicated:

Baseball:

John Toomey

Softball:

Jennifer Brindle

Mike Kiehner

Brian Spotts

Track and Field:

Robert Belcher

Robert Brouse

Mike Stank

Butch Vandermeer

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation Committee, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the amended agreement with Papco for the 2018-2019 school year priced at:

No-Lead Gasoline \$2.0932 /gallon Firm Price

Diesel Fuel \$2.1984/gallon Firm Price

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation Committee, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved a two (2) year contract for supplying transportation fuels, No-Lead Gasoline and Diesel Fuels in accordance with existing District Specifications, for the 2019-2020 school years priced at:

No-Lead Gasoline \$1.6963/gallon Firm Price for 16,000 gallons

Diesel Fuel \$2.1240 /gallon Firm Price for 26,000 gallons

Motion carried.

Amendment becomes effective: July 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020. By this action PASD will reduce the volume of fuels needed to be purchased for

the 2019-2020 school year saving the District \$8,264.00 over the current 2018-2019 transportation fuel budget numbers.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the 2019-2020 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget in the amount of \$5,932,142.

Note: Each Director must sign the ballots indicating their vote on the above motion.
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 part-time cafeteria workers, at an hourly rate of \$15.95, effective February 28, 2019: Heather Heck, JSC Elementary Center and Theresa Walsh, DHH Lengel Middle School. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Cheryl Misstishin, part-time library aide for the Pottsville Area High School, at an hourly rate of \$13.75, effective February 28, 2019 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 Zabrina Andrews and Natalie Setlock as transportation aides for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective February 28, 2019 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 accepted the resignation of Allison Wagner, transportation aide for the Pottsville Area School District, effective February 15, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Ricky Krause as head custodian for the DHH Lengel Middle School, at an annual salary of \$28,000.00, effective February 28, 2019. 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 full-time custodians for 2nd shift at John S. Clarke Elementary Center at a yearly salary of \$19,000 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- o Joseph Zelinsky – retroactive to February 19, 2019

- o John Schmitt – effective February 28, 2019
- 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:

- o Employee #216 – ticket aide – February 4,5,7,8, 2019
- o Employee #202 – cafeteria aide – February 26, 2019
- o Employee #1277 – paraprofessional – February 27, 2019 through April 10, 2019

Motion carried.

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

- Three artworks were selected as finalists for the Republican-Herald Artist of the Month Calendar Contest: Congratulations to: Senior, Adrianna Glunz, Junior, Preston Hunter, and Senior, Iris Picone. Their submissions were completed in Adobe Illustrator, featuring their own lettering for the month of “April” as well as original vector illustrations.

On the recommendation of the Technology Committee, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, Board accepted and awarded the bid from ePLus Technology, Inc. for the purchase of wireless access points and installation. Total amount \$151,704.72. Total after eRate Discount (80%) - \$30,340.95. Motion carried.

Under Policy and Procedure Review, Dr. Zwiebel, in absence of Mr. Moran, noted that the next meeting will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 7:15 a.m.

Dr. Cardamone, IU Representative, noted that the LPN program will hold its graduation tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Blankenhorn noted that “The Understanding Your Teen’s Emotional Health” program has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 7-8:00 p.m., in the MS auditorium. This program is sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Hospital Network. Dr. Zwiebel noted that the first opioid summit will be held at the IU#29 hosted by District Attorney Mike O’Pake.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Revenue Report for January 2019, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$501,798.37; State Sources - \$761,574.00; Federal/Other Sources - \$87,578.89 Total - \$1,350,951.26. 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. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Mr. Moran, Absent.

Under New Business:

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

DHHL Middle School

1. PAHS Majorette Squad, Registration for Majorette Camp, March 17, 18, 2019, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm/5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, MS Hall near Pool Entrance.
2. PBIS, Middle School Dance, March 23, 2019, 5:30 – 9:30 pm, MS Cafeteria.
3. PASD Aquatics, Swim Lessons, March 18 – April 18, 2019, (Mon-Thur), 5:00 – 8:30 pm.
4. Football Boosters, Football Banquet, November 10, 2019, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm, MS Cafeteria/Auditorium.
5. Drum Corps International, Housing/Rehearsal of Drum Corp, Aug. 1 to Aug. 2, 2019, 2:00 am – 5:00 pm, MS, Martz Hall, Practice Field, Academic Center Lot.

PAHS

6. PASD Track, Boosters Meeting, March 5, 2019, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, HS Cafeteria.
7. PAHS Wrestling, High School Wrestling Banquet, April 7, 2019, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Auditorium/Cafeteria.
8. PAHS Band Boosters, Fundraiser Pick-Up, April 16, 2019, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm, HS Cafeteria.
9. PAHS Girls Softball Boosters, Basket Mania Auction, April 14, 2019, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, PAHS Cafeteria. (Set Up April 13, 2019 at 9:00 am)
10. Football Boosters, Booster Meetings, May 15, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sep. 4, Sep. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, 2019, 7:00 pm, HS Cafeteria.

JSC

11. PAHS Band Front, Practice for Parade, March 3 & 10, 2019, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, JSC Gym.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the generous donation of a 6 x 10 American Flag from Jule Quandel. The new flag, which replaces the old one, hangs from the ceiling in the natatorium at the DHH Lengel Middle School. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved a repository sale in the amount of \$1.00; Parcel No. 59-3-80 - located at 211 North Second Street, Port Carbon. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved a repository sale in the amount of \$1.00; Parcel No. 59-3-80 - located at 211 North Second Street, Port Carbon. Motion carried.

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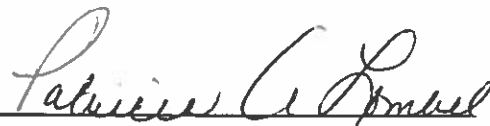
On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved an FMLA for employee # 570 with leave beginning March 25, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved a Maternity Leave of Absence for employee # 865 beginning on approximately May 10, 2019. Motion to approve as recommended.

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.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Executive Session – 8:02 p.m. to 8:52 p.m.

 3/13/19

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)

Board Secretary