

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
January 16, 2019  
Academic Center  
7:40 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. Kevin Reid, Solicitor

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Leslie Herring, PAHS Publication Instructor, along with her team spoke about producing a business-sponsored district calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Student members of the PAHS Publications team, Devonte Byrd (Grade 12), Hattie Ebling (Grade 11) and Naomi Brode (Grade 10) spoke about producing a school calendar that would be direct-mailed to all families and community organizations in the district. The calendar will contain information about district events (sports, orientations, early dismissals, etc.). To make this happen, the PAHS Publications Marketing team will visit local businesses to obtain funding. These sponsors will be featured as a part of the calendar design and proceeds from the project will be put toward lowering the cost of PAHS yearbooks for all students. Zion Puyarena (Grade 10) is also a team member but was unable to attend the Board meeting.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Work Session Meeting and the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Reorganization Meeting. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Mora, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of December 2018: Mid Penn Bank - \$3,341,685.60.  
Total -\$3,341,685.60 Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board approved the Cafeteria Financial Report for November/December 2018. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Quandel, 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. DiCello, 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:

Leigh Ann Bosak	-	3 credits
Meredith Coleman	-	3 credits
Katrina Greenawalt	-	3 credits
Paula Jones	-	3 credits
Jennifer Lipton	-	3 credits
Peter McDonald	-	3 credits
David Sterner	-	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board preapproved the credits indicated for administrative employee, Caitlin Mohl – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved that 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	-	\$ 300.00
Meredith Coleman	-	\$1,470.00
Katrina Greenawalt	-	\$2,400.00
Neil Johnson	-	\$1,548.00
Paula Jones	-	\$3,390.00
Jennifer Kepner	-	\$1,548.00
Kayla Kurtz	-	\$ 852.00
Stacey McClusky	-	\$ 300.00
Peter McDonald	-	\$1,470.00
Stephanie McDonald	-	\$ 600.00
Nicholas Sajone	-	\$1,884.00
Gregory Schuettler	-	\$3,096.00
David Sterner	-	\$1,470.00
Krista Torpey	-	\$1,470.00

Cara Turolis

-

\$3,096.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Corrine Houtz, professional employee, be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification, pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, and having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel read the following informational item: The Crimson Tide Foundation received a Weis Markets donation of \$1,000.000 and a \$5,000.00 donation was received from Mid Penn Bank. These donations will benefit students at the Pottsville Area School District.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board accepted and approved the bid from Pro Max Fence Systems for the facility upgrades at the CACL Complex Softball field in the amount of \$24,997.00. The upgrades have been funded entirely by the generous donation of Mr. Michael Kiehner. The upgrades include new sideline fences, first base dugout fence replacement, first base side bleacher fence replacement and refurbishing the outfield fence. Motion carried.

Mr. Stank thanked Mr. Kiehner for his generous donation. Atty. Rismiller directed the Board Secretary to send a thank you note to Mr. Kiehner for his generous donation to the district.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved the transfer of the following bank accounts from BB&T to Mid Penn Bank and name Eric Rismiller & Scott Mattea as signers:

-HS Activities

-HS Auxiliary

-HS Athletic Association

-HS Booster Clubs

-CD's based on analysis of interest. I.e. will incur an early termination penalty if interest rate at Mid Penn is high enough to cover the early termination penalty.

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 part-time paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$13.60, effective January 17, 2019 contingent upon

receipt of satisfactory clearances: April Kimmel, Shannon Roskosky and Kelly Miller.  
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved Alec Gonzalez and Hayley Richards as life guards for the Pottsville Area School District, effective January 17, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved Cara Steinbrunn as a substitute paraprofessional, effective January 17, 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 Dr. Davidson, the Board approved Halie Whalen-Maurer as a substitute paraprofessional, effective January 17, 2019. Ms. Whalen-Maurer was a permanent part-time paraprofessional. 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 Jeffrey Vaughan, custodian at Pottsville Area High School, effective January 10, 2019. 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 #828 – cafeteria aide - January 7, 2019
- Employee #216 – ticket aide - January 2,3,4, 2019
- Employee #1337- paraprofessional – January 11 through January 17, 2019
- Employee #160- paraprofessional – January 21 through February 22, 2019
- Employee #1127 – cafeteria aide – January 4, 2019
- Employee #1231 – lunch aide – January 4, 2019
- Employee #70 – paraprofessional – January 14, 2019

Motion carried.

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

- Congratulations to Gwen Hamilton, 9<sup>th</sup> grade PAHS student, for being selected as the Artist of the Month. Her drawing is on display at the Academic Center.
- Congratulations to the PAHS Student Council on their Annual Penny-a-Week collection which under the supervision of Advisor, William Rhoads collected over \$6,000.00.

Mr. DiCello's homeroom again raised the most money of \$3,456.78 with senior, John Hannaway raising \$1,937.10 by himself. Approximately 150 gifts were purchased, wrapped and delivered by members of the Student Council.

Christmas food baskets were also donated by several school clubs and the high school, middle school, elementary school and academic center offices. Food donations were also made to the Pottsville Food Bank, Pottsville Soup Kitchen and to the Cloud Home.

Under Negotiations, Mr. Moran/Mr. Quandel noted that a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019.

Dr. Cardamone, IU Representative, recognized the following students:

- Seth Ames – Schuylkill Technology Center and Frackville Elks October Student of the Month. Seth is a sophomore from the Pottsville Area School District and is currently enrolled in the Small Engine Technology program at STC's North Campus.
- Benjamin Kull – Schuylkill Technology Center and Frackville Elks December Student of the Month. Ben is a sophomore from the Pottsville Area School District and is currently enrolled in the Residential/Industrial Electricity program at STC's South Campus.
- Samantha Leedom – Schuylkill Technology Center and Frackville Elks October Student of the Month. Samantha is a senior from the Pottsville Area School District and is currently enrolled in the business Management and Marketing program at STC's South Campus.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Revenue Report for December 2018, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$820,121.77; State Sources - \$2,938,046.60; Federal/Other Sources - \$68,514.00 Total - \$3,826,682.37. 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. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye.

Under New Business:

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

## DHHL Middle School

1. PAHS Aquatics Boosters, Booster Meeting, January 30, 2019, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.

## PAHS

2. PAHS Cheerleaders, Cheer Practices/Try-Outs, February 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2019, March 1, 2019, 4:30 – 8:00 pm, HS Boys and Girls Gyms.
3. Majestic Theatre, HS Musical Showcase, May 6, 2019, 4:00 – 9:00 pm, HS Auditorium.
4. PAHS Drama Club (Stage Crew), Set Construction, March 2, 2019, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, March 9, 2019, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, HS Auditorium/Art Room.
5. Dalinda Dance Studio, Dance Recital, June 20, 2019, 3:30 pm – 9:00 pm (Rehearsal), June 22, 2019, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Recital), HS Auditorium.
6. PAHS Pit Orchestra, Rehearsals, January 14, 19, 28, 2019, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019, Various Times, HS Band Room/MS Band Room.
7. PAHS Science Dept., Eclipse Viewing Event, January 20, 2019, 8:30 pm – 12:45 am, HS Planetarium.

## JSC

8. JSC PTO, Designer Purse Bingo, March 2, 2019, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, JSC Cafeteria.
9. JSC PTO, Meeting, January 15, 2019, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, JSC Cafeteria. (Retro)
10. JSC PTO, Basket Auction, May 15, 16, 17 (4:00 – 9:00 pm), May 18 (9:00 – 5:00 pm), May 19, 2019 (10:00 – 2:00 pm), JSC Gym.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved a repository sale from the Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau for Parcel No. 59-2-279 located at 318 North Coal Street, Port Carbon, in the amount of \$1,329. 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 is hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

Executive Session – 7:51 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.

*Patricia A. Lombel 2/20/19*

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Patricia A. Lombel (Date)  
Board Secretary