

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
August 21, 2019  
Academic Center  
7:30 p.m.

Present: Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Blankenhorn,  
Dr. Cardamone, 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  
Absent: Dr. Davidson

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Atty. Rismiller.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Atty. Rismiller welcomed everyone in attendance and announced an executive session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Atty. Rismiller asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Mrs. Kim Rismiller, lead music teacher at Pottsville High School, asked the Board to reconsider and hire a middle school music teacher. Mrs. Rismiller said as a music teacher for 31 years, she has seen firsthand the value of a quality music education. Mrs. Rismiller noted that the music department is strong with 177 instrumentalists from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades along with three choirs, Tidetones, a new pep band, jazz band and modern band. Mrs. Rismiller stressed that the task of having only two music teachers in the middle school instead of three is overwhelming. Mrs. Rismiller does not want the program to suffer.

On motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the July 17, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. 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. Quandel, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of July 2019: Mid Penn Bank - \$897,322.89.  
Motion carried.

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

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, 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 Mr. Stank, 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:

Cody Blankenhorn	-	3 Credits
Lucas Bricker	-	3 Credits
Jacquelyn Butz	-	3 Credits
Lisa Falkowski	-	3 Credits
Neil Johnson	-	6 Credits
Peter McDonald	-	3 Credits
David Sterner	-	3 Credits

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Dr. Blankenhorn, Abstain. Dr. Davidson, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following administrative employee: Caitlin Mohl – 6 credits.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, 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:

Leigh Ann Bosak	-	\$ 300.00
Meredith Coleman	-	\$3,102.00
Corrine Houtz	-	\$5,112.00 (8 credits)
Kayla Kurtz	-	\$5,112.00 (8 credits)
Peter McDonald	-	\$1,551.00
Charles Taronis	-	\$ 300.00
Michael Welsh	-	\$ 300.00
Kate Zimmerman	-	\$5,346.00 (6 credits)

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the following administrative employee be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses: Caitlin Mohl - \$4,632.00 (6 credits). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the following salary adjustments be made effective in the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year: Meredith Coleman – Master’s and Charles Taronis – Master’s +15. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved that a PAHS diploma be awarded to seven additional members of the class of 2019 based upon the successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board accepted the following resignations in accordance with their resignation letters(see office files):

Samantha Gardner	-	Speech Therapist
Kimberly O’Brien	-	Autistic Support Teacher
Alyssa Palina	-	MS Art Teacher
Jennifer Steiff	-	MS Special Education Teacher
Edward Terefencko	-	MS Social Studies Teacher

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board accepted the resignation for retirement from the following professional employee in accordance with this letter submitted July 20, 2019: Craig Shoener – Music Teacher. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the following Temporary/Professional Employees subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set their salaries effective August 21, 2019 pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork:

Lauren Bubeck	Speech Therapist	Master’s – Step 1	\$49,100.00
Melissa Focht	DHHL Life Skills	Bachelor’s- Step 1	\$40,500.00
Alisa Hobbs	PAHS – English	Doctorate – Step 5	\$62,312.00
Maggie Kergick	DHHL – English	Bachelor’s – Step 1	\$40,500.00

Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that the first football game for the 2019-2020 season will be played this Friday, August 23, 2019.

### Information

During the summer, the administrative staff has prepared for the opening of the 2019-2020 school year. A district in-service program will be held for teachers on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and Thursday, August 22, 2019. The practice bus run and orientation for kindergarten children will also be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019. The opening of school for all students is Monday, August 26, 2019.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Repository Sale for parcel # 59-2-279 located at 318 North Coal Street, Port Carbon Borough. Amount of sale - \$1.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the 2019-2020 Title I Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill IU 29. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the 2019-2020 Special Education Service Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill IU 29. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the education agreement between First Hospital Wyoming Valley, Kingston, PA and the Pottsville Area School District, effective August 1, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board rescinded the motion of July 17, 2019 of James Thomas. Mr. Thomas was hired as a paraprofessional for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board rescinded the motion of July 17, 2019 of Jocelyn Gonzalez. Ms. Gonzalez was hired as a paraprofessional for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Holly Gotshall, part-time paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective August 18, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved an FMLA for employee #800, effective July 24, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved Grace Saylor as a transportation aide at an hourly rate of \$10.00, retroactive to August 19, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved Sherry Simons as a part-time cafeteria worker at the DHH Lengel Middle School at an hourly rate of \$15.95, effective 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Simons was a part-time substitute cafeteria worker for the district. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved Katina Chiccini as a part-time cafeteria worker ( \$11.25)/lunch aide (\$9.10) for the Pottsville Area School District, effective 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Candace Witmier, part-time cafeteria worker at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective August 14, 2019.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved Halie Whalen Maurer as a part-time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$13.60, effective 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved Tanya Hughes as a part-time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$13.60, effective 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Hughes was a full-time paraprofessional for the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved the following concession workers for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Kelly Brennan
- Kellie Borrell
- Rosemary Bradley
- Katina Chiccini
- Colleen Coulson

- Margaret Dallago
- Nick Eckley
- Taylor Eckley
- Joie Lynn Gardner
- Nate Halenar
- Heather Heck
- Lisa Holobetz
- Nancy Jones
- Robin Kalinich
- Corey Keener
- Crystal Majors
- Pat McGinley
- Maria Malick
- Kelly Messina
- Colleen Miller
- Morgan Rismiller
- Eleanor Sanayka
- Diane Schweikert
- Rebecca Schweikert
- Maria Sherakas
- Kris Thomas
- Jen Williams
- Joanie Williams
- Anya Wood

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank and Mr. Urban, Aye. Atty. Rismiller, Abstain. Dr. Davidson, Absent.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved Christine Schuebel as the John S. Clarke Elementary Psychologist at an annual salary of \$60,000, effective 2019-2020. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Policy and Procedure, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following policies effective 2019-2020 school year:

- DHH Lengel Middle School Family Engagement Policy
- DHH Lengel Middle School Compact
- District Parent and Family Engagement

- JSC Family Engagement Policy
- JSC School Compact
- Policy 204 – Attendance

Motion carried.

Under Negotiations, Mr. Moran noted that the committee is working to set up another date.

On the recommendation of Atty. Rismiller, PSBA Representative, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board voted for the following PSBA Slate of Candidates:

- ❖ President Elect (one year term): Art Levinowitz, Upper Dublin School District (Montgomery Co.)
- ❖ Vice President (one year term): David Hein, Parkland School District (Lehigh Co.)
- ❖ Central At-Large (three year term): Julie Preston, Northern Tioga School District (Tioga Co.)
- ❖ Section 1 Advisor (two year term); Sabrina Backer, Franklin Area School District (Venango Co.)
- ❖ Section 3 Advisor (two year term): Ron Cole, Sayre Area School District (Bradford Co.)
- ❖ Section 5 Advisor (two year term): Marsha Pleta, Washington School District (Washington Co.)
- ❖ Section 7 Advisor (two year term): Tricia Steiner, Derry Township School District (Dauphin Co.)
- ❖ PSBA Insurance Trust Trustee (term ends December 31, 2022: Kathy K. Swope (Lewisburg School District)
- ❖ PSBA Insurance Trust Trustee (term ends December 31, 2022: Mark B. Miller (Centennial School District)
- ❖ School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee (**Vote for three for two year terms**). Trustees (term ends December 31, 2021):
  1. Bethany Zeigler (Shikellamy School District)
  2. Crystal Mance (Cheltenham Township School District)
  3. Jamie Lynn Zimerofsky (Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and Schuylkill Technology Center).
  4. Jennifer Davidson (Manheim Township School District)

The Board voted for Bethany Zeigler, Jamie Lynn Zimerofsky and Jennifer Davidson.

\*\*Board Secretary will electronically register votes.

Motion carried.

Mr. Manning asked if anyone is interested in the October PSBA Conference in Hershey, PA to please see him after the meeting.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the Revenue Report for July 2019, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$863,824.25; State Sources - \$327,399.70; Federal/Other Sources - \$90,303.25 Total - \$1,281,527.20). Mr. Manning also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See office files). There was a question on the expenses. It will be updated at the September 2019 meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Dr. Davidson, Absent.

**Under New Business:**

On recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following 2019-2020 suppliers for the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias:

- o Bedway – fresh fruit and vegetables
- o Varano – meat and cheese
- o Guers Dairy - milk supplier, 100% orange juice, iced tea, 20% orange drink, lemonade, and spring water.
- o Moribito Baking Co. – supplier for bread and baked goods with the option to purchase certain specialty rolls from an alternate vendor should these products not meet our standards.
- o Hershey's Ice Cream – ice cream products

Motion carried.

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

**DHHL Middle School**

1. DHHL PTO, PTO Meeting, September 17 2019, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
2. DHHL PTO, Halloween Dance, October 19, 2019, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
3. DHHL PTO, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Dance, May 9, 2020, 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm, MS Cafeteria. (Set-Up May 8, 2020/ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
4. Pottsville Girls Basketball, Basketball Tournament, November 2, 2019, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Martz Hall.
5. PAHS Band, Band Banquet, May 3, 2020, 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
6. Pottsville Aquatics, Parents Meeting, September 5, 2019, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, MS Cafeteria.



7. Title 1 & Schuylkill Achieve, Trunk or Treat, October 28, 2019, 4:00 – 9:00 pm, MS Rear Parking Lot & Academic Center Lot.

### PAHS

8. Crimson Academy, Rehearsals, Nov. 25, 26, Dec. 4, 5, 2019, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Auditorium.
9. Crimson Academy, Christmas Show, Dec. 6, 2019, 5:00 – 9:30 pm, Dec. 7, 2019, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, HS Auditorium/Band Room/Cafeteria.
10. PAHS Band Boosters , Booster Meetings, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Dec. 16, 2019, April 6, 2020, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, HS Little Theatre.
11. Class of 1970 Reunion Committee, High School Tour, October 10, 2020, 10:00 am, HS Building.

### Academic Center Practice Field

12. Pottsville Midget Football League, Football Scrimmage, August 18, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, AC Practice Field. (Retro)

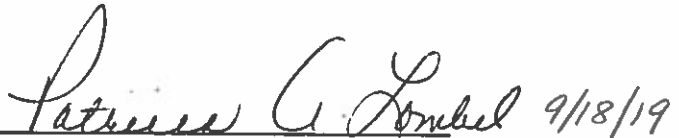
### JSC Gym

13. Pottsville Girls Basketball League, Sept. 16 – Oct. 25, 2019, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, Dec. 3, 2019 – March 20, 2020, (M,T, TH, F) 5:00 – 8:00 pm, (W) 5:00 – 6:00, JSC Gym.

Motion carried.

Mr. Moran noted that the Board members did a walk through in all the buildings on Tuesday. Mr. Moran said he was very impressed with how the buildings looked. He thanked the custodial staff for their hard work over the summer.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Patricia A. Lombel (Date)  
Board Secretary