

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
March 13, 2019  
Academic Center  
7:38 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 7:38 p.m. by President Atty. Rismiller.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. DiCello requested a moment of silence in memory of Patrick J. Murphy, who served as a former Board of Director for the Pottsville Area School District.

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 asked if there were any public comments this evening.

Adam Kelly, a student and member of the football team at Pottsville Area High School, read the following prepared statement:

"Hello, my name is Adam Kelly and I am an upcoming senior member of the Pottsville football team. I personally have the utmost respect for Coach McGoey, as he has largely helped shape me into the person I am today. Saying this, my teammates and I have put our thoughts and feelings together to show our support for Coach McGoey.

We would like to share these thoughts with you today. We have all looked up to Coach McGoey since the day we began 7<sup>th</sup> grade football. It will soon be our senior season and we've spent the last two years with Coach McGoey. He has been more than a coach to all of us, he's been a friend, a second father and most importantly, an attentive and valuable coach. He taught us resilience, respect and what being on a **team** really means. He enforced an "academics first" attitude that pushed us to be proper student-athletes. He also taught us how to be good citizens, as he arranged for us to help clean up Port Carbon after the tragic flooding. With his guidance, we were able to help our city and provide a good example to the younger players in our program on how to be active members in the community. He coached us through the most memorable night of our lives so far, when we defeated Blue Mountain on a blocked extra point. A game that went back and forth and made all the months of work in the weight room and on the field worth it. We want nothing more than to have Coach McGoey lead us through our senior season and guide the future members of the Pottsville football program for years

to come. He is an amazing coach, teacher, role model and a vital pillar of this community that the football team could not be as successful without. Thank you.”

Atty. Rismiller thanked Adam for his comments.

Mr. Kevin DiCello, parent of a student athlete, said Coach McGoey is the right man for the job. Mr. DiCello asked everyone in attendance on how football players feel about Coach McGoey, how parents feel about Coach McGoey and how teachers and coaches feel about Coach McGoey. Mr. DiCello also noted that 95% of the football players were in Coach McGoey’s corner.

Atty. Rismiller thanked Mr. DiCello for his comments to the Board.

Mr. Mark Chiccini has known Coach McGoey since 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He said Coach McGoey is not perfect and the next person will not be perfect. Mr. Chiccini noted that Coach McGoey would talk about being head coach for the Pottsville Area School District football program when they went to high school together. Mr. Chiccini said that Coach McGoey “bleeds” crimson.

Atty. Rismiller thanked Mr. Chiccini for his public comments.

There were no other public comments.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the February 6, 2019 Work Session Meeting and the minutes from the February 27, 2019 Board Meeting. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of February 2019: Mid Penn Bank – \$1,727,389.67. Total -\$1,727,389.67. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the Cafeteria Financial Report for February 2019. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. 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 the motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Davidson, 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
Katelyn Reichard	-	3 credits

Motion carried.

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

Stephanie McDonald	-	\$ 300.00
Krista Torpey	-	\$1,470.00

Motion carried.

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

Michael Anthony	-	Bachelor +15
Stephanie McDonald	-	Master's +15

Motion carried.

Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code and having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching, and on the recommendation of the Superintendent and on the motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved that Kaycee Sullivan, professional employee, be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification. Motion carried.

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

**Mold/Air Quality Days -**

**No School JSC**

**Make-up Day**

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 11, 2019
- October 18, 2018 - Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, June, 12, 2019
- October 19, 2018 - Act 80 Day JSC Teachers Only, June 13, 2019

**Snow Days -**

**School Cancelled**

**Make-up Day**

- November 16, 2018 - Make-up Day, April 24, 2019
- January 29, 2019 - Make-up Day, April 23, 2019
- January 30, 2019 - Make-up Day, June 3, 2019
- January 31, 2019 - Make-up Day, June 4, 2019
- February 12, 2019 - Make-up Day, June 5, 2019
- February 13, 2019 - Make-up Day, June 6, 2019
- February 20, 2019 - Make-up Day, June 7, 2019
- March 4, 2019 - Make-up Day, June 10, 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 11, 2019  
 JSC Teachers – June 14, 2019

- Tentative Commencement - June 7, 2019
  - Last Day of School PAHS / DHHL - June 10, 2019
  - Tentative Last Day of School JSC - June 11, 2019
- Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the Sports Medicine Services and Sponsorship Agreement between St. Luke’s and the Pottsville Area School District, effective March 13, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board authorized the Athletic Director to advertise for the position of Head Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. 6-Aye; 3-Nay. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Curt Ziegmont, Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach for the Pottsville Area School District, effective March 13, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board authorized the Athletic Director to advertise for the position of Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 334, 434, and 534:

- o Employee #202 – cafeteria worker - March 1, 2019 (1/2 day)
- o Employee #1289 - paraprofessional – March 12 through March 27, 2019
- o Employee #119 – A/P Manager – March 6, 2019 (1/2 day)
- o Employee #828 - lunch aide – March 5, 2019
- o Employee #942 – teacher aide – March 13, 2019

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board accepted the resignation of Joanne Matina, a kindergarten instruction aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective March 10, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board rescinded the February 27, 2019 motion of John Schmitt, who was hired for a full-time custodial position, effective February 28, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved David Heinly as a full-time custodian 2<sup>nd</sup> shift at John S. Clarke Elementary Center at a yearly salary of \$19,000.00, effective March 14, 2019 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

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

- Congratulations to the following PAHS Band members who performed at the Schuylkill County Band Festival on Friday, March 1, 2019:

Jake Montgomery, Autumn McDonough, Morgan Rich, Vanessa Biddle, Grace Mongrain, Crystal Mease, Caley Potts, Steven Loeuk-Argueta, Lakota Brode, Zion Puyarena, Michael Johnson Ponce, Grace Muench, John Hannaway, Christian Honicker, Gary Chen, Gavin Chen, Noah Fredericks, Keith Minnich, James Blake and Patrick Ryan.

- Congratulations to the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School for winning the Outstanding Creativity Award for their Hydro entry in the 2019 Berks-Schuylkill Awards “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing”.
- Congratulations to Maxum DiRenzo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, for being selected as the Artist of the Month for March and April. His artwork is on display at the Academic Center.
- Congratulations to PAHS Boys and Girls Swimming and Dive Teams for their excellent performances. The boys captured a silver medal at districts. Six boys and three girls will be competing at States this week at Bucknell University. Congratulations to Zach Turnitza for becoming the first PAHS swimmer in school history to earn 4 gold medals at districts.

On the recommendation of the Technology Committee, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board accepted and awarded the bid from Neely Communications, Inc. for the Network Cabling Installation; total amount not to exceed \$69,948.00. Cost to the district after 80% eRate discount not to exceed: \$13,990.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Policy and Procedure Review Committee, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved for PSBA to do a Board Policy manual and an Administrative Regulations manual. Time frame to complete is 18 months. The total cost for the package is \$10,550 which will be paid over a period of five (5) years. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Policy and Procedure Review Committee, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Service Animals Policy #718, effective March 14, 2019. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran noted that everyone is keeping an eye on the Governor’s Budget as well as the Federal Budget.

Under IU 29 Representative, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board elected Dr. Michael Cardamone as Board representative for the Intermediate Unit and Schuylkill Technology Center for a new three (3) year term (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Revenue Report for February 2019, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$866,049.66; State Sources - \$3,234,819.86.00; Federal/Other Sources - \$130,812.12 Total - \$4,231,681.64. 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. Motion carried.

Under New Business:

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

DHHL Middle School

1. D.G. Yuengling & Sons, Inc., Parking for 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Concert Celebration, July 13 2019, 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Martz Hall Upper/Lower Lots.
2. Math Counts, Math Counts Awards Dinner, March 12, 2019, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, MS Cafeteria. (Retro)
3. Schuylkill Chapter of PIAA Volleyball Officials, Meeting, July 31, 2019, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, MS Auditorium.
4. Pottsville Boys Basketball, Banquet, March 28, 2019, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.

PAHS

5. PAHS PBIS, PBIS Crimson Carnival, May 3, 2019, 9:00 – 2:30 pm, HS Stadium/Classrooms.

JSC

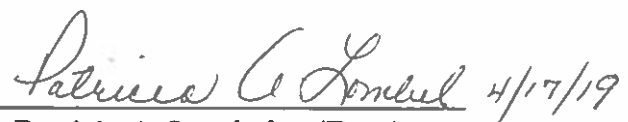
6. PASD Title 1, Title 1 Family Bingo Night, April 4, 2019, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, JSC Cafeteria.

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 \$1,062.00; Parcel No. 68-20-276 - located at 311 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Pottsville. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved an FMLA for employee # 1026 with leave beginning March 18, 2019. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

 Patricia A. Lombel 4/17/19

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)  
Board Secretary