

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 16, 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. Ellen Schurdak, Solicitor
Absent: Dr. Davidson

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 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

Mrs. Lisa Holobetz, teacher at the DHH Lengel Middle School and coach for PBIS introduced the PBIS Ambassador Committee: Laila Manou, Hailey Schoffstall, Jackie Carabello Snowell along with Janesza and Gabe. Laila explained that the committee meets twice a month during homeroom and interacts with students and reports directly to Mrs. Holobetz. Jackie discussed how the ambassadors helped students appreciate the faculty and staff. Jackie noted that students want to be involved in the decision making associated with PBIS activities and events. Hailey talked about being a part of the ambassador committee has helped her be more responsible in and out of the classroom. Student ambassadors sign a code that states that they will follow the PBIS rules.

Mrs. Holobetz explained that the Crimson Café will be open next Friday. The café is for students that reserve a spot for 10 crimson cash and then will get a lunch provided. The café will be at the top of Martz Hall.

Atty. Rismiller thanked Mrs. Holobetz and the PBIS Ambassadors Committee for their informative presentation.

Walter Davis spoke to the Board about his proposal to extend the bike path at JFK. The trail will parallel York Farm Road until the North 16th Street intersection. The path will then cross North 16th Street using school sidewalks. The path will be constructed to comply with ADA standards and to bring the trail down to the soccer field. Once the trail is down the hill, the trail will run along the property line that parallels Charles Baber Cemetery. It will run behind the soccer and baseball field to the edge of the school grounds. From this point the trail will eventually be connected to North 12th

Street which will act as a community access point. Mr. Davis has not approached the city with this proposal. Mr. Davis intends to write grants to help with funding this proposal. Atty. Rismiller thanked Mr. Davis and said the Board will have a conversation about this proposal.

Mr. Dave Svorsky commented on the Pledge of Allegiance and does not like the idea of separation of church and state.

Ms. Denise Gehrman said there were several transportation issues involving her children who attend Gillingham Charter School and would like to see them resolved. Dr. Zwiebel said he would meet with Ms. Gehrman to discuss these issues.

Mrs. Amy Babcock, Pottsville Area School District Education Association President, Lead Teacher of the English Department at the High School and a parent of a student in the district wanted to take the opportunity to highlight the Donorschoose.org and additional funding sources teachers have utilized to assist students and enrich their curriculums. Mrs. Babcock noted that along with \$26,000.00 from Donorschoose.org, the Crimson Tide Foundation has funded more than \$141,000.00 in Teacher Venture Grants (Over \$4,700.00 during this school year alone). The Art, PAHS Publications and Science Departments have creatively found additional funding for their projects and curriculums. The Art Department held group painting classes for the community. The PAHS Publications staff obtained more than \$10,000.00 in funding from businesses last year to lower their production costs and provide innovative media options for our students and the PAHS Science Department sponsored fund raisers using our Planetarium to fund materials needed in their curriculums.

Mrs. Babcock invited the Board to come into each building and observe what the teachers and students are doing with the funds that have been raised.

Atty. Rismiller thanked Mrs. Babcock for her informed comments.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the September 18, 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 Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of September 2019: Mid Penn Bank - \$4,597,571.41. Motion carried.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Stank, 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. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Superintendent's preapproval of credits indicated for the following professional employee be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Kayla Kurtz - 3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following Professional Employee be elected subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set her salary effective for the 2019-2020 school year pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork.

Melissa Yoder - DHHL School Counselor - Master's- Step 11 - \$63,386.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved that a PAHS diploma be awarded to one additional member 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. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved that Alicia Fehr be elected as DHHL Student Council Advisor at the stipend of \$700.00 for the 2019-2020 school year in accordance with the current negotiated agreement in effect between the PASD and the PASDEA. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the pursuit of the new 2019 PCCD grant for safety and security measures for the Pottsville Area School District. A signed letter of support will be sent as part of the grant application. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the service agreement for Board training through PSBA for all new and incumbent Board members. Training will take place Tuesday, December 3, 2019 immediately following the Board reorganization meeting. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the increased fee (\$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00) for Wyomissing School District football team to play at Veteran's Memorial Stadium. The fee is paid every other year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Robert Workman as security for the Pottsville Area School District, effective October 17, 2019 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the ACCU Weather snow warning service agreement for the 2019-2020 school year at an annual cost of \$2,031.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the agreement between St. Luke's Physician's Group, Inc. and the Pottsville Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year. Yearly agreement fee: \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the 2019-2020 Title II Non-public Programs and Services Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the agreement between Jessica Tofany and the Pottsville Area School District for Auditory, Speech and Language Therapy Services at a rate of \$100.00/hour for a maximum of 22 hours. Contract Period: August 27, 2019 to May 31, 2020. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the resolution adopting and approving the response and the Corrective Action Plan in accordance with the Auditor

General's Performance Audit Report for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Quandel, the Board tabled the approval of the tax collectors audit for the period of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 until the November 20, 2019 Board meeting. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the resignation of Angelique Schultz, part-time paraprofessional at Pottsville High School, effective October 3, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Tessa Remaley as a full-time paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an annual salary of \$16,707.60 (pro-rated based on days worked for 2019-2020 school year). Tessa had been a part-time aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved David Andrews as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$10.70, retroactive to October 1, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Thomas Kurtek as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$10.70, effective October 17, 2019 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved David Faust as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$10.70, effective October 17, 2019 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Dennis Lehman as a full-time custodian for the Pottsville Area School District, at an annual salary of \$19,000.00, effective October 17, 2019 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Brian Delaney as a full-time custodian for the Pottsville Area School District, at an annual salary of \$19,000.00, effective October 31, 2019 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Bryatt Kalinich as a substitute cafeteria worker (\$11.25)/lunch aide (\$9.10), effective October 17, 2019 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following security personnel for the 2019-2020 school year Open Swim and Track at the DHH Lengel Middle School:

- o Bob Dusel
- o Rosie Kiehner
- o Joanne Matina
- o Teresa Stonelake
- o Dorothy Vaughan
- o Tori Wallace

Motion carried.

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

- o Kathy Shipton, retroactive to October 4, 2019
- o Sophia Felker, effective October 17, 2019
- o Bryatt Kalinich, effective October 17, 2019

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of 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 #537 – lunch aide – September 13, 2019
- o Employee # 1300 – lunch aide – September 23, 2019
- o Employee #1346 – lunch aide – September 27, 2019
- o Employee #1318 – part-time paraprofessional – September 17, 2019
- o Employee #1349 – lunch aide – December 13, 2019
- o Employee #1231 – lunch aide – September 9, 2019
- o Employee #25 – lunch aide – September 12, 2019

- Employee #70 – paraprofessional – October 4, 2019

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following FMLA’s. All appropriate paper work was received.

- Employee # 1025 – Custodian – effective September 19, 2019
- Employee # 183 – Custodian – effective October 3, 2019
- Employee #129 – Custodian – effective August 20, 2019

Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Zwiebel read the following:

- Congratulations to Molly Lubinsky, PAHS Senior, for being selected as the Artist of the Month for October.
- Congratulations to the following teachers who have been awarded a Teacher Venture Grant from the C-Tide Foundation:
 - Tide TV is receiving funds to purchase equipment.
 - Kim Rismiller – DHHL Drama Club production
 - Philip Tenaglia – DHHL – 7th & 8th grade math software
 - Sara Arnold – PAHS – Art Department Field Trip
 - Charles Taronis, Robert Kempsey, and Nathan Halenar – PAHS – History Department Field Trip

To date, the foundation has awarded \$141,266.00 Teacher Venture Grants!!!

- Congratulations to the following students selected for the 2019 Homecoming Court:

Queen:	Madison Dalton	King:	Owen Golden
First Runner-up:	Caleigh O’Pake		Clayton Demcher
Second Runner-up:	Hannah George		Chris Smith

- Congratulations to Noah Fredericks and Reilly Babcock for being selected as our October Rotary Students of the Month.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that the mastery and mystery of Edgar Allen Poe will be held on the following evenings:

- Monday, October 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Yuengling Mansion
- Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wachter Auditorium

Dr. Zwiebel announced that a "Hero Wall" will be created to recognize those that have served in the U.S. Armed Forces as part of our Veteran's Day Observance. The "Hero Wall" will be located at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center.

The annual "Trunk or Treat" will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind Martz Hall. There are over 199 families signed up for this event.

Mr. Moran, Policy and Procedure Chairperson, noted that policies are being reviewed with the help of PSBA.

Mr. Moran/Mr. Quandel, Negotiations Chairpersons, said they are looking for positive dialogue at the next negotiations session.

Atty. Rismiller, PSBA Representative, noted that Dr. Blankenhorn is the formal delegate for this week's PSBA School Leadership Conference at Hershey, PA.

Dr. Blankenhorn, Drug and Alcohol Coalition Chairperson, stated that the committee will partner with the Task Force to share themes as well as solutions for mental health problems, anxiety and depression.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the Revenue Report for September 2019, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$3,852,869.47; State Sources - \$1,313,697.67) 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.

The date for the Reorganization Meeting is Tuesday December 3, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Certificates of Election for School Directors who were elected in November 2019 will be accepted; and to elect a President and Vice President for the Ensuing Year; and for General Purposes.

Under New Business:

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

DHHL Middle School

1. Martz Hall, Schuylkill County Regional College Fair, October 8, 2020, 7:30 am – 11:00 am, Martz Hall.
2. Pottsville Girls Volleyball, Senior All Star Game, November 13, 2019, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Martz Hall.
3. Pottsville Cheerleaders, November 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 25, 2019, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, November 5, 7, 13, 15, 19, 21, 2019, 3:15 pm – 7:30 pm, top of Martz Hall.


4. Pottsville Football Boosters, Football Banquet, November 24, 2019, 11:30 – 3:30 pm, MS Caf/Auditorium. (Back Up Date)
5. Crystal's School of Dance, Dance Recital/Rehearsals, May 10, 2020, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm & May 14, 2020, 5:00 – 10:00 pm, Rehearsals. May 15, 2020, 4:00 – 10:00 pm, May 17, 2020 11:00 – 6:00 pm, Recital, MS Auditorium.
6. PAHS Swim and Dive Team, Swim Meet Concessions, Dec. 10, 17, 2019, Jan. 4, 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020, Feb. 8, 2020 (8-4), 2:30-8:00 pm, MS Hallway.
7. PAHS Swim and Dive Team, Concessions/Meeting/Pasta Party, Jan. 3, 2020 (6-8), Jan. 4, 2020 (8-4), Feb. 7, 2020 (6-8), Feb. 6, 2020 (4-8), Feb. 8, 2020 (8-4), MS Cafeteria.

PAHS

8. PAHS, Financial Aid Night, September 21, 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Auditorium.
9. PAHS Quiz Team, Quiz Team Match, January 6, 2020, 2:45 – 5:30 pm, HS Library, Rooms 209 & 217.
10. SAT Prep Team, SAT Prep Boot Camp, October 26, 2019, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, HS Rooms 104 & 105.
11. PAHS Social Studies Dept., History Night, May 5, 2020, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, HS Cafeteria.
12. Pottsville Area Alumni, Homecoming Alumni Night, October 4, 2019, 2:30 – 7:00 pm, HS Cafeteria. (Retro)
13. Drama Club, Clean Prop Closet, October 12, 2019, 11:00 – 3:00 pm, HS Stage. (Retro)

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Salary and Benefits Report for September 2019. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

 11/20/19
 Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
 Board Secretary