

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
November 20 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

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 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Stephen Moyer commented about the budget committee and hopes that there is not another tax increase this year. Mr. Moyer said that it is very hard on the senior citizens with tax increases and they are worried that they will lose their homes with another tax increase.

Mr. David Svorsky also commented about a tax increase and hopes the Board votes against a tax increase for the 2020-2021 school year. He wished everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Dr. Blankenhorn commented that tonight is the last meeting for the outgoing Board members. Dr. Blankenhorn thanked Atty. Rismiller for her dedicated service along with Dr. Davidson and Mr. Stank.

Atty. Rismiller thanked everyone for their comments.

Dr. Zwiebel recognized Noah Fredericks, a senior at Pottsville Area High School. Noah had a perfect score on the math SAT with an overall score of 1520. Noah is taking numerous AP courses at the high school and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. He is ranked 1st in his class. Noah was one of the founding members of the Engineering Club at the high school. Atty. Rismiller and the Board congratulated Noah for his accomplishments.

On motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the October 16, 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 Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of October 2019: Mid Penn Bank - \$4,668,633.19. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Cafeteria Financial Report for October 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. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees and be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Cody Blankenhorn -	6 Credits
Leigh Ann Bosak -	3 Credits
Lucas Bricker -	6 Credits
Maggie Kergick -	9 Credits
Cara Turolis -	3 Credits

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board tabled the Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Paula Jones from the first day of the second semester (tentatively, January 16, 2020) until the first day of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Krista Torpey, HS English teacher, in accordance with her letter dated November 18, 2019, pending her release from the district. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the revision of the 2019-2020 calendar; May 22, 2020 will be changed to a holiday early dismissal day. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following coaches for the 2019-2020 winter season and set the salaries as indicated:

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dave Mullaney, Head Coach	\$6,450.00
John W. Toomey, Assistant	\$4,200.00
Tom McGeoy, Junior Varsity	\$3,600.00
Jake Wartella, Freshman	\$3,600.00
Tyler Heffner, 8 th Grade	\$2,400.00
John M. Toomey, 7 th Grade	\$2,400.00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Michael Dooley, Head Coach	\$4,300.00
Phil Tenaglia, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Olivia Andrefski, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$2,400.00

WRESTLING

Gary Keener, Head Coach	\$5,550.00
Corey Keener, Assistant	\$2,600.00
Brett Matukewicz, Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,600.00
Sam Julian, Assistant Jr. High Coach	\$2,800.00

SWIMMING

Ned Hampford, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,800.00
Greg Schuettler, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Kaycee Hess, Assistant	\$2,200.00
Debbie Logothetides, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Kim O'Brien, Assistant	\$1,400.00
Neil Johnson, Assistant	\$1,400.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2019-2020 winter season:

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

Eric Hampford

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Stephen Ennis

WRESTLING:

Chris Gardner
Chuck Kahler
Brad Leonard
Ryan Green

GIRLS' SWIMMING:

John Matulevich
Josh Zelinsky – Statistician
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Rose Ann Petrusky as a concession worker for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved opening up the Head Boys' Soccer position, effective immediately. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Atty. Rismiller, Aye; Mr. Urban, Nay; Dr. Davidson, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the tax collectors audit for the period of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for the following:

- o City of Pottsville
- o Palo Alto Borough
- o Mechanicsville Borough
- o Mount Carbon Borough
- o Port Carbon Borough
- o Norwegian Township

The audit was conducted by Jones & Co., Pottsville, PA and included Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the amended Agreement for Title I Services to the non-public schools between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit and Pottsville Area School District. The term of Agreement: August 26, 2019 through June 5, 2020. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the Client Services Agreement between Soliant Health and Pottsville Area School District, effective school year 2019-2020. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Rose Ann Petrusky as a substitute cafeteria worker (\$11.25)/lunch aide (\$9.10), retroactive to November 6, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Chasey Schock as a part-time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$11.25, retroactive to November 7, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation of Jeffrey Vaughan, full-time custodian at Pottsville Area High School, effective October 25, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation of Dennis Lehman, full-time custodian at Pottsville Area High School, effective November 15, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation of Susan Zeroual as a lunch aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective November 22, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation of Sandy Paulshock, secretary at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

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

- o Employee #1349 – lunch aide – October 15, 16, 2019

- Employee # 1029 – lunch aide – October 4, 8, 18, and October 25, 2019 through April 6, 2020.
- Employee #828 – lunch aide – October 3, 24, 2019
- Employee #793 – lunch aide –September 26, October 22, 2019
- Employee #537 – lunch aide – October 11, November 1, 2019
- Employee #70 – lunch aide – October 11, 17, 2019, November 1, 2019 and November 4, 2019 through November 11, 2019, November 20, 2019
(1/2 day)
- Employee # 1228 – lunch aide – September 27, October 30, November 4, 2019
- Employee # 1393 – cafeteria employee – October 30, 2019
- Employee #1300 – lunch aide – October 20, 21, 2019
- Employee #1346 – lunch aide – December 17, 2019
- Employee #1127 – cafeteria worker – November 6, 2019

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved an FMLA request for Employee #1372, effective January 9, 2019. Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Atty. Rismiller read the following:

Congratulations to our November Rotary Students of the Month – Caleigh O’Pake and Caleb Reedy.

Congratulations to Preston Hunter, PAHS Senior, for being selected as Artist of the Month. Preston is planning to pursue an art career related to video game design and plans to major in Digital Media.

Congratulations to the following John S. Clark students for being chosen as winners in the 2019 Student Art and Poetry Competition in honor of Schuylkill Women in Crisis Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Bullying Prevention Month.

3 rd place	-	Adalyn Evans (Kindergarten)
2 nd place	-	Jayden Hope Moyer (4 th grade)

Congratulations to the following students for being selected into the National Technical Honor Society: Skye Adamick, Madison Collucci, Hattie Ebling, Kendra Holley, Haley Salen, Sam Ulrich and Leah Zackus.

Congratulations to Reilly Babcock, for being selected as the 2019 DAR Good Citizen Award. The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award is an award that recognizes seniors for their dependability, patriotism, service and leadership.

Dr. Zwiebel thanked everyone who donated to the extra dress down day for the family that lost everything in a fire this past week. There are three children who are students of the district. With the money collected, items were purchased such as clothing, shoes and toiletries.

On the recommendation of Committee on Curriculum, and on motion of Dr. Cardamone, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the revised Comprehensive Plan, effective July 1, 2010-June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Policy and Procedure, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Policy #113 – Special Education. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Policy and Procedure, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved 200 Series Policies – Pupil. Motion carried.

Mr. Moran, Legislation Chairperson, noted that there is a pilot program for the voucher program. The pilot program is in the Harrisburg area. Mr. Moran said this could mean less money for public schools. Dr. Zwiebel said to write your legislature on this issue. Dr. Zwiebel also noted that Gov. Wolf has his own cyber charter school reform. The impact on this would keep dollars within the district. Dr. Zwiebel said it would make a significant difference.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Revenue Report for October 2019, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$1,084,888.06; State Sources - \$2,473,886.71; Federal/Other sources - \$18,699.98. Total \$3,577,474.75) 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. A Board member training with PSBA will follow the meeting.

Under New Business:

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

DHHL Middle School

1. Pottsville Fire Dept., Emergency Vehicle Operations Training Test, November 9, 2020, 6:00 am – 12:00 pm, Martz Hall Back Parking Lot. (Retro)
2. Fox News, Interview, October 31, 2019, 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm, MS Auditorium. (Retro)
3. PAHS Swim and Dive, Parent Meeting, November 14, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, MS Cafeteria.
4. Schuylkill County Office of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities, Neurologic Training, January 20, 2020, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, MS Auditorium.
5. PASD Swim, Age Group Swimming Championships, March 28, 2020, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm, MS Pool/Cafeteria.
6. Pottsville Wrestling, Charity Match, November 17, 2019, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, Martz Hall.
7. Cub Scouts Pack 615, Parking for Day Trip to Washington DC, March 21, 2020, 5:00 am – 10:00 pm, Middle School/Academic Center Parking Lot.
8. PAHS Band Boosters, Florida Trip Mandatory Meeting, January 7, 2020, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, MS Auditorium.

PAHS

9. Pottsville Art Dept., Paint Nite, December 8, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, HS Art Rooms.
10. Schuylkill County Band, Sch. Co. Band Auditions, November 21, 2019, 3:30 – 10:00 pm, HS Band Room/Auditorium, All Classrooms on Ground And First Floors.
11. PAHS Class of 1970, PAHS Tour, September 11, 2020, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, PAHS.
12. Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival, Rehearsals, January 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 2020, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, January 27, 30, 31, 2020, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, HS Auditorium/Band Room/2 Classrooms.
13. Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival, Pageant, February 1, 2020, 4:00 – 9:00 pm, HS Auditorium/Band Room/2 Classrooms.
14. PASD Stage Band, Stage Band Rehearsals, October 2019 – May 2020, (Tuesdays), 6:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Band Room. (Retro)
15. American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, June 19, 2020, 8:00 am – 12:00 am, Veterans Stadium. (Set Up June 18, 2020 / 3:00 – 8:00 pm)
16. Pottsville Area Cheerleaders, HS and JR High Cheer Tryouts, March 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2020, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, HS Boys and Girls Gyms.
17. Dalinda Dance Studio, Dance Recital/Rehearsal, June 20, 2020, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, HS Auditorium/Teachers' Lounge/2 Classrooms/Band Room. (Rehearsal June 18, 2020/3:30 – 9:00 pm)
18. PAHS Guidance, PHEAA Financial Aid Night, October 13, 2020, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, HS Auditorium. (Date Change)

ISC

19. Pottsville Area Cheerleaders, Rock the Court Cheer Camp, February 1, 2020,
8:00 am – 3:00 pm, JSC Gym/Cafeteria.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the Salary and Benefits report for October 2019. Motion carried.

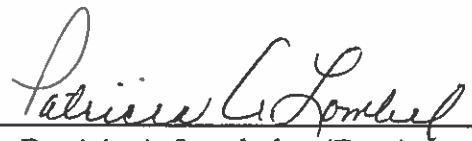
Dr. Zwiebel presented Atty. Rismiller with a Certificate of Appreciation from PSBA and a plaque from the Pottsville Area School District for her twelve (12) years of service.

Atty. Rismiller thanked Dr. Zwiebel and noted that she was committed as a Board member of the Pottsville Area School District. Atty. Rismiller said "we need to maintain our resources and need to be able to manage our money."

Dr. Zwiebel also presented Mr. Stank a Certificate of Appreciation from PSBA and a plaque from the Pottsville Area School District for his two (2) years of service. Mr. Stank thanked Dr. Zwiebel and the Board.

Dr. Davidson was absent but Dr. Zwiebel would deliver his Certificate of Appreciation from PSBA and his plaque for his twelve (12) years of service as a Board member of the Pottsville Area School District.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary