

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2019
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Blankenhorn,
Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello,
Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban,
Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent;
Mr. Manning, Business Manager;
Atty. Kevin Reid, Solicitor
Absent: Dr. Davidson, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Lombel

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 also noted that under new business there will be presentations from the Technology Department, Principals and Special Education.

Atty. Rismiller asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Mr. Stephen Moyer, a taxpayer and Pottsville resident, is concerned about an increase in taxes for the next budget year. He stressed that it is very hard on senior citizens who are on a fixed income. Mr. Manning noted that there were no tax increases for ten years; PSERS rates are set by the state and we are working to live within our budget. Mr. Manning also said that if Mr. Moyer would like to discuss further he would meet with him.

Mr. Dave Svorsky commented on the increase in the revenue account at Mid-Penn Bank and asked if there was a cap on how many students can be enrolled at the charter schools. Mr. Manning noted that there is no cap and no funding from the state for charter schools.

Atty. Rismiller thanked Mr. Moyer and Mr. Svorsky for their comments.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the August 21, 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 August 2019: Mid Penn Bank - \$4,233,477.58. 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 August 2019. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, 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 Mr. Stank, the Board approved homebound instruction for one middle school student. Motion carried.

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

Kaycee Hess	-	3 Credits
Paula Jones	-	3 Credits
Jennifer Lipton	-	3 Credits
Jeremiah Lynn	-	3 Credits
Benjamin O'Brien	-	6 Credits

Motion carried.

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

Katrina Greenawalt	-	\$4,398.00 (9 credits)
Allison Hughes	-	\$1,551.00
Katelyn Reichard	-	\$1,050.00
Krista Torpey	-	\$1,470.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the following salary adjustments be approved and made retroactive to the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year:

Melissa Focht	-	Bachelor+15
Corrine Houtz	-	Bachelor+15
Kate Zimmerman	-	Master+15

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the following resignation be accepted in accordance with her letter dated September 3, 2019.

Sarah Quinn - Speech Therapist
 Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved that the following be elected as Temporary/Professional Employees subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set their salaries effective for the 2019-2020 school year pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork.

Kelly Boyer \$47,100.00	DHHL Learning Support	Bachelor +15 - Step 1
Nancy Boyer \$47,100.00	DHHL Art	Bachelor +15 - Step 1
Nicole Molnar \$40,500.00	JSC Autistic Support	Bachelor - Step 1
Erin Schumacher \$40,500.00	JSC Kindergarten	Bachelor - Step 1

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved a contract for the following School Psychologist for the 2019-2020 school year:

Christine Schuebel - \$60,000.00 - September 9, 2019 - Last day of school for 2019-2020 (plus 15 days in June)

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the School Emergency Operations Plan.
 Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Quandel, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the Language Instruction Education Program Agreement (LIEP Services) and payment schedule between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 and the Pottsville Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year.

October 1	50%	\$7,419.00
February 3	50%	\$7,419.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Progressive Pediatric Therapy, LLC. Progressive Pediatric Therapy, LLC will provide occupational therapy services at an hourly rate of \$63.00. Term of Contract: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board approved the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Pediatric Physical Therapy LLC by Lynn M. Babbitt, MSPT. Schuylkill Pediatric Physical Therapy LLC will provide Physical Therapy Services at an hourly rate of \$62.00. Term of Contract: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Stank, the Board authorized the administration to open up a checking account at Mid Penn Bank for the Cafeteria fund. 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 Joann Torracco as a substitute paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area School District, effective September 3, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Melissa Hauptly as a substitute cafeteria (\$11.25)/lunch aide (\$9.10), effective September 19, 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 accepted the resignation of Tanya Hughes, paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective September 13, 2019. Motion carried.

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On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the resignation of Jennifer Williams, full-

time custodian at the Pottsville Area High School, effective September 16, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Taylor Horning, part-time paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School at an hourly rate of \$11.25, retroactive to September 11, 2019. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Krista Dullard as a part-time paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School at an hourly rate of \$11.25, retroactive to September 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:

Employee #1385 – paraprofessional – September 16 thru 20, 2019

Employee # 1346 – lunch aide – August 30, September 3, 4, 5, 17, 2019

Employee #1423 – lunch aide – September 6, 2019

Employee #1029 – lunch aide – September 13, 2019

Employee #1228 – lunch aide - September 16 thru 20, 2019

Employee #70 – paraprofessional – September 16, 2019 ½ day

Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel read the Public Relations report in absence of Dr. Davidson. Dr. Zwiebel noted that Dr. Davidson should be back for the October meeting.

- Congratulations to Owen Golden, PAHS Senior, for being selected as the Artist of the Month for September.
- Congratulations to the following teachers who have been awarded a Teacher Venture Grant from the C-Tide Foundation:

ISC

Kristen Blum /1st Grade Teachers - Farm to Table Lettuce Fest \$372.11

Migdalia Gunoskey - Cricut cutter for PBIS \$369.00

DHHL

Christina Connors/Jessica Coyle - Sensory Room \$635.00

Patricia Zimmerman/Hannah Pothering - Sweet Arrow Lake Field Trip -
7th grade science \$942.00

Neil Johnson/Mary Matulevich -	PA Mobile Ag Lab -	
	7 th & 8 th grade science	\$850.00
<u>PAHS</u>		
Meredith Coleman -	Novels for Creative Writing	
	Course	\$381.00
Carolyn Wasilewski	Field Trip	\$600.00
Krista Torpey	Quiz Team materials	
		\$600.00 approx.

Please check the Foundation's Facebook page for the exciting new collaborative music and technology project at DHHL also being funded by the Foundation. Congratulations to Kayla Kurtz and Corrine Houtz.

On the recommendation of Atty. Rismiller, PSBA Representative, and on motion of Dr. Cardamone, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Dr. Ann Blankenhorn as the voting delegate for the 2019 PSBA School Leadership Conference to be held in Hershey, PA on October 16-18, 2019. Motion carried.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Dr. Blankenhorn said she did not have a formal report but wanted to give accolades to the work the district has done for the Suicide Prevention month. Dr. Blankenhorn said it is extremely important that the word gets out about suicide prevention.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning and on motion of Mr. Stank, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Revenue Report for August 2019, which included local, state and federal sources. (Local Sources - \$5,452,459.42; State Sources - \$2,735,467.18; Federal/Other Sources - \$65,081.10 Total - \$8,253,007.70). Mr. Manning also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See office files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Stank, Mr. Urban and Atty. Rismiller, Aye. Dr. Davidson, Mr. Moran, Absent.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the adjustment to the July Expense Report. Motion carried.

Under New Business:

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

DHHL Middle School

1. Schuylkill Achieve After-School Program, Construct Learning Event, September 28 2019, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, MS Cafeteria/Auditorium/First Floor.
2. Schuylkill Achieve After-School Program, Pool Party, September 19 & 26, 2019, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, MS Pool.
3. Schuylkill Achieve After-School Program, September 16, 2019 – May 31, 2020, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, MS Facilities.
4. ESP Union, General Membership Meeting, October 3, 2019, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, MS Auditorium.
5. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Wrestling, Dec. 15, 2019, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Mar. 28, 2020, 7:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Martz Hall.
6. Pottsville Aquatics, Lifeguard Class, May 4 - 23, 2020, 3:30 – 6:00 pm (M-F), 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Sat.) MS Pool.
7. Pottsville Aquatics, Swim Lessons, April 20 – May 21, 2020, 5:00 – 8:30 pm (M-TH), MS Pool.
8. Pottsville Aquatics, Age Group Swimming, Dec. 4, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (M-W-F), Jan. 1 – Mar. 31, 2020 (Sat) 7:00 am – 12:00 pm, MS Pool.
9. Pottsville Aquatics, Open Swim, Sept. 2019 – June 1, 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (T-TH), 1:00 – 4:00 pm (Sat-Sun), MS Pool.
10. Pottsville Boys Basketball, Bidy Basketball Sign Ups, October 23, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
11. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Wrestling Registration, Sept. 25, 2019, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
12. PASD, Stop the Blood Program, January 20, 2020, 1:30 pm, MS Auditorium/Cafeteria.

PAHS

13. Pottsville Boys Basketball League, Bidy Basketball Practice/Games, Nov. 4, 2019 – Mar. 14, 2020, 6:00 – 9:00 pm (M-F), 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, (Sat), HS Boys & Girls Gyms, Martz Hall, JSC Gym.
14. Pottsville Boys Basketball, Bidy Try Outs, October. 30, 2019, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, HS Boys Gym.
15. Pottsville Cheer , Cheer Practice, Aug. 29, Sep. 5, 12,19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, HS Girls Gym. (Retro)
16. Pottsville Cheer, Senior Night Pizza Party, October 18, 2019, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, HS Cafeteria.
17. Pottsville Wrestling, Meet the Parents, October 29, 2019, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, HS Little Theatre.
18. Pottsville Cheer Camp Sign Ups, Sept. 11, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, HS Lobby. (Retro)

19. Gabriel Youth Orchestra, Fourth Grade Concert, Dec. 13, 2019, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, HS Auditorium.
20. PAHS Science Dept., Class Reunion Tour, Sept. 27, 2019, 7:45 pm – 9:30 pm, HS Planetarium.
21. Pottsville Drama Club, Auditions, Nov. 10, 2019, 11:30 am – 4:30 pm, HS Auditorium.

Academic Center

22. PAHS Majorette Squad, Camp Registration, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, AC Lot.

ISC

23. Schuylkill Achieve After School Program, After School Program, Sept. 23, 2019 – May 31, 2020, 3:00 – 6:00 pm (M-TH), JSC Facilities.
24. PAHS Majorette Squad, Majorette Camp, October 19, 2019, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, JSC Gym.
25. Varsity Cheer Boosters, Cheer Camp, September 28, 2019, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm, JSC Gym.
26. JSC PTO, Basket Auction, May 17, 2020, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, JSC Gym. (May 13, 14, 15, 2020, Set Up/Shop & Drop, Various times)
27. JSC PTO, Purse Bingo, November 2, 2019, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, JSC Cafeteria. (November 1, 2020 Set Up 6-8)
28. JSC PTO, PTO Meeting, October 8, 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, JSC Cafeteria.

Alumni Field

29. West Schuylkill FC, Soccer Practice, November 5 – 26, 2019 (T,TH), 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Alumni Field.

Motion carried.

Continuing under New Business, Mrs. Dianne Dougherty, Director of Technology, explained about the technology fee change. The new fee is \$20.00/student which will be collected annually; originally there was a higher fee which was not collected annually. The grades responsible for this fee would be 5th through 12th grade. The money is collected for repairs and maintenance.

Dr. Jared Gerace, John S. Clarke Elementary Center Principal, explained the uses of iPads at the elementary center. The iPad is used for not only math and science but also for communicative purposes. The reading specialists use the iPads for students to help

with word pronunciation and as a dictionary; knowledge of math skills is increased when using the times tables and study island is a great science resource.

Mr. Michael Maley, Prinicipal at the DHH Lengel Middle School, gained four classrooms (science, social studies and two special education classrooms) with the implementation of the iPads. There were four computer labs that were eliminated since students have immediate access to information and word processing abilities. Students have immediate access to information and school databases. Mr. Maley noted that over 1400 CDT (Classroom Diagnostic Tools) baseline assessments were administered using the iPads. Mr. Maley also noted that the new math curriculum provides students with online learning materials and assessment that are used to monitor students' progress in the curricular areas and enhance student learning.

Mrs. Tiffany Hummel, High School Principal, along with Mrs. Eleanor Sanayka, Special Education Supervisor, discussed several classes that are implementing the use of the iPads. Foreign Language, Math and Art are using apps which provide online learning materials. Math is very individualized and helps students learn the material along with continual reviewing of what is learned. Physical Education is also very individualized using apps along with community outreach which focuses on career readiness. Mrs. Hummel noted that students learn differently than how we learned. Mrs. Hummel also noted that students are building on skills that were learned in elementary and middle schools.

Atty. Rismiller thanked the administrators for their informative presentation.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

 10/16/19

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)

Board Secretary