POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Committee Meeting
May 17, 2023
Academic Center Board Room
6:00 PM

Present: Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair, Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager/Board Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Michael Cardamone.

Dr. Cardamone - Board Statement

A reminder to the public that the public comment period is not a question and answer period, but rather the opportunity for the public to submit comments to the Board. Public comments will follow our public comment procedures, which require members of the public to identify themselves by indicating name and address. If members of the public wish to make public comments, then they must do so in person.

Roll Call –9 members present

There were no public comments.

Recommendations by the Superintendent for approval at the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Pre-Approval of Credits
Suzanne Fredericks - 6 Credits
Kaycee Hess - 3 Credits
Mary McGinley - 9 Credits
Rachelle Price - 3 Credits
Amy Rubinkam - 9 Credits
Anya Wood - 3 Credits

2. Credit Reimbursements
Kendra Boris - $1,614.00
Suzanne Fredericks - $300.00
Rachelle Price - $1,614.00
Anya Wood -$1,614.00

3. Salary Adjustment (23-24 School Year)

Julie Drummer - Bachelor + 15
Tayah Moore - Bachelor + 15

Recommendations by the Facilities and Grounds Committee for approval at the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Discussion on minimum bid for repository sales. Will check with legal for a $5,000 minimum.

2. Independent Petroleum Service - JSC tank certifications (quote - $925.00)

3. Quote to remove existing dock pad seals and metal and install new one at JSC from Eastern Lift Truck Co., Inc. at a total cost of $4,429.00

Mr. Urban gave the Board members an update on ongoing projects.

- Paving – pre-bid going on now
- Starting inlet repairs
- Dome for Planetarium is in fabrication; get HVAC through Costars
- ESCO Project with Ameresco. Using Esser money.
- Mural on 16th St. – Wall and drain work will be done this summer
- Stadium sound system at Veteran's stadium; Enclosures for sound on one of the corners at Martz Hall
- Roofs need attention
- Game clocks
- Track at the high school – Life cycle overdue
- Transportation – bus contract expires in October 2023
- Between now and Fall of 2025 - $6 million worth of projects

Recommendations by the Finance Committee for approval at the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Seltzer Group Partners Renewal for 2023-2024 school year:

- Property/Liability/Auto/Educators Liability - $134,065
- Commercial Umbrella - $17,478
- Cyber Liability - $10,878 *estimated

2. Seltzer Group Partners Workers Compensation Renewal: (2023-2024 - $75,611; 2022-2023 - $87,160).

3. 2022-2023 TITLE I Revised Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. Term of Agreement - August 22, 2022 through June 2, 2023.

4. Move $750,000 from Mid Penn Checking Account (2.75%) to PSDLAF Capital Reserve Account (4.733%).

5. Rollover a 3 Month Treasury Bill at 5% (in PSDLAF) in the amount of $511,000.00, retroactive to May 18, 2023.

6. Single Static Advertising - HYDRO. $1,500 for three year (3) agreement.

7. Request to invest $500,000.00 from PSDLAF Flex into 3 or 4 Month Treasury Bill depending on interest rate.

8. Letter of Agreement for the provision of Student Assistance Program (SAP)and Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) Services between the Pottsville Area School District and Child and Family Services Inc., effective August 1, 2023.

9. Renewal Agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Computer Service for the 2023-2024 school year at an annual cost of $19,366.

10. Approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area Educational Support Personnel Association, ESPA/PSEA/NEA and the Pottsville Area School District. Term of Agreement - July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. (Will move to Labor Relations Committee for approval by Board)

11. Approve the Addendum to the Agreement, dated July 1, 2021, between the Pottsville Area School District and ESS Northeast, LLC. (Will move to Personnel Committee for approval by Board)

12. Election of School Board Members to the Intermediate Unit and Schuylkill Technology Center Board of Directors. Voting Ballots will be available at the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting. (Will move to Schuylkill IU for approval by Board)

13. Reappoint the Schuylkill County Recorder of Deeds to administer and collect Realty Transfer Tax.

14. Designate the following institutions as depositories for the PASD:

- Mid Penn Bank, Minersville, PA
- Link Bank (formerly Gratz Bank)
- Truist Bank (formerly BB & T Bank)
- PSDLAF

15. Resolution to adopt Budget; Authorize and direct the collection of taxes; confirm rate of compensation and authorize homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions.

Recommendation by the Curriculum Committee for approval at the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Service Agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) for professional development and ongoing instruction coaching in concurrent hybrid learning.

Mrs. Lisa Schu presented an informative presentation about CEP (Community Eligibility Provision). This program allows schools to offer free lunch. This program is on a four (4) year cycle. There was a discussion by the Board members on this program; no decision was made. The District offered free breakfast this year.
Mrs. Schu said the District is offering free meals all summer.

Recommendation by the PSBA Representative for approval at the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. 2023 PSBA Delegate Assembly Voting Delegate. Assembly on November 4, 2023.

An Executive Session was held from 7:10 pm to 8:11 pm to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Patricia A Lombel 6/21/2023

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary