

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 8, 2023
Academic Center
6:00 PM

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

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

The Board of Directors Roll Call – 8 members present. Mr. Shields was absent.

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.

There were no comments this evening.

Dr. Sarah Yoder reviewed the **Superintendent's Report** which will be approved at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Pre-Approval of Credits

Gregory Hoak - 9 Credits

Christopher Kovaleski - 6 Credits

2. Credit Reimbursements

Kendra Boris - \$1,614.00

Gregory Hoak - \$1,404.00

Under **Athletics and Extracurricular Activities**, the Board will approve the following items at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Approve the trip to Niagara Falls, New York (May 21-23, 2023). The Tide Tek S.T.E.M. Club will be visiting multiple educational sites near Niagara Falls. The field trip is for 8th grade club members who have remained highly active in club activities during their time at the DHH Lengel Middle School. This will include approximately

10 to 15 members of the club making the trip along with 4 chaperones (pending clearances). The trip will be funded by club fundraisers.

2. Approve additional volunteer Track coaches for the 2022-2023 school year: Robert Brouse and Jakub Sciora

Under **Facilities and Grounds Committee**, Mr. Urban, Chairperson reviewed the following items. Items 2,3,5,6,7,8 will be approved at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting.

1. Request for Board approval to advertise to bid for paving.

2. Proposal from Schuylkill Masonry and Restoration Services for repairs on PAHS Mural Wall on 16th Street Hill:

- Wall and cap repairs \$17,930.00
- Replacement of drain trough located behind top of wall and slope - \$13,400.00

3. Proposal from Miller Sports Construction for Screen and Coat for flooring at Martz Hall.

4. Rejection of First Round Planetarium Bid at the March 8, 2023 **Special Board Meeting**.

5. Approve Second Round Planetarium Bid at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting.

6. Approve proposed fees (includes District's expenses) for Post Season Contests at Martz Hall.

7. Approve three (3) year service agreement with CINTAS for an Automated External Defibrillator for Martz Hall.

8. Approve service agreement with CINTAS for uniform rental.

8. Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan

9. Use of Facilities.

Under **Finance Committee**, Dr. Blankenhorn reviewed the following items for approval at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. February 2023 Revenue and Expenses Comparison Reports

2. February 2023 Treasurer's Report

3. Approve agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year.

4. Approve Repository Sales:

- Parcel # 68-27-0357.000 10 North Third St. Pottsville City - Purchase Price \$1,323.00
- Parcel# 59-02-0370.000 0 Wood Street Port Carbon Borough - Purchase Price \$1,399.96

5. Approve 5 year agreement with R and R Auto Group as an advertiser for the new Electronic Sign outside Martz Hall at the intersection of 16th Street and Laurel Boulevard at a total cost of \$13,500.

6. Approve 5 year agreement with Schuylkill County Developmental Services, Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Drug & Alcohol Programs as an advertiser for the new Electronic Sign outside Martz Hall at the intersection of 16th Street and Laurel Boulevard at a total cost of \$13,500.

7. Approve agreement with the Crimson Academy for Health and Wellness classes, \$150 per class - up to semimonthly for PASD employees, effective March 16, 2023 through June 30, 2024, pending solicitor review. Funded by ARP ESSER and/or ARP ESSER Set-Aside funds.

8. Approve agreement with Yoga-B-Yoga for Health and Wellness classes, \$200 per class - up to semimonthly for PASD employees, effective March 16, 2023 through June 30, 2023, pending solicitor review. Funded by ARP ESSER and/or ARP ESSER Set-Aside funds.

Under **Technology Committee**, Mr. Urban, Chairperson, reviewed the following items for approval at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Approve bids for the Internet Service Provider RFP - term 36 months at a cost to district after 80% E-Rate discount \$291.00/month

2. Purchase 6 additional Environmental (Vape) Sensors and licenses which will complete HS Installation. Funded through Title IV at a cost of \$7,678.80.

3. Apple Equipment Lifecycle

- a. Purchase 2,477 Apple iPads
- b. Lease purchase for remaining Apple equipment

Under **Curriculum Committee**, Mrs. Dewitt, Chairperson, reviewed the following items for approval at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting.

1. Approve Maria Larish to attend the PAFPC Conference from April 16-19, 2023. The conference is paid for by Title I funds.
2. Approve the Dual Credit Affiliation Agreement with the Pennsylvania State University (Commonwealth Campuses).
3. Approve the renewal of the Reading Plus contract for the 2023-2024 school year.

Under **Policy and Procedure**, Mr. Wytovich, Chairperson, reviewed the following items for approval at the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Approve the following policies:

Policy 247 Hazing

Policy 259 Student Recruitment

2. Approve to retire the following policy:

Retire Policy 248 Unlawful Harassment

Informational item under Food Services:

The Pottsville Area School District applied for a competitive Food Service Equipment Grant. Less than 50% of the applicants were selected for funds through the PDE's Division of Food and Nutrition. The District was awarded \$2,589 for a Holding/Proofing Cabinet for the DHHL Middle School.

Administrators present:

Ms. Lubinsky

Dr. Caitlin Mohl

Dr. Jared Gerace

Ms. Brennan

Mr. Diehl

Mr. Mattea

Mrs. Aschman

Mr. Rismiller

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Patricia A. Lombel
Board Secretary

