

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Committee Meeting
November 8, 2023
Academic Center Board Room
6:09 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. Manager/Board Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by President Michael Cardamone.

Roll Call –9 members present.

An excellent PowerPoint was presented by Ameresco. Andrea Orlando reviewed the goals for the Pottsville Area School District.

The highest priority is the Central Plant ATC Conversion of all Schools. The next priority is JSC Elementary for fresh air systems and cooling tower replacement. The lower priority is the duct board replacement at the High School, remaining ATC conversion and HVAC replacement in planetarium at the High School.

All Schools and Academic Center were assessed which included the Building envelope system, lighting, building management system and the HVAC system.

Equipment in need for immediate repairs are as follows:

- The gymnasium's heating and ventilation unit at JSC Elementary Center
- A heating coil at one of the two units serving Martz Hall

A detailed summary was given to each Board member.

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.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Cardamone read the following statement:

"I am taking this opportunity to congratulate Linda, Ashley, and Craig on their reelection to the Board. Their victories in yesterday's election assure the good work done by the Board in cooperation with our outstanding Administration will continue the progress of the Pottsville Area School District. I am confident that I leave the Board

in good hands. Recently I was asked what I thought was the hardest thing associated with the position of Board President. I believe the most challenging part of this position was the selection of highly competent administrators and knowledgeable and effective Board Committee members. The Board's committees and District administration are essential for the successful duties of providing an excellent educational organization while being fiscally responsible to District taxpayers. I fully expect the new Board will continue to strive for excellence in the future. After completing my doctorate, I spent a year in Ontario, Canada on a Post Doctoral Fellowship. One of their major political parties is formally named the Progressive Conservatives. At the time, I thought the two words were in conflict. Now, however, I have come to believe that this serves as an apt description of the position of our Board. Because of the changes happening in demographics and society the Board must be progressive, while in spending public funds must be conservative. I am confident the new Board will balance these two needs."

Recommendations by the Superintendent for approval at the November 15, 2023, Board Meeting.

1. Pre-Approval of Credits

Emily Earlley - 3 Credits
Christopher Kovaleski - 3 Credits
Kara Ryan - 3 Credits

2. Credit Reimbursements

Paula Heffner - \$1,440.00
Nicole Kutsmeda - \$300.00
Anne Murray - \$300.00
Amanda Purcell - \$1662.00
Anyia Wood - \$1662.00

3. Lebanon Valley College Health Science Departments Clinical and Practicum Experience Agreement

4. Student/Teacher Placement

Reagan Little, LVC Speech and Language Pathologist student with cooperating Speech and Language Pathologists, Molly Hook (JSC) and Amy Withelder (PAHS).

Recommendations by the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee for approval at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Approve Junior High Wrestling Coach - Michael Peleschak
2. Approve Junior High Girls' Basketball Volunteer Coach - Leah Zerbe

Recommendations by the Facilities and Grounds Committee for approval at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Update on the following:
 - Air conditioning in Planetarium (Heim) – date not yet specified.
 - Ceiling Project for Planetarium (Harach)- completed.
 - Flooring for Planetarium by McNulty's - completed.
2. Permission for Learning on Laurel, LLC Preschool and Daycare center to use DHH Lengel Middle School in the case of an unforeseen emergency.

Mrs. Dewitt, Chairperson of the Transportation Committee commented that the two new buses have arrived.

Recommendations by the Finance Committee for approval at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting

1. Comparison reports - Expense and Revenue
2. Summary Report – There were no questions on the Summary Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Energy Contract - IGS - 3 year rate 0.08459 (estimated). Market rate subject to change at time of signing contract. Mrs. Stair noted that the energy market changes frequently.
5. Edwin L. Heim Co. - One (1) year Maintenance Program. Yearly Cost - \$135,492.00. This is a preventative contract.
6. 2023-2024 Special Education Service Agreement.
7. Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
8. 21st CCLC Data Sharing Agreement and School District Letter of Agreement with Schuylkill Intermediate Unit.

9. JMAC Realty, LLC. - real estate assessment appeal - agreement for one time payment of \$5,194.26 owed to the District for the 2023-2024 real estate taxes.

10. The ReDCo Group Behavioral Health Services Agreement, effective 2024-2025 school year.

Recommendation by the Technology Committee for approval at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Kajeet renewals for the following:

- Home WiFi devices - \$4,456.57 – for virtual students and virtual district days
- Mobile Hot spot devices - \$2,878.78 - for virtual students and virtual district days
- Bus WiFi devices - \$16,861.85

2. Approve a three (3) year agreement for the Google Education License. The cost for the three (3) Year agreement for students is \$11,250.00. There is no charge for staff licenses. There is a savings of \$3,750.00 over the three-year agreement.

3. Permission to advertise an E-Rate eligible RFP for a potential cabling/network improvement project in the District.

Recommendation by the Policy and Procedure Committee for approval at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting:

Approval of Policies:

Employees

308 - Employment Contract/Board Resolution

309 - Assignment and Transfer

311 - Reduction of staff

312 - Performance Assessment of Superintendent

313 - Evaluation of Employees

314 - Physical Examination

314.1 - HIV Infection

Retire policies

Administrative Employees

310 - Abolishing a Position

316 - Nontenured Employees

Professional Employees

408 - Employment Contract/Board Resolution

409 - Assignment and Transfer

410 - Abolishing a Position

411 - Suspension and Furloughs

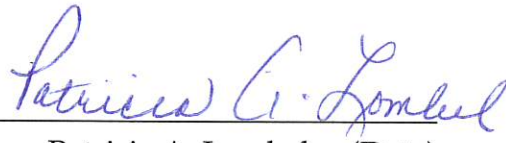
412 - Evaluation of Professional Employees

413 - Evaluations of Temporary Professional Employees
414 - Physical Examination
414.1 - HIV Infection
416 - Nontenured Employees

Support Employees
508 - Employment Contract/Board Resolution
509 - Assignment and Transfer
511 - Suspensions and Furloughs
512 - Evaluation of Support Employees
514 - Physical Examination
514.1 - HIV Infection

An Executive Session was held from 6:25 pm to 6:58 pm to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

 12/6/23

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)

Board Secretary