

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 12, 2023
Academic Center
6:00 PM

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

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. Thomas 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.

There were 2023-2024 Proposed Budget PowerPoint Presentations by Mrs. Tiffany Hummel, High School Principal; Dr. Caitlin Mohl, DHH Lengel Middle School; Kerri Lubinsky, John S. Clarke Elementary Center and Mr. Scott Mattea, Assistant Athletic Director. (see office files)

Mrs. Stacy Stair, Business Manager, presented a PowerPoint on the Pottsville Area School District 2023-2024 Budget.

Mrs. Stair discussed the following:

- Impacting Revenue in 2023-2024 which include Local (35%), State (54%) and Federal (11%) Sources
- The Local Real Estate Assessment Value increased to \$295,530,550
- Impacting Expenses in 2023-2024 – Overall Expenses increased 3.76%
- Salary and Benefits make up 63% of the Budget
- District continues to successfully mitigate the cyber charter and Gillingham Charter school costs

- Additional funding in Budgetary Reserve due to the volatility of charter (brick & mortar-Gillingham and cyber) enrollment
- Proposed Budget Revenue to Expenses Comparison
 - Revenue \$48,535,601
 - Expenditures \$48,535,601
- Recommendation
 - There has been 0% increase in 10 of the last 16 years
 - The recommendation of no tax increase for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be 11 years with no tax increase out of the last 17 years
 - Recommendation: **No tax increase this year**
 - Mrs. Stair, as Business Manager, would like to go on record stating she would have liked a tax increase.
- Presentation is on the District's website

Dr. Cardamone thanked all the presenters for their informative PowerPoint presentations.

Dr. Sarah Yoder reviewed the **Superintendent's Report** which will be approved at the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Pre-Approval of Credits/Act 48 Hours

Natasha Bubnis - 3 Credits
 Brent Hinkle - 4 Credits
 Mary McGinley - 3 Credits
 Amanda Purcell - 3 Credits
 Amy Rubinkam - 3 Credits
 Nicole Stiles - 52 Act 48 Hours

2. Credit Reimbursements

Angela Altemose - \$1,480.00
 Christopher Kovaleski - \$3,075.00

3. Internship Placement

Approve Brent Hinkle of Penn State University, Schuylkill Campus to intern with PASD Director of Technology Andrew Diehl

Under **Athletics and Extracurricular Activities**, the Board will approve the following items at the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. Extended Season Pay for the following 2022-2023 Winter Coaches per the PASDEA contract: Boys' Basketball, Swimming, and Wrestling Coaches.
2. Recommendation for the Athletic Participation Fee to be eliminated effective 2023-2024 school year for all grade levels.

Facilities and Grounds Agenda

1. Update on HVAC Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. Bid opening was March 8, 2023. Interviews were held on Monday, March 27, 2023. The committee will award "Ameresco" for the HVAC guaranteed Energy Savings Project at the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting. This project will be completed before September 2024.
2. Use of Facilities

Transportation Agenda

Informational Item

PennDOT has identified Market Street/Route 209 as a hazardous route. We are grateful for Transportation Supervisor Deniece Krater, Supervisor of Facilities and Grounds Bo Ditzler, and Business Manager Stacy Stair for initiating and completing this in-depth request process. The Pottsville Area School District will be able to transport K-12th grade students residing on the south side of Market Street as a result of their diligence and PennDOT's identification. Bus passes will be distributed over the summer for the 2023-2024 school year.

Under **Finance Committee**, Dr. Blankenhorn reviewed the following items for approval at the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting:

1. March 2023 Comparison Reports - Revenue and Expenditures
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Moody's Investors Service - Moody's upgraded the district's issuer and general obligation limited tax (GOLT) rating to Baa2 from Baa3 and assigned a positive outlook.
4. Repository Sale - Parcel # 59-02-0177.001 - 0 Second Street Port Carbon Borough. Purchase Price - \$1,205.00.
5. Schuylkill Technology Center 2023-2024 Budget in the amount of \$6,271,975. Pottsville Area School District's contribution is \$803,223; an increase of \$55,310 from

prior year. Ballots for adoption of the Budget will be available at the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting.

6. Intermediate Unit General Operating 2023-2024 Budget. Total Budget amount - \$2,737,945. Ballots for adoption of the Budget will be available at the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting.

7. Frontline Education Renewal for the 2023-2024 School Year - Total \$15,122.42

- Comparative Analytics Subscription powered by Forecast5 \$7,435.32
- Finance Planning Analytics Subscription powered by Forecast5 \$7,687.10

8. Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and First Class Imaging, LLC for the Kindergarten Graduation photos in April/May, 2023 and for the 2023-2024 School Year Pictures including Fall, Senior, Kindergarten and Graduation Photos.

9. Three (3) year agreements for Single Static Advertising. Total cost for three (3) year sponsorship - \$1,500.

- Ken's Tires
- Mid Penn Bank
- Physical Therapy and Balance Centers

10. Adoption of the proposed final 2023-2024 School District budget of \$48,535,601. This budget reflects personnel, instructional equipment, supplies, maintenance and operational expenditures necessary for School District operations.

11. Authorize the School Board Secretary to have the required proposed final budget notice published once in the Republican Herald on Friday, April 21, 2023.

12. Set the date of May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the Final Adoption of the 2023-2024 budget for the Pottsville Area School District.

Technology Committee Agenda

1. Approval of Summer Interns for Technology from Penn State Schuylkill: May - August 2023

Policy Committee Agenda

1. Approve the following policies:

Policy 251 - Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability

Policy 252 - Dating Violence

Policy 827 - Conflict of Interest

2. Approve to retire the following policies:

Retire Policy 255 - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (combined with Policy 251)

Mrs. Lombel announced an Executive Session:

-In accordance with Act 84 of 1986, the Sunshine Act, an Executive Session with the Board as a whole immediately following this meeting is hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Administrators present:

Ms. Lubinsky

Dr. Caitlin Mohl

Dr. Jared Gerace

Ms. Brennan

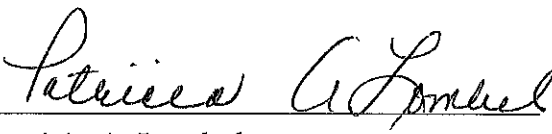
Mr. Diehl

Mr. Mattea

Mrs. Aschman

Mr. Rismiller

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

 5/24/2023
Patricia A. Lombel
Board Secretary