

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Board Meeting
August 10, 2022
DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium
7:00 PM

Present: Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan,
Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella (via Zoom)
Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder,
Superintendent; Mrs. Stair, Business Manager;
Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager/
Board Secretary; Atty. Kevin Reid, Solicitor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Michael Cardamone.

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. The meeting will be available online.

The School Board will strive to answer questions pertaining to the current agenda at the beginning of the school board meeting, in a conscious effort to maintain transparent practices. After the School Board agenda is posted online, questions may be emailed to plombel@pottsville.k12.pa.us by 2:00 PM the day of the meeting. Questions pertaining to the agenda posted online will be answered in the order received for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. If the questions are not able to be answered during the 30-minute period, the School Board will endeavor to answer the questions at the beginning of the next school board meeting. Questions pertaining to confidential personnel matters will not be addressed. Questions that require some research or further inquiry might not be answered at the current school board meeting. **The question and answer period does not replace the public's current right to public comment.**

There were no public comments this evening.

The Board of Directors Roll Call – All present with Mr. Ciavarella via Zoom.

On motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the July 13, 2022 Board Meeting. Since all members received

copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved.
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Stair, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of July 2022:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) – General Fund Balance as of July 31, 2022- \$13,090,123.55; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of July 31, 2022 - \$553,567.82.
2. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Revenue Report - General Fund condensed Board Summary Expenditure Report
3. Cafeteria Condensed Board Summary Report
4. Payment Summary – General Fund, Food Service
5. Budget Transfers – There were no budget transfers.

Motion carried.

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

Miranda Angelo - 9 credits

Emily Earley - 3 credits

Alicia Fehr - 3 credits

Suzanne Fredericks - 3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following professional employee(s) be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Alicia Fehr - \$1,614.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following salary adjustment be approved and made effective in the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year:

Michala Zembas – Bachelor's +15

Motion carried.

Crimson Tide Foundation

Save the Date:

Event: Corn Hole Tournament
Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022
Rain Date: Sunday, August 28, 2022
Location: Barefield Recreational Complex
823 Terry Reiley Way
Pottsville, PA

Dr. Yoder thanked the Crimson Tide Foundation for their hard work at the "Tide Night Out" held at Black Rock on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

On the recommendation of the **Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following items:

- Approved the agreement with Pottsville Zone to provide all concessions for the home varsity football contests and any additional football events including playoff games for the Fall Football Season 2022. Pottsville Zone will share 10% of their profit from each of the football contests and any playoff contests.

- Approved the agreement with CFG McGinty LLC to provide ice cream for sale for the home varsity football contests and any additional football events including playoff games for the Fall Football Season 2022. CFG McGinty LLC will share 10% of their profit from each of the football contests and any playoff contests.

- Approved the Agreement between Saint Clair Area School District and Pottsville Area School District for the provision of shared athletics, effective August 11, 2022.

- Approved the Five (5) Year subscription service for Arbiter Sports at a cost of \$7,350.00. Term of Service - July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

- Approved the ticket prices for the 2022-2023 sport season.
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Facilities and Grounds Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following items:

- Approved an agreement with Victor E. Muncy Inc. to furnish and install a metal frame and door at the DHHL Middle School at a cost of \$4,501.00.

- Approved an agreement with August Mack for the removal of the underground storage tank at the John S. Elementary Center at a cost of \$9,854.00.
- Approved Fisher Tree Service to remove three (3) trees from the high school court yard at a cost of \$1,600.00.
- Approved "Enginuity" to replace the 25-Ton Cafeteria RTU at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center at a cost of \$31,340.00. Enginuity is Co-Stars approved #008-219. Motion carried.

On the recommendation by the **Finance Committee** and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following items:

- Approved the speaking agreement with MindSpark (Ari Gunzburg) for August 17, 2022. The cost of the agreement will be paid for through the use of Title II funds.
- Approved the sale of of used photography equipment and materials including cameras, lenses, enlarger, film, papers, chemicals, developing equipment, etc. These supplies and equipment are no longer used at the high school. The District will post the items for two weeks on its website and Facebook for sale at a price of \$5,000 or best offer.
- Approved the following Repository Sales:
 - Parcel No. 68-35-38 located at 14 South Seventh St. Pottsville City - Repository Price \$2,269.46
 - Parcel No. 68-35-0058.001 located at West Eighth St. Pottsville City - Repository Price \$1,573.00
- Approved the School District Affiliation Agreement between Alvernia University and Pottsville Area School District. The term of the agreement shall commence August 1, 2022 and continue for a period of one year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation by the **Personnel Committee** and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Ms. Wytovich, the Board approved the following items:

- Approved Mr. Jeffrey Hughes as Math Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 13 - Master's - \$69,898, pending release from current employer.

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Casey Horvath, Life Skills Teacher at PAHS, dated August 1, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

- Approved Mrs. Kayla Gaffron as Special Education Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's+15 - \$47,600. Mrs. Julie Saunders will serve as a mentor for Mrs. Gaffron.

- Approved Mr. Daniel Nester as ELA Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 10 - Master's + 15 - \$63,695, pending release from current employer.

- Accepted the resignation of Kayla Leibel, van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, effective July 18, 2022. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

- Approved the following bus/van aides for the Pottsville Area School District contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances, effective August 11, 2022:

- Charlene Corby - Hourly rate \$10.00
- Kimberly Henry - Hourly rate \$10.25
- Amber McShaw - Hourly rate \$12.00

- Approved Jessica Reinhard as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.70, contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances, effective August 11, 2022.

- Approved the following part-time paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$11.25, contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances, effective August 11, 2022: Katilyn Chervinski and Renee Stefnic.

- Elected the list of Lead Teachers and Extra-curricular advisors at the stipend indicated for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. (Copy attached)

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Carter Yeager, business office intern at the Academic Center, effective August 19, 2022. Mr. Yeager is a student at Penn State Schuylkill Campus. We wish him well in his college career.

- Advertise for three (3) full time paraprofessionals with ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) training or who are willing to participate in ABA professional development.

- Approved the following rates for part-time police officers for the 2022-2023 school year:
 - \$25 per hour – initial rate
 - \$28 per hour when an officer reaches 100 hours
 - \$30 per hour when an officer reaches 300 hours

- Approved the following Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing Students for the 2022 fall term:
 - Samantha Burkey
 - Brandi Carl
 - Natasha Dieter
 - Alexandra Eades
 - Ashlyn Graeff
 - Shanyna Hilbert
 - Karisa Lash
 - Kyle Loughlin
 - Myles Manjone
 - Amy Miller
 - Beatrice Peleschak
 - Cassidy Shomper
 - Joshua Skibiel
 - Rachelle Viruet
 - Ryan Wilk

- Approved the Superintendent's annual performance evaluation for the 2021-2022 school year. The Pottsville Area School District Board of School Directors determined that Dr. Sarah Yoder satisfied the mutually agreed performance standards. In accordance with the PA School Code, the Pottsville Area School District is required to conduct an annual evaluation of the superintendent based on a set of objective performance standards. The rubric utilized for the superintendent evaluation in the Pottsville Area School District can be reviewed per request.

- Approved Emma Seiger as a lifeguard for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$9.00/\$10.00, effective August 11, 2022.
 - Approved Brooke Boardman as a part-time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$14.10, contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances, effective August 11, 2022.
 - Approved Shane Derfler as a part-time custodian at the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$11.00, effective August 11, 2022. Shane is a student at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Tamaqua.
 - Accepted the letter of resignation from Mr. Joseph Martin, Science Teacher at DHHL Middle School, dated August 5, 2022. We wish him well in his new endeavors.
 - Approved Ms. Stacey Appler as Science Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 8 - Bachelor's+15 - \$54,990, pending release from current employer.
- Motion carried.

Under Promotion, Public Relations and Social Meeting, Ms. Wytovich read the following:

1. Congratulations to DHHL 8th grader Lila Evans for being crowned 2022 Princess of the Schuylkill County Fair.
2. Congratulations to the Jr High Girls Basketball team for taking home gold from the Cross Over Hoops tournament in Ocean City, Maryland.
3. Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Basketball team for taking home second place from the Cross Over Hoops tournament in Ocean City, Maryland.
4. Congratulations to our DHHL middle school students for winning the basketball summer league championship at Barefield.

Upcoming Events:

- August 10, 2022 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (A-L Last Names) at 6:00 PM
- August 17, 2022 - Teachers' In-Service
- August 18, 2022 - Teachers' In-Service
- August 18, 2022 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (M-Z Last Names) at 6:00 PM
- August 22, 2022 - JSC Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Run
- August 22, 2022 - Back to School Night
 - JSC (5:00 - 7:00 PM)
 - DHHL (5:30 -7:30 PM)

PAHS (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

August 24, 2022 - First Day of School

September 5, 2022 - Labor Day (School closed)

On the recommendation of the **Committee on Technology**, and on motion by Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Mr. Brent Hinkle as a Technology Intern for the 2022-2023 School Year at an hourly rate of \$11.00 for up to 15 hours per week. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Committee on Curriculum**, and on motion by Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Reading Street Literacy Series (third through sixth grade) and the Superkids Literacy Series (kindergarten through second grade) be decommissioned and authorized the disposition of the materials. Motion carried.

On the recommendation by the **Food Services Committee** and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following:

- Approved as suppliers for Pottsville Area School District for 2022-2023 school year:
Guers Dairy - Milk, 100% orange juice, iced tea, 20% orange drink, lemonade, and spring water

Bedway - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Hershey's - Ice Cream

Varano - Meat and Cheese

Moribito Baking Co - Bread and Baked Goods

We are thankful for our suppliers for their superior products for many years. We receive our deliveries on time, and the companies have been cooperative and reliable.

- Approved the breakfast, lunch and milk prices for students and adults for the 2022-2023 school year. The lunch prices for the students will increase but the adult lunch and milk prices will remain the same for the 2022-2023 school year.

***Student lunch prices remained the same for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. There was an increase in the adult lunch prices for the 2021-2022 school year.**

| | Lunch Prices: | Breakfast Prices: |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Elementary Student | \$2.80 (increase from \$2.60) | \$1.80 (increase from \$1.60) |
| Secondary Student | \$2.95 (increase from \$2.65) | \$1.95 (increase from \$1.65) |
| Adult | \$4.00 | \$2.80 |
| Extra Milk | \$.70 | \$.70 |
| Reduced ** | \$.40 | \$.30 |

** Pricing of meals are mandated by the Equity in School Meal Pricing set by the USDA. Reduced meal prices are set by the government. Adult prices are set by PDE.
Motion carried.

Under New Business the following were approved:

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Use of Facilities Calendar for August 2022.

Motion carried.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT THE ACADEMIC CENTER:

Facilities and Grounds Meeting - Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7:00 am

Technolosy Meeting – Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 4:30 pm

Policy and Procedure Committee – Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm

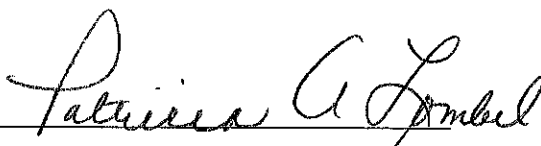
Athletics and Extracurriculars Meeting - Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 7:00 am

Finance Meeting - Friday, September 9, 2022 at 7:00 am

Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm (Executive Session - 6:00 pm)

An Executive Session was held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Patricia A. Lombel (Date) 9-14-22
Board Secretary