

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Work Session
April 5, 2017
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn (via phone),
Dr. Davidson, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello,
Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Wagner, Dr. Zwiebel, Mrs. Lombel,
Atty. Thornburg, Ms. Marchiano,
Republican Herald

President Boran called the work session meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Boran asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Boran reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Boran noted that approval for the Treasurer's Report, Cafeteria Report and List of Bills will be done at the regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2017.

Under Unfinished Business, President Boran read the following prepared statement:

"The Board has been asked numerous times about the status of the case against Steve Curran and this is my attempt to answer those questions. First, let me note that there is no support on the Board for a settlement with Mr. Curran, and it looks like at this point a Board hearing against Mr. Curran will go forward. Second, because it looks like we are heading toward a Board hearing, this also means that the Board has not yet reached any conclusions about Mr. Curran, or what he supposedly did or did not do, or what his status is with the district. Third, having said that, I also must say that the Board is not aware of and has seen no evidence that Mr. Curran stole any money from the district. It is the Board's understanding that at most, the administration will charge that Mr. Curran was negligent in the supervision of other employees who caused the deficits in question, but again, that is for the Board to determine after the administration decides what evidence to present to the Board at a Board hearing."

President Boran also stated that "under the advice from our solicitor, we will move forward. A statement of charges will be filed and Board hearing dates will be set."

Mr. Boran asked Dr. Zwiebel for the Superintendent's Report.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the adjustment of the 2016-2017 school calendar. School will now be in session June 1, 2, 5, 6, 2017. Commencement is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran asked for the Board Committee Reports:

- Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mrs. Blankenhorn noted that the April meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.
- Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation – Mr. Wagner noted that the committee met with Dr. Wayne McCullough to review items with transportation.
- Finance – Mr. Boran had no report for this evening.
- Legislation - Mr. Moran stated he will report some informational items at the regular meeting.
- Negotiations - Mr. Moran stated there was nothing to report. The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2017.
- Drug and Alcohol Coalition – Mrs. Blankenhorn noted that information on “Teens and Substance Abuse” will be forthcoming.
- Personnel - Atty. Rismiller asked the Board for approval on the following items:
 - On the recommendation of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following lifeguards, at an hourly rate of \$9.00/\$10.00 per hour: Peyton Connors and Brady Kokitus. Motion carried.
 - On the recommendation of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following for unpaid leave of absence:
 - ❖ High School Paraprofessional – Tuesday, April 11, 2017
 - ❖ High School Paraprofessional – Thursday, April 13, 2017
 - ❖ Elementary Paraprofessional – Thursday, April 13, 2017 and Monday, April 17, 2017 through Friday, April 21, 2017 returning Monday, April 24, 2017. Motion carried.
 - On the recommendation of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the letter of resignation for retirement from Mrs. Geraldine Schwartz, part-time paraprofessional at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School. Mrs. Schwartz’s retirement will begin after the last day of school for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.
 - On the recommendation of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Jane Hammond, bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District, effective May 31, 2017. Motion carried.
- Public Relations - Dr. Davidson stated that he will cover the items at the regular meeting. Dr. Davidson noted that the Board met with the principals to review the budget. There were significant reductions in general supplies and Dr. Davidson was pleased to hear that with these reductions the students were not being short changed. He also praised the teachers for their hard work. Atty. Rismiller also noted that the teachers are doing an incredible job with the iPads and are very attentive with assisting the students on their iPads. Mr. Moran also noted that two seniors, from Pottsville Area High School were nominated for the 2017 NEPTA Awards (Northeastern PA Theatrical Alliance) for their performance in “Seussical.” This is the first time in seven years that local high school seniors were nominated.
- Technology - Dr. DiCello had no report for this evening.
- Textbook and Supplies- Dr. Davidson stated that there was no report.

- IU 29 Representative – Mr. Thomas noted the following:
 - ❖ Dr. Gregory Koons, new executive director, was welcomed on Monday.
 - ❖ The need for a new roof is an ongoing issue.
 - ❖ The 2017-2018 budget did not pass. There were not enough members to vote on the budget. Mr. Thomas will vote in favor of the budget. The vote will take place next month.
- PASBO Representative - Mr. Wagner stated that there was nothing to report.
- Pottsville Recreation Committee – Dr. Cardamone had nothing to report.
- Special Education/Alternative Education/Charter Schools - Mr. Thomas noted that there was nothing to report.
- Policy and Procedure Review - Mr. Moran stated he had no report for this evening.

Mr. Boran asked if there was any new business for the Board.

On recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

D.H.H.L. Middle School

1. PASD Aquatics, Swim Lesson Registration, April 12, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
2. PASD Aquatics, Swim Lessons, April 17 – May 18, 2017 (Mon thru Thu), 5:00 – 9:00 pm, MS Pool.
3. PASD Aquatics, Lifeguarding/Water Safety Instructor Classes, May 15 – June 3, 2017, 3:30 – 6:30(M-F), 8:00 – 12:00(Sat), MS Pool
4. Pottsville Youth Soccer Assoc., Soccer Registration, April 20 & April 26, 2017, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, MS Cafeteria.
5. PIAA Schuylkill Chapter for Swimming and Diving Officials, PIAA Meetings, October 17, November. 2 , 20, December. 5 , 18, 2017, January. 8, 17, 29, February. 7, 2018, 7:00 pm, Classroom in Martz Hall.
6. PASDEA, General Membership Meeting, April 27, 2017, 4:00 pm, MS Auditorium.
7. PASD Track Boosters, Track Banquet, May 21, 2017, 12:00 – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
8. PAHS Majorette Squad, Registration for Majorette Camp, April 25, 2017, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
9. Pottsville Wrestling, Wrestling Clinic, May 13, 2017, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Martz Hall.
10. Pottsville Youth Soccer Association, Soccer Pictures, August. 26, 27, September. 9, 10, 2017, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
11. Pottsville Fire Dept., Public Safety Night Out, June 19, 2017 (June 20th Rain Date), 5:00 – 8:30 pm, MS Parking Lots.
12. Athletes for Better Education and Pottsville Boys Basketball Boosters, AFBE Basketball Tournament, May 19, 20, 21, 2017, 4 – 10 pm and 8:00 am – 10:00pm, Martz Hall/HS Boys Gym/JSC Gym (Sunday only).

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13. PAHS Boys Soccer, Meeting with Parents/Players, April 25, 2017, 6:30 pm, HS Little Theatre.
14. PASD Track Boosters, Mandatory Parent Meeting, March 28, 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, HS Cafeteria. (Retro)
15. PAHS Drama Club, Spring Musical 2018, March 23, 24, 25, 2018, 4 – 11:30 pm/11 – 6 pm, November. 18, 2018 (Drama Performance), 12 – 5 pm, HS Auditorium.
16. Pottsville Football Boosters, Football Boosters Meeting, August 15, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, HS Cafeteria.

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17. JSC PTO Committee Meeting, April 17, 2017, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, JSC Cafeteria.
18. PAHS Majorette Squad, Majorette Camp, May 6, 2017, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, JSC Gym and Cafeteria.

Alumni Field


19. Pottsville Girls Softball League, Softball Practice (Lacie's Little Ones), April 6 – June 10, 2017, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, 16th Street Softball Field.
20. Pottsville Girls Softball League, Softball Practice (Sam's Corner Deli), April 6 – June 10, 2017, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, 16th Street Softball Field/Alumni Field.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Lombel stated that in accordance with Act 84 of 1986, also known as the Sunshine Act, an Executive Session is hereby announced immediately following the adjournment of the Work Session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Boran asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson and passed by unanimous vote at 7:45 p.m.

The Executive Session was held from 7:49p.m. through 8:36 p.m.



Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Acting Board Secretary