

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2014
7:30 p.m.
Academic Center

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater,
Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran,
Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner,
Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent; Mr. Curran,
Business Manager / Board Secretary;
Atty. Thornburg; Solicitor; Mr. Ansbach,
Mr. Pytak, Pottsville Republican;
Mrs. Lombel

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Boran.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Boran asked if anyone would like to address the board.

Shelby Hahner and Lucy Murray, students at the Pottsville Area High School, voiced their concerns about changing the course handbook on quality points for being a member of the band front. There are no quality points for a member of the band front. Mrs. Missy Hahner also voiced her concern about this issue and the impact it has on class rank. Mr. Boran thanked the students for addressing the board and said the board would review this issue.

Mrs. Joanne Horvath and Mrs. Maureen Sanders also addressed the board about the concerns with the band front. Mrs. Horvath had a prepared statement. Mr. Boran thanked them also for addressing the board and asked for a copy of the prepared statement. Mr. Boran noted that the board would review these issues.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on July 9, 2014 as well as the regular board meeting held on July 16, 2014. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of July 2014 school year and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of July 2014 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of July 2014 was accepted and ordered filed. (See office files) Motion carried.

A list of bills, as appended, was submitted for payment. (Copy to each Director)

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. DiCello, vouchers were ordered drawn in payment of the bills listed or where vouchers had been drawn, such action was approved and the list of bills was ordered appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the law firm of Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Lord LLP as special counsel. Motion carried.

The Superintendent submitted part-time payroll bills and recommended payment.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized payment to the persons listed in the amounts indicated after their respective names for services on the programs specified in accordance with payroll bills submitted and approved by the Superintendent. (See office files) Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Kayla Fehr	-	3 credits
Tracey Fidler	-	2 credits
Heather Jenkins	-	3 credits
Alyssa Palina	-	6 credits
Courtney Reichert	-	6 credits
Jennifer Stock	-	3 credits
Janice Whitaker	-	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the reimbursement for the professional employee as indicated for the successful completion of a preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Alicia Fehr	-	\$2,538.00
Kayla Fehr	-	\$1,269.00
Bridget Freiler	-	\$ 510.00
Katelynn Hranchock	-	\$2,538.00
Samantha Lecher	-	\$ 2,652.00

Kara Prock	-	\$1,269.00
Ashley Shappell	-	\$2,538.00
Zane Simpson	-	\$2,652.00
Kate Zimmerman	-	\$3,570.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the substitute rate of \$90.00 per day be set for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved that the 2014-2015 substitute list be adopted with the understanding that this list be updated and modified on a continuous basis. (See office files) Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board awarded Pottsville Area High School diplomas to five members of the Class of 2014 based upon their successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved the revision of the following policy (see office file):

Policy #222 – Tobacco Use

Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that during the summer, the administrative staff has prepared for the opening of the 2014-2015 school year. A district in-service program will be held for teachers on Tuesday, August 19, Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21, 2014. The practice bus run and orientation for kindergarten children will also be held on Thursday, August 21st. The opening of school for all students is Monday, August 25, 2014.

Dr. Zwiebel asked for a “moment of silence” in memory of Frank Madara, who passed away this week. He was a long time employee at the Pottsville Area School District and a coach for many years.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed Rick Wojciechowsky as 7th Grade Girls' Head Basketball Coach for the 2014-2015 school year at a salary of \$3,000. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed Serenity Allen as a volunteer assistant for the 7th Grade Girls' Basketball. Motion carried.

Mr. Krater noted that the school district will be using their own security team at the football games.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the board approved the 2nd Reading of the following policy:

Policy #701 – Property – Facilities Planning

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the board approved the purchase of seven (7) Motorola APX6000 VHF High Power Portable Two-Way Radios, from Green's Communications, at a cost of \$27,303.50. This price is per PA State Contract/COSTARS Contract #4400008568 and includes special Schuylkill County discount over and above PA State contract pricing. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board set the following non-professional union hourly rates, non-professional non-union hourly rates and professional rates for the 2014-2015 school year. (See office files) Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Krater, Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the GASB 45 Valuation and Related Services Agreement, effective June 23, 2014. These services will be performed under Conrad Siegel Actuaries, Harrisburg, PA. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the letter of resignation for retirement from Mildred Harris, cafeteria aide at Pottsville Area High School, effective August 22, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the letter of resignation for retirement from Jane Schaeffer, cafeteria aide at Pottsville Area High School, effective September 30, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the following be added to the substitute cafeteria/lunch aide list contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Carolyn Freeze
- Donna Ross
- Kristine Thomas

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the resignation of Kelly Roos, a lunch aide at Pottsville Area High School, effective July 21, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed the following full-time Life Skills Support Paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$17,413.07, effective August 18, 2014:

Robert Hinchey

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the resignation of Robert Hinchey as a full-time custodian at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective August 18, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board appointed the following part-time paraprofessionals at \$11.10/hour, effective August 25, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Stacey Evans – JSC Elementary Center – Learning Support
- Jennifer Singer – JSC Elementary Center – Learning Support

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board appointed the following part-time substitute paraprofessionals, effective August 25, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Connie Direnzo
- Sophie Smith-Frantz
- Donette Kerschner
- Gretchen Leshner
- Michele Parobek

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the resignation of Katrina Holley, paraprofessional at DHH Lengel Middle School, effective August 29, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the resignation of Danielle Major, paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective August 12, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the resignation of Diane Fitzpatrick, paraprofessional at Pottsville Area High School, effective August 12, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following as full-time custodians at an annual salary of \$19,500, effective August 25, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- James Domlesky – High School
- Dan Hepler – High School
- Joseph McGlinchey – Elementary p.m. shift

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following as part-time custodians at a rate of \$14.32/hour, effective August 25, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Wade Crabill
- Robert Daniels

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the letter of resignation for retirement from Edward Fox, custodian at the Pottsville Area High School, effective August 30, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Adam Santai as a part-time mechanic at a rate of \$14.32/hour, effective August 25, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board appointed Ronald Brennan as part-time courier for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$13.82, effective August 25, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Mary Westcoat as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$10.45, effective August 18, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner, IU Representative noted that a vote should be taken shortly for a new contract.

Chairperson for the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Mr. Moran, noted that that the next meeting will be held on September 11, 2014 and movie nights will be held at the Majestic Theatre on August 23 and September 20, 2014.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the revenue report for the month of July 2014; the report includes local, state and federal sources (see office files). Motion carried.

Mr. Moran noted that 28 participants attended the CPR Training and 3 for AED Training. The training was held at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center.

Mr. Curran noted that in accordance with Act 84 of 1986, the Sunshine Act, an Executive Session with the Board as a whole immediately following this meeting was hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.


On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: PAHS Cafeteria for the Annual Banquet for the PAHS Water Polo Boosters to be held on November 9, 2014; DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria, JSC Elementary Gym, DHH Lengel Middle School Canopy Area for PAHS Majorette squad for various days in September and October 2014; Martz Hall for Pottsville Recreation for walking and jogging throughout the school year on

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; and DHH Lengel Middle School for Drama Club Meeting on September 6, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran offered his congratulations and thanks to Dr. Zwiebel, Mr. Curran, Mr. Ansbach and the entire staff for an excellent job on the summer maintenance to the buildings and grounds. Mr. Boran noted that everything looks outstanding.

There being no further business and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 8:16 p.m. and adjourned at 10:41 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran (date)
Board Secretary