

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors December 5, 2011 Reorganization Meeting Academic Center 7:00 p.m.	Present:	Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas; Dr. Gallagher, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick, Secretary/Business Manager; Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mrs. Tranquillo
	Absent:	Dr. Smink

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The reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed students from the high school and asked them to introduce themselves. They told the Board what classes they are taking and what their plans are after graduation.

Mr. Delenick, Secretary, read Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code providing for the Reorganization of the Board of School Directors during the first week in December.

The Secretary continued by reading the following notice of the meeting that was sent to all Board members, Superintendent, Solicitor, and the Press on November 21, 2011 and advertised in the Pottsville Republican on November 21, 2011.

In compliance with Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code of the State of Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District will meet in the Directors' Room in the Academic Center on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of accepting the Certificates of Election for the School Directors who were elected in November 2011, and for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year; electing a Solicitor for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012; and also for general purposes.

Mr. Thomas, temporary President, proceeded with the reorganization meeting.

Mr. Thomas requested the Certificates of Election for the Directors who were recently elected to be presented.

Mr. Delenick reported he had received the original Certificates of Election for the following: Gary Cortese, Linda Grube, Scott Krater, Cindy Petchulis and Karen Rismiller being elected for four-year terms at the General Election held on November 8, 2011.

On motion of Mr. Boran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the Certificates of Election.

Mr. Thomas requested that the Oaths of Office be administered to each newly-elected member of the Board by Judge Jacqueline Russell.

Judge Jacqueline Russell administered the Oaths of Office individually to each newly-elected Board member in the presence of some of their family members.

Judge Russell wished all of the newly-elected members the best of luck. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Thomas thanked Judge Jacqueline Russell.

Mr. Thomas declared the meeting in order to proceed with the election of a President and Vice President for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Petchulis nominated John F. Boran to serve as President of the Board for a term of one year. Mr. Krater seconded.

On motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, nominations for President were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and John F. Boran was elected to the office of President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

Mr. Boran proceeded with the election of a Vice President.

Atty. Rismiller nominated Scott Krater to serve as Vice President of the Board for a term of one year. Mrs. Grube seconded.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the nominations for Vice President were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Scott Krater was elected to the office of Vice President for a term of one year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

The Board proceeded with a motion to proceed with the election of a Solicitor for the ensuing year. Mrs. Petchulis nominated Richard A. Thornburg to serve as Solicitor for the Pottsville Area School District beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Mr. Thomas seconded.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, nominations for Solicitor were closed.

The Secretary cast the ballot and Richard A. Thornburg was elected as Solicitor of the Pottsville Area School District beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board set the salary of Richard A. Thornburg at a retainer of \$1,250.00 per month beginning January 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board authorized the proper officers to execute the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Richard A. Thornburg for his services as Solicitor. Motion carried.

Mr. Thornburg thanked the Board for their continued support and said he is looking forward to serving for another year. He said this would be the start of his twenty-fifth year.

Mr. Boran announced that the Board will continue to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of each month during 2012. Mr. Boran stated public notice will be advertised in the Republican & Herald on December 12, 2012 stating that the Board's regular meetings for the calendar year 2012 will be held at the Academic Center on the third Wednesday of each month beginning January 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. and that public notice of each rescheduled regular meeting or special meeting or hearing shall be given in accordance with the Sunshine Act. He also noted the Board will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month for work sessions beginning January 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until further notice. The meeting schedule will be posted in the Academic Center.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (under the Safe Schools Act) between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Police Department. Administrators will meet on a regular basis with the Pottsville Police Department to review protocols and procedures in order to keep the schools safe. Motion carried.

Atty. Thornburg stated that under Act 32, which was passed a few years ago, all Earned Income Tax Collectors throughout the state are being consolidated on a county wide basis. On a motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, Mr. Delenick will serve as the primary voting delegate and Atty. Richard Thornburg will be the first alternate voting delegate on the Tax Collection Committee for Schuylkill County. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded

by Mr. Krater, 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. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board ratified the Superintendent's preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Jennifer Buggy - 3 credits; Jennifer Lipton - 6 credits; Christopher Lombel - 3 credits; Stephanie Maroukis - 3 credits; Amy Rubinkam - 3 credits; and Lorraine Van Stone - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved reimbursement to the following professional employees as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Heather Davidson - \$1,725.00 and Judith DiObilda - \$270.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved a salary adjustment for Krista Torpey, Master's (Equivalency). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved Andrew Smink to serve as Key Club Advisor for the 2011-2012 school year and set his stipend at \$400.00 in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board adopted the Resolution Pursuant to Section 311(d)(1) of the Special Session Act 1 of 2006 indicating that the Pottsville Area School District will not increase any school district tax for the 2012-2013 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized payment of the fourth installment for the 2011-2012 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$158,931.00 due January 3, 2012. Motion

carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized payment of the fourth installment for the 2011-2012 Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School Operations in the amount of \$140,915.00 due January 3, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Dr. Smink, Absent.

Mr. Wagner, Drug and Alcohol Committee Chairperson, attended the meeting on November 21, 2011. A guest speaker from the Caron Foundation will be speaking at the High School on December 15 and December 16 at the Middle School.

Atty. Rismiller noted that the Pottsville Recreation Committee had an exciting holiday weekend with choir groups, young soloists and a big welcome for Santa. The event was well attended and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Mr. Delenick 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.

Mr. Boran noted that the work session scheduled for December 14, 2011 and the regular meeting scheduled for December 21, 2011 have been cancelled.

It was also noted that the Christmas Choral concerts will be held Thursday, December 8, 2011 for high school students and December 15, 2011 for the middle school students. The Band Concert for both schools will be on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Cortese requested a recess for an Executive Session with the Board to discuss personnel matters. The Board recessed to review these matters. At the conclusion of the executive session the board members left the Academic Center without reconvening the public portion of the meeting.