

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
December 5, 2012
Reorganization Meeting
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube,
Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis,
Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner,
Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick,
Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mr. Pytak,
Republican and Herald; Mr. Ansbach,
Mrs. Lombel

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Boran, President.

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. Wagner called for an Executive Session concerning personnel matters and labor negotiations at 7:04 p.m.

The reorganization meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

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.

President John Boran made a motion to appoint Scott Krater as Temporary President to preside over the meeting. Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick also read the following notice of the meeting that was sent to all Board Members, Superintendent, Solicitor, and the Press on November 15, 2012:

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 Thursday, December 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year; electing a Solicitor for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013; and also for general purposes.

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

Mrs. Petchulis nominated John Boran to serve as President for a term of one year. Dr. Cortese seconded.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the nominations for President were closed.

The ballot was cast and John 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, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

Mr. Boran took over the meeting and stated that the Board should proceed with the election of a Vice President.

Mr. Thomas nominated Scott Krater to serve as Vice President for a term of one year. Dr. Cortese seconded.

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

The ballot was cast 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, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on November 7, 2012 as well as the regular board meeting held on November 14, 2012, since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran stated the next item for general purposes for the reorganization meeting is to elect a Solicitor at this time.

Mr. Thomas nominated Richard A. Thornburg to serve as Solicitor for the Pottsville Area School District beginning January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Mr. Wagner seconded.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, nominations for Solicitor were closed.

The ballot was cast and Richard A. Thornburg was elected to serve as Solicitor for the ensuing year. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Thornburg will be starting his 26th year as solicitor for the school district.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board set the salary of Richard A. Thornburg at a retainer of \$1,250.00 per month beginning January 1, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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. Boran, President, announced that the Board will continue to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of each month during 2013. He stated public notice will be advertised in the Pottsville Republican on December 6, 2012 stating that the Board's regular meetings for the calendar year 2013 will be held at the Academic Center on the third Wednesday of each month beginning 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 beginning January 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular monthly work sessions and will continue until further notice.

President Boran read a letter from Mr. Ronald J. Tomalis, Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Tomalis congratulated the board of directors and the administrative staff of the Pottsville Area School District for the accomplishments shown by the audit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010 and 2009. The Pottsville Area School District was informed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education the Audit Report did not contain any findings or observations for these years.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved that the 2012-2013 school calendar be adjusted due to the inclement weather of Hurricane Sandy. The changes are as follows:

January 21, 2013 - be changed from a Teachers In-Service Day to a regular school day

April 3, 2013 - be changed to a regular school day

Please note: School will be in session Monday, January 21, 2013 and Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Students and staff are to attend classes both days. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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: Leigh Ann Bosak - 3 credits; Kelly M. Brennan - 3 credits; Alicia Fehr - 6 credits; Christopher Lombel - 3 credits; William Rhoads - 3 credits; and Jacqueline Wapinsky - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employee 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: Jessica Harle - \$1,248.00; Maria Hinchey - \$180.00; and Ashley Shappell - \$455.00 Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the salary adjustment be made retroactive to the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year: Ashley Shappell – Bachelor’s +15. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that the student attendance for November is as follows:

John S. Clarke Elementary	-	96.39%
DHH Lengel Middle School	-	94.61%
Pottsville Area High School	-	90.91%

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the Crimson Tide Foundation continues to meet monthly.

There will be early dismissal on Friday, December 21, 2012 for all students:

Pottsville Area High School	-	12:00 noon
DHH Lengel Middle School	-	12:30 p.m.
John S. Clarke Elementary	-	1:00 p.m.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved Dr. Robert Boran as Athletic Team Doctor for the 2012-2013 at a retainer of \$3,300.00 per annum. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the resignation of Scott Mattea, Junior Varsity Head Girls’ Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved Joe Eckley as Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year at a salary of \$1,500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved Serenity Allen as Junior Varsity Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach for the 2012-2013 school year at a salary of \$1,500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved to advertise for the position of Head Varsity Football Coach. Motion approved.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board authorized payment of the fourth installment for the 2012-2013 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$156,169.00 which is due January 3, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board authorized payment of the fourth installment for the 2012-2013 Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School Operations in the amount of \$179,279.00 which is due January 3, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board appointed Robert Gwin as full-time custodial employee at Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$19,000 retroactive to November 19, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed Mark Gauntlett as full-time custodial employee at the DHH Lengel Middle School at an annual salary of \$19,000 retroactive to November 19, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed William Horning as full-time school district electrician at an annual salary of \$47,840. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On behalf of Drug and Alcohol, Mr. Wagner reported a Tide Task Force Meeting was held on November 17, 2012. Figures were given on use of various drugs, alcohol and anti-social behavior; county wide numbers are down. Students from our district responded to the survey.

On behalf of the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Atty. Rismiller noted that there will be a decorations contest within the city. The committee is looking for teenagers to sell tickets and popcorn at the Sovereign Majestic Theatre.

On behalf of the 80th PAHS Anniversary Committee, Mr. Wagner noted that the first batch of bricks were received, a design was agreed for a line of clothing, the Gala will be held on December 15 at the Pottsville Club and mugs and ornaments are available at the Academic

Center. Bob Reynolds will be at the High School on December 7 to report on the Drama Club which will be performing at the Gala. Mr. Pytak, Pottsville Republican, will also be at the High School.

Mr. Thomas announced that he will not be seeking re-election when his first term ends next year.

Mr. Delenick reported that 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.

Mr. Boran noted as a matter of record that the work session which was scheduled for December 12, 2012 and also the regular meeting scheduled for December 19, 2012 have been cancelled.

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.