

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

December 3, 2014

Reorganization Meeting

Academic Center

7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mrs. Petchulis

The reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Boran, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Curran, 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 appointed Dr. Gary Cortese as Temporary President to preside over the meeting.

Mr. Curran also read the following notice of the meeting that was sent to all Board Members, Superintendent and Solicitor on December 1, 2014:

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 Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 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, 2015 to December 31, 2015; and also for general purposes.

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

Mr. Moran nominated John Boran to serve as President for a term of one year. Mr. Krater seconded.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Moran, 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, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

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

Dr. DiCello 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, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Krater, Abstain. Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

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

Mr. Moran nominated Richard A. Thornburg to serve as Solicitor for the Pottsville Area School District beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Mr. Wagner seconded.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

Mr. Thornburg will be starting his 28th year as solicitor for the school district.

On motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board set the salary of Richard A. Thornburg at a retainer of \$1,250.00 per month beginning January 1, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, 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.

On motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on November 12, 2014 as well as the regular board meeting held on November 19, 2014, since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran announced that the Board will continue to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of each month during 2015. He stated public notice will be advertised in the Pottsville Republican on December 5, 2014 stating that the Board's regular meetings for the

calendar year 2015 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 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular monthly work sessions and will continue until further notice.

On the recommendation of Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved salary re-adjustments for two teachers. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved three repository sales. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. DiCello, 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 Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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: Jacqueline DiCello – 6 credits and Zane Simpson – 6 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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: Tyler Moyer - \$1,632.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

Dr. Zwiebel announced the student early dismissal times for Tuesday, December 23, 2014:

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

Dr. Zwiebel also noted that the Pottsville Area School District received a \$25,000.00 safety grant "Safe Schools" from the Department of Education.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board accepted the resignation of Dan Hepler, full-time custodian at the Pottsville Area High School, effective November 24, 2014. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, December 8, 2014.

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. Curran 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 and labor negotiations.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities:

- Martz Hall for the Pottsville Recreation Hot Shot Basketball Contest on February 15, 2015
- Alumni Field for the Pottsville Recreation Egg Hunt on March 29, 2015
- D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Natatorium for Alumni Water Polo Tournament on December 28, 2014
- PAHS Cafeteria for the Annual Banquet for the PAHS Swim Team on March 15, 2015
- Martz Hall for the AAU 12 & Under Tournament on April 11, 2015
- D.H.H.Lengel Cafeteria for the Pottsville Midget Football League Annual Banquet on December 12, 2014

Motion carried.

Mr. Steve Pytak, reporter for the Republican Herald, was welcomed back by President Boran.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 7:22 p.m. with adjournment at 8:42 p.m.

 Stephen C. Curran 1-21-15

Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary