

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
February 17, 2016  
Academic Center  
7:28 p.m.

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

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The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President John Boran.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed everyone. An executive session was announced at 7:29 p.m. The executive session ended at 7:58 pm.

Mr. Boran resumed the Board Meeting at 7:59 p.m. and asked if anyone would like to address the Board, there being none, Mr. Boran proceeded with the Board Meeting.

On motion of Dr. Davidson seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the Work Session held on January 20, 2016 as well as the regular Board Meeting held on January 20, 2016. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2016 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeteria for the month of January 2016 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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 the recommendation of the Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the resolution to hire two police officers, John Zuratt and Michael O'Connor, for the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board denied the unpaid leave request for a Pottsville Area School District employee. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. Davidson, 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 Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board ratified the Superintendent's preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employee in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Kate Zimmerman - 9 credits. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employee for the successful completion of a preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Alyssa Palina - \$4,650.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the adjustment of the 2015-2016 school calendar due to the inclement weather. Thursday, March 24, Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29, 2015 will be changed to regular school days. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Kaycee Sullivan as a Special Education Emotional/Learning Support Teacher at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective no later than March 4, 2016. Her salary will be set at a Bachelor's - Step 1 - \$40,000.00. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that on Thursday, March 3, 2016, Mr. Lou Achenbach will present to live jazz music. This presentation will be for local 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following Spring Sports Budgets for the 2016 season: Baseball - \$13,959.00; Girl's Softball - \$9,856.00; Boy's Track - \$9,895.00; Girl's Track - \$13,025.00; Boy's Tennis - \$3,170.00; and Boy's Volleyball - \$6,584.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed the following coaches for the 2015-2016 school year and set their salaries as indicated:

BASEBALL

Michael Welsh, Head Coach	\$5,350.00
Thomas Guzick, First Assistant	\$4,918.00
Edward Terefenko, Assistant	\$3,000.00
Ben O'Brien, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$2,400.00

SOFTBALL

Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach	\$5,050.00
Thomas Mull, Assistant	\$3,400.00
Clarence Herndon, Assistant	\$3,400.00
Bruce Heffner, Head Junior Varsity	\$2,400.00

SPRING TRACK

Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,523.00
Barbara McGinley, Girls' Head Coach	\$5,050.00
Craig Stevens, Assistant	\$2,200.00
Kelly Lombel, Assistant	\$3,200.00
Jeff Dunkel, Assistant	\$2,000.00
Peter McDonald, Assistant	\$3,000.00
William Rhoads, Assistant	\$3,000.00
Diane Dunkel, Jr. High Head Coach	\$3,200.00
Cara Holman, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,500.00
Scott Delenick, Jr. High Assistant	\$1,500.00
Jim Lord, Jr. High Assistant	\$2,800.00

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Dan Hedemann, Head Coach	\$3,950.00
Doug Bendetti, Assistant	\$2,000.00

BOYS' TENNIS

Howard Merrick, Head Coach	\$2,600.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate & Transportation and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved an agreement with Talen Energy Marketing, LLC to provide Natural Gas to the Pottsville Area School District at a fixed price of \$3.837/MMBtu for a thirty-six (36) month term (November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2020). Motion carried.

Mr. Boran, Finance Committee Chairperson, noted that a donation to the Pottsville Area School District will be used to replace the three boards at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Complex.

Mr. Moran, Legislation Committee Chairperson, noted that the state is in day 231 without a budget. School districts may have to use their "line of credit" in the coming months if the budget impasse continues.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the resignation of Daniel Vidal, a full-time custodian at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective January 29, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Gloria Hoak, bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to October 23, 2015. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Amanda Herbine as a part-time bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$15.20, retroactive to February 1, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Clarence Herndon as a full-time (12 month) cafeteria/custodial/receiver employee at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective February 18, 2016, at an annual salary of \$18,500.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. DiCello, the Board approved Lisa Herndon as a part-time paraprofessional, effective February 18, 2016, 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 the week of October 3, 2016 and October 10, 2016 as unpaid vacation leave for Diana DePauli, paraprofessional at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the daily rate increase for substitute teachers from \$90.00 to \$100.00, effective February 18, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mrs. Blankenhorn, Abstain.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved an increase of \$.25 per hour for the Non-Professional Non-Union Transportation Employees, retroactive to January 1, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following part-time cafeteria workers, effective February 18, 2016, at an hourly rate of \$14.20:

- Shannon Butler
- Dorothy Majcher
- Connie Stabinsky

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Sherry Simons as a part-time lunch aide, effective February 18, 2016, at an hourly rate of \$9.10. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas questioned the difference in the hourly rate for the cafeteria workers and lunch aide rate. The rate will be reviewed by the personnel committee.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board agreed to amend the current motion, if needed, for the cafeteria workers and lunch aide after the review by the personnel committee. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board agreed to amend the per diem rate from \$90.00 per day to \$140.00 per day for Albert Portland, long term chemistry substitute teacher at the Pottsville Area High School. This rate will be retroactive to the first day of employment. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board agreed to amend the per diem rate from \$90.00 per day to \$110.00 per day for Shanelle Kachelries, long term english substitute teacher at the Pottsville Area High School. Motion carried.

Atty. Rismiller noted that the next personnel meeting will be on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Davidson announced the following:

- Congratulations to the Middle School Mathcounts Team for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place at the county competition. We also had four students who finished in the top ten. The winning team consisting of Noah Fredericks (finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall); James Schaeffer (9<sup>th</sup>); Caleb Roos and Emily Peleschak along with Christian Honicker (because of his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish) will be competing in the State Mathcounts competition in Harrisburg on March 19, 2016. Also competing were: Caleb Reedy (finishing 6<sup>th</sup>); Gavin Chen; Morgan Rupert; Ayva Strauss and Kendra Spevak.
- Congratulations to Patrick (P.J.) Moran for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place at the ESUUS Central PA Regional Shakespeare Competition at Lock Haven University. Patrick will now perform at New York City's Lincoln Center this May for the National Shakespeare Competition. This is the second year in a row that a PAHS student won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the regional event; last year senior Arrianna Daniels won 1<sup>st</sup> place as well.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Technology and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board awarded Dauphin DataCom as the cabling and access point installation vendor for the Pottsville Area School District, at a cost of \$17,091.71. The total after eRate Discount (80%) is \$3,418.35. Bids were received up until Friday, February 12, 2016 – 12 Noon. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Technology and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board awarded ePlus Technology, Inc. as vendor for wireless access points at a cost of \$23,339.94 including 5 year licensing. Bids were received up until Friday, January 18, 2016. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Stephen Curran, Business Manager and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Revenue Reports for January 2016, which included local, state and federal sources. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On the recommendation of Stephen Curran, Business Manager and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:  
**John S. Clarke Elementary Center:**

- PAHS Band Front, Practice for Florida trip band front and majorettes, February 7, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and February 24, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium
- PAHS Majorette Squad, Majorette Little Girl Camp on May 14, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 Noon in the gymnasium and cafeteria

**D.H.H. Lengel Middle School:**

- Track Boosters, Annual Banquet to be held on May 15, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and auditorium
- Track Boosters, Booster Information Meetings, February 24 and 25, 2016 and

- March 2 and 16, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Pottsville Fire Department, Public Safety Night Out on June 20, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Lower Parking Lot (rain date June 21, 2016)
- PAHS Softball Boosters Annual Banquet on May 22, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- PASD Music Department 2017 Concerts, March 16, May 9, 16 and 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium, cafeteria and music room
- Lengel PTO Vendor Bingo Planning Meeting on February 28, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Schuylkill County Chorus Festival Rehearsal, February 20, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium, cafeteria, music room and rest rooms

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- Schuylkill County Relays Track and Field Meet, May 6, 2016 from 2:45 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the stadium and boys and girls gym (if severe weather)
- PASD Music Department 2016 Concerts on December 8, 15 and 22, 2016 and May 4, 11, 18 and 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the band room, Little Theater, auditorium
- PAHS Wrestling, Wrestling Camp on July 26, 27 and 28, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the boy's gym
- Ellen King, SAT Supervisor rescheduled SAT tests from January 23, 2016 to Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in high school classrooms and parking facilities
- Geisinger Blood Drive, Blood Drive in conjunction with Mini Thon on February 27, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon in the boy's gym
- PAHS Choir Rehearsal on February 7, 2016 (retroactive) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre

Mr. Moran noted that the Drama Club will present "Shrek" on March 18, 19, and 20, 2016.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted the Crimson Tide Foundation will have a benefit on April 8, 2016 featuring Heather Dinich, ESPN Commentator and on Saturday, April 23, 2016, a benefit for the Pottsville Area High School Softball Team, featuring Ruby Wahab.

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 /legal matters.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.; executive session from 8:45 p.m. to 9:35 p.m.

  
 Stephen C. Curran (Date)  
 Board Secretary