

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2011
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater,
Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas,
Dr. Gallagher, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick,
Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mrs. Lombel
Absent: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Mr. Jesse Shay, a member of the Advisory Board at the Vocational Technical, South Campus, questioned the board why they have social studies instead of math. Dr. Gallagher explained that the math is taught at the home school. The students can use what is learned at the home school at the Vocational Technical School. This has been in place for the last five or six years.

Allie Leshner, a senior at Pottsville High, addressed the board about the grading scale. Ms. Leshner requested a change in the grading scale from 90-100 (A) instead of 94-100 (A). She feels this would help with students' GPA. Dr. Gallagher noted that when students receive an A, they deserve the A. When the change was made a few years ago, the school wanted to make the courses challenging for the student. Some teachers were going with one or the other scale and an uniform scale was needed. They decided on the 94-100 scale. College transcripts have the grading scale on them.

Mr. Boran recognized the students from the high school who were in attendance and the students introduced themselves to the Board.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on January 12, 2011 as well as the regular board meeting held on January 19, 2011. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2011 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 2011 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 2011 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. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, 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.

Atty. Thornburg noted that Mr. Ansbach will speak about a proposed resolution-The National Incident Management System- a basis for all incidences within the school system. This system would set standards if there are any incidences within the district. Training is available and Mr. Ansbach and some of the staff are already certified. Dr. Gallagher noted that responders would know what to do and we would know how to act. It is a voluntary membership. A motion was made was made by Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Krater seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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. Thomas, homebound instruction will be given for one elementary student, one middle school student and one high school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, Janice Rehnert, a professional employee be excused from her teaching duties to serve as a juror in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA beginning, Thursday, March 3, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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: Amy Babcock -3 credits; Suzanne Delaney - 3 credits; Jacqueline DiCello - 3 credits; Sarah Gaffney - 3 credits; Brock Holland - 3 credits; Diane Long - 1 credit; Shannon Magdeburg - 1 credit; Sharon Modesto - 1 credits; Ashley Shappell - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employees for their 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: Kelly M. Brennan - \$1,725.00; Mary Hahner - \$1,725.00; and Donna Skosnick - \$1,161.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Thomas, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the following salary adjustments be approved effective beginning with the 2011-2012 school year: Kimberly Borsuk, Master's and Christopher Lombel, Master's. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the 2011-2012 school calendar. Dr. Gallagher noted the first day of school for students will be Monday, August 29, 2011, and tentatively the last day of school will be Thursday, May 31, 2012. He also noted teacher in-service days will be held August 24 and 25, 2011; October 10, 2011; and January 16, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the 2010-2011 school calendar be adjusted as follows: Change February 21, 2011 to an Act 80 Day (Teacher's Only). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following Spring Sports Budgets for the 2011 season: Baseball - \$11,023.50; Girls' Softball - \$10,137.00; Boys' Track - \$7,288.00; Girls' Track - \$6,000.00; Boys' Tennis - \$2,930.00; and Boys' Volleyball - \$6,558.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Thomas, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the board accepted the resignation of Maria Sherakas as Head Girls' Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sherakas was head coach for sixteen years with a final record at Pottsville of 229-73, 5 Schuylkill League Championships and 15 District qualifications.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (Fall Sports) for the 2011-2012 school year in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications, such bids to be received until 12:00, noon, March 16, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board authorized payment of the fifth installment for the 2010-2011 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$229,818.00 due on March 1, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Thomas, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mrs. Fanelli, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board authorized payment of the final installment for the 2010-2011 Area Vocational Technical Program Operations in the amount of \$129,433.00 due on March 1, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Thomas, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

Mrs. Fanelli noted that the Drug and Alcohol Coalition is now called Tide Task Force. On the agenda is Operation Medicine Cabinet for April 30, 2011; time and place to be announced. The next meeting is Monday, February 28, 2011.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the resignation of Melissa Umbenhauer as a part-time Autistic Support Aide effective February 25, 2011. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Davidson congratulated the following Freshman Class officers elected on January 27th: President – Rachael Naradko; Vice President – Brianna Lotz; Secretary – Gabriella DiRenzo; and Treasurer – Paige Storm.

Dr. Davidson also congratulated the winners of the 2010 Voice of Democracy:

High School-	Alexia Tobash	1 st Place
	Eric Yoder	2 nd Place
	Brianna Englert	3 rd Place

Middle School	Derek Shuman	1 st Place
	Tanner Steinhart	2 nd Place
	Olivia Connors	3 rd Place

Dr. Davidson noted that the student attendance for the month of January was above 90% in every school.

Dr. Davidson also noted we no longer have a mock trial program in the school district. Atty. Rismiller said she would be willing to help with this program if there is an interest.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Technology, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board authorized the purchase and installation of a SmartBoard (interactive white board) in the Board Room for presentation & training purposes. The cost is \$4,298.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, and Mr. Thomas, Aye. Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Textbooks and Supplies, and on motion of Mrs. Fanelli, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for supplies and equipment for the 2011-2012 school year including general supplies, art, medical/clinic, physical education, science, janitorial, technology, and equipment. Motion carried.

Dr. Davidson reported the Intermediate Unit 29 will have an IU convention on March 14, 2011. State Senator Argall, Representative Goodman, Representative Tobash, Representative Knowles will be in attendance.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of January 2011: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$111,326.76; Business Privilege Tax - \$1,499.59; Local Services Tax - \$514.38; Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$910.00 and Cheryl Messina -- Port Carbon Local Services Tax - \$39.00. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for January 2011 in the amount of \$8,328.09 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

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.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria for the Boys Basketball Team awards dinner on Sunday, March 20, 2011; Pottsville Area High School Planetarium for the Cub Scout Pack 615 on Tuesday, February 22, 2011; PAHS Cafeteria for the Crimson Aides Band Parents Association for a fundraiser delivery and pick up on Tuesday, April 12, 2011; Middle School cafeteria for the Pottsville Boys' Basketball League's annual pizza party and awards on Thursday, March 24, 2011; Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 for a PAHS Track Booster meeting. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.