

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2012
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater,
Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas,
Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Delenick,
Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mrs. Lombel,
Mr. Leskin, Republican Herald
Absent: Dr. Gallagher

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran and the Board of Directors honored Orthodontist, Dr. Swapan Ghosh, with a plaque for his donation of T-Shirts for the Anti-Bullying program at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School. Dr. Ghosh noted that bullying is a serious problem at the middle school and high school levels. He thanked the school for taking the initiative towards bullying. Mr. Boran thanked Dr. Ghosh for being a great supporter of education.

Ms. Jenny Murphy –Shifflet, president/CEO of SARCC, Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center of Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties, addressed the board concerning its bid to become the state-appointed provider for sexual assault prevention service for Schuylkill County for the next five years. SARCC is currently the state-designated provider in the county. Ms. Murphy-Shifflet noted that the school district agreed at the February 8, 2012 Work Session Meeting to enter into a five-year contract with Schuylkill Women in Crisis, Pottsville, and make them the designated provider for the sexual assault prevention services to the district. President Boran said the board voted to support SWIC in its bid to become the state-appointed provider for these services in Schuylkill County; it is up to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, Enola, Cumberland County.

Mr. Boran asked for a motion to also support SARCC in their grant writing process to continue support services within the school district. Mr. Boran also stated, "We want the message to be loud and clear to the community that this school district does not tolerate domestic violence or sexual assault, and we support education programs in our district to teach our children what is absolutely unacceptable behavior. We want these programs to continue." On a motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the support of both SWIC and SARCC in its grant writing process. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on January 11, 2012 as well as the

regular board meeting held on January 18, 2012. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2012 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 2012 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of January 2012 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 Atty. Rismiller, 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.

Atty. Thornburg reported that two special education classroom aides requested Family Medical Leave. Atty. Thornburg noted both qualify: one retroactive to January 14, 2012 and the other beginning February 16, 2012. Atty. Thornburg recommended that both requests be granted. On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the board approved the Family Medical Leave. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mrs. Grube, 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 Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the following professional employees be excused from their teaching duties to serve as jurors in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA beginning, Thursday, February 2, 2011:

Jessica Coyle
Kimberly Stagerwalt
Edward Terefencko
Amy Wasilewski

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, 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: Pamela Delenick -3 credits; Judith DiObilda - 3 credits; Emily Kleeman - 3 credits; Lucas McMurtrie - 3 credits and Andrew Smink - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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: Erin Blozusky - \$150.00; Cristy Clemson - \$150.00; Mary Fetterolf- \$150.00; Tracey Fidler - \$150.00; Maria Hinchey - \$150.00 and Amy Rubinkam - \$1,248.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the 2012-2013 School Calendar (copy attached). The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 27, 2012, and tentatively the last day of school will be Thursday, May 31, 2013. Teacher In-service days will be held August 22 and August 23, 2012; October 8, 2012 and January 21, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following Spring Sports Budgets for the 2012 season: Baseball - \$8,973.00; Girls' Softball - \$9,121.30; Boys' Track - \$7,332.50; Girls' Track - \$7,226.50; Boys' Tennis - \$3,140.00; and Boys' Volleyball - \$6,400.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed the following coaches for the 2011-2012 school year and set their salaries as indicated:

BASEBALL

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| Michael Welsh, Head Coach | \$4,350.00 |
| Thomas Guzick, First Assistant | \$4,118.00 |
| Edward Terefenko, Assistant | \$2,200.00 |
| Scott Mattea, Jr. Varsity Head Coach | \$2,400.00 |

SOFTBALL

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| Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach | \$4,050.00 |
| Thomas Mull, Assistant | \$2,600.00 |

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| Clarence Herndon, Assistant | \$2,600.00 |
| Scott Reichert, Head Junior Varsity | \$2,600.00 |

SPRING TRACK

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| Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach | \$4,523.00 |
| Barbara McGinley, Girls' Head Coach | \$4,050.00 |
| Kevin Keating, Assistant | \$3,231.00 |
| Kelly Brennan, Assistant | \$2,400.00 |
| Robert Shaffer, Assistant | \$2,000.00 |
| Peter McDonald, Assistant | \$2,200.00 |
| William Rhoads, Assistant | \$2,200.00 |
| John Carestia, Jr., Jr. High Head Coach | \$2,400.00 |
| Diane Dunkel, Assistant | \$2,300.00 |
| Jim Lord, Jr. High Assistant | \$2,000.00 |

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

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| Nicholas Marrongelle, Head Coach | \$3,450.00 |
| Matt Mullins, Head Jr. Varsity | \$2,200.00 |

BOYS' TENNIS

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| Mark Major, Head Coach | \$2,850.00 |
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (Fall Sports) for the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications, such bids to be received until 12:00, noon, March 21, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized payment of the fifth installment for the 2011-2012 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$158,931.00 due on March 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board authorized payment of the final installment for the 2011-2012 Area Vocational Technical Program Operations in the amount of \$140,915.00 due on March 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Mrs. Grube congratulated the following Freshman Class officers elected on January 26th: President – William Laundry; Vice President – Cody Lubinsky; Secretary – Nikki Cresswell; and Treasurer – Rachel Coyle.

Mrs. Grube also congratulated the winners of the 2011-2012 Voice of Democracy:

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| High School- | Annelise Przywara | 1 st Place |
| | Eric Yoder | 2 nd Place |
| | Lex Tobash | 3 rd Place |

Mrs. Grube also congratulated the following winners of the High School History Contest sponsored by the Schuylkill County Historical Society.

Schuylkill Canal by Gregory Revenis – 1st Place - \$500.00
Little New York by Samantha Weiss - 2nd Place - \$300.00

On the recommendation of the Committee on Textbooks and Supplies, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for supplies and equipment for the 2012-2013 school year including general supplies, art, medical/clinic, physical education, science, janitorial, technology, and equipment. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of January 2012: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax collected for 2011- \$81,281.49; Business Privilege Tax - \$7,742.05; Local Services Tax – \$2,106.89; Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$861.00 and Cheryl Messina -- Port Carbon Local Services Tax - \$189.00. Motion carried.

On a motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports for January 2012 as submitted by the following tax collectors: Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon and Ellen Micka, Pottsville. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On a motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the final reports on Real Estate Taxes and turn over delinquent taxes to Schuylkill County for collection. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for January 2012 in the amount of \$12,962.03 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On a motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following commissions to tax collectors paid on the basis of \$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the school district during the month of January 2012. (See office files.) 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. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: DHH Lengel Middle School and Martz Hall on February 25 and 26, 2012 for a wrestling tournament sponsored by the Schuylkill Haven Bidy Wrestling Club. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, an Executive Session be held and the meeting remain open until after the Executive Session. Motion carried.

The board meeting resumed after an hour long Executive Session. Mr. Boran stated that on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, three applicants were interviewed for the position of Superintendent. Mr. Boran said the board made a decision on a new Superintendent. On a motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Scott Thomas, the Board recommended Dr. Jeffrey Zwiebel as the new Superintendent, effective April 6, 2012. Dr. Zwiebel will have a four year contract with salary and terms to be negotiated. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Grube, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wagner, Aye.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.