

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Academic Center

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed Mr. John Liddle and Mr. Craig Shields from the Crimson Tide Foundation. They presented a check of \$1,000.00 to support the PAHS library. Mrs. Lillian Hobbs, Pottsville Area High School Librarian, accepted the check from the foundation. The next fundraising event will be Homecoming Weekend 2011 after the September 30th football game vs. Daniel Boone. The fundraiser will be held at Barefield Recreation Center.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on June 8, 2011 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 15, 2011. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the report of the Treasurer for the month of June 2011 was accepted and ordered appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 2011 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 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 Mrs. Fanelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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 a motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Linda Grube was elected to serve as the Pottsville Area School District's representative to the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Board, effective immediately. The Board voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Mrs. Grube.

On a motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Revisions to the policy for 2011-2012 as follows:

- Any type of jacket or outerwear is not permitted; North Face, Free Country, warm up apparel, etc.
- Knit/casual pants that are made of sweatpants material may not be worn
- Elementary Students must wear a collared shirt on their assigned physical education day
- Sweaters that have a zipper (1/4 or full length) must have a dress code appropriate shirt underneath
- Crew neck sweatshirts/long sleeve shirts (without pockets or hoods) with a dress policy appropriate shirt underneath
- Any club, sport or activity who designs their own shirt must receive written approval from the main office/building administrators. The Logo, design or slogan that will be printed on a shirt must be submitted for approval. This process will need to be followed by clubs or activities who are requesting to wear clothes that promote an event or activity, such as; student(s) representing PAHS in the winter carnival, Drama Club t-shirt and other events. Approval forms can be found in the main office.

Motion carried. Mr. Boran thanked the committee for their continued work on the dress code.

Atty. Thornburg accepted a motion from Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, to award the bid from HARSCO Infrastructure Americas, Pittsburgh, PA, for the lease of scaffold and installation of the scaffold for the high school auditorium project at a cost of \$38,900.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

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

On motion of Mr. Krater, 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. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved homebound instruction be approved for one middle school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board authorized the Superintendent, as in the past, to approve conferences, field trips, and staff development activities for the 2011-2012 school year, based on the recommendation of the building principals and the policies pertaining to conferences, field trips, and budget allocations. Dr. Gallagher noted each building principal will receive a budgeted allocation for these purposes. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, 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: Erin Blozuskys - 2 credits; Lindsay Boncore - 6 credits; Mary Fetterolf - 2 credits; Tracey Fidler - 2 credits; Brock Holland - 3 credits; Jonathan Hughes - 12 credits; Rachael Kubick - 3 credits and Emily Kleeman - 3 credits. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the reimbursement for the following professional employees as indicated 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 - \$1,380.00; Suzanne Delaney - \$445.00; Mary Fetterolf - \$1,293.75; Sarah Gaffney - \$3,622.50; Brock Holland - \$1,161.00; Cara Holman - \$4,140.00; Emily Kleeman - \$1,380.00; Jennifer Lipton - \$285.00; Carolyn March - \$2,322.00; David Mullaney - \$510.00; and Ashley Shappell - \$445.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the medical and dental examiners whose names appear on the list as submitted for the 2011-2012 school year. (List attached.) Dr. Gallagher noted the medical and dental examiners will not be limited to this list and additional applications for placement on this list will be welcomed. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following Temporary/Professional Employees subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set their salaries effective the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year:

Zane Simpson	\$36,294.00	Bachelor-Step 1
Jennifer Stock	\$36,294.00	Bachelor-Step 1
Edward Terefencko	\$47,000.00	Bachelor's+15 – Step 6
Krista Torpey	\$37,954.00	Bachelor's+15 – Step 1

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following:

- A contract with Mrs. Gayle Rehnert to serve as a School Psychologist from August 24, 2011 through May 31, 2012
- A contract with Mrs. Sarah Fridirici to serve as a School Psychologist from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
- A contract with Miss Meredith Boris to serve as an Athletic Trainer from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
- A contract with Mrs. Melanie Thornburg to serve as Occupational Therapist from August 24, 2011 through May 31, 2012
- A contract with Mrs. Donna Romano to serve as an Assistant Nurse at the JSC Elementary Center from August 24, 2010 through May 31, 2012. It is also recommended that her salary be set at \$35,500.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.
- An Independent Contractor's Agreement between Amy A. Johnson and the Pottsville Area School District to provide Speech Therapy Services for the 2011-2012 school year
- The following Licensed Social Workers be approved from August 24, 2011 through May 31, 2012 and set their salaries:

Migdalia Gunoskey	\$43,500.00
Jessica Coyle	\$43,500.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board reappointed Dr. Matthew Sophy as Physician in charge of certifying students' Individualized Educational Programs at a rate of \$3.00 per evaluation. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the National School Lunch Program agreement between the Pottsville Area School District, Intermediate Unit 29, and Schuylkill County vocational Technical Schools for the 2011-2012. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the English as Second Language Education Service Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for the 2011-2012 school year at the following scheduled payments: October 1, 2011 - \$5,848.50 and February 3, 2012 - \$5,848.50. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

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

AQUATICS DIRECTOR

Victoria Fisher \$3,600.00

WEIGHT ROOM SUPERVISOR

Edward Hampford \$4,203.00

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Patrick Dizenzo, Head \$9,198.00

FOOTBALL

Kevin Keating, Head Coach \$9,144.00

John Toomey, First Assistant \$5,303.00

Jim Shields, Assistant \$3,695.00

David Wapinsky, Assistant \$3,400.00

Tom McGeoy, Assistant \$3,200.00

Robert Shott, Assistant \$3,000.00

Freshmen

Charles Schuster, Head Coach \$5,663.00

Pete Kalinich, Assistant \$3,200.00

Jamie O'Brien, Co-Assistant \$1,600.00

Douglas Holley, Co-Assistant \$1,600.00

Junior High-8th Grade

William Rhoads, Head Coach \$2,800.00

Kurt Eroh, Assistant \$2,600.00

Junior High-7th Grade

Rob Schaffer, Head Coach \$2,800.00

Chris Selinko, Assistant \$2,600.00

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Charles Rinaldo \$3,474.00

CROSS COUNTRY

Barbara McGinley, Head Coach \$3,954.00

Bob Hahner, Jr. High Coach Volunteer

GOLF

Howard Merrick, Head Coach \$6,221.00

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Lauren Shandor, Head Coach \$3,200.00

Melissa Kalymun, Assistant \$2,000.00

BOYS' SOCCER

David Newton, Head Coach \$4,050.00

Matthew Newton, Jr. Varsity Head \$2,400.00

GIRLS' SOCCER

Robert Stock, Head Coach \$4,050.00

John Dalton, Assistant \$2,400.00

GIRLS' TENNIS

Bob Wakiyama, Head Coach \$2,850.00

WATER POLO

Stephen Krater, Head Coach \$2,850.00

Adam Willier, Assistant \$1,800.00

GIRLS' BAKSETBALL

Rick Wojciechowsky-8th Grade Head \$2,600.00

Courtney Dixon-7th Grade Head \$2,600.00

CHEERLEADER ADVISORS

Nicole Nelson, Head Varsity \$2,600.00

Sherri Bensinger, Assistant \$1,600.00

Lisa Bensinger, Junior High \$1,600.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Krater, abstained. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the following 2011-2012 Fall Sports Budgets: Football - \$57,886.30; Boys' Soccer - \$11,303.00; Girls' Soccer - \$10,131.50; Girls' Volleyball - \$7,013.00; Water Polo - \$7,625.00; Cross Country - \$2,036.00; Golf - \$5,748.00; Girls' Tennis - \$2,832.00; and Medical Budget - \$12,345.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise for bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (Winter 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, August 17, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed Dr. Robert Boran as Athletic Team Doctor for the 2011-2012 school year at a retainer of \$3,300.00 per annum. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the 2011-2012 Pottsville Area High School Athletic Corporate Partner Program. Three levels are available: Crimson Level, Tide Level and White Level (see office file). Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

Mr. Craig Shields mentioned the possibility of having an electronic marquee which would advertise school activities and athletic events. Mr. Boran said the Board would need more information about the electronic marquee.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board authorized payment to the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for Special Education Services for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$1,059,542.00 payable in six scheduled installments in accordance with the Special Education Service Agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mrs. Fanelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board authorized the payment of the first installment for the 2011-2012 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$158,931.00 due

August 2, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board authorized the payment of the first installment for the 2011-2012 Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School Operations in the amount of \$140,915.00 which was due July 8, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed Keith Ansbach as a full-time mechanic at the John S. Clarke Elementary at an annual salary of \$20,580.00 effective July 25, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board accepted the resignation from Joan Dimmerling, a full-time clerical employee at John S. Clarke Elementary effective November 25, 2011. Mrs. Dimmerling will be using sick days, personal days and vacation days until her effective date of retirement. Motion carried. Mr. Boran noted that she will be missed at the John S. Clarke Elementary.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation from Melissa Scheetz, a part-time Learning Support Aide at John S. Clarke elementary effective July 5, 2011. Motion carried.

Dr. Cortese, Technology Chairperson, noted that the Smartboard was installed in the Board Room. Dr. Cortese said there are presently 150 Smartboards that are installed in various classrooms.

Atty. Rismiller, Pottsville Recreation Chairperson, commented that the Annual Bike Race will be held Saturday, July 30, 2011.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of June 2011: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$73,402.95; Business Privilege Tax - \$530,698.57; Local Services Tax - \$955.39; Delinquent Personal Tax - \$565.00. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of

A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for June 2011 in the amount of \$6,976.66 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

In order to introduce a bill to enforce the payment of back taxes, Mr. Craig Shields asked Mr. Boran and the board if they would write a letter to both Senator Argall and PA Representative Tobash in support of initiating this legislation.

Mr. Delenick noted that in accordance with Act 84 of 1986, the Sunshine Act, an Executive Session with the Board as a whole immediately following this meeting was hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and labor negotiations.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board granted the following requests for use of facilities: Crimson Aides Band Parent Association for use of Pottsville Area High School Little Theatre for various meetings, the DHH Lengel Canopy Area for Sunday, October 16, 2011 and DHH Cafeteria and Auditorium for Sunday, May 6, 2012 for the Band Banquet; and Academic Center Board Room for the Business Advisory Committee on September 13, 2011 and January 10, 2012. Motion carried.

There being no further new business and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.