

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Academic Center

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

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

President Boran welcomed Attorney Jens H. Damgaard, Rhoads & Sinon LLP, Harrisburg, PA. The district manages its bonds with the help of Rhoads & Sinon LLP. Atty. Damgaard spoke about refinancing the 20-year bond the school district incurred in 2008 for roof repairs. Atty. Thornburg recommended the board approve a resolution to refinance the \$5 million bond due to the lower interest rates. This could save the district up to \$250,000. On a motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the board approved the resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, Absent.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on June 13, 2012 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 20, 2012. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the report of the Treasurer for the month of June 2012 was accepted and ordered appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 2012 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 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 Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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 the school district will be adopting new policies. Mrs. Dougherty, Director of Technology, has three policies which will be reviewed by Mr. Thornburg.

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

On motion of Mr. Thomas, 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 Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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. Thomas seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized the Superintendent, as in the past, to approve conferences, field trips, and staff development activities for the 2012-2013 school year, based on the recommendation of the building principals and the policies pertaining to conferences, field trips, and budget allocations. Dr. Zwiebel 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. Thomas, 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: Meredith Boris- 25 Units; Kelly M. Brennan - 3 credits; Tracey Fidler - 2 credits; Jessica Harle – 3 credits; and Christopher Lombel – 3 credits. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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: Leigh Ann Bosak - \$1,248.00; Christopher Lombel - \$1,350.00; and Jennifer Stock - \$1,185. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the medical and dental examiners whose names appear on the list as submitted for the 2012-2013 school year. (List attached.) Dr. Zwiebel 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. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the following:

-A contract with Mrs. Gayle Rehnert to serve as a School Psychologist from August 22, 2012 through May 31, 2013

-A contract with Mrs. Sarah Fridirici to serve as a School Psychologist from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

-A contract with Miss Meredith Boris to serve as an Athletic Trainer from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

-A contract with Mrs. Melanie Thornburg to serve as Occupational Therapist from August 22, 2012 through May 31, 2013

-A contract with Mrs. Donna Romano to serve as an Assistant Nurse at the JSC Elementary Center from August 22, 2012 through May 31, 2013. It is also recommended that her salary be set at \$37,500.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

-The following Licensed Social Workers be approved from August 22, 2012 through May 31, 2013 and set their salaries:

Migdalia Gunoskey	\$45,500.00
Jessica Coyle	\$45,500.00
Lara Swartz	\$40,000.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 2012-2013. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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 2012-2013 school year at the following scheduled payments: October 1, 2012 - \$5,901.00 and February 3, 2013 - \$5,901.00.

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

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the list of personnel be elected as advisors at the stipend indicated for the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved Nicole Stock be hired as a permanent substitute for the first semester of the 2012-2013 school year and set her salary at the Bachelor-Step 1 column. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved that Stacie Cromyak be granted a maternity leave from her teaching position from August 27, 2012 through January 1, 2013. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following 2012-2013 Fall Sports Budgets: Football - \$58,650.00; Boys' Soccer - \$6,779.00; Girls' Soccer - \$10,373.00; Girls' Volleyball - \$11,170.00; Water Polo - \$7,869.00; Cross Country - \$2,507.00; Golf - \$6,089.00; Girls' Tennis - \$2,525.00; and Medical Budget - \$9,506.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, 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 2012-2013 school year, in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications, such bids to be received until 12:00, noon, August 15, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board appointed H.A. Berkheimer, Inc., Bangor, PA as earned income tax collector for the Pottsville Area School District effective July 10, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed H.A. Berkheimer, Inc., Bangor, PA as local services tax (LST) collector for the Pottsville Area School District effective July 10, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized the payment of the first installment for the 2012-2013 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$156,169.00 due August 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Dr. Smink, Absent.

Dr. Cortese, Technology Chairperson, reported that the school and libraries division (E-rate), approved funding for the period of 7/1/12 to 6/30/13 as follows:

Telecommunications (Cellular)	\$ 3,211.15
Basic Phone/Telephone System	\$14,473.44
Long Distance	\$ 3,876.00

The district receives a 76% discount for the 2012-2013 school year for the above services. The computer sale was a huge success – a total of 208 units were sold with a profit of \$15,700.00. Dr. Cortese also reported that E-Bay has been going well. Initial expenses total \$289.34 and include a digital scale, labels and bubble wrap for shipping purposes. Incoming revenue for items sold on eBay thus far total \$622.58. Items sold include iPhone 3gs and old Zip and floppy disks.

Policy updates: #249 – Bullying/Cyber bullying, #237 – electronic Communication Devices and #830 – Data Breach Notification policies are included for review.

Website unique visitor statistics: May – 6,448 visitors, June – 3,720 visitors and July – 2, 273 visitors.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of June 2012: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$63,929.80; Business Privilege Tax - \$850,045.36; and Delinquent Personal Tax - \$13,255.57. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the following report for the months of June 2012: Centax – Earned Income Tax - \$97,314.25. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for June 2012 in the amount of \$4,456.36 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

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.

There being no further new business and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.