

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2014
7:30 p.m.
Academic Center

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Boran asked if anyone had questions or comments.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on June 11, 2014 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 18, 2014. 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 Dr. Cortese, the report of the Treasurer for the month of June 2014 was accepted and ordered appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 2014 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of June 2014 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.

On recommendation of Mr. Thornburg, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved revisions in the Management Personnel Policy. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello, 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. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board authorized the Superintendent, as in the past, to approve conferences, field trips, and staff development activities for the 2014-2015 school year, based on the recommendation of the building principals and the policies pertaining to conferences, field trips, and budget allocations. Each building principal will receive a budgeted allocation for these purposes. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, 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: Brianne Drexel - 3 credits and Zane Simpson - 3 credits. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, 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: Heather Jenkins - \$1,269.00; Tyler Moyer - \$1,572.00; Kara Prock - \$1,233.00; Erin Shaffer - \$2,538.00 and Krista Torpey - \$2,850.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the medical and dental examiners whose names appear on the list as submitted for the 2014-2015 school year. (See Office File). 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 Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following:

- A contract with Mrs. Gayle Rehnert to serve as a School Psychologist from August 19, 2014 through May 29, 2015
- A contract with Mrs. Sarah Fridirici to serve as a School Psychologist from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015
- A contract with Miss Dana Evans to serve as a School Psychologist from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015
- A contract with Mr. Dan Slotterback to serve as Athletic Trainer from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015
- A contract with Mrs. Melanie Thornburg to serve as Occupational Therapist from August 19, 2014 through May 29, 2015
- A contract with Mrs. Donna Romano to serve as an Assistant Nurse at the JSC Elementary Center from August 19, 2013 through May 29, 2015. It is also recommended that her salary be set at \$40,685.00 for the 2014-2015 school year.
- The following Licensed Social Workers be approved from August 19, 2014 through May 29, 2015 and set their salaries:

Migdalia Gunoskey	\$48,925.00
Jessica Coyle	\$48,925.00
Lara Swartz	\$43,260.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, 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, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, 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 2014-2015. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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 2014-2015 school year at the following scheduled payments: October 1, 2014 - \$5,935.50 and February 3, 2015 - \$5,936.50. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the 1st Reading of the following policies:

- Policy # 113 Special Education
- Policy # 114 Gifted
- Policy # 146 Student Services
- Policy # 333 Professional Development
- Policy #232 Student Involvement in Decision Making

Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the 2nd Reading of the following policies:

- Policy # 105 Curriculum
- Policy # 105.1 Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students
- Policy # 102 Academic Standards

Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following policy be removed from the policy manual: Policy # 919 – District/School Report Card Development. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following salary adjustments be approved and become effective for the 2014-2015:

Lucas McMurtrie – Master’s Degree

Jennifer Stock – Bachelor’s +15

Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the resignation of Rachael Kubick as a High School Biology teacher effective August 19, 2014 as per her letter dated July 10, 2014. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the resignation of Kristin Ort, as a Middle School Health & Physical Education teacher retroactive to June 20, 2014 as per her letter dated June 20, 2014. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the resignation of Jill Quigley, as an elementary Autistic Support Teacher effective August 19, 2014 as per her letter dated July 16, 2014. Motion carried.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr.

Cortese, the Board approved the following be elected as Temporary/Professional Employees subject to the assignment of the Superintendent and set their salaries effective August 19, 2014:

Kimberly Barone	JSC - Autistic Support	Bachelor - 1	\$38,400.00
Meredith Coleman	PAHS - English	Bachelor - 1	\$38,400.00
Katelyn Dunn	DHHL - Music	Bachelor - 2	\$38,600.00
Abby Forney	PAHS - Spec. Ed	Master's +15-6	\$50,015.00
Nathan Halenar	PAHS - English	Bachelor - 1	\$38,400.00
Casey Horvath	PAHS - Life Skills	Master's - 15	\$71,237.00
Kelci Killian	DHHL - Health & Phys. Ed.	Bachelor - 1	\$38,400.00
Krystina Kubeika	DHHL - Learning Support	Bachelor - 3	\$38,800.00
Jillian McSurdy	PAHS - Learning Support	Master's - 6	\$48,900.00
Matthew Saporito	PAHS - Earth/Space Science	Master's - 2	\$44,900.00
Gregory Schuettler	DHHL - Librarian	Bachelor - 1	\$38,400.00
Christina Seiger	DHHL - Autistic Support	Master's +15-15	\$72,333.00
Stephanie Spleen	JSC - Learning Support	Bachelor's +15-7	\$49,000.00
Cara Turolis	PAHS - Mathematics	Bachelor - 4	\$39,000.00

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

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the an additional year of child-rearing be granted for Kimberly Akers for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board re-appointed Mary Ellen Setlock as part-time federal program coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year. It is further recommended that her salary be set at \$12,000.00. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board awarded a PAHS diploma to one member of the class of 2014 based upon the successful completion of the requirement and the recommendation of the high school principal. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel read the following and congratulated the DHH Lengel Middle School science and social studies departments.

DHH Lengel Middle School SLOs Are PA Exemplars

Student learning is the ultimate measure of the success of a teacher and an instructional leader. A vital component of the Teacher Effectiveness System, mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the 2014-2015 school year, is Student Learning Objective (SLOs) and Performance Task Templates for teachers of all subjects. This component consists of a student growth or master measure. The DHH Lengel Middle School science and social studies departments

took part in the SLO pilot program during the 2013-2014 school year. We were one of many districts across the state to be fortunate enough to move through the pilot gaining a true understanding of how the SLO process will increase student learning and achievement. The pilot schools were mandated to register our SLOS with the state through an online portal. Over 2,000 SLOs were imported into the portal and 12 were chosen to become state models, DHH Lengel is honored to have 8 of those 12. Our SLOs will eventually be placed in the SAS Portal for districts around the state to use as modes to write their mandated SLOs.

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 hiring of the following CSCS Certified Weight Room Supervisors at a salary of \$1,600.00/four (4) month period:

- James Lord
- Peter McDonald
- Daniel Slotterback

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the exterior repairs and inspection of the Pottsville Area High School 110 Foot Chimney by R and P Industrial Chimney Co., Nicholasville, Kentucky at a cost of \$35,100.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the lighting up-grade for the Pottsville Area High School Planetarium by Graybar, Teterboro, New Jersey at a cost of \$16,678.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board waived the 1st Reading, adopted and approved the following policy:

- 701 – Property – Facilities Planning

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board set salaries for the Managerial Personnel for the 2014-2015 school year retroactive to July 1, 2014. (See Office Files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Absent.

Under Legislation, Mr. Krater noted that the final 2014-2015 state budget was approved Monday by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. Corbett. Gov. Corbett keeps basic education funding for school districts flat.

Also Mr. Krater noted that school boards should select voting delegates for Delegate Assembly meeting PSBA has mailed to all school board secretaries a memo and response form for the appointment of their voting delegates to the Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly will meet on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, prior to the beginning of the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey. The response form that was included in the mailing should be returned to PSBA by July 31. If a board cannot meet the deadline due to the scheduling of its regular meetings, the names may still be submitted throughout August. Once the form is returned, there is no other registration required for the delegate before the meeting. In September, PSBA will send the Voting Delegate materials, for the Delegate Assembly meeting, directly to the appointed delegates at their home address. More details about the Delegate Assembly and appointing your entity's voting delegate can be found online. Mr. Wagner will be the delegate from the district.

IU 29 Representative Mr. Wagner noted that the IU 29 has an agreement in principle. The vote is scheduled for August 4, 2014.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the letter of resignation for retirement from George Ondek, courier for the Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to June 20, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the revenue report for the month of June 2014; the report includes local, state and federal sources (see office files). Motion carried.

Mr. Curran 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.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Martz Hall for a basketball game between Kutztown University and Philadelphia on November 25, 2014; PAHS Cafeteria for Soccer Boosters annual banquet on November 2, 2014; Alumni Field, 16th Street Field and Academic Center Field for Midget Football League during months of September through November; Alumni Field for PAHS Boys Soccer Alumni Game on August 30, 2014; tour of PAHS for class of 1969 reunion on September 12, 2014; Alumni Field for Pep Rally on August 15, 2014; Academic Center Pavement and Parking Lot from August 11, 2014 to August 26, 2014 for cheerleading practice and DHHL Auditorium for Christmas with

Elvis sponsored by the Schuylkill Women In Crisis on December 12, 2014. Motion carried.

There being no further new business and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:57 p.m. and adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Stephen C. Curran 8-20-14

Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary