

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson,
Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis,
Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas;
Dr. Gallagher, Superintendent, Mr. Delenick,
Secretary/Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel,
Mr. Pytak, Republican & Herald

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, several students from Mr. Merrick's government classes introduced themselves to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session meeting held on February 9, 2011 as well as the regular board meeting held on February 16, 2011. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of February 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 Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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.

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

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board ratified the Superintendent's action for granting 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: Jacqueline DiCello - 6 credits; Mary Fetterolf - 6 credits; Jonathan Hughes - 3 credits; Emily Kleeman - 3 credits; and Luke McMurtrie - 8 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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: Patricia Halko - \$1,161.00; Jonathan Hughes - \$2,046.00; Diane Long - \$90.00; Sharon Modesto - \$90.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board excused both Robert Shaffer, retroactive to Wednesday, March 2, 2011 and Carolyn Wasilewski, retroactive to Friday, March 4, 2011 from their teaching duties to serve as jurors in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty Rismiller, the Board approved the following permanent substitutes for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year:

Andrew Oswald - Retroactive to February 14, 2011 with a daily rate of \$187.73

Zane Simpson - Retroactive to March 8, 2011 with a daily rate of \$125.00

Mr. Oswald will be teaching science in the high school for Craig Everly, who is on sick leave ;Mr. Simpson will be teaching math in the middle school as Joseph Eckley assumed the position of Dean .Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved an internship for the 2011-2012 school year for Maeve Bane who will serve with Mrs. Gayle Rehnert, D.H. H. Lengel School Psychologist. Maeve is currently enrolled as a graduate student in her second year at Millersville University School Psychology program. It is further recommended that Maeve Bane be granted a \$10,000 stipend for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of professional service, and on the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, Jennifer Kepner, a professional employee be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification. Mrs. Kepner is the parochial and private school nurse and a head nurse with Mrs. Romano at the John S. Clarke Elementary. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the resignation for retirement purposes be accepted from Joyce Buckley, effective June 3, 2011 in accordance with her letter received March 16, 2011. (letter attached). Motion carried.

Dr. Gallagher said Mrs. Buckley was a member of the Business Department for 37 years. Mrs. Buckley was a colleague of Dr. Gallagher's when he taught at the high school and when he was principal at the high school; also for the last 18 years as Superintendent. Dr. Gallagher stressed that she was an asset to the Business Department and will be missed.

Also on the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved a request from Richard Fries, PAHS Band Director. Mr. Fries wants to start planning for the 2012 PAHS Marching Band Florida Trip. The requested dates are Tuesday, February 28 to Saturday, March 3, 2012. There will be no expense to the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran proceeded with the committee reports. For the benefit of the students, Mr. Boran stated that each Board member is responsible for an individual committee and each will give a report on their own separate committee.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the following spring coaches and set their salaries as indicated:

BASEBALL

Michael Welsh, Head Coach	\$4,100.00
Thomas Guzick, Assistant	\$3,918.00
Adrian Portland, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Scott Mattea, Head JV Coach	\$2,200.00

SOFTBALL

Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach	\$3,800.00
Thomas Mull, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Clarence Herndon, Assistant	\$2,400.00
Scott Reichert, Head Junior Varsity	\$2,400.00

SPRING COACH

Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach	\$4,273.00
Barbara McGinley, Girls' Head Coach	\$3,800.00
Kevin Keating, Assistant	\$3,031.00
Kelly Brennan, Assistant	\$2,200.00
James Shields, Assistant	\$2,200.00
John Carestia, Jr., Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,200.00
Diane Dunkel, Assistant	\$2,100.00
William Rhoads, Assistant	\$2,000.00
Peter McDonald, Assistant	\$2,000.00

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Nick Marrongelle, Head Coach	\$3,200.00
Matt Mullins, Head Jr. Varsity	\$2,000.00

BOYS' TENNIS

Mark Major, Head Coach	\$2,600.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Under Finance, Mr. Boran reported that each Director has received a copy of the proposed Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative and Program Budget and the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. These budgets are being presented tonight for adoption.

The Intermediate Unit 29 Budget for 2011-2012 totals \$2,460,939.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$21,482.00, same as 2010-2011 school year.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board approve the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative and Program Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,460,939.00.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the Intermediate Unit 29 Budget for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$2,460,939.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Mr. Boran further reported that the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2011-2012 totals \$5,108,174.00. Pottsville Area School District's share is \$704,576.00 an increase of \$57,413.00 over the 2010-2011 share.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board approve the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,108,174.00.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$5,108,174.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Under Legislation, Mr. Thomas reported the Senate Bill I, which is the voucher bill, should be voted on soon. The Governor also announced his budget and it does not look good for education. The budget still has to go through the Senate and the House, so changes are possible.

Mrs. Fanelli reported on the Tide Task Force Meeting held on February 28, 2011. A PLCB Grant for \$15,000 was submitted about two weeks ago. This grant would focus on the middle school students. The website is up and running. The official date for the Operation Medicine Cabinet is April 30, 2011 from 10AM to 2PM, which was advertised in the Pottsville Republican. Two billboards will be purchased through Schuylkill County Drug and Alcohol Program for the Tide Task Force. The locations will be listed on the website. Committees are still forming and the next meeting is on March 28, 2011 at 7PM in the Academic Center.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the following resignations: Heather Greenhalgh, a part-time Life Skills Support Aide at the D.H.H. Lengel School and Nicole Guldin, a part-time Life skills Support Aide at the PAHS. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board approved maternity leave for Shannon M. Seiders, a part-time Life skills Support Aide at the D.H.H. Lengel School from March 23, 2011 to May 9, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed Kortlynd Hoak as part-time Life Skills Support Aide at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School and Carrie Sunday as part-time Life Skills Support Aide at the PAHS at \$9.25/hr. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Davidson congratulated Angel Kristoff (8th grade) for placing 5th in the annual Spelling Bee held on March 5th, 2011, at the Blue Mountain High School. Dr. Davidson also congratulated the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Mathcounts Team for placing 3rd in the competition on February 12, 2011. The team members include Olivia Connors, Sarah Williams, Andrew Horst, and Leah Guzick.

Dr. Davidson, Intermediate Unit representative, stated that the Convocation Convention was held this week at the Schuylkill Intermediate IU29. In attendance were Senator Piccola and four local legislative representatives. The concern is about the budget and the cuts made to education. As Dr. Davidson stressed it doesn't look good for education. 50% of the aid to Penn State University will be cut which means more of a tuition increase. All were in agreement that until the budget is signed, there will probably be changes to it. Dr. Davidson also reported that there is a possible tentative agreement with the Schuylkill Intermediate IU29 teachers.

Atty. Rismiller, Pottsville Recreation Committee Chairperson, attended her first meeting on March 10. She heard wonderful things about the students at the PAHS and their volunteerism. Some of the groups involved are AID, the Key Club and the Leo Club. There are many programs upcoming: Movie nights, Easter Egg Hunt, Ballroom dancing, bike race and speed camp. The next meeting will be on the second Thursday at City Hall at 7PM.

On motion of Mrs. Fanelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the February 2011 Per Capita and Occupation Tax reports as submitted by the following tax collectors: Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon; and Ellen Micka, Pottsville; Eva Wesnoski, Mechanicsville. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of February 2011: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$203,615.48; Business Privilege Tax - \$34,056.16; Local Services Tax - \$1,426.76; Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$350.00; and Cheryl Messina -- Port Carbon Local Service Tax - \$50.00. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for February 2011 in the amount of \$9,028.48 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, 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 February 2011. (See office files.) Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick announced 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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Schuylkill County Relay Committee to use the PAHS Stadium on Friday, May 6, 2011; John S. Clarke Elementary Gym for majorette camp on Saturday, April 30th and Middle School Parking Lot for practices on April 13, April 20, May 18 and May 24;

the use of Martz Hall for a Career Fair sponsored by the Northeast PA Manufacturer's and Employers Council, Inc.; Commissioner Mantura Gallagher for the use of the D.H.H. Lengel Auditorium and Cafeteria on Tuesday, July 19, at 11AM for the Pennsylvania Voter Hall of Fame; Allied Artists for the use of the PAHS Cafeteria for the annual Art Exhibit on numerous days in July; and the PAHS Tennis Boosters for the use of the PAHS for booster meetings in March and April.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.