

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2012
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, several students from the government classes at the high school introduced themselves to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session meeting held on February 8, 2012 as well as the regular board meeting held on February 15, 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 February 2012 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor, noted that the contract for the new superintendent will be voted through the Committee of Personnel.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, 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.

Dr. Zwiebel presented the Superintendent's Report in the absence of Dr. Gallagher.

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

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, homebound instruction be approved for one high school student.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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: Cristy Clemson - 3 credits; and Maria Hinchey - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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: Linda Smith - \$150.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis the Board excused Sally Schlitzer retroactive to Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from her teaching duties to serve as a juror in the United States District Court, Scranton, PA 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. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis the Board excused Jacqueline DiCello retroactive to Tuesday, March 5, 2012 from her teaching duties to serve as a juror in the Dauphin 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. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved that 60-day provision leave of absence be granted to the following employees in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA:

- Heather Berger – beginning to March 9, 2012
- Amy Digris – beginning to March 13, 2012
- Lorraine VanStone – beginning to February 21, 2012

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved a child rearing leave be granted to Lorraine VanStone, beginning March 15, 2012 until April 1, 2012. A letter from Lorraine VanStone was also received stating that her return to her work will be on April 2, 2012. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the resignation for retirement purposes be accepted from Robert Umbenhauer, effective May 31, 2012, in accordance with his letter received March 13, 2012. 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.

Under Legislation, Mr. Thomas reported that the final budget has not been passed yet.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed Patrick McGinley as a full-time (ten month position) cafeteria/custodial/receiver employee at the Pottsville High School at a salary of \$18,000.00 effective April 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed Colleen Schweikert as a full-time (ten month position) cafeteria/custodial/receiver employee at the DHH Lengel School at a salary of \$18,000.00 effective April 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the four year contract, effective April 6, 2012, between the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District and Dr. Jeffrey S. Zwiebel, new Superintendent, as negotiated. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Mrs. Grube congratulated the following D.H.H. Lengel Middle School students for placing in the Schuylkill County Computer Fair:

Logan Spevak	Logo	1 st Place
Zak Dayson & Parker Rose	Logo	2 nd Place
Abbey Kostyl	Graphic Design	1 st Place
SuAnn Altschuler	Web Page Design	1 st Place
Emily Witmier	Web Page Design	2 nd Place
Jack Gunelson	Programming	1 st Place
Josh Haidara & Sydney McCabe	Animation	1 st Place

On the recommendation of the Committee of Technology, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the establishment of an E-Bay Account to sell unused items, which would generate revenue for the school district and also for the purpose of purchasing items. Dr. Zwiebel noted that the process will start small. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the February 2012 Per Capita and Occupation Tax reports as submitted by the following tax collectors: Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon; Ellen Micka, Pottsville and Eva Wesnoski, Mechanicsville. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of February 2012: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$210,896.18; Business Privilege Tax - \$26,651.02; Local Services Tax - \$3,076.45; Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$676.00 and Cheryl Messina -- Port Carbon Local Service Tax - \$10.00. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for February 2012 in the amount of \$4,511.49 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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 2012. (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 Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Schuylkill County Relays to use the Pottsville Area High School Stadium on Friday, May 4, 2012; Crimson Band Parents Association to use the PAHS Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 for a fundraiser delivery and pick up destination; Schuylkill County Olympics to use the Pottsville Area High School Stadium on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 to hold the Special Olympics Track & Field Meet and DHH Lengel Cafeteria on various dates in March and April for youth soccer registrations. Motion carried.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krater, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.