

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2014
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed Boy Scouts of America Troop 607, Pottsville, who were attending in order to earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badge and several students from the government classes at the high school introduced themselves to the Board.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session meeting held on February 6, 2014 as well as the regular board meeting held on February 19, 2014. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of February 2014 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of February 2014 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of February 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. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, 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 Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the repository sale for the property located at 27 Mamies Avenue, Pottsville, PA in the amount of \$1,150.00. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board also approved the repository sale for the property located at 709 Ravine Street, Pottsville, PA in the amount of \$1,250.00. Motion carried.

On recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board waived the 1st Reading and adopted and approved Policy 113.1 AR – Behavior Support Intervention. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Moran, 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. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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: Lindsay Boncore - 3 credits and Stephanie Maroukis – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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: Tracey Fidler - \$162.00 and Kristin Ort - \$1,635.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner (Skype), and Mr. Boran, Aye

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board revised the contract for Dan Slotterback as Athletic Trainer to reflect a pro-rated salary adjustment to \$45,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner (Skype), and Mr. Boran, Aye

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the adjustment to the 2013-2014 school calendar:

- The Teachers' In-Service Day on January 20, 2014 be revised to reflect an Act 80 Day
- Last day of school be revised to Monday, June 2, 2014
- Commencement will remain on Monday, June 2, 2014

If any additional school cancellation days are incurred, the school calendar and commencement will be extended for each additional day. 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 on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Mr. Curran reported proper notice to bidders was advertised in the Pottsville Republican on February 24, March 4, and March 13, 2014 of the Board's intention to receive bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (Fall Sports) in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications. Mr. Curran reported several bids have been received.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board directed Mr. Curran to open the bids and refer them to the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities for tabulation, study, and recommendation. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved the 1st Reading of Policy 810.2 – Transportation – Video/Audio Recording. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Valley Forge Asset Management, LLC as Investment Advisor and the corresponding contract for the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the 1st Reading of Policy 610 (Revised) – Purchased Subject to Bid/Quotation. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Administrative & Program Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,525,306.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner (Skype), and Mr. Boran, Aye

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary

Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,368,233.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner (Skype), and Mr. Boran, Aye

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran noted that the Department of Education is looking at the potential of using something similar with cyber schools to give brick and mortar schools the ability to do cyber snow days in order to limit the amount of time that students have when there are snow days.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Grube said a program called the "Basketball Junkie" will be held on April 3, 2014.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board appointed the following as full-time custodial employees at Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$19,500.00 effective March 24, 2014:

- Marcus Mazzuca
- Richard Miske

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board appointed the following as a full-time custodial employee at Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$18,000.00 effective March 24, 2014:

- Erin Collins

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, appointed Jan Kurtek to a Confidential Position as Administrative Assistant to the High School Principal at a starting salary of \$34,047.00 effective March 24, 2014. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Cortese congratulated the following middle school students who participated in the Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 1, 2014:

5th Grade

Jake Montgomery

6th Grade

Alyssa DeLeon

Caleb Reedy – Tied for 4th place

7th Grade

Aaron DeLeon

8th Grade

Max Bolton – 2nd place

Courtney Holley

Kaitlyn Pekarik

Under Pottsville Recreation Committee, Mr. Moran announced the annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, March 24. On Tuesday, April 8 at 6 p.m., volunteers will be filling Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Mr. Curran 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. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following requests for use of facilities: Natatorium at the DHH Lengel Middle school for spring and summer events for the Schuylkill YMCA Swim Club during the months of May through July; DHH Lengel Cafeteria for PAHS Track and Field Boosters banquet on May 18, 2014; DHH Parking Lots for the Pottsville Fire Department for the Schuylkill County Volunteer Firefighter Convention on August 23, 2014; DHH Lengel Cafeteria Crimson Aides Band Boosters banquet on May 4, 2014 and Martz Hall from June 3 to June 6, 2014 for PAHS Girls' Basketball youth basketball camp. Motion carried.

Pottsville Area High School Drama Club will present "Oliver" next weekend at the High School.

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

Executive Session commenced at 7:59 p.m. and adjourned at 9:26 p.m.



Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary