

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Special Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 3, 2016  
7:00 a.m.  
Academic Center

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn,  
Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello,  
Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner  
(via Skype); Mr. Thomas, Dr. Zwiebel,  
Superintendent; Mr. Curran, Business  
Manager/Board Secretary; Mrs. Lombel,  
Mr. Ansbach  
Absent: Atty. Thornburg

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The special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by President John Boran.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed everyone. Mr. Boran asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

Mrs. Josephine Kwiatkowski, a taxpayer and parent, expressed her concerns about the decision to purchase iPads for the entire school district. Some of the concerns included the financing of the iPads, the keyboarding skills of the students and the effects of the exposure to their eyesight.

Mrs. Kelly Lombel, fifth grade teacher at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, explained some of the applications that were used on their iPads. She noted that the children enjoyed using them.

Mr. Boran opened up the discussion to the Board. All Board members agreed that the initiative to have iPads in all of the classrooms was a great investment for the future. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Blankenhorn agreed but that they felt the timing wasn't right; the main concern was the budget impasse.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Technology and on motion of Dr. DiCello, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Apple Master Lease Agreement Schedule No. PUB 15635 in the amount of \$1,624,636.90. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mrs. Blankenhorn, Mr. Thomas, Nay.

Mr. Curran reported 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 /legal matters.

There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.; executive session from 7:54 p.m. to 8:31 p.m.

Stephen C. Curran 4-20-16  
Stephen C. Curran (Date)  
Board Secretary