

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2016  
Academic Center  
7:04 p.m.

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

Absent:

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The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Mr. John Boran followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the Work Session held on April 20, 2016 as well as the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2016. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of April 2016 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeteria for the month of April 2016 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

A list of bills, as appended, was submitted for payment. (Copy to each Director.)

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, 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.

Several students from the high school government classes introduced themselves to the Board and told the Board what they are doing after graduation.

The Board proceeded with the election of a Treasurer for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Mr. Thomas nominated Mr. Patrick Moran for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2016 and ending the last day of June 2017. Mr. Wagner seconded.

With no further nominations and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Davidson, nominations for Treasurer were closed. Motion carried.

The ballot was cast for Mr. Patrick Moran as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Moran-Abstain. Atty. Rismiller – Absent.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the salary of Mr. Patrick Moran as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District was set at the annual rate of \$2,000.00 for the fiscal year from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board directed the Treasurer to provide a bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, with approved surety, the premium of the bond to be paid by the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

Under Unfinished Business, and on recommendation by the Personnel Committee and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the non-resident students' employee benefit will be tabled at this time. The personnel committee will continue discussion on this matter. Motion carried.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the contingent settlement with an ongoing assessment appeal with litigation with the Manor Care Nursing Home and the Pottsville Area School District. Manor Care Nursing Home and the Pottsville Area School District agreed to an assessment of \$1,813,111.00. The City and the County have to also agree with the assessment. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Thomas, Abstain. Atty. Rismiller – Absent.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 823 – Naloxone
- Policy 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
- Policy 827 – Conflict of Interest
- Policy 916 – Volunteers

Motion carried.

On the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg and on a motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved two (2) employee FMLA's and one (1) employee FMLA contingent approval upon receipt of satisfactory paperwork. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, 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 Mrs. Blankenhorn, the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA: Brianne Drexel – 6 credits; Katelynn Hranchock – 6 credits; Deborah Lecker – 3 credits; Stacey McClusky – 6 credits; Stephanie McDonald – 3 credits; Tyler Moyer – 6 credits; Nicholas Sajone – 3 credits; Gregory Schuettler – 3 credits; Christian Selinko – 5 credits; Angela Snyder – 3 credits; Jennifer Stock – 3 credits; Jillian Strohecker – 6 credits; Shannon Sweeney – 3 credits and Cara Turolis – 9 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following Administrative employee be ratified: Stephanie Ziegmont – 6 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employees for their successful completion of the preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Heather Berger - \$1,575.00; Scott Delenick - \$1,680.00; Derek DiRenzo- \$1,314.00; Jennifer Holiday - \$1,680.00; Stephen Horvath - \$1,575.00; Katelynn Hranchock - \$1,314.00; Heather Jenkins - \$2,628.00; Krystina Kubeika - \$300.00; Nicole Kutsmeda - \$1,314.00; Jennifer Lipton - \$3,612.00; Christopher Lombel - \$1,410.00; Kelly Lombel - \$1,575.00; Stacey McClusky - \$2,415.00; Stephanie McDonald - \$2,184.00; Lucas McMurtrie - \$1,575.00; Alyssa Palina - \$4,650.00; Elaina Prestileo - \$900.00; Courtney Reichert - \$2,628.00; Nicholas Sajone - \$1,680.00; Gregory Schuettler - \$1,410.00; Angela Snyder - \$1,314.00 and Jenna Troutman - \$1,314.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello; Mr. Moran, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Atty. Rismiller – Absent.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following salary adjustments and become effective for the 2016-2017 school year: Kelci Killian – Bachelor +15; Stacey McClusky – Bachelor +15; and Elaina Prestileo – Master’s +15. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the list of prospective graduates (224) submitted by the Principal be approved for receipt of Pottsville Area High School diplomas. It is understood that diplomas will not be issued unless all requirement and obligations are met

by each student. Students not meeting requirements for graduation will receive certificates of attendance. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board set the ticket prices for the 2016-2017 sports programs. Ticket prices will remain the same as the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed Dr. Robert Boran as Athletic Team Doctor for the 2016-2017 school year at a retainer of \$3,300.00 per annum. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner, Chairperson of the Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation Committee, noted that the new scoreboards at the CAAC Complex are completed and operational. Mr. Wagner also noted that discussions are continuing on transportation for the school district.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board authorized the proper officers to make withdrawals from the various commencement award funds to provide the awards for the 2016 Class Day. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the proposal from National Penn Insurance as the insurance broker/carrier for the Pottsville Area School District for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Berkheimer Associates as the Business Privilege and Delinquent Occupational and Per Capita Tax collector as per agreements and resolutions. Motion carried.

The Committee on Finance recommends adoption of the proposed final 2016-2017 school district budget of \$42,598,089.

The Committee reports that this budget reflects needed instructional equipment, supplies, maintenance and operational expenditures necessary for school district operations.

Therefore, the Committee recommends adoption of the proposed final 2016-2017 school district budget which includes a tax increase of 1.15 mills to 35.15 mills, the maximum allowed under Act 1.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board adopted the proposed final 2016-2017 school district

budget in the amount of \$42,598,089.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Thomas - Nay. Atty. Rismiller – Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board authorized the School Board Secretary to have the required proposed final budget notice published once in the Pottsville Republican on May 21, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board set the date of June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the Final Adoption of the 2016-2017 budget for the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

Mr. Moran, Legislation Chairperson, noted that there could be potential teacher furloughs with the crisis furlough bill, an anti-hazing bill at the high school level and with the 2016-2017 budget, no pension reform.

Mr. Moran, Drug and Alcohol Coalition Chairperson, noted that the end of year party for students at the Pottsville Area School District, grades 7 through 12, will be held on June 1, 2016 at Barefield Complex. Mr. Moran also noted that the Mock DUI will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Sarah Ames as a substitute lunch aide, effective May 19, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved unpaid leave for Monica Natishak, paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area High School retroactive to May 5, 2016 through May 11, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following professionals be hired for the Extended School Year Program at \$32.00/hr., effective June 21, 2016:

Teachers

John Donton  
Cara Holman  
Shanelle Kachelries  
Kara Prock  
Charles Rinaldo  
Jeff Smith  
Krista Torpey

Nurses

Angela Holobetz  
Jennifer Kepner  
Tanya Purcell  
Donna Romano  
Kendra Rooney  
Danita Sippel

Michael Evans – Social Worker  
Lara Swartz – Social Worker  
Melanie Thornburg – Occupational Therapist  
Amy Wasilewski – Speech  
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following substitute teachers be hired for the Extended School Year Program, effective June 21, 2016:

Elizabeth Grow  
Katelynn Hranchock  
Tina Mercuri  
Kristin Perhonitch  
Amy Santai  
Louise Winkler  
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following instructional aides be hired for the Extended School Year Program at \$11.85/hr., effective June 21, 2016 and starting July 1, 2016 at \$12.60/hr.:

Bernie Antonucci	Mary Rinaldo
Debra Barket	Jessica Robbins
Karen Bevan	Jackie Sherry
Jacqueline Butz	Karen Shoener
Destiny Centano	Vaughn Shuman
Barb Charowsky	Jennifer Singer
Diana DePauli	Jennifer Snyder
Lisa Falkowski	Katrina Staller
Mary Ann Filiac	Joanne Torracco
Debra Herb	
Bernadette Laubenstine	

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following substitute instructional aides be hired for the Extended School Year Program, effective June 21, 2016:

Suzanne Dolbin  
Jacqueline Murton  
Sandy Paulshock  
Diane Schweikert  
Kim Huffman – transportation aide  
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the following part-time paraprofessionals attending ABA Boot camp at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on June 27, 28, 29, 2016:

Tina Sibbett

Sam Heiser

Bernadette Laubenstien

Basic Skills Camp – July 27, 28, 2016

Joann Toracco

There is no cost for the training.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following full-time custodians, effective May 19, 2016, at an annual salary of \$19,000.00 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances: James George Jr. and Joseph Lukach. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board accepted the resignation of Corrine Firestine, full-time custodian at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective April 11, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the resignation of Thomas Cooney, full-time custodian at the Pottsville Area High School, effective April 28, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved Renee Kalinich and Kristine Thomas as substitute custodians, effective May 19, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Thomas Bennis, bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District, effective April 27, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Rebecca Mazurik as a school psychologist for the Pottsville Area School District at an annual salary of \$62,600.00, effective July 1, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the salary adjustment of \$6,000.00 for Deneen Reese, Supervisor of Special Education at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective July 1, 2016. Her annual salary will be \$74,128.78. Motion carried.

Under Committee on Public Relations, Dr. Davidson recognized the following students:

1. Congratulations to Patrick (P.J.) Moran, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student, placed as a semi-finalist in the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual English – Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition. The competition took place on May 2, 2016 with 55 semi-finalists from as many ESU Branch competitions nationwide. P.J. previously won the ESU Central Pennsylvania Branch Competition.
2. Congratulations to Emily Witmier, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student, who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the local District for the “Voice of Democracy” essay contest. This contest is sponsored by the local VFW, and requires an essay on the topic, “Your Vision of America.” Emily placed 1<sup>st</sup> in PAHS, 1<sup>st</sup> in the District and 6<sup>th</sup> in the State. Emily was unable to attend the State competition due to weather conditions.
3. Congratulations to Katie Wanser for participating in a Special Olympics Swimming Competition at Kutztown University on April 30, 2016. She earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 25M freestyle swim; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 50M backstroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 25M backstroke.
4. Congratulations to the following winners from the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Art Department in the Pottsville Republican Design an Ad Contest:  
1<sup>st</sup> place – Isabelle Myers (8<sup>th</sup> grade); 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Reilly Babcock (8<sup>th</sup> grade); and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Isabella Verano (7<sup>th</sup> grade). Featured Artists – Layne Martin (8<sup>th</sup>); Hannah Meyer (8<sup>th</sup> grade); Hannah Hampton (7<sup>th</sup> grade); and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lauren Klingler (6<sup>th</sup> grade).
5. Congratulations to Toniann Bettencourt, 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, for being chosen as Artist of the Month.
6. Congratulations to the following 2016 Schuylkill Technology Center Senior Award recipients:
  - Nocti Award – Quinn Cromyak and Tyler Troup
  - Perfect Attendance Award – Damien Locke, Brittany Sweigert and SuAnn Altshuler
  - Exceptional Attendance Award – Brittany Sweigert
  - Deca Officers – Brittany Sweigert (Reporter) and Samantha Moyer (Treasurer)
  - FFA Officers – Laura Cholko (President) and Kailey Jefferson (Treasurer)
  - Skill USA Officers – South Campus – Briana Martin-Smith (Treasurer)
  - James R. Kruss Memorial Award – Tyler Troup
  - Burmax Award – Noel Knapp
  - Cosmo Prof Award – Harley Mills



- Kathy Reichert Sponsorship Award – Rikki Martin
  - Small Engine Achievement Award – Cody Kreiger
  - President’s Education Award – Brianna Martin – Smith
  - 2015-2016 National/Technical Honor Society Members – Laura Cholko, Roxanne Geiger and Tyler Troup
  - Outstanding Senior Achievement Awards – Joe Hummel, Briana Martin-Smith and Laura Cholko
7. Congratulations to PAHS Drama production cast and crew of, “Shrek the Musical”, for earning the following awards at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Majestic Awards held in our high school auditorium on May 16, 2016:
- Graphic design
  - Hair and makeup
  - Supporting actor – Taylor Brigade
  - Small ensemble – Sara Leibel, Leigha Keitsock, Madison Eroh
  - Costumes
  - Rising Star – Madison Eroh
  - Spirit of Theatre – Arrianna Daniels

On the recommendation of the Committee on Technology, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following summer technology employees at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective June 6, 2016:

Teachers

Patty Halko  
Kelly Lombel

Students

Derek Shuman  
Katie Stover  
Michala Zembas  
2 – Middle School Students (TBA)  
Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner, Schuylkill IU 29 Representative, asked the School Board Members to complete and sign the ballots for the election of School Board members to Intermediate Unit 29 Board of Directors for a three (3) year term – July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.

On the recommendation of Mr. Wagner, PSBA Representative, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Policy 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the revenue report for the

month of April 2016; the report includes local, state and federal sources (see office files).  
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

D.H.H. Lengel Middle School

- Schuylkill Achieve After-School Program, Summer Program, July 5 through July 28, 2016, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – Noon in the Cafeteria, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 207, Martz Hall Library and Pool
- D.H.H. Lengel Drama Club, Spring Performance, May 18, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium and Cafeteria
- Lady Tide Basketball, Basketball Girls Camp, June 6 through June 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Martz Hall
- Boys Basketball with Future150, Weekend Basketball Camp, September 17, 18, 24, and 25, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Martz Hall and Concession Stand
- P.A.H.S. Publication, 2017 Publications Banquet, May 8, 2017 from 3:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Cafeteria and Auditorium

POTTSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

- PAHS PBIS Committee, PBIS Powder Puff Football Game, June 2, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the High School Stadium and Field
- PAHS Publications, Summer Work Sessions June 13 through August 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and August 18, 23, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Publications Room
- PAHS Publications School year Work Sessions from August 29, 2016 through June 20, 2017 – Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. , Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Publications Room
- PAHS Publications Parent Booster Organization Meetings on various dates throughout the 2016-2017 school at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria

ALUMNI FIELD

- Pottsville Midget Football League Home Football Games and Playoffs during various dates in August, September, October and November 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Alumni Field and use of Restrooms

HOWARD S. FERNSLER ACADEMIC CENTER FIELD

- Pottsville Midget Football League Football Practice from August 15, 2016 through November 4, 2016, Monday through Friday, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Academic Center Practice Field

16<sup>th</sup> STREET CACL COMPLEX


- Pa Synergy Softball 16U Softball Practice, Spring/Summer 2016 after 5:00 p.m. at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Softball Field

- Pottsville Softball Program Crimson Tide Softball Camp from June 13, 2016 through June 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street CACL Complex and the High School Girls Gym, if inclement weather
- Michael Toomey Pitching/Catching Camp on June 20, 2016 – June 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street CACL Complex
- Pottsville Midget Football League PMFL Football Practice July 25, 2016 through August 12, 2016, Monday through Friday, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street CACL Complex (Field #3)

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 and/ or legal matters.

There being no further new business and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Executive Session commenced 7:54 p.m. and ended at 8:26 p.m.

  
Stephen C. Curran                      6-22-16  
Board Secretary                      (Date)