

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2011  
Academic Center  
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Dr. Cortese

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed several students from Mrs. Delenick's and Mr. Merrick's government classes and had them introduce themselves to the Board.

Mr. Boran asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on April 13, 2011 as well as the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 20, 2011. 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. Fanelli, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of April 2011 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of April 2011 was accepted and ordered filed. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board authorized the following budget transfers in the General Fund Budget. (See office files.) Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, 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.

At this time, the Board proceeded with the election of a Treasurer for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Mr. Krater nominated Dr. Gary Cortese for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2011 and ending the last day of June 2012. Dr. Davidson seconded.

With no further nominations and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, nominations for Treasurer were closed. Motion carried.

The ballot was cast for Dr. Gary Cortese as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Absent - Dr. Cortese.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the salary of Dr. Gary Cortese 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, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Absent – Dr. Cortese.

On motion of Mr. Krater, 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.

On a motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the board approved the recommendation by Atty. Thornburg to relieve the city of \$4,596 of delinquent taxes on three properties the city acquired in 2008 to knock down to make way for the new Union Station. Atty. Thornburg said the properties were delinquent when the city took them over and they were vacant. The board approved the recommendation by a vote of 7-1. Mr. Thomas voted no.

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

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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 Mr. Thomas, the Board approved homebound instruction for one high school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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: Beth Bauers - 3 credits; John Carr - 6 credits; Heather Davidson - 3 credits; Jacqueline DiCello - 3 credits; Lisa Doyle - 3 credits; Mary Hahner - 3 credits; Paula Jones – 6 credits; Emily Kleeman – 3 credits; Jennifer Lipton – 2 credits; Scott Mattea – 6 credits; Jennifer Pahira – 3 credits; Charles Taronis – 3 credits; Suzanne Vilcheck – 3 credits; and Elizabeth Wetzel – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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: Beth Bauers - \$1,161.00; Leigh Ann Bosack - \$1,161.00; Kelly M. Brennan - \$1,725.00; Heather Davidson - \$1,380.00; Jacqueline DiCello - \$2,322.00; Mary Fetterolf - \$1,380.00; Bridget Freiler - \$2,322.00; Jonathan Hughes - \$2,046.00; Jennifer Kepner - \$780.00; Emily Kleeman - \$1,380.00; Rachael Kubick - \$3,366.00; Julia Leiby - \$1,161.00; Jennifer Lipton - \$670.00; Carolyn March - \$1,161.00; Scott Mattea - \$1,380.00; Luke McMurtrie - \$2,100.00; Jennifer Pahira - \$1,380.00; Lloren Reichert - \$2,046.00; Nicole Stiles - \$2,046.00; Lorraine VanStone - \$1,380.00 and Elizabeth Wetzel - \$2,541.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Absent – Dr. Cortese.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on the motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following salary adjustments effective for the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year – Heather Davidson - Bachelor's +15 Column. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on the motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following professional employee be excused from his teaching duties to serve as a juror in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA: Thomas McGeoy – beginning June 2, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on the motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following professional employee be excused 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 PASD and the PASDEA: Michelle Evans – June 2011 (on call as needed). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the list of prospective graduates (264) submitted by the Principal for receipt of Pottsville Area High School diplomas. Dr. Gallagher noted it is understood that diplomas will not be issued unless all requirements 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 Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following positions and salaries (see office files) effective July 1, 2011:

Joseph Rich	Director of Attendance
Barbara DeFont	Assistant Director of Attendance
Jay Tobias	Director of Home Visitation

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Absent – Dr. Cortese.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board set the ticket prices for the 2011-2012 sports programs. These prices will remain the same as last year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on the motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Fanelli, the Board accepted the resignation of Bruce Heffner, Head Girls' Basketball Coach effective immediately. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board appointed Rick Wojciechowsky as Head Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year and set his salary at \$4,3000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Absent – Dr. Cortese.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board appointed Melissa Kalymun as Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year and set her salary at \$2,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Fanelli, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Absent – Dr. Cortese.

Under Legislation, Mr. Thomas stated that they are still waiting for final figures on the budget.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Fanelli said there will be a cook-out at the Barefield Complex on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 from 6PM to 9PM for all 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Grant money will be used for this activity.

As the IU 29 Representative, Dr. Davidson said they are interviewing for a new Business Manager due to the retirement of Mr. Charles Mannello.

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

On motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of April 2011: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$107,724.22;

Business Privilege Tax - \$56,054.88; Local Services Tax - \$10,711.95; Delinquent Per Capita Taxes and Delinquent Occupation Taxes - \$754.00; and Cheryl Messina -- Port Carbon Local Services Tax - \$761.00. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Davidson, 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 April 2011. (See office files.) Motion carried.

Before the close of the board meeting, Dr. Gallagher recognized the passing of Mr. John Norton who taught at the Pottsville Area High School as a social studies teacher for 31 years. Dr. Gallagher noted that Mr. Norton was an outstanding educator; thousands of students are better off because they had him as a teacher.

Mr. Delenick 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 matters.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board granted the following requests for use of facilities: Veteran's Stadium for the Annual Fireworks display on Friday, July 1, 2011 (rain date – July 3, 2011); Football Practice Field during the week of June 27 through June 30, 2011 for a Youth Football Camp; 16<sup>th</sup> Street Softball Complex during the week of June 13 through June 17, 2011 for a Crimson Tide Softball Camp; Martz Hall for a Girls' Basketball Camp during the week of June 6 through June 10, 2011; and 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baseball Complex during the week of June 6 through June 10, 2011 for a Youth Baseball Camp. Motion carried.

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