

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Work Session  
November 12, 2014  
Academic Center  
7:00 p.m.

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

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The work session meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Boran who led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Boran began to review the work session agenda with the board.

Mr. Boran asked if there was any unfinished business to become before the board, hearing none he asked for the solicitor's report.

Atty. Thornburg stated that he is working on an amendment to the Saint Clair agreement related to the special education tuition calculation.

Mr. Boran asked for the superintendent's report.

Dr. Zwiebel asked the board for action on number seven on his agenda, recommending Mr. Raymond Yost be appointed as the high school Dean of Students and set his salary at \$69,010, effective November 13, 2014. Motion made by Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Mr. Wagner and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Zwiebel also recommended that the 2014-2015 school calendar be adjusted to reflect the following early student dismissal days: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 and Tuesday, December 23, 2014. Motion made by Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Zwiebel asked Mrs. Stephanie Ziegmont to review the buildings' School Performance Profile which includes achievement data from PSSA, Keystone, NOCTI, SAT, and PSAT as well as PVAAS growth from different areas with the board. Mrs. Ziegmont distributed a handout with all of the county schools and their corresponding growth or decline. John S. Clarke had the second highest growth at 8.32%. Pottsville Area High School had the highest growth at 8.75% and the middle school also had the highest at 10.28%.

Mr. Krater made a motion to approve the winter sports budgets for the 2014-2015 year:

Boys Basketball	\$24,671.50
Wrestling	\$20,404.00
Boys Swimming	\$8,172.50

Girls' Swimming \$ 8,710.50  
Girls' Basketball \$27,126.00

Seconded by Atty. Rismiller and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Krater made a motion to approve the list of coaches for the 2014-15 school year and set the salaries as indicated. Seconded by Dr. Cortese and approved by unanimous vote.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dave Mullaney, Head Coach	\$5,950.00
John Toomey, Varsity Assistant	\$3,800.00
Tom McGeoy, Junior Varsity	\$3,200.00
Jake Wartella, Freshman	\$3,200.00
Bruce Heffner, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$3,000.00
Chris Vrable, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$2,400.00

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Rick Wojciechowsky, Head Coach	\$5,050.00
Mike Sukeena, Jr. Asst. Varsity Coach	\$3,600.00
Serenity Allen, Jr. Varsity Head Coach	\$3,200.00

WRESTLING

Gary Keener, Head Coach	\$5,050.00
Jason Thomas, Assistant	\$2,800.00
Tyler Moyer, Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,400.00
Sam Julian, Asst. Jr. High Coach	\$2,400.00

SWIMMING

Ned Hampford, Boys' Head Coach	\$5,300.00
Greg Schuettler, Girls' Head Coach	\$4,300.00
James Lotz, Co-Assistant	\$2,000.00
Robert Price, Co-Assistant	\$2,000.00
Meredith Boris, Co- Assistant	\$1,200.00
Neil Johnson, Co-Assistant	\$1,200.00

WINTER TRACK

Charlie Schuster, Head Coach	\$3,600.00
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CHEERLEADING

Melissa Recla, Head Instructor	\$2,000.00
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Atty. Rismiller made a motion to approve Sandy Paulshock as a part-time kindergarten instructional aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, at an hourly rate of \$11.10, effective November 13, 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Moran and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to approve Michelle Aungst as a full-time Life Skills Paraprofessional at PAHS at an annual salary of \$17,413.07, effective November 13, 2014. Motion seconded by Dr. DiCello and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to approve Margaret Lynn as a part-time Learning Support Paraprofessional at PAHS at an hourly rate of \$11.10, effective November 13, 2014. Motion seconded by Dr. DiCello and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Cortese make a motion to appoint the following part-time substitute paraprofessionals, effective November 13, 2014 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Gianna Agnello
- Cynthia Borchick
- Jessica Fisher
- Lisa Hinchey
- Lisa Jack
- Janel Martin
- Amanda McClusky
- Ashley Ortiz
- Tonya Shappell
- Michelle Stephenson
- Kaier Trovato

Motion seconded by Mr. Wagner and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to accept the resignation of Kimberly Henry, a paraprofessional at PAHS, effective October 17, 2014. Motion seconded by Mrs. Grube and approved by unanimous vote with the exception of Mr. Moran, who abstained.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to accept the resignation of Jacqueline Lewis, kindergarten instructional aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective October 24, 2014. Motion seconded by Mrs. Grube and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to approve Corrine Firestine as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$10.45, retroactive to October 22, 2014. Motion seconded by Dr. Cortese and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to approve Clarence Rich as a Ground/Maintenance Crew Employee at the Pottsville Area School District, at an annual salary of \$30,992.00, effective November 13, 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Wagner and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to appoint the following part-time lunch aides at a rate of \$9.10/hour, effective November 13, 2014 contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Susan Davison
- Sue Drasdis

- Kelly Messina
- Connie Pellish

Motion seconded by Dr. Cortese and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to appoint the following substitute part-time cafeteria/lunch aide, retroactive to October 15, 2014:

Brenda Williams

Motion seconded by Mrs. Petchulis and approved by unanimous vote.

Atty. Rismiller made a motion to approve the annual salary adjustment to \$37,740.00 for Donald Ditzler, head mechanic for the Pottsville Area School District, effective November 13, 2014. Motion seconded by Mrs. Petchulis and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. DiCello made a motion to recommend approval of policy 216.2 and 815.2, seconded by Mr. Moran and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wagner informed the board that at the last I.U. #29 meeting, the I.U. #29 has invited all school board members for a tour of the south, north or both buildings.

Mr. Wagner also wanted to inform the board that the profit from the brick project is \$11,292.44. Additionally, there were two laser printed bricks sold at \$300.00 a piece for two classes.

Mr. Wagner added that he attended the PSBA conference and reviewed several of the sessions he attended including the substitute teacher service that was a topic at a recent I.U. 29 information meeting.

Mr. Wagner also asked how many AED devices are throughout the district and if everyone is aware of their corresponding locations.

Mr. Moran stated that there is a meeting tomorrow for the Pottsville Recreation Committee.

Mr. Boran asked if there is any new business for the board; hearing none, he asked for the announcement of executive session.

Mr. Curran announced that an executive session would be held immediately after the work session meeting in accordance with Act 84 of 1986, also known as the Sunshine Act, to discuss personnel and/or legal issues.

Additionally he stated that executive sessions of the personnel committee were held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 7 a.m. to 8:58 a.m., October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7 a.m. to 8:54 a.m. and November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 7 a.m. to 8:35 a.m.

Mr. Boran asked if there were any requests for use of facilities. Mr. Curran reviewed the following use of facility requests:

- Top of Martz Hall for varsity cheerleading 2015-2016 tryouts in March 2015 and practice in December 2014 also at the top of Martz Hall
- DHHL Middle School Cafeteria for the softball booster club quartermania fundraiser on March 29, 2015 with set up on March 28, 2015
- DHHL Middle School Cafeteria (retroactive) for the PAHS girls' soccer banquet on November 8, 2014
- PAHS Auditorium for winter carnival events during various dates in January 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Moran to approve the requests, seconded by Dr. DiCello and approved by unanimous vote.


Mr. Boran discussed the need for a reorganization meeting during the first week of December. Atty. Rismiller made a motion to schedule the meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for elections, solicitor appointment and for general purposes. Seconded by Dr. DiCello and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Cortese made a motion to approve the work session and board meeting scheduled for 2015 to remain at the current format, athletic committee meetings for Tuesdays before the work session for January through June, 2015 and August through November 2015. Seconded by Mr. Krater and approved by unanimous vote.

With hearing no further business, Mr. Boran asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis and approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Executive Session was held from 7:40 p.m. to 10:03 p.m.

  
Stephen C. Curran (Date)  
Board Secretary