

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Atty. Rismiller,
Mr. Krater, Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello,
Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Mr. Wagner,
Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent; Mr. Curran,
Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mr. Ansbach,
Mrs. Lombel, Ms. O'Grady, 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 students from the high school and asked them to introduce themselves. They told the Board what classes they are taking and what their plans are after graduation.

Mr. Boran asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Since there was no one, President Boran proceeded with the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on October 8, 2014 as well as the regular board meeting held on October 15, 2014. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of October 2014 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of October 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 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.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the repository sale of Parcel No.: 68-44.0002.00.
Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, 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 Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the homebound instruction for one high school student and one middle school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board preapproved credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Kate Delenick	-	3 credits
Elizabeth Grow	-	3 credits
Stacey McClusky	-	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following professional employees be reimbursed as indicated on the successful completion of a preapproved credit course in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Kayla Fehr	-	\$1,269.00
Paula Jones	-	\$1,572.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following professional employees be excused from their teaching duties to serve as jurors in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Sharon Modesto	-	Retroactive to October 7 and October 14, 2014
Anne Murray	-	Retroactive to November 7, 2014

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following administrative employee be

excused from her duties to serve as a juror in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas:

Stephanie Ziegmont - Effective, December 3, 2014
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code and having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching:

Zane Simpson
Jennifer Stock
Krista Torpey

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board appointed Michael Maley as the Middle School Principal and set his salary at \$87,123.55, effective November 20, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Dr. Zwiebel read the following entitled "History of the Honor Roll of School Board Service":

The legacy of school board service is firmly embedded in the history of our nation and its commitment to public education. Pennsylvania, as one of the founding colonies of the United States, clearly established the concept of schooling in its first constitution in 1776. Later, the Free School Act of 1834 marked the first permanent state interest in public education and the birth of the locally elected school board.

School directors today have a challenging job in our complex society, giving more and more of their personal time to this unpaid, volunteer effort.

Since 1983, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association has been recognizing the contributions of dedicated local school directors with long-term service. School directors are first recognized when they reach 8 years of service and again every 4 years thereafter, through the HONOR ROLL OF SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE.

The Honor Roll is the association's way of saying thank you to those individuals who exemplify leadership and statesmanship, giving unselfishly of their time and talents for the future of our public schools, and putting something back into their local communities through the guidance of the education of youth.

Dr. Zwiebel presented President John Boran a Certificate of Recognition from the Pennsylvania School Association for eight years of service. Mr. Boran thanked Dr.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the transfer request of custodian William Zierle to permanent day shift at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective November 20, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Jon J. Bowman, security police officer at the Pottsville Area School District, effective November 12, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board accepted the resignation of Beth Barnes as a part-time cafeteria aide at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective November 19, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Beth Barnes as a part-time clerical employee at the DHH Lengel Middle School, at an hourly rate of \$13.50, effective November 20, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner questioned if we have all custodial shifts covered. Mr. Ansbach noted that the school district is at full staff for custodians.

Under Committee on Public Relations, Chairman Dr. Cortese congratulated Jake Guzick and Megan Berdanier for being crowned Pottsville Area High School's 2014 Homecoming King and Queen on October 3, 2014.

Dr. Cortese also congratulated the following elected Student council officers:

President	-	Sarah Lombel
Vice President	-	Eli Nabholz
Secretary	-	Megan Berdanier
Treasurer	-	Michaela Garland

Under the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Chairman Mr. Moran noted that there will be a holiday home decorating contest "Past, Present and Future" on December 12, 2014. There will also be Christmas concerts held on various dates in December 2014.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved the Revenue Report for October 2014, which included local, state and federal sources. (See office files) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

Mr. Curran stated 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 Dr. Cortese, seconded by Dr. DiCello the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities:

- DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium for PAHS Majorette squad camp and recital on April 11 and April 12, 2015
- Martz Hall for NEPA Manufacturer's Association Career Fair on April 21, 2015
- John S. Clarke Elementary Center Gymnasium for PAHS Cheer Boosters Rock Court Cheer Camp on January 8, 2015
- Martz Hall for PAHS Freestyle Wrestling Tournament on March 25, 2015
- PAHS Little Theater Diversity Club for Family Movie Night on November 20, 2014
- PAHS Auditorium for CMI Entertainment/Hap Anthony John Denver Tribute Show on May 10, 2015
- PAHS Room 115 for PAHS Guidance Dept. for Prom Dress Giveaway on November 24, 2014; times are from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 5p.m. to 6p.m.

Motion carried.

President Mr. Boran noted that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7p.m.

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

Executive Session commenced at 7:55 p.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m.


Stephen C. Curran (Date)