

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2016
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Boran.

President Boran welcomed everyone in attendance. President Boran asked if anyone would like to address the Board, hearing none, he introduced students from the high school.

Rebecca Sites and Madeline Kohutka, both of Pottsville, demonstrated to the Board the use of their iPads. Ms. Sites noted that she likes to use it for her college applications. Ms. Sites likes the app, Schoology, which is very useful with homework.

Ms. Kohutka enjoys using her iPad for her AP courses. Ms. Kohutka enjoys using her iPad when manipulating colors for her AP Art course. She also uses her iPad for notetaking with a stylus pen in the classroom. Dr. Zwiebel thanked the two students for their presentations. Dr. Zwiebel noted that everyone is doing a great job in the district. Dr. Zwiebel also noted that from a parental standpoint, the Schoology app is such a great asset for the students. Mr. Boran also thanked the students for their presentation.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the work session held on September 21, 2016 and the regular board meeting held on September 21, 2016. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of September 2016 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of September 2016 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. Cortese, 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, Solicitor and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board denied a request for a paraprofessional for five months of unpaid leave. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor and on motion of Mr. Wagner seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved a two day unpaid leave for a paraprofessional to attend a PSEA conference in Harrisburg. Motion carried. Mr. Wagner noted that this is for one person only to attend this conference. Atty. Rismiller suggested that an ad hoc committee put a policy into place for unpaid conference days.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran seconded by Dr. Davidson, 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 Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following professional employee be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:
Patricia Zimmerman – 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following professional employees be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

- Beth Bauers - \$300.00
- Heather Berger - \$1,575.00
- Casey Horvath - \$300.00
- Matthew Maccarone - \$1,506.00
- Lucas McMurtrie - \$1,642.50

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following adjustment for the 2016-2017 school year: Kara Prock – Master's. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved a PAHS diploma be awarded to two additional

members of the class of 2016 based upon their successful completion of the requirements and recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board excused Erin Anderson from her 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, retroactive to Thursday, October 13, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved an Act 80 Day be granted on Monday, November 14, 2016 for the purpose of curriculum development . Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the resignation of Janice Whitaker, D.H.H. Lengel English Language Arts teacher, effective November 1, 2016 in accordance with her letter dated October 20, 2016. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that thirty people attended the first open house of the High School Planetarium and Observatory. Steve Horvath filmed the presentation and filmed other additional footage as well. He will be creating a documentary on the Motivational Science Center.

Dr. Zwiebel also thanked the Republican Herald for its coverage about the Motivational Science Center.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the athletic event game workers for the 2016-2017 school year. (See office files.).

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the purchase of double lockers for the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School from Third Dimension Specialties at a cost of \$12,801.60 plus \$1,800.00 installation fee. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved a three year term agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and John S. Clarke Elementary P.T.O. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Chairperson Patrick Moran noted that there are two competing bills in the House and Senate. The first is pension reform, which is scheduled to come up for a vote next week and the second is relaxing some rules on charter schools. Mr. Moran urged the

Board members to draft a letter against the House Bill 530 and send it to their Representatives.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the resignation of William Robbins VII, a paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective October 14, 2016. 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 the following Kindergarten Instructional Aides:

Molly Bressler – effective September 30, 2016

Christine DeColli – effective October 3, 2016

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved an unpaid leave of absence for Gretchen Leshner, part-time paraprofessional at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective November 14, 2016 through November 18, 2016. Ms. Leshner will return to work November 21, 2016. Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Davidson noted that he gave his report at the work session.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Technology, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following policy updates:

Policy #216.2 – Privacy & Security of Student Electronic and Digital Information

Policy #815.2 – Cloud Computing

Motion carried.

Dr. Di Cello noted that iPads are still available and will be for sale on Monday, October 24, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. at the Academic Center. The following models are still available:

IPad Mini 1st Generation – 16GB storage - \$100.00

IPad 4th Generation – 16 GB storage - \$175.00

IPad 4th Generation – 32GB storage - \$200.00

A total of 786 iPads have been sold totaling \$145,620.00 in revenue. If interested, check the district's eBay listings for iPads laptops and other various items. Dr. DiCello also noted that there are approximately 911 iPads left.

Mr. Wagner, IU #29 Representative, noted that the search has started for the new Executive Director at the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29. The Schuylkill IU #29 hired Tom Templeton as search consultant.

Mr. Wagner also noted that since he will be away January 2017 through April 2017, he would like to step down in December 2016 as the IU #29 Representative and resume as representative when he returns in April.

On the recommendation of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Scott Thomas to replace Mr. Wagner during the months of January 2017 through April 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Thomas, Abstain. Mrs. Blankenhorn, Absent. A letter will be sent to the Schuylkill IU #29 stating the change with the representative during those months.

Under Curriculum and Grading, Mr. Moran noted that the committee will meet one more time and then close the committee. Mr. Boran thanked the committee for their time and effort on the changes with curriculum and grading.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the Revenue Report for September 2016, which included local, state and federal sources. (See Office Files) Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mrs. Blankenhorn, Absent.

On recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

D.H.H. Lengel Middle School

- PASD Aquatics Program, Open Swim, October 4, 2016 – May 31, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Tuesday and Thursday), 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday), Pool. (Retro)
- PAHS Cheerleaders, Cheer Tryouts, October 24, 25, 26, 27, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Martz Hall upper track.
- PAHS Cheerleaders, Cheer Practice, various dates in November 2016 and December 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Martz Hall upper track.
- Pottsville Elementary Wrestling, Wrestling Matches, December 18, 2016 & January 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; February 19, 2017, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Martz Hall
- D.H.H. Lengel Middle School PTO Meetings, March 8, April 5, April 26, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- D.H.H. Lengel Middle PTO, Valentine’s Dance, February 22, 107, 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Cafeteria
- Pottsville Boys’ Basketball Leagues, Basketball Sign ups, October 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Cafeteria. (Retro)

Pottsville Area High School

- Pottsville Boys’ Basketball Leagues, Tryouts, October 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Boy’s and Girl’s Gym.

- Pottsville Boys' Basketball Leagues, Practices and Games, October 31, 2016 through March 3, 2017, Monday through Saturday 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Boy's and Girl's Gym.
- PAHS Key Club, Halloween Movie Night, October 19 and October 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Auditorium. (Retro)
- PAHS Observatory and Planetarium, tours, October 17, November 14, December 14, 2016, 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Planetarium. (Retro)
- PAHS Drama Club, Miser/Costume Karaoke, October 29, 2016, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m., Boys Gymnasium.
- PAHS Drama Club, PA Shakespeare Festival, November 7, 2016, 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Auditorium
- PAHS Crimson Aides Band Parent Association, Fundraiser Pick Up, November 30, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., cafeteria

John S. Clarke Elementary Center

- Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America Sign Up, October 25, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Lobby. (Retro)


Motion carried.

Mr. Boran also welcomed students from the high school who are members of the girl's and boy's water polo teams. Chelsea Balulis and Alec Gonzales, both juniors, asked the Board to consider keeping the sport available next year. There are currently nine girls and ten boys on the squad. Dr. Cortese noted that the Board will do whatever they can to keep the sport alive. Dr. Cortese also noted that there are some financial issues that the district is struggling with but the Board will do everything they can to help. Ms. Balulis presented Mr. Boran with letters from alumni, offering their support with the district's program.

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/legal matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 8:01 p.m. and adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


 Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
 Acting Board Secretary