

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2011
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube,
Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller,
Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner,
Dr. Gallagher, Superintendent; Mr. Delenick,
Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor; Mrs. Lombel

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed the new Board Director, Mr. Charles Wagner. The oath of office was administered by President Judge William Baldwin. He placed his hand on the family Bible, held by his wife, Barbara, while taking the oath of office. After congratulations were extended, Mr. Wagner introduced himself. As a faculty member for thirty-five years in the Pottsville Area School District, Mr. Wagner was a teacher and dean of boys at the DHHL Lengel Middle School. He was the first assistant principal at the middle school and also the athletic director at the high school. He became the high school principal and three years later took over as head of attendance and in charge of the Federal programs. He later returned as high school principal and retired in 2005. 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.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on September 14, 2011, as well as the regular board meeting held on September 21, 2011. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of September 2011 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Operating Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of September 2011 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of September 2011 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 Atty. Rismiller seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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.

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

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board ratified the Superintendent's preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employee in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Lucas McMurtrie - 3 credits. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved reimbursement for the following professional employees as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Jacqueline DiCello - \$1,161.00; Mary Hahner - \$1,725.00; Brock Holland - \$1,161.00; Jonathan Hughes - \$2,148.00; and Emily Kleeman - \$1,380.00 Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the board approved the following salary adjustments: Heather Davidson – Master's; Jacqueline DiCello – Bachelor's +15; Carolyn March – Master's. Motion carried

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved that PAHS diplomas be awarded to one member of the class of 2011 based upon their successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board authorized payment of the third installment for the 2011-2012 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$158,931.00 due November 1, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board authorized payment of the third installment for the 2011-2012 Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School Operations in the amount of \$140,915.00.00 due November 1, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Timothy Doyle, full-time Custodian, retroactive to October 7, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the letter of retirement from Harold Kemfort, full-time Custodian, effective December 1, 2011. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed Debra Hydock, a part-time Learning Support Aide at John S. Clarke Elementary, retroactive to October 17, 2011 at \$9.60/hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Denise Daniels, a part-time Learning Support Aide at John S. Clarke Elementary, retroactive to October 6, 2011. Motion carried.

On Committee on Public Relations, Mrs. Grube congratulated the following students who were elected as class officers:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>
President	Corey Conville	Dan Conville	Paige Stoner
Vice President	Taylor Englert		Brett VanderMeer
Secretary	Brianna Englert	Briawna Cougle	Gabrielle DiRenzo
Treasurer	Zack Sabaday	Nicole Stephens	Hannah Corbacio

Mrs. Grube also congratulated the following elected Student Council Officers:

President	Kelsey Holland
Vice President	Erin Meehan
Secretary	Maria Naradko
Treasurer	Kaitlin McDonald

On the Committee of Technology, Dr. Cortese reported that all equipment is up and running without complications.

On the Pottsville Recreation Committee, Atty. Rismiller reported that the "Night of Fright" will be on Saturday, October 29, 2011 with free movies and crafts for the younger children. Atty. Rismiller also said the committee is preparing for holiday events.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports for September 2011 as submitted by the following tax collectors: Eva Wesnoski, Mechanicsville; Thomas Bosack, Norwegian Township; Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon; and Harry Ebling, Mount Carbon. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of September 2011: Harry E. Ebling -- Earned Income Tax - \$111,852.72; Business Privilege Tax - \$9,768.60; Local Services Tax - \$29.80; Delinquent Per Capita Tax and Delinquent Occupation Tax - \$3,427.00. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for September 2011 in the amount of \$8,894.13 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Petchulis seconded by Thomas, 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 September 2011. (See office files.) Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick 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 Mrs. Grube, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Association for the use of the Wachter Auditorium for Winter Carnival Events for various times during January and February 2012; American Cancer Society to use Veteran's Memorial Stadium, concession area and the high school girls' gym on Friday, May 18, 2011 through Saturday, May 19, 2011. Motion carried.

Mr. Delenick reported that proper notice to bidders was advertised in the Pottsville Republican on September 26, October 4, and October 12, 2011 of the Board's intention to receive bids for certain athletic equipment and supplies (spring sports) in accordance with the school district's instructions and specifications. A copy of the notice from the Pottsville Republican was submitted. Mr. Delenick reported receipt of several bids.

On motion of Mr. Krater, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board directed Mr. Delenick to open the bids and refer them to the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities for tabulation, study, and recommendation. Motion carried.

The bidders were as follows:

Bill Fritz Sports Corp.
Apex, NC

Longstreth Sports
Parkerford, PA

Sch. Valley Sports
Pottsville, PA

School Specialty, Inc.
Mount Joy, PA

Valley Athletic Supply
Lansford, PA

Schutt Reconditioning
Easton, PA

Flaghouse, Inc.
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

Sportsman's
Johnstown, PA

Sport Supply Group, Inc.
Dresher, PA

Triple Crown Sports, Inc.
Old Bridge, NJ

MFAC, UC (M-F Athletic)
Cranston, RI

Riddell Athletic Products
Elyria, Ohio

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