

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
October 17, 2012  
Academic Center  
7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Boran

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Scott Krater.

Mr. Krater 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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on September 12, 2012, as well as the regular board meeting held on September 19, 2012. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of September 2012 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 September 2012 was accepted and ordered filed. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of September 2012 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 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.

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

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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: Mary Fetterolf – 6 credits and Jared Gerace - 1 credit. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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: Jared Gerace - \$2,040.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mr. Boran – Absent.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved that PAHS diplomas be awarded to three members of the class of 2012 based upon their successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following salary adjustment: Judith DiObilda– Master's +15. Motion carried

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following teachers be appointed as a lead teacher/extracurricular advisor for the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Catherine Zimmerman	K12 Music (Vocal/Instrumental) Lead Teacher	\$2,200.00
Jacqueline Mitchell	Freshman Class Co-Advisor	\$ 700.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, 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 the PASD and the PASDEA:

John Boris beginning Friday, November 9, 2012  
JoAnne Mercuri beginning Thursday, October 18, 2012

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the resignation of William Rhoads as the PAHS Academic Quiz Team advisor be accepted for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following policies be revised:

No. 222 Tobacco Use (Pupils)  
No. 323 Tobacco Use (Administrative Employees)  
No. 423 Tobacco Use (Professional Employees)  
No. 523 Tobacco Use (Support Employees)  
No. 904 Tobacco Use (Community)

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved the following employees be granted a maternity leave from their teaching positions:

	<u>Tentative Dates</u>		
Natasha Bubnis	April 19, 2013	-	May 31, 2013
Jennifer Buggy	January 2, 2013	-	May 14, 2013
Jennifer Lipton	January 11, 2013	-	May 31, 2013
Leslie Salem	November 12, 2012	-	January 31, 2013

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board approved early dismissal on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 and Friday, December 21, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mr. Boran – Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Athletic and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year and set their salaries:

**BOYS' BASKETBALL**

Dave Mullaney, Head Coach

\$5,450.00

John Toomey, Varsity Assistant	\$3,400.00
Tom McGeoy, Junior Varsity	\$2,800.00
Jake Wartella, Freshman	\$2,800.00
Scott Reichert, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$4,810.00
Mick Kondrack, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$2,600.00

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Rick Wojciechowsky, Head Coach	\$4,550.00
Mike Sukeena, Assistant	\$2,800.00
Scott Mattea, Junior Varsity Head Coach	\$3,000.00

**WRESTLING**

Patrick Brennan, Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Ed Harris, Varsity Assistant	\$3,200.00
Scott Fellows, Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,400.00
Cory Stencovage, Asst. Jr. High Coach	\$2,800.00

**SWIMMING**

Ned Hampford, Boys' Head Coach	\$4,800.00
Greg Schuettler, Girls' Head Coach	\$3,800.00
James Lotz, Co-Assistant	\$1,700.00
Robert Price, Co-Assistant	\$1,700.00
Steve Krater, Assistant	\$2,200.00

**WINTER TRACK**

Charlie Schuster, Head Coach	\$3,100.00
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Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mr. Boran – Absent. Mrs. Grube and Mr. Krater – Abstain.

Mr. Delenick reported that proper notice to bidders was advertised in the Pottsville Republican on September 25, October 4, and October 8, 2012 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. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board authorized payment of the third installment for the 2012-2013 Special Education Program Services in the amount of \$156,169.00 due November 1, 2012.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mrs. Petchulis, seconded by Atty. Rismiller the Board authorized payment of the third installment for the 2012-2013 Schuylkill County Area Vocational Technical School Operations in the amount of \$179,279.00 due November 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mr. Boran – Absent.

Mr. Wagner noted that the Tide Task Force met on September 24, 2012. This year the Tide Task Force will employ the services of a search dog for the High School and Middle School. A \$1,000.00 grant was received to present positive messages throughout the community. Red Ribbon Week will be from October 21 to October 31, 2012 and the end of the year Barbecue is planned for May 30, 2012 at Barefield Complex.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board appointed Diana Fitzpatrick, a part-time Life Skills Aide at Pottsville Area High School, retroactive to October 3, 2012 at \$10.10/hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mr. Boran – Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board appointed Sandra Heintz, a part-time Learning Support Teacher Aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary School effective October 29, 2012 at \$10.10/hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mr. Boran – Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the Board appointed Mary Theresa Shrift, a part-time Learning Support Teacher Aide at Pottsville Area High School effective October 29, 2012 at \$10.10/hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Mr. Krater, Mrs. Petchulis, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wagner, Aye. Mr. Boran – Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board accepted the resignations from the following part-time Paraprofessionals:

David Hess	Life Skills Support at PAHS	effective October 2, 2012
Alice Huff	Learning Support at JSC Elem.	effective October 12, 2012

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. Smink, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved placing advertisement in the Pottsville

Republican for Business Manager and advertisement for this position will also be put in Education Journals. Deadline for applications is December 7, 2012. 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	Gregory Revenis	Paige Stoner	William Laundry
Vice President	Eric Yoder	Victoria Moyer	Cody Lubinsky
Secretary	Annelise Przywara	Gabrielle DiRenzo	Anya Wood
Treasurer	Randy Rubright	Hannah Corbacio	Rachel Coyle

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

President	Paige Guers
Vice President	Robert Witman
Secretary	Lexi Tobash
Treasurer	Emily Comisac

Mrs. Grube congratulated Seif Butt and Kevin Wang for being named Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

On the Committee of Technology, Dr. Cortese reported that the total profit for items sold on eBay since July 2012 totals \$3,768.00. An employee computer sale held on October 15, 2012 was sold out and netted a total profit of \$3,700.00. The equipment included laptops and desktops. During the month of November, the district will be reviewing student Information Systems to replace our current MMS for Schools system.

On the 80<sup>th</sup> PAHS Anniversary Update, Mr. Wagner noted that the Brick Sale is in progress; the Gala will be December 15 with tickets going on sale November 1, Kelly Line will print the tickets. The committee is working with Schuylkill Valley Sports to design a polo shirt logo.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the Real Estate, Per Capita, and Occupation Tax reports for September 2012 as submitted by the following tax collectors: Eva Wesnoski, Mechanicsville; Thomas Bosack, Norwegian Township; Anna Cook, Palo Alto; Cheryl Messina, Port Carbon; and Ellen Micka, Pottsville. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of September 2012: Harry E. Ebling – Earned Income Tax (2011) - \$1,989.19; Business Privilege Tax - \$8,873.75; Delinquent Per Capita Tax and Delinquent Occupation Tax - \$870.00. (See office files.) Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the following reports for the month of September 2012: Berkheimer-Local Services Tax - \$6,873.83 and Berkheimer-Earned Income Tax - \$153,113.71. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of A. Matthew Dudish, Recorder of Deeds, for September 2012 in the amount of \$5,559.16 for Realty Transfer Tax. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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 2012. (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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: Middle School Water Polo Clinic every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9 PM starting November 1, 2012; JSC Elementary Center for the Annual 2013 Pottsville Area School District Art Exhibit on Friday, May 17, 2013 from 6 to 9 PM; Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Association to use the PAHS Wachter Auditorium for Snowdrop/Snowflake Pageant & Rehearsals and for the Queen Pageant & Rehearsals during various times during the months January and February; PAHS cafeteria on Saturday, November 10, 2012 for the boys' soccer team banquet; and DHH Lengel Middle School cafeteria on Sunday, November 4, 2012 for the girls' soccer team banquet.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Petchulis, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.