

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2017
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone,
Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran,
Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Dr. Zwiebel,
Superintendent; Mr. Manning, Business
Manager; Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business
Manager/Board Secretary, Atty. Tucker,
Solicitor

Absent: Atty. Rismiller

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

President Boran welcomed everyone in attendance. President Boran introduced the high school publication students along with their teacher, Ms. Bridget Freiler. Mr. Boran told the students that his daughters were involved with publications and asked them to tell the Board what grade they were in and how many years that they have been on the publications staff.

Ms. Freiler explained the reason for the group's presentation. Ms. Freiler deals with Jostens, a company in Florida. The representative from that company described the devastation from the Hurricane and the affect it had on the schools. Ms. Freiler and her students had a discussion about this devastation and would like to adopt a school in Florida. The students thought instead of sending supplies and gift cards, they would like to travel to Florida and help out wherever needed. This trip would be in place of the annual New York City Trip. A PowerPoint was presented.

Sophia Murray, a senior at the high school and a part of the publications staff said that this is an important cause and it would give them an opportunity to reach out and help other students. Ms. Murray also said that if they could go down to Florida they would be able to put a face to some of the students who were affected by this Hurricane.

Hannah Sponenburg, a senior and part of the publications staff spoke to the Board of Directors about the education benefits that it would provide for them. The trip would expose them to a different culture and it would give them an opportunity to have a one on one interaction with other students. As students they would be involved with other young adults. They would be able to talk with them the tragedies they have experienced because of the Hurricane.

Hannah Joyce, a senior and also a part of the publications staff, said that since the students are representing the district this could lead to positive media coverage for Pottsville Area School District and continued coverage throughout the trip. Ms. Joyce

stressed that all the students that were present are passionate about community service and this could spark interest with other students to become "leaders in the county".

Ms. Freiler is in touch with the yearbook advisor at a school in Everglades City. The students are hoping to go before Christmas and this is the reason that the students are present tonight. Ms. Freiler feels that these students are of the highest caliber. Dr. Zwiebel said that safety is very important and wants to be kept informed about all the details of the trip.

Mr. Boran asked when all the details will be in place. Ms. Freiler said she is working on more detailed information and will let the Board know when she has the final details about the trip. Ms. Freiler also said that the trip is self-funded. She does not have a count of how many students would be going.

On the motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the trip to Florida pending more detailed information. Motion carried.

Ms. Freiler stressed she will give the Board all the details about the trip as soon as they are finalized.

Mr. Adrian Portland, lead science teacher at the high school, wanted to thank the Crimson Tide Foundation and the public who donated to the Go Fund Me site. Mr. Portland received permission in June 2017 to start a fundraiser for the Motivational Science Center. The first step was to upgrade the Dr. Alex Atty. Observatory with a new telescope and video equipment. Because of this support, \$12,000.00 was raised on the Go Fund Me Site and a generous donation \$10,000.00 from the Crimson Tide Foundation. Mr. Portland also thanked the public for coming to any of the events and the donations made at these events. He also noted that the new telescope was coming the next day.

Mr. Portland also thanked Dr. Zwiebel and the administration, Brad Ross, head custodian at the high school and his staff for all their help. Mr. Portland wanted to personally thank the Board of Directors for their support with all the upgrades that have taken place at the high school planetarium. He invited them to an event at the planetarium on Monday, November 13, 2017 to showcase the new telescope. Pottsville Area School District alumnus, Mr. Ben Serano, who works for NASA, will be in attendance.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the work session held on September 6, 2017, the special Board meeting minutes on September 13, 2017 and the regular Board meeting held on September 20, 2017. 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 Mr. Wagner, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of September 2017 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of September 2017 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 Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, 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.

President Boran announced that an executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board preapproved credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA: Paula Jones – 3 credits, Nicholas Sajone – 3 credits.

Dr. Zwiebel also wanted to thank the following who helped make the early morning pep rally on Friday, October 6, 2017 sponsored by WBRE:

- Jason Bower with Dunkin Donuts – giving the district a break on food and delivery
- Ed Guers with Guers Dairy – donating drinks
- Bedway Produce – donating apples, oranges, bananas
- Lisa Eckley and the cafeteria staff – washed the fruit and stored the drinks, made available the cereal and granola bars
- Jackie Murton – set up everything with Dunkin Donuts
- Band parents for setting up food, donating baked goods, served drinks, cleaned up and car pooled
- Cheerleader boosters – donated paper products
- Ken Singley and custodial staff
- Lisa Holobetz – decorated with the help of the after school program
- Dr. Zwiebel thanked all the teachers who showed up to help with the early morning pep rally

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved a full color LED message board from NEVCO. The message board will be located at Martz Hall in front of the press box. It is also recommended that the Board grant approval to

Mr. Craig Shields to solicit businesses to advertise on the message board. There will be no cost to the district for the message board. Motion carried.

Mrs. Blankenhorn noted that the message board will be used for all sports and any booster groups can solicit ads for this message board and receive a portion of the proceeds for their group.

Dr. Zwiebel gave Mr. Shields the sponsorship policies that will provide guidelines that must be followed when soliciting businesses.

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Christine Buchanan Matz as Junior High cheerleading instructor at a salary of \$1,600.00, effective October 19, 2017 contingent upon receipt of all satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

Under Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation Chairperson, Mr. Wagner noted that Gregory Hoak is preparing the snow plow equipment for the winter and playground equipment at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center was repaired. Mr. Wagner noted that Mr. Horning, electrician for the district has been in touch with Mr. Portland about work to be done at the high school planetarium.

Under Legislation, Chairperson Patrick Moran noted the following:

- House of Representatives in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have decided to go their own way. They are using "single year revenue" to balance the budget. He also explained that the governor said that the only way to balance the budget is to show recurring financial stability.
- Within the Republican Party, there may be some potential to raise fees for Marcellus Shale and also the possibility of raising fees on gambling and hotels.

Mr. Moran noted that we will continue to watch the battle unfold.

Atty. Tucker noted that Amazon is looking to locate to another state. He continued that Amazon does not care about the tax break but they like stability and are concerned with the uncertainty. Mr. Moran stated that Amazon does like this area but are concerned about with a credit downgrade and the inability for our legislators to pass a budget.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following transportation aides for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective October 19, 2017: Linda Andrews, Kenneth Krasnitsky Jr. and William Schuettler Jr. Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Dr. Davidson read the following items:

- Congratulations to the following students selected for the 2017 Homecoming Court:

King:	Max Kelly	Queen:	Marielle Przywara
First Runner-up:	Luke Joyce		Olivia Eagan
Second Runner-up	Max Babcock		Carly Hoak

- Congratulations to the Pottsville Area High School Marching Band for being selected for the Best Appearing Marching Band Award at the Schuylkill County Firefighter's Convention Parade.
- Congratulations to Anthony Rulavage, a senior, for being accepted to participate in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!), for their class of 2018. This is a fantastic program for our local youth. YEA! is described on their web site as, "The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is a groundbreaking and exciting yearlong after school program that transforms middle and high school students into real, confident entrepreneurs. The students will begin by identifying ideas and recognizing opportunities. They will research and develop business plans with the help of their instructor and mentors. The students will pitch their business to an Investment Panel, composed of sponsors who may choose to invest in these new businesses. The students will actually launch their business and then introduce these businesses at a Trade Show in the spring."
- Our two Rotary Students of the Month for October were seniors Kamryn Willard and Michala Zembas. Congratulations to them both.
- Congratulations to Joshua Moyer on receiving the Outstanding Young Alumni Award at the Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening.
- Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. John Sadowski for donating a used 3D printer along with a used 3D scanner.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that you can print iPhone cases with a 3D printer and also can print hall passes. Dr. Zwiebel also said that the middle school is looking for donations that can save the school money and will try to get information in the newspaper for anyone to donate items.

Mariah Larish, Title I coordinator, noted that Schuylkill Achieve and Title I will have a Trunk and Treat on Monday, October 30, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the rear parking lot of D.H.H. Middle School. There are approximately 500 children signed up and there has been a good response from the clubs in the district and local clubs. Fire companies were also notified. Parents will need to register.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that the Tide Task Force meeting will have to be rescheduled since it is the same night as the Trunk or Treat.

On the recommendation of Mr. Manning, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the Revenue Report for September 2017, which included local, state and federal sources. Mr. Manning also reported expenses for salaries and benefits (See Office Files). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Boran, Aye. Atty. Rismiller, Absent.

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

D.H.H.L. Middle School

1. Middle School PTO, PTO Meeting, October 12, 2017, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, MS Cafeteria. (Retro)
2. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Wrestling Sign Up, October 23, 2017, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
3. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Wrestling Tournament, December 10, 2017, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, Martz Hall.
4. Pottsville Wrestling, Charity Match, November 18, 2017, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Martz Hall.
5. Pottsville Cheer, Cheer Practice, November 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 2017, 5:15 – 7:15 pm, Martz Hall Top.
6. Schuylkill Achieve/Title 1, Trunk or Treat, October 30, 2017, 5 – 8 pm, MS Back Parking Lot.
7. PAHS Guidance, Sch. Co. Regional College Fair, October 4, 2018, 7:30 am – 2:00 pm, Martz Hall.

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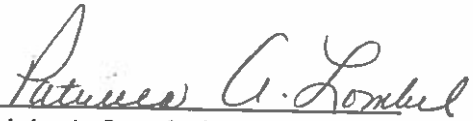
8. Majestic Theatre, Majestic Awards/Showcase, May 21, 2018, 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm, HS Auditorium.
9. PAHS Science Dept., Private Planetarium Showing, October 22, 2017, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, HS Planetarium and Observatory.

J.S.C.

10. Hawk Mountain Council Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Sign Up, November 7, 2017, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, JSC Lobby.

11. Pottsville Recreation Commission, Girls Instructional Basketball, October 21,
2017, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, JSC Gym.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. DiCello,
the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary