

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2014
Academic Center
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Krater,
Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran,
Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Dr. Zwiebel,
Superintendent; Mr. Curran, Business
Manager/Board Secretary, Mr. Thornburg,
Solicitor; Mr. Pytak, Republican Herald;
Mrs. Lombel
Absent: Mrs. Petchulis

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mike Allen, his parents, brothers, grandparents and extended family were present. Serenity Allen, his mother, read a letter she had sent to Dr. Zwiebel. It read as follows:

Dear Dr. Zwiebel,

We cannot begin to explain how truly blessed we are to be a part of the Pottsville Area School District. There is simply not a sufficient way for us to thank you, the school board, principals, teachers, staff, and students for all the support and love that has been shown to us during this time in our lives. The enthusiasm, generosity, and selflessness that was shown from day one is a true testament to the character and values of the Tide family. We appreciate hearing from you personally and the Rita's treats. The parade was truly amazing and a really special day for Mike and our family. We are grateful for the dress down days, fundraisers, and donations. The pictures of the students forming an M are treasures to us. Mike really enjoyed reading all the cards and seeing the signs given to him from students in the district. The drama club, cafeteria staff and bus drivers, boys' basketball program, certain grade levels, and the Magic program donated generously to us. The boys' soccer program gave Mike a uniform and ball and the baseball team gave him a jersey. The girls' basketball program rallied around us like family. It was comforting to us every time our family members shared that basically everyone they saw at school was asking about and praying for Mike. The staff members at the JSC who are working with Mike have been extremely committed to their profession and have gone above and beyond to demonstrate their desire to help Mike achieve his goals. Recovering from a traumatic brain injury involves a team effort and we are extremely blessed to not be recovering along. The whole community has been with us since day one. We want you to know how thankful

we are for the extraordinary efforts of the whole PASD and how proud we are to live in Pottsville and to call this our home. May God bless you and the whole district abundantly.

Thank you,
John and Serenity Allen

On a motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Moran, an executive session was announced at 7:35 p.m. Executive session ended and board meeting continued at 8:01 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session held on August 13, 2014 as well as the regular board meeting held on August 20, 2014. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of August 2014 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the following Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias for the month of August 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 Mr. Krater, 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. DiCello, 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 Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the board approved the preapproval of the 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

Nicole Kutsmeda 3 credits

Kelly Lombel 3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Dr. Cortese, 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:

Lindsay Boncore	\$1,890.00
Elizabeth Grow	\$ 786.00
Stacey McClusky	\$2,283.00
Tyler Moyer	\$1,572.00
Andrew Smink	\$4,704.00
Krista Torpey	\$ 2,208.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board awarded PAHS diplomas to two additional members of the class of 2014 based upon the successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

Under Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, Mr. Krater thanked Mr. Wagner for the excellent job concerning the dedication of the press box for Mr. William Flynn and a special thank you to Mr. Moran and the EMS for transporting Mr. Flynn to Veteran's Memorial Stadium for the dedication.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the purchase of the following vehicles for the Pottsville Area School District:

2004 Chevy Suburban	\$11,500.00
2004 Chevy Suburban	\$12,500.00

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

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved Deniece Krater as Transportation Supervisor/Dispatcher at an annual rate of \$33,000.00, effective September 22, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cortese, Mrs. Grube, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Dr. Smink, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Krater, Abstain; Mrs. Petchulis, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board approved Kim Blum as part-time Assistant Transportation Supervisor, effective September 22, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by DiCello, the Board approved the Schuylkill Center Amendment to the 2014-2015 Budget. (See Office File) Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following as PSBA officers for 2015:

President	Kathy K. Swope, Lewisburg Area S.D. (Union Co.)
Vice-President	Mark B. Miller, Centennial S.D. (Bucks Co.)
Treasurer	Otto Voit III, Muhlenberg S.D. (Berks Co.)
Representative	Michael Faccinetto, Bethlehem Area S.D. (Northampton Co.)

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Grube, the Board accepted the resignation of Carol Heydt, part-time autistic support aide at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective September 12, 2014.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved Christine Kondrack as a part-time lunch aide at Pottsville Area High School at an hourly rate of \$9.10, effective September 17, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Krater, the Board approved the following substitute lunch and cafeteria aides, effective September 17, 2014, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Sharon Butler

Kelly Messina

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the letter of resignation for retirement from Robert Hinchey, paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area High School, effective October 14, 2014. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Board approved the promotion of Donald Ditzler as head mechanic for the Pottsville Area School District at an annual salary of \$36,500.00, Effective September 22, 2014. Motion carried.

IU Representative Mr. Wagner noted that a video conference will be held at the Schuylkill County IU 29 on September 30, 2014.

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

Mr. Curran noted that in accordance with Act 84 of 1986, the Sunshine Act, an Executive Session with the Board as a whole immediately following this meeting was hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.


On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities: PAHS Library for Parent Training Transition held by the Special Education Dept. on November 5, 2014 and visit to the Planetarium from the Perception Training Center on October 2, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Boran asked for a moment of silence for the tragic death of State Trooper Cpl. Bryon Dickson and seriously injured State Trooper Alex Douglass.

Mr. Boran also noted that the school year is going well. Ms. Howe, fifth grade teacher, agreed and noted that the children are enjoying the new reading series.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 8:20 p.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Board Secretary (Date)