

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Work Session
September 6, 2017
Academic Center
7:39 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Mr. Boran, Dr. Cardamone,
Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran,
Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas; Dr. Zwiebel,
Superintendent; Mrs. Lombel, Assistant Business
Manager/Board Secretary; Atty. Tucker, Solicitor;
Mrs. Kalovcak; Ms. Marchiano, Republican
Herald
Absent: Mr. Wagner

The work session of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by President Boran and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Boran noted there was an Executive Session for personnel matters held prior to this meeting from 6:45 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. and also on August 17, 2017.

Mr. Boran asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Mr. Grate addressed the Board and asked them to review the packet of questions he distributed. He thanked the Board for their committed service to the District. Mr. Grate provided a postage paid envelope and asked that copies of the minutes and committee meeting minutes be mailed to him.

He thanked Atty. Rismiller for her continued commitment to question the Administrators regarding the budget.

Mr. Grate corrected himself of a previous statement he made regarding the CACL agreement.

One of his concerns that he addressed was why his elementary son no longer received bus transportation to and from school. He contacted the transportation department and she explained if the student lives within the one and a half mile of school, transportation would not be provided. He said he was not aware of this because the website has not been updated to that fact. Dr. Zwiebel said he would be meeting with the Transportation Department the next day and would follow-up with Mr. Grate after that meeting.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation from Jeffrey Godin, PAHS Assistant Principal, effective September 15, 2017 in accordance with his letter dated August 25, 2017. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the transfer of Richard Boris from John S. Clarke

Elementary Center to Pottsville Area High School to serve the position of Assistant Principal effective September 18, 2017. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the transfer of Deneen Reese, John S. Clarke Special Education Supervisor to serve as Assistant Principal at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center effective September 18, 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Moran remarked that he appreciated everything that Mr. Godin has done for the students and Mrs. Reedy. He said Mr. Godin was instrumental in helping the District out immensely by picking up a lot of extra work when Mrs. Shadler passed away. Mr. Moran also said he was excited and happy for both Mr. Boris and Mrs. Reese in their new assignments.

Dr. Zwiebel said that it was a real pleasure to watch Mr. Godin grow over the last five years as Assistant Principal. He said he did a great job with the students and staff of the District.

Mr. Boran wished him well in his new endeavors and also congratulated Mr. Boris and Mrs. Reese in their new assignments.

Mr. Boran asked for board committee reports:

Under Legislation - Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted there is a lot going on in Harrisburg and is waiting to hear how the House of Representatives are planning to pay for the budget short fall. Mr. Moran also said the new immunization policy from Pennsylvania Department of Education has our nurses and administrators working very hard to comply with the new immunization requirements. Dr. Zwiebel noted that all of our students with the exception of one have received their immunizations.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Negotiations, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved a one year agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association with a term of agreement being July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thomas, Aye; Mr. Boran and Atty. Rismiller, Abstained and Mr. Wagner, Absent.

Mr. Moran said he appreciated working with Mr. Cholis and the Education Association team and noted they always worked together for the good of the students and to make sure the District stays strong. He said both sides had the same interests in common.

Mrs. Blankenhorn said this was her first time serving on the Negotiation team and thanked the team for their commitment and collaboration to work together.

Dr. Zwiebel thanked Mr. Moran, Mrs. Blankenhorn and the Education Association team for the many months of hard work in coming to this agreement. He said it was definitely a win-win for all.

Dr. Davidson said it is great to know that we are all in this together and as a result of this agreement the Pottsville Area School District's future looks well.

Mr. Steve Cholis thanked the Board for the cordial temperature throughout the negotiation discussions. He said he feels they built the best agreement for all during this period of the District's financial recovery.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Chairperson, noted that the Task Force meeting will be held in the Middle School auditorium on September 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. She also noted the Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Recovery Program will be held September 26, 2017 at Martz Hall at 5:00 p.m.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board accepted the resignations for retirement from the following employees:

Gregory Hoak – Grounds Supervisor, effective December 31, 2017
John Kiapes – Bus Driver and Outdoor Maintenance Employee, effective December 31, 2017.

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 from Kayla Leibel, van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to August 25, 2017. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board rescinded the motions of Tracey George, Transportation aide and Gloria Haremza, Bus Driver. They were both approved at the August 16, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Eileen Bowers, be hired as a Transportation Aide for the Pottsville Area School District, and set an hourly rate of \$10.00, retroactive to August 28, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Tori Wallace, be hired as a Bus Driver for the Pottsville Area School District, and set an hourly rate of \$15.45, retroactive to August 28, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Jessica Robbins, be hired as a part-time employee at the Pottsville Area High School, and set an hourly rate of \$15.50, retroactive to August 28, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following football concession stand workers, and set an hourly rate of \$10.00: Margaret Dallago, Taylor Eckley, Joie Lynn Gardner, Nathan Halenar, Suzie Hedeman, Nancy Jones, Renee Kalinich, Robin Kalinich, Pat McGinley, Colleen Miller, Rebecca Miller, Morgan Rismiller, Diane Schweikert, Kris Thomas, and Joanie Williams. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Atty. Rismiller, Abstained, Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following paraprofessionals, and set an hourly rate of \$13.10, retroactive to August 28, 2017.

Hannah Granito	- Middle School Autistic Support Classroom
Cindy Labe	- Blue Mountain Autistic Support Classroom

Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On further recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Robyn Green, be hired as a substitute paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to August 28, 2017. Motion carried Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board accepted the resignation of Alana Jones, paraprofessional at the D. H. H. Lengel Middle School, effective September 4, 2017. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board ratified the Memorandum of Understanding, dated August 29, 2017 regarding the retirement of Les Payne, D. H. H. Lengel Middle School Industrial Technology Education Teacher. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner, Absent.

Mr. Thomas, Special Education/Alternative Education/Charter Schools Representative noted that the District will be waiting to hear the results of the Gillingham Charter Review

on September 19th at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Thomas said if he was in the area that day, he would stop in to hear the verdict.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the agreement with KingSpry, Herman, Freund and Faul, LLC, to provide legal services to the Pottsville Area School District for the 2017-2018 academic year pursuant to the scope of services and compensation agreement dated August 24, 2017, effective September 1, 2017. It was also recommended a retainer of \$18,500 be approved, payable in ten separate installments. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Boran, Aye; Mr. Wagner, Absent.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel and on motion of Mr. Thomas, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

D.H.H.L. Middle School

1. PAHS Aquatics Boosters, Sprints Meet Concessions, January 6, 2018, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm, MS Pool/Cafeteria. (Set up Jan. 5, 2018 4:00 – 7:00)
2. PAHS Aquatics Boosters, Swim Parent Booster Meetings, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, 2017, Jan. 17, Feb. 7, 2018, 5:45 – 7:00 pm, MS Cafeteria.
3. Pottsville Midget Football League, Fundraiser Product Distribution, Oct. 7, 2017, 8:00 am - 10:30 am, MS Canopy.
4. City of Pottsville Recreation Commission, Hot Shot Basketball, Nov. 19, 2017, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Martz Hall.
5. Schuylkill YMCA, Swim Meets/Concessions, Dec. 3, 2017, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Feb. 3, 2018, 3:00 – 9:00 pm, Feb. 4, 2018, 6:00 am – 5:00 pm, MS Pool/Hallway, Cafeteria.
6. Schuylkill Achieve, After School Program, September 18, 2017 thru May 2018, 3:00 – 6:00 pm (Mon-Thurs.), MS Facilities.
7. Pottsville Gymnastics & Theatrical Center, Inc., Shrek Rehearsals, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7, 2017, Sat/ 10:00 – 5:00, Sun/1:00 – 7:00 pm, MS Auditorium.
8. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Sign Up, September 12, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, MS Hallway near Cafeteria.

P.A.H.S.

9. Schuylkill County Band Directors, Sch. Co. Band Auditions, Nov. 16, 2017, 3:30 – 9:30 pm, HS Auditorium and Ground Floor Classrooms.
10. PASD Mini Thon, 4th Annual PASD Mini Thon, March 16, 2018, 2:45 – 10:00 pm HS Gyms and Classrooms 130, 131, 132.
11. PASD Mini Thon, 1st Annual PASD Mini Thon 5K Run/Walk, October 28, 2017, 7:00 am – 11:30 am, Cross Country Course/HS Stadium (behind bleachers).

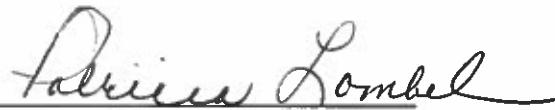
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12. Pottsville Girls Basketball League, Girls Basketball Practices and Games, Sept. 18, 2017 thru March 23, 2018, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, JSC Gym.
13. City of Pottsville Recreation Commission, Instructional Girls Basketball, Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 11, 2017, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, JSC Gym.

14. Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Sign Up, September 14, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, JSC
Hallway near Cafeteria.

Motion carried.

Mr. Boran asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by
Mr. Moran, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Patricia Lombel 10/18/2017
Board Secretary