

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2016
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Boran, Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Davidson,
Dr. DiCello, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran,
Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner,
(Skype); Dr. Zwiebel, Superintendent;
Mr. Curran, Business Manager/Board
Secretary; Mr. Thornburg, Solicitor;
Mrs. Lombel, Mr. Ansbach,
Mr. Pytak, Republican Herald

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran welcomed students from the high school and asked them to introduce themselves. They told the Board what classes they were taking and what their plans are after graduation.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of both the work session meeting held on February 17, 2016 as well as the regular board meeting held on February 17, 2016. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the report of the Treasurer for the month of February 2016 and directed that it be appended to the minutes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Cafeteria Financial Report of the Pottsville Area School District for the month of February 2016 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. Wagner, 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.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the resolution to go to court to appoint Jeremy Sborz as a police officer for the school district. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the resolution to appoint Marc Fisher of the law firm Worth, Magee & Fisher, P.C. as hearing officer for Gillingham Charter School nonrenewal hearing. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the agreement with CACL and the Pottsville Area School District. The term of this Agreement will begin on April 1, 2016 and continue until March 31, 2027. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Thornburg, Solicitor, and on motion of Dr. Cortese, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board denied an unpaid leave of absence for an employee of the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, 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 further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved homebound instruction for one high school student. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board ratified the Superintendent's action for granting preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association: Kimberly Barone - 6 credits; Alicia Fehr - 3 credits; Lillian Hobbs - 6 credits; Krystina Kubeika - 6 credits; Christopher Lombel - 3 credits; Stephanie McDonald - 3 credits; Benjamin O'Brien - 6 credits; Kara Prock - 3 credits and Jenna Troutman - 6 credits. Motion carried.

On further recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the reimbursement to the following professional employee for their 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: Kayla Fehr - \$1,314.00; Nathan Halenar - \$1,314.00; Krystina Kubeika - \$1,314.00; Nicole Kutsmeda - \$1,314.00 and Kara Prock - \$1,314.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner (Skype); Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following professional employees be excused from their teaching duties to serve as a juror in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Cara Holman - effective, Friday, April 1, 2016

Derek DiRenzo – retroactive to Friday, March 4, 2016

Stephanie McDonald – effective, Thursday, March 31, 2016

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the 2016-2017 School Calendar. The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 29, 2016, and tentatively the last day of school will be Wednesday, May 31, 2017. Teacher In-service days will be held August 23, 24, 25, 2016; October 10, 2016 and January 16, 2017. Act 80 days will be held November 14, 2016 and February 17, 2017. Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel also noted the following: school will be closed on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 and reopen on Monday, March 28, 2016; the Crimson Tide Foundation will hold a fundraiser with Heather Dinich, ESPN anchor, as guest speaker and on April 23, 2016, the Pottsville Girls' Softball will hold a fundraiser featuring Rubi Wahhab Nicholas.

Mr. Boran proceeded with the committee reports. For the benefit of the students, Mr. Boran stated that each Board member is responsible for an individual committee and each will give a report on their own separate committee.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Scott Delenick, Junior High Assistant Track Coach for the 2016 season, effective February 22, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, the Board approved Raymond Yost as the Junior High Assistant Track Coach for the 2016 season, retroactive to March 7, 2016, at a salary of \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the following post season pay for the extended winter coaching season:

Dave Mullaney	Boys' Basketball	\$1,700.00
John Toomey	Boys' Basketball	\$1,500.00
Tom McGeoy	Boys' Basketball	\$1,500.00

Gary Keener	Wrestling	\$1,275.00
Jason Thomas	Wrestling	\$1,125.00
Curt Ziegmont	Girls' Basketball	\$1,700.00
Jenn Stock	Girls' Basketball	\$1,500.00
Serenity Allen	Girls' Basketball	\$1,500.00

Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner (Skype); Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye.

President Boran congratulated all winter sports athletes for a great season.

Under Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, Chairperson Mr. Wagner and Mr. Ansbach noted that supports are needed to prepare for the new baseball and softball scoreboards. Mr. Ansbach also noted that the lighting project will begin in April and new classrooms will be created at the high school.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that it is close to 300 days without a state budget.

Under the Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mr. Moran noted that the committee will work with the Tide Task Force in order to continue to get the message out about the negativity of drug use.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved Michelle Goodman as a part-time library aide at the Pottsville Area High School, effective March 17, 2016, at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the revised list of concession employees, effective March 17, 2016, at the prevailing rate:

Beth Barnes	Christine Kondrack
Zachary Dixon	Kelly Messina
Taylor Eckley	Colleen Miller
Joie Lynn Gardner	Kelly Painter
Nathan Halenar	Mary Rinaldo
Gabby Hammer	Diane Schwiekert
Suzie Hedeman	Kristine Thomas
Nancy Jones	Joanie Williams
Renee Kalinich	

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following as substitute lunch aides, effective March 17, 2016, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Lindsey Barton

Joie Lynn Gardner

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board accepted the resignation of Michelle Goodman, part-time cafeteria worker at the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective March 16, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board accepted the resignation of Rachel Snukis, part-time substitute paraprofessional, effective February 12, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board rescinded the motion of February 17, 2016 for Lisa Herndon, part-time paraprofessional, effective March 16, 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Joie Lynne Gardner as a part-time substitute paraprofessional, effective March 17, 2016, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following full-time custodians, effective March 17, 2016, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

Michael Hallick – annual salary \$18,500.00

Charles McKeone – annual salary \$19,000.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Laylor Joyce as a substitute custodian, effective March 17, 2016, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances. Motion carried.

Under Public Relations, Chairperson Dr. Davidson congratulated the following:

- Middle School students who participated in the Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 5, 2016:
 - 8th Grade – Grace Mongrain and Caleb Reedy
 - 7th Grade – Jake Montgomery (1st place) and Samuel Ulrich (2nd place)
 - 6th Grade – Grace Keglovity, Evan Woodward and Julia Balulis (Alternate)
- PAHS Publications Department for earning the following awards:

- The National Scholastic Press Association named the 2015 Hi-S Potts Yearbook "This Is It" a First Class award winner
- The 2015 issue of Expression Through Creativity "Spectrum" earned a First Class award, and earned three Marks of Distinction in the scoring categories of Content, Concept and Photography/Art/Graphics/Typography
- The Tide Lines newspaper staff was awarded a Second Class rating for its spring issues and a Third Class rating for its website
- The Columbia Scholastic Press Association, which is affiliated with the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University in New York City, named the 2015 Hi-S-Potts yearbook "This Is It" a Gold Medalist
- CSPA named the 2014-2015 Tide Lines print issues and website a Gold Medalist. Tide Lines earned All-Columbian Honors in the Verbal scoring category
- The Pennsylvania School Press Association ranked "Spectrum" the 2015 edition of ETC, and "This Is It" Gold award winners
- The Tide Lines newspaper was ranked as a Silver award winner
- Amy Rountree for being selected as a Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network Afterschool Champion in the youth category. She was nominated for her exemplary commitment, dedication and outstanding work in supporting meaningful high quality after school/out-of-school time for children and youth in her community. She was invited to attend the annual meeting and reception on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Hilton Harrisburg
- Reilly Babcock, 8th grade D.H.H. Lengel Middle School student, for being chosen as Artist of the Month for March

On the recommendation of the Committee on Public Relations, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, and in accordance with Board Policy 702, the Board accepted the donation from CACL for \$150,000.00 in eleven (11) payments beginning April 1, 2016 and with last payment due August 1, 2026. Motion carried.

President Boran thanked CACL for their generous donation.

As IU 29 Representative, Mr. Wagner noted that at the March 2016 meeting the single audit was passed, there was a discussion about repairs to the Maple Avenue Campus and the Administrative Program Budget was passed.

On the recommendation of Mr. Boran, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved Charles Wagner as an Intermediate Unit board representative for a new three year term (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019). Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Cortese, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Wagner, Abstain.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, Business Manager, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the revenue report for the month of February 2016; the report includes local, state and federal sources (see office files). Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following use of facilities:

John S. Clarke Elementary

- PTO, Themed Basket Auction on various dates in May 2016 in the Gym and Cafeteria

D.H.H. Lengel Middle School

- PAHS Guidance Department, Schuylkill County College Fair on October 12 and 13, 2016 in Martz Hall
- Pottsville Boys Basketball League Pizza Party/Banquet on March 23, 2016 in the Cafeteria
- PASD Swim Program/Greg Schuettler, ARC Swimming Lessons during various dates in March and April 2016 in the Natatorium
- PAHS Girls Volleyball Varsity tournament on October 8, 2016 in Martz Hall, JV Team Tournament on September 10, 2016, Martz Hall
- Pottsville Youth Soccer Association Soccer Registration on April 20 and 21, 2016 and May 10, 2016 in the Cafeteria
- PAHS Flag Squad, Flag Final Tryouts on April 12, 2016 at the top of Martz Hall
- PAHS Boys Basketball, Give and Go Camp during week of June 13, 2016, Martz Hall Boys Gym and Girls Gym
- Schuylkill County Drug and Alcohol Programs, Community Town Hall Meeting with PA Attorney General, Wednesday or Thursday (TBA) evening in June 2016, Auditorium and Cafeteria
- Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council, Annual Schuylkill County Career Fair on April 19 and 20, 2016, Martz Hall
- L.A. Dance Theatre, Nutcracker Performance during various dates in November and December 2016

P.A.H.S.

- PAHS Boys Soccer, Student and Parent Meeting on April 20, 2016 in the Little Theatre
- Mothers Boosters, Booster Meetings during various dates throughout the school year, Cafeteria
- PAHS Wrestling, Wrestling Clinic on May 14, 2016 in the Boys Gym
- Baseball Boosters, Booster Meeting on March 17, 2016, Little Theatre

16th Street Facility

- PA Synergy Softball 14 U Team/Jeff Bowers, softball practice, Wednesdays beginning April 6, 2016 through July 27, 2016

Alumni Field

- PASD Special Education Department, Special Education Picnic-Life Skills/Autistic Support classes on May 24, 2016

Motion carried.

Mr. Curran announced 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/legal matters.

Mr. Moran noted that he has tickets for "Shrek, the Musical", which will be held this weekend. Mr. Moran also mentioned that the Allentown Call and Reading Eagle Newspapers complemented the Pottsville Area School District for the use of facilities during the basketball playoffs at Martz Hall.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Executive Session commenced at 7:50 p.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

 Stephen C. Curran 4-20-16

Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary

