

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Special Board Meeting  
September 13, 2017  
Academic Center  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Boran asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

Mr. Boran thanked everyone for coming to the special meeting. Mr. Boran asked Grace Murphy, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at D.H.H. Lengel Middle School how she liked the new schedule. Grace said she really liked the new schedule and changing classes. Class times are a little longer. The students are now allowed outside after lunch, which she really likes.

Under the Superintendent's Report and on the recommendation of Dr. Zwiebel and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the list of personnel be elected as lead teachers and extracurricular advisors at the stipend indicated for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. (See office files).

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved a five year Business Manager contract between Brian Manning and the Pottsville Area School District, at an annual salary of \$95,000.00 with no salary increases. Term of Contract: November 13, 2017 through November 12, 2022. Mr. Wagner questioned the amount of the non-elective employer contribution (403-b) which is a yearly total of \$12,500. Atty. Rismiller noted that the district will not have to pay FICA or Pennsylvania Employees' Retirement contributions. Mr. Wagner also asked if we allowed any sick days to be included from his former employer, which totals 57. Dr. Zwiebel said he looked into that and he can bring the 57 sick days that were unused. Motion carried by roll call: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

Mr. Manning thanked the Board for its support. Mr. Manning said it is a bittersweet move for him from a standpoint of this being his alma mater.


Dr. Zwiebel said he is very happy a business manager is in place and he looks forward to working with Mr. Manning to make our district stronger.

Atty. Rismiller commented that she believes that the Board is making the right step forward for the district financially and has confidence that Mr. Manning will lead us into the right direction so that financially we are back on good standing.

Dr. Davidson also was pleased that the position is filled with someone with experience, someone who knows the district. He is also pleased that we are able to bring back an alumnus from our district. Dr. Davidson continued, he was also an excellent student in high school and did well at Bucknell University. I think we made the right choice.

Mrs. Lombel 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 is hereby announced for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Atty. Rismiller, meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
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Patricia A. Lombel (Date)  
Board Secretary