

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2016
Academic Center
7:00 p.m.

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

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Boran welcomed everyone in attendance. President Boran also welcomed Mrs. Peggy Yeager, a former Pottsville Area School District Board Director.

Under Public Comment, Dr. Thomas Beausang, President of the Board of Trustees at the Pottsville Free Public Library, spoke about the importance of the library and the needed funding to sustain the programs at the library. Dr. Beausang noted that the library is a return on investment for all taxpayers, not just those with children in school. Dr. Beausang also said it provides our community with a resource for lifelong learning. Dr. Beausang also noted that from August 16, 2016 through September 15, 2016, 84 students from John S. Clarke Elementary Center, 80 students from the D.H.H. Lengel Middle School and 135 students from the High School used services from the library.

Mrs. Cathy Cortese, also a member of the Board of Trustees, said the Library Board was blindsided by the cuts but are fully aware of the struggles with the 2016-2017 budget. Mrs. Cortese hopes that the school Board can work together to not make this a negative but to make it a positive. Mrs. Cortese also noted that the library provides a wonderful service not only to the children but to the taxpayers.

Atty. Mary Ann Conway-Gursky, a member of the Board of Trustees, agreed that the funding from the school district is significant. Atty. Conway-Gursky also noted that hopefully between now and this time next year, that the library and the school district can have an open dialogue concerning funding for the library.

President Boran also agreed that he understands the importance of libraries. He stated, "A lot of things happened very last minute with us on our budget that took us right into the final hours with us before we passed it back in June." He noted going forward we will have a good working relationship with the Library Board.

President Boran also noted that the school district has donated about \$1.6 million since 1981 to the Pottsville Free Public Library and about \$80,500.00 to the Port Carbon Library.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Financial Statement of the Pottsville Area School District Cafeteria for the month of August 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. Moran, 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 motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the Board approved the Agreement for Participation in the Child Nutrition Program between the Pottsville Area School District, the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and the Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency. The term of this Agreement: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved an FMLA for a school employee. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, 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 the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, 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:

Heather Berger	6 credits
Lindsay Boncore	2.5 credits
Derek DiRenzo	3 credits
Kayla Fehr	3 credits

Lillian Hobbs	6 credits
Stephanie McDonald	3 credits
Lucas McMurtrie	3 credits
Courtney Reichert	6 credits
Christian Selinko	3 credits
Ashley Shappell	3 credits
Angela Snyder	3 credits
Jennifer Stock	3 credits
Shannon Sweeney	3 credits
Jenna Troutman	3 credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Dr. Davidson, 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:

Sara Arnold	\$ 980.00 (90 Act 48 hours)
Lindsey Boncore	\$4,800.00
Leigh Ann Bosak	\$ 300.00
Scott Delenick	\$1,680.00
Derek DiRenzo	\$1,362.00
Katrina Greenawalt	\$ 2,400.00
Lillian Hobbs	\$ 900.00
Kimberly Jackson	\$ 300.00
Paula Jones	\$1,695.00
Mary Matulevich	\$ 978.00
Stephanie McDonald	\$1,362.00
Nicholas Sajone	\$1,680.00

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following administrative employee be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of a preapprove credit course: Stephanie Ziegmont - \$1,695.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board awarded PAHS diplomas to five additional members of the class of 2016 based upon the successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the following salary adjustments effective for the 2016-2017 school term:

Scott Delenick	-	Master's
Alicia Fehr	-	Master's

Nicole Kutsmeda - Master's
Mary Matulevich - Master's +15
Angela Snyder - Bachelor's +15
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the second reading of Policy # 247 – Hazing.
Motion carried.

Dr. Zwiebel noted that a PBIS Community Flyer was created by Rebecca Sites, current senior at Pottsville Area High School. The goal of the district-wide PBIS committee is to have this flyer displayed throughout the many community organizations that essentially make up our school district. By displaying this flyer and speaking with local organizations about what TIDE PRIDE stands for, we are building a stronger and more cohesive identity that will directly enhance the sense of TIDE PRIDE within our schools, thus creating an atmosphere conducive to life-long learning.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, and on motion of Mrs. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved Tri-Vet Design & Fabrication, LLC. to construct center steel supports for the CACL signs at the baseball field, at a cost of \$6,460.00. Motion carried.

Under Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, Mrs. Blankenhorn discussed the performance review process starting with fall sports. Mrs. Blankenhorn also discussed mandatory requirements pertaining to coaching principles and first aid.

Under Committee on Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation, Mr. Wagner noted that a meeting was held with Assumption BVM School to make adjustments to the bus schedules.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the agreement with the Pottsville Area School District and Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. for the collection of delinquent real estate taxes on behalf of the Pottsville Area School District, beginning with taxes for tax year 2016. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the Board approved the 2nd reading of the following policies:

- Policy 808 –Food Services (Revision)
- Policy 827 – Conflict of Interest (New)
- Policy 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs (New)
- Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance (Revision)
- Policy 609 – Investment of District Funds (Revision)

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the agreement between Schuylkill

Haven School District and Pottsville Area School District to contract their COTA (Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant) for one day a week for the 2016-2017 school year, at a daily rate of \$306.45. Motion carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that the main topic with the House of Representatives and the Senate is the opioid crisis.

Under Drug and Alcohol Coalition, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that a thank you letter was received from the Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Program and staff. Social Agencies and other recovery support groups were on hand to answer any questions following the presentation with Chris Herren. The program was not recorded but Mr. Herren has a website.

Mr. Moran also noted that Tamaqua Area School District will have a drug, alcohol and addiction event at the football game this Friday. The stadium will also have public service announcements.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Georgia Thomas as a part-time kindergarten instructional aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary, retroactive to August 29, 2016, at an hourly rate of \$12.60. Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye. Mr. Thomas, Abstain.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted the resignation of Vaughn Shuman, a paraprofessional at Pottsville Area High School, effective August 30, 2016. 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 part-time paraprofessionals at an hourly rate of \$12.60, effective September 22, 2016, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances:

- Farrah Benart
- Melissa Rivera
- Kathleen Shipton

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, and on motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mrs. Blankenhorn, the Board approved Catherine Holm as a van/bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District retroactive to September 13, 2016, at an hourly rate of \$10.70, 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. Cortese, the Board approved training for the school district's three school psychologists in ADOS (the assessment to determine if a student meets the qualifications

for Autism) on October 17 & 18, 2016. The training will be at Cornell University at a cost of \$500.00 per person. Motion carried.

Atty. Rismiller noted that the training will be paid for through ACCESS funds.

On recommendation of the Public Relations Committee, and on motion of Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the nomination of Mrs. Lillian Hobbs to represent the Pottsville Area School District on the Pottsville Library Board. Motion carried.

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

- Chloe Kline, 12th grade PAHS student, for being chosen as Artist of the Month for September
- 2016-2017 Elected Class Officers
 - Senior Class
 - ✓ President – Eric Wapinsky
 - ✓ Vice-President – Patrick Moran
 - ✓ Secretary – Rebecca Sites
 - ✓ Treasurer – Tayah Moore
 - Junior Class
 - ✓ Max Kelly
 - ✓ Mariella Przywara
 - ✓ Cory Fanelli
 - ✓ Angela Eckert
 - Sophomore Class
 - ✓ Grace Muench
 - ✓ Lexi Plachko
 - ✓ Brea Schaeffer
 - ✓ Lily Joyce
- 2016-2017 Band Officers
 - President – Colin Williams
 - Vice-President – Logan Spevak
 - Secretary – Rachel Rubright
 - Treasurer – Abbey Kostyal
 - Librarian – Emma Stinnett
 - Managers – Jackson Gunelson, Anjelica Casper, Charles Bechtel
 - Drum Majors – Colin Williams, Kaitlyn Pekarik
 - Flag Co-Captains – Kaitlyn Sweigert, Shannon Mclenny
 - Cheerleader Captains – Tayah Moore, Morgan Murphy
 - Cheerleader Co-Captains – Rhiannon Daniels, Holly Wenner
 - Majorettes Captain – Jillian Mullin

Under Technology, Dr. DiCello, Chairperson, noted that 743 iPads were sold and there are 954 still available. Profit from the sales of the iPads is \$139,905.00.

Dr. DiCello also noted that approximately 30 school iPads were not picked up.

Mr. Wagner, IU 29 Representative, noted that the Schuylkill IU 29 is in the process of choosing a consultant for the Executive Director's search.

Mr. Wagner noted that he will be attending the PSBA School Leadership Conference at Hershey, PA in October, 2016.

On the recommendation of Mr. Curran, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the Revenue Report for August 2016, which included local, state and federal sources. (See office files) Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cortese, Dr. Davidson, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Atty. Rismiller, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Boran, Aye.

On motion of Atty. Rismiller, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board granted the following requests for the use of facilities:

D.H.H. Lengel Middle School:

- American Cancer Society, Relay for Life Meeting, September 13, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Classroom. (Retro)
- City of Pottsville Recreation, Indoor Walking, September 2016 – May 2017, Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Martz Hall Upper Track
- Schuylkill Achievement Program, After School Program, September 12 through December 14, 2016, Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Retro)
- Pottsville Wrestling, Clinic, October 2, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Wrestling Room and Martz Hall
- PAHS Sketch Club, Field Trip Pick up/ Drop off, October 29, 2016, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Martz Hall parking lot
- Pottsville Wrestling, Elementary Wrestling Meet, December 11, 2016, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Martz Hall
- Walk In Art Center, Art Demonstration with Kristen Egan, March 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Martz Hall
- L.A. Dance Theatre, Dance Recital, Rehearsals - June 13, 14, 15, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Recital - June 17, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Auditorium
- D.H.H. Lengel Instrumental Program, Beginner Instrumental Parent Meeting, September 21, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium
- D.H.H. Lengel Instrumental Program, Sch. Co. Band Directors Meeting, January 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Music Room
- PAHS Majorette Squad, Registration for Majorette Camp, October 15, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Top of Martz Hall
- PAHS Majorette Squad, Little Majorette Camp, October 15, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Top of Martz Hall

Pottsville Area High School

- Pottsville Wrestling, Meet the Coaches, October 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Little Theatre

- PASD Band Director, Schuylkill County Band Auditions, November 17, 2016, 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Auditorium and Ground Floor Classrooms
- CMI Entertainment/Joseph Anthony, Tony Kenny's Christmas Time in Ireland, December 3, 2016, 5:00p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Auditorium and two rooms
- Dalinda Dance Studio, Dance Recital, Rehearsal, June 15, 2017, 3:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Recital June 17, 2017, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium
- PAHS Guidance Department, FAFSA Completion Night, October 5, 2016 and October 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Computer Lab
- PAHS Guidance Department, Financial Aid Night, September 20, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Auditorium
- Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Association, Snowdrop and Snowflake Rehearsals and Pageant, January 16, 17, 22, 24, 27, 2017 (Rehearsals), 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., January 28, 2017 (Pageant), 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Auditorium
- Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Association, Queen Rehearsals and Pageant, January 23, 25, 26, 31, 2017 and February 2, 3, 2017 (Rehearsals), 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., February 4, 2017 (Pageant), 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Auditorium

John S. Clarke Elementary Center

- Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America Sign Up, September 20, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria (Retro)

Academic Center

- PAHS Guidance Department, Freshman and New Student Registration, December 5 and 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

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.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. Cortese, the meeting adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

Executive Session commenced at 7.50 p.m. and adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

 10-19-16

Stephen C. Curran (Date)
Board Secretary