

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Work Session  
September 21, 2016  
Academic Center  
5:30 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; Mr. Ansbach

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The work session meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President John Boran who led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

John Boran reviewed the agenda with the Board and asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, Mr. Boran asked for the solicitors report. Atty. Thornburg stated that there is one item for the meeting regarding an FMLA request.

Mr. Boran asked Dr. Zwiebel for the superintendent's report. Dr. Zwiebel stated that there are several items on his agenda that will be submitted to the Board for approval at the regular meeting.

Mr. Boran asked for Board Committee Reports:

- Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mrs. Blankenhorn stated that the one item listed for action will be tabled until the October meeting to allow it to go through committee.
- Buildings, Real Estate and Transportation - Mr. Wagner indicated that there will be a report at the meeting but wanted to mention at the work session that the Transportation Department is still adjusting the bus schedule.
- Finance - Mr. Boran stated there are several options for the regular meeting but asked the Board to consider the motion approving the agreement with Portnoff Law Associates. Mr. Curran added that Kevin Furaks, Esq., is present and available if there are any questions. Mr. Moran asked if they could go back further than 2016. Atty. Furaks said that unfortunately no but many times as they proceed against a taxpayer they end up paying for the prior years which resolves multiple delinquent years. Mr. Boran stated that the agreement is a recommendation from the finance committee and asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Thomas made the motion, seconded by Dr. Cortese and passed by unanimous vote.
- Legislation - Mr. Moran stated that he will have a report for the regular meeting.
- Drug and Alcohol Coalition - Mr. Moran stated that the coalition will be promoting the awareness week at the Tamaqua football game and he will elaborate at the meeting on the Chris Herron event.

- Negotiations - Dr. Cortese recommended a motion permitting PSEA/PASDEA to conduct fundraising activities to benefit the scholarship fund by virtue of a motion seconded by Mr. Thomas and approved by unanimous vote.
- Personnel - Atty. Rismiller stated that there are a few motions for hires and resignations for the regular meeting.
- Public Relations - Dr. Davidson stated that there is no report for the work session.
- Technology - Dr. DiCello stated that there is no report for the work session.
- Textbook and Supplies - Dr. Davidson stated that there is no report for this evening.
- IU 29/PSBA Representative - Mr. Wagner stated that he will defer to Atty. Caravan on the issue with the authority renewal for the Schuylkill Technology Center. Atty. Caravan informed the Board that the original resolution from 1966 is expiring and there is a need to renew this in case there is a need for the authority to take action. For example, he stated that within the last ten years there was a request for an easement in Frackville that affected the North Building which warranted approval from the authority. Mr. Wagner asked Atty. Thornburg if the resolution was acceptable. He responded yes and recommended its approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wagner to approve the resolution, seconded by Dr. Cortese and approved by unanimous vote.
- Pottsville Recreation Committee- Mr. Thomas stated that there is no report for this evening.
- Special Education/ Alternative Education/Charter Schools- Mr. Thomas stated that we are all waiting to hear about the status of the Gillingham appeal.
- Grading/Curriculum- Mr. Moran stated that there is no report for this evening.

Mr. Boran asked if there was any new business for the Board, hearing none, he asked for the announcement of executive session.

Mr. Curran stated that in accordance with Act 84 of 1986, also known as the Sunshine Act, an executive session is hereby announced immediately following the adjournment of the work session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Boran asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Davidson and passed by unanimous vote at 6:16 p.m.

Executive session was held from 6:30 p.m. through 6:58 p.m.

 Stephen C. Curran 10-19-10

Stephen C. Curran (Date)  
Board Secretary