

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2020**

1. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence

Margaret D. "Peggy" Jaeger
Margaret W. "Peggy" Perron

Board President Statement

- A reminder to the public that the public comment period is not a question and answer period, but rather the opportunity for the public to submit comments to the board. Public comments will follow our public comment procedures which require members of the public to identify themselves by indicating name and address and we will read comments consistent with all aspects of our public comment policy. With our meetings now being conducted virtually until further notice, you can submit comments via the Q & A feature.

3. Public Comment - Are there any public comments at this time in regards to the agenda items?
4. Approval of the April 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
5. Financial Reports – Mr. Brian Manning, Business Manager

Treasurer's Report for April 2020

- Mid Penn Bank – \$ 923,189.47

Cafeteria Reports

- Cafeteria Financial Report for April 2020
 - Revenue Received \$ 115,647.04
 - Expenditures \$ 147,516.98
 - Net Gain (Loss) \$ (31,869.94)
 - Cash Balance 4.30.20 \$ 57,854.64

List of Bills for Approval

6. Election of a Treasurer for 2020-2021 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)
 1. Motion to proceed with the election of a Treasurer for the fiscal year 2019-2020.
 2. Nominations for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2020 and ending the last day of June 2021.
 3. Motion that the NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER be closed. (**Vote by roll call.**)
 4. Secretary casts the ballot electing _____ as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
 5. Motion to set the salary of _____ as Treasurer at the annual rate of \$2,000.00.
 6. Motion to require the Treasurer to provide a bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, with approved surety, the premium of the bond to be paid by the Pottsville Area School District.
7. Unfinished Business
8. Solicitor's Report – Kevin Reid, Attorney at Law
 - It is recommended that the Board approve the Settlement Agreement for student ID #201220.

Motion to approve as recommended.

9. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jeffrey Zwiebel

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items as listed:

ACTION

- It is recommended that the Superintendent's preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Cody Blankenhorn	-	6 credits
Nathan Halenar	-	6 credits
Kaycee Hess	-	3 credits
Allison Hughes	-	6 credits
Cara Kelly	-	6 credits
Suzanne Sterner	-	3 credits

- It is further recommended that 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:

Paula Jones	-	\$1,695.00
Peter McDonald	-	\$ 300.00
Amanda Purcell	-	\$1,551.00

- It is also recommended that the following Administrative employee be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of a preapproved credit course.

Caitlin Mohl	-	\$2,316.00
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Information

- Principals' Report
- Federal Programs
- C-Tide Foundation

10. Committee Reports

ACTION Athletics and Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Craig Shields

It is recommended by the Athletics and Extracurricular committee that the Board approve the following items as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board eliminate the following Athletic programs as listed:
 - a. Varsity Golf
 - b. Varsity Boys Tennis
 - c. Varsity Girls Tennis
 - d. Freshman Football
 - e. Freshman Basketball
 - f. Weight Room Supervisors
 - g. Junior High Football
 - h. Junior High Girls Basketball
 - i. Junior High Boys Basketball
 - j. Junior High Wrestling
 - k. Junior High Track & Field
 - l. Junior High Cheerleading

Motion to approve as recommended.

ACTION Facilities and Grounds– Mr. Jerome Urban

ACTION Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

ACTION Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

It is recommended by the Finance Committee that the Board approve the following items as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing and Pottsville Area School District. The agreement provides student professional nurses certain clinical education experiences at no cost to the district. Term of Agreement: Three years (3) – May 25, 2020 – May 25, 2023.
2. The Committee on Finance recommends adoption of the proposed final 2020-2021 school district budget of \$ 39,207,305.74. The Committee reports that this budget reflects needed instructional equipment, supplies, maintenance and operational expenditures necessary for school district operations. Therefore, the Committee recommends adoption of the proposed final 2020-2021 school district budget which includes a tax increase of 1.5936 mills to 43.5319 mills.
3. It is recommended that the Board authorize the School Board Secretary to have the required proposed final budget notice published once in the Republican Herald on Friday, May 15, 2020.
4. It is recommended that the Board set the date of June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the Final Adoption of the 2020-2021 budget for the Pottsville Area School District.

Motion to approve as recommended.

ACTION Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

It is recommended by the Personnel committee that the Board approve the following Personnel items as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation for retirement from Howard Fallon, bus driver and carpenter for the Pottsville Area School District. Mr. Fallon has been employed by the district for twenty seven years.
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation of Brian Manning, Business Manager at the Pottsville Area School District, effective June 30, 2020.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 334, 434 and 534:
 - Employee #307 – cafeteria employee – March 9, 2020
 - Employee #183 – custodian – April 28, May 4, 2020
 - Employee #307 – cafeteria employee – March 9, 2020

Motion to approve/accept as recommended.

4. It is recommended that the Board accept the administration's proposal due to declining enrollment to curtail or otherwise alter certain programs which would result in the furloughing of fifteen (15) temporary professional and professional employees district wide impacting the following curricula areas: Physical Education, World Language, Library, Music, Business Education, English, Math, Art, Dean of Students, Special Education, Kindergarten and Nursing. In a manner consistent with the School Code, each impacted employee will be provided with a written notice of the District's intent to furlough and an opportunity to be heard. Any final official resolution to furlough individual employees would be presented at the June meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

5. It is recommended that the Board accept the administration's proposal of the furloughing of five (5) full-time non-professional staff, one (1) part-time non-professional staff and the furlough of thirteen (13) full-time non-professional staff from full-time to part-time status, as defined under the school code, impacting the following positions: Secretary, Teacher Aide, Custodial, Mechanic and Library Aide. In a manner consistent with the School Code, each impacted employee would be provided with a written notice of the District's intent to furlough and an opportunity to be heard. Any final official resolution to furlough individual employees would be presented at the June meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media – Ms. Linda Wytovich

- Congratulations to the following seniors for being named Rotary Students of the Month.

April

Daphnee Saint Juste
Owen Golden

May

Jelissa Diaz-Walchak
Morgan Rich

Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

Curriculum – Dr. Michael Cardamone

ACTION Policy and Procedure – Dr. Christina DiCello

It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure committee that the Board approve the following item as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings as presented.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Food Services – Dr. Michael Cardamone

Labor Relations – Mr. Patrick Moran

11. Information Board Member Reports
 1. Legislation – Mr. Patrick Moran
 2. IU 29 Representative – Dr. Michael Cardamone
 3. St. Clair Committee – Dr. Michael Cardamone
 4. PSBA Representative – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn
12. Revenue Report – Mr. Brian Manning, Business Manager
 - Revenue Received for Month of April 2020
 - Local Sources: \$ 548,107.61
 - State Sources: \$ 2,041,507.00
 - Federal/Other Sources: \$ 75,782.06
 - Total: \$ 2,665,396.67
13. New Business
 - Salary & Benefits Report for April 2020 (2 payrolls):
 - Total Salaries: \$ 1,307,529.96
 - Total Employer Share Retirement: \$ 445,893.67
 - Total Employer Share FICA: \$ 98,465.91
 - Total Employer Paid Insurance Benefits: \$ 508,323.99
 - Grand Total for April 2020: \$ 2,360,213.53
 - Requests for the Use of Facilities
14. Public Comment - Are there any public comments at this time?
15. Announcement of Executive Session
16. Adjournment