

Pottersville Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Middle/High School Media Center
Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:00pm
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Vice President Snider at 6:01 PM

2. Roll Call - Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss

Absent from roll call: Marciniak arrived at 6:58 PM

3. Approval of Consent Agenda-

A. Minutes -

a. Update 2/24/25 Meeting to reflect start time agreement of 6:30 PM, posted as 6:00 PM

Motion by Bussard

Supported by McDonald

Discussion - None

VOTE- Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss

Ayes: Baker; Bussard; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss **Nays:** **Motion Passed: Yes**

B. Disbursements - February 2025

C. Personnel Action Report

C1. New Hires;

C2. Resignations: Jessica Leopold (3/7/2025), Rebecca Courtney (end of 24-25 School Year)

4. Correspondence- 2 Anonymous letters read by Vandeboss in support of Mrs. Palmiter

5. Special Presentation

A. Deficit Elimination Plan - Tina Monroe & Sara McDonald

6. Closed Session - Superintendent Search & Appeal of Superintendent's Decision

Motion by Smalley to move into Closed Session, Supported by Bussard

VOTE- Baker; Bussard; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss

Ayes: All Ayes **Motion Passed: Yes**

6:34 PM Entered closed session #1

7:19 PM Entered closed session #2

Motion by Bussard to move into Open Session at **8:00 PM** and take a 10 minute break,

Supported by Smalley VOTE- Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider;

Vandeboss **Ayes:** All Ayes **Motion Passed: Yes**

7. For Action

A. Superintendent Search

Motion by Bussard to vote for top candidate, give AD-HOC permission to present salary after a campus tour/visit, contact other candidates if needed. Supported by McDonald.

VOTE- Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss **Ayes:** All

Ayes Motion Passed: Yes

B. Appeal of Superintendent's Decision

Motion by Bussard to uphold Mr. Sinicropi's decision and launch a full investigation ASAP,
Supported by McDonald

VOTE- Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss

Ayes: Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Snider; Vandeboss **Nays:** Smalley (yes to investigation, no to upholding decision) **Motion Passed: Yes**

C. Deficit Elimination Plan

Motion by McDonald to approve the DEP, Supported by Bussard with amendment - update narrative in finance policies, BOE to receive monthly reports of the DEP, BOE to hold quarterly discussion of the DEP.

Discussion - Smalley - Investigation Updates? Not at this time, Mr. Sinicropi will call detectives for an update. McDonald- DEP forecasts not considering bond work? 5-6 years until repairs are necessary on new bond work, out of deficit by then so not included in the DEP.

VOTE- Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss

Ayes: All Ayes **Motion Passed: Yes**

D. MASB Board of Directors Vote

Discussion -

Vandeboss - Voting for Cory McLaughlin, Special Ed/CTE knowledge

VOTE- 4 votes **Jack Temsey**, 3 votes Cory McLaughlin

E. HS Peer to Peer "Links" Class

Grant Application in progress by Mrs Palmiter, Anti-Bullying with student training

Discussion- Marciniak- Without the Grant, could we fund this? Mrs Palmiter states this program should run with under \$500 spent. Baker- Elective course for which students? Mrs Palmiter stated this is for 10th - 12th grade students. McDonald- Do students apply and are they accepted after interviews? Smalley - What is the Grant timeline? Mrs Palmiter said it's due in March, with decision making in May. Bussard- How much without Grant? \$500, How much with Grant? Up to \$5,000. Funding will pay for field trips/links bonding opportunities

Motion by Snider to approve new course, Supported by Vandeboss

Further Discussion- Bussard- Concerns about adding a new course without confirmed added funding. Concerned about labeling students instead of getting to know each other based on interests in a classroom setting. Smalley- Should all review the GVSU data before decisioning. Baker- Concerns with mentoring students and it's outcome. McDonald- Interview process to help with matchup. Bussard- Would like to see more collaboration without labels and forced environments, more organic conversations/friendships. Vandeboss- How can we create those opportunities without a class available for it?

VOTE- Baker; Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss

Ayes: Baker; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandeboss **Nays:** Bussard

Motion Passed: Yes

8. Discussion -

A. Superintendent Search-

No further discussion.

B. Walking Zones-

Looking at adjusting our walking zones to help with the waitlist for bussing. Working with Dean Transportation to see if adjusting students in close proximity to the school to walking helps out our waitlist.

C. Schools of Choice 25-26/Advertising-

Vandeboss - Add Capturing Kids Hearts Showcase School to advertisement for SOC

D. Music Program Funding -

Presentation by Mrs. Palmiter and Band Booster Volunteers on Music Funding/Plan to have parents help with Band costs/equipment maintenance and repairs.

9. President Marciniak-

10. Public Input:

1. Caroline Hollern
2. Patrick Hollern

11. Committee Reports -

- A. **Finance:** New controls in process, DEP submitted, Signature control, Tina from ERESA adding new policies in place. Next Meeting: March 18th 2:30 PM
- B. **Policy:** Next Meeting: March 11th 5:00 PM
- C. **Facilities:** No updates.
- D. **Technology:** No updates.

12. School Information

- A. School Reports

13. Superintendent's Report -

14. Call to Adjourn - President Marciniak

Motioned by Vandeboss to adjourn, meeting adjourned by President Marciniak at 9:20 PM