

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

June 9, 2021

7:00 p.m.

1. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance

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. If members of the public wish to make public comments, then they must do so in person. The meeting will be available online.
- The School Board will strive to answer questions pertaining to the current agenda at the beginning of the school board meeting, in a conscious effort to maintain transparent practices. After the School Board agenda is posted online, questions may be emailed to plombel@pottsville.k12.pa.us by 2:00 PM the day of the meeting. Questions pertaining to the agenda posted online will be answered in the order received for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. If the questions are not able to be answered during the 30-minute period, the School Board will endeavor to answer the questions at the beginning of the next school board meeting. Questions pertaining to confidential personnel matters will not be addressed. Questions that require some research or further inquiry might not be answered at the current school board meeting. **The question and answer period does not replace the public's current right to public comment.**

2. Public Comment - Are there any public comments at this time?

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the May 19, 2021 Board meeting minutes.
Motion to approve as recommended.

4. Financial Reports – Mrs. Corinne Mason, Interim Business Manager

Approval of Financial Reports as of June 9, 2021

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds)
2. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Revenue Report
3. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Expenditure Report
4. Cafeteria Condensed Board Summary Report

- 5. Payment Summary - General Fund, Food Service
- 6. Budget Transfers

Mrs. Mason would like a motion to approve as recommended.

- 5. Unfinished Business
- 6. Donations
- 7. Solicitor’s Report - Kevin Reid, Attorney at Law
- 8. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Sarah Yoder

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

- 1. 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:

Kimberly Edling	-	3 Credits
Heather Jenkins	-	9 Credits
Jeremiah Lynn	-	6 Credits

- 2. 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:

Cody Blankenhorn	-	\$1,548.00
Jeremiah Lynn	-	\$1,548.00
Melissa Yoder	-	\$ 707.00

- 3. It is recommended that the 2021-2022 School Calendar be revised due to the Holiday Easter break as noted: (copy attached)

April 14, 2022 through April 20, 2022 with two possible snow make-up days scheduled for April 19 and April 20, 2022

INFORMATION

- 1. C-Tide Foundation
- 2. Federal Programs

- 9. Committee Reports

ACTION Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Stephen Ennis as Varsity Head Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 season, at a stipend of \$4,300.00.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the revised agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Saint Clair Area School District, effective July 1, 2021. Saint Clair Area School District will reimburse Pottsville Area School District twenty-five percent (25%) of the costs of the following sports during the 2021-2022 School Year: Jr. High Football, Jr. High Girls Basketball, Jr. High Wrestling, Jr. High Boys/Girls Track and Jr. High Cross Country.

Motion to approve as recommended.

ACTION Facilities and Grounds– Mr. Jerome Urban

It is recommended by the Facilities and Grounds Committee that the Board approve the following item as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board authorize the Board Secretary to advertise for an Invitation to Bid for Metal Panel Roof and Wall Elastomeric Coating at Martz Hall. The project will be advertised three (3) times in the Republican Herald. Sealed bids will be received no later than 3:00 PM on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Motion to authorize as recommended.

Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

ACTION Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Repository Sale for Parcel No. # 68-43-0013.000 located at 559 South Centre Street, Pottsville at a sale price of \$2,106.55.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Repository Sale for Parcel No. #68-05-0058.002 located at 237 Wallace Street, Pottsville at a sale price of \$1,305.00.
3. The Board of School Directors of Pottsville Area School District hereby approves the Borrowing Resolution with respect to a Grant Anticipation Note in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000. The School District's payment of the principal and interest payments of the Note will be reimbursed with grant monies.
4. It is recommended that the Board accept the approved loan request for a \$1,000,000 Non-revolving Line of Credit at a fixed interest rate of 2.35% (Tax Free) for three (3) years from Mid Penn Bank. The funds will be used to provide temporary funding until the District receives funding from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the SPO PCCD Grant Modification. Amount of requested Sub Grant Budget is \$118,361. Approved Project Period: From March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2022. **Modified Project Period: From March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.**

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Budget Amendment:

ESSER II - Cares Act Grant

Revenue

\$150,000 10-8743-000-989-00-000-000-0000 Elem & Sec School Emer Relief - ESSER II

Expense

\$150,000 10-5250-939-989-00-000-000-0000 Cafeteria Fund Transfer – ESSER II

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the \$150,000 bank transfer from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund. The \$150,000 is from the ESSER II - Cares Act Grant.
8. It is recommended that the Board authorize the Interim Business Manager to perform all year-end budget transfers.

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 approve Gregory Schuettler as Dean of D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective June 10, 2021. Mr. Schuettler was previously Acting Dean of D.H.H. Lengel Middle School,
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Tessa Remaley, paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective May 18, 2021.
3. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Robert O'Connor as a School Security Officer for the Pottsville Area School District, effective May 21, 2021.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Marlene Cook as a substitute nurse for the Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to May 14, 2021.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Sandra Paulshock as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, at an hourly rate of \$13.60.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Jocelyn Oakill, D.H.H. Lengel Middle School Psychologist, to perform School Psychologist responsibilities for Pottsville Area High School covering the term July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a stipend of \$10,000.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to plan and/or teach the John S. Clarke Elementary Summer Tutoring Program, at an hourly rate of \$32.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PADEA:
Ashley Bassler Amanda Purcell
Kate Leffler Amy Rubinkam
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following employees for the Summer Cleaning Program at an hourly rate of \$10.00: Erica Berger and Raymond Yost.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teacher to plan and/or teach the D.H.H. Lengel or PAHS Summer Tutoring Program, at an hourly rate of \$32.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA. D.H.H. Lengel and PAHS teachers will be scheduled as needed, based on student participation and courses offered: Carolyn Wasilewski.
10. It is recommended that resignations for retirement purposes be accepted from the following professional employees in accordance with their submitted letters effective at the conclusion of the last day of school 2020-2021. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish them well in their retirement.

David Hannum - PAHS Spanish Teacher
Kristin Perhonitch - JSC Health & Physical Education Teacher

11. It is recommended that the Board accept the Administration's recommendation to recall Lloren Reichert off of the furlough list and assign her to the open position of high school Spanish teacher. Miss Reichert's salary will be set at \$51,297 Bachelor's +15-Step 6, effective 2021-2022 school year.
12. It is recommended that the District advertise for a School Counselor at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center; a PreK - 12 PA school counselor certification is required.
13. It is recommended that a contract with Daniel Slotterback to serve as an Athletic Trainer from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be approved.
14. It is recommended that a contract with Donna Romano to serve as an Assistant Nurse at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center from August 25, 2021 through the last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year be approved.
15. It is recommended that contracts for the following Licensed Social Workers from August 25, 2021 through the last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year be approved.

Jessica Coyle
Migdalia Gunoskey

16. It is recommended that a contract with Jessica Jansson to serve as an Occupational Therapist from August 25, 2021 through the last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year be approved.

17. It is recommended that contracts for the following School Psychologists for the 2021-2022 school year be approved.

Jocelyn Oakill - July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
Christine Schuebel - August 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

18. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 334, 434 and 534:

- Employee #1029 – lunch aide – May 13, 14, 20, 2021
- Employee #70 – paraprofessional – May 26, 2021 (1/2 day)
- Employee #1349 – lunch aide – May 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 2021
- Employee #175– cafeteria aide – May 14, 17, 2021
- Employee #1228 – lunch aide – May 14, 2021
- Employee #828 – lunch aide – May 14, 2021
- Employee #537 – lunch aide – May 18, 20, 21 and 24, 2021
- Employee #1346 – lunch aide – May 19, 25 and June 1, 2021
- Employee # 302 – cafeteria aide – May 17, 2021
- Employee #1188 – teacher – April 6, May 26, 2021
- Employee #202 – cafeteria aide – June 4, 7, 8, 2021
- Employee #1231 – lunch aide – May 27, 2021

Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. Congratulations to Senior, Payton Kleckner for earning a gold medal at the AAA High Jump State Championship on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Shippensburg University. Payton plans to further her education at Ohio State University.
2. Congratulations to the Schuylkill Technology Center students for earning the following awards:

Highest Overall NOCTI Score

Kendra Holley, Health Careers

Leah Zackus, Business Management

President’s Education Achievement Award

Madison Collucci, Early Childhood Care and Education

President’s Education Excellence Award

Samuel Ulrich, Computer Information Systems

Leah Zackus, Business Management

Kendra Holley, Health Career

Delilia Brossman, Early Childhood Care and Education

3. Congratulations to the Pottsville Area High School Class of 2021 and to the following honor graduates: Amie Ashfield, Katie Brennan, Allison Campion, Elizabeth Donovan, Breyana Garman, John Holobetz, Christian Honicker, Payton Kleckner, Kathryn Klema, Rebecca Lascala, Justin Lescavage, Julia Malek, Olivia Markus, Justin McClure, Lily McDonald, Sara Meade, Paige Mervine, Jake Montgomery, Emma Smith, Lexis Vandermartin, Isabella Varano and Leah Zackus.
4. Congratulations also to our National Technical Honor Society Students: Skye Adamick, Gillian Bartashus, Jacob Bayer, Erica Berger, Deliliah Brossman, Spencer Buckingham, Madison Collucci, Kendra Holley, Benjamin Kull, Shane Melochick, McKenna Morgan, Adam Stock, Morgan Tohill, Sam Ulrich and Leah Zackus.
5. Congratulations on an outstanding job on the Senior Mural, under the direction of Mrs. Katrina Greenawalt. The mural was completed by the following seniors: Destiny Angel, Lizzy Fessler, Christian Honicker, Justin Lescavage, Paige Mervine, Kyrsten Milot, Lexi Shilling, Olivia Toback and Crystal Wolfe.
6. Congratulations to Emily Lascala (sophomore) for her winning the bullying prevention logo design. Her winning entry won out over 100 entries across the county. The Schuylkill IU #29 will be working with all school districts at the start of the 2021-2022 school year to take orders for a t-shirt that will feature Emily's design. The hope is to provide a unified county on the issue of Bullying Prevention and that schools will support this initiative, and people will wear the t-shirt to various events around the county.
7. Congratulations to the following Lengel Middle School Students who were selected to participate in the Junior Schuylkill County Band Virtual Festival under the direction of Mrs. Corrine Houtz: Justine Siminitus, Ava Orlowsky, Jillian Horvath, Michael Prestileo and Tyler Sibbett. The virtual festival was made possible by utilizing the recording equipment donated by the Crimson Tide Foundation through a venture grant in 2018.
8. The Lengel PBIS Events included the eighth grade students walking to Strike Zone Alleys for a fun morning of bowling and games, activities and free time in Martz hall in the afternoon. Our fifth, sixth and seventh graders spent the morning at the Barefield Complex, and the Pottsville Police joined the 5th and 6th graders for kickball and whiffle ball games in the afternoon.

Upcoming Events:

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| June 9, 2021 | - | The Butterfly and the Plant |
| June 10, 2021 | - | Pollinators |

June 11, 2021 (All Title I Parent Events)	-	Native Plant Butterfly Garden
June 16, 2021	-	Kindergarten Screening (Outside)
June 14-17, 2021 & June 21-24, 2021	-	DHHL/JSC Schuylkill Achieve Summer Program
July 22-29, 2021 (Tues., Wed, Thurs)	-	PAHS/DHHL Summer school JSC Summer Enrichment & JSC ESY Program

ACTION Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

It is recommended by the Technology Committee that the Board approve the following Technology item as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board award Garland Communications Systems, Inc. as the VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) Telecommunications vendor for the Pottsville Area School District, at a cost of \$99,150.08.

Motion to award as recommended.

ACTION Curriculum – Dr. Michael Cardamone

It is recommended by the Curriculum Committee that the Board approve the following Curriculum item as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1 – 2021-2022 School Year.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the A-TSI School Improvement Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion to approve as recommended.

ACTION Policy and Procedure – Dr. Christina DiCello

It is recommended by the Policy Committee that the Board approve the following Policies item as listed:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Parent and Family Engagement Policies and Compacts. This is a requirement of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):
 - a) District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - b) John S. Clarke Elementary Center 2021-2022 Title I School and Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - c) John S. Clarke Elementary Center 2021-2022 Title I School/Parent Compact
 - d) D.H.H. Lengel Middle School 2021-2022 Title I School and Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - e) D.H.H. Lengel Middle School 2021-2022 Title I School/Parent Compact

Motion to approve as recommended.

Food Services – Dr. Michael Cardamone

Labor Relations – Mr. Jerome Urban

10. **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

- It is recommended that the Board appoint Dr. Ann Blankenhorn as the voting delegate for the PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 9:00 am at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA. The Assembly will also be accessible via Zoom.
Motion to appoint as recommended.

11. **New Business**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Use of Facilities:

JSC

1- **JSC Cafeteria and Courtyard**

Title 1 Summer Program

6/9/2021 5:00PM-8:15PM

6/10/2021 1:00PM-4:15PM

6/11/2021 9:00AM-12:15PM

2- **JSC Gym, Cafeteria, and Hallway Area**

Stand Up and Cheer Camp

10/2/2021 7:45AM-2:30PM

MS

1- **MS Auditorium/Cafeteria**

Gabriel Youth Orchestra

5:30PM-7:00PM on the following dates:

9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10/2021

2- **Top Of Martz Hall/Track Area**

PAHS Cheer Practice

4:45PM-7:15PM on the following dates:

8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/9, 8/10, 8/11, 8/12, 8/16, 8/17, 8/18, 8/19, 8/24, 8/25/2021

3:20PM-5:00PM on the following dates:

8/26, 9/2, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28/2021

3-**MS Cafeteria, Gym, Room 202, and Art Room**

Schuylkill Achieve Summer Program

8:00AM-12:00PM on the following days:

June 14-17, June 21-24, July 12-15, July 19-22-2021

4-MS Auditorium and Top of Martz Hall

PASD Faculty and Staff CPR Training

June 16, 2021 8:00AM-10:00AM

HS

1- High School Cafeteria

Senior Cheer Night Activity

10/29/2021 3:00PM-6:00PM

2- High School Cafeteria/Tour

1971 PAHS 50th Class Reunion

Friday 9/10/2021 5:30PM-6:00PM

Cafeteria, Reserved Parking

Saturday 9/11/2021 11:30AM-12:00PM

Tour High School Reserved Parking

3- High School Track

Pottsville Fitness Challenge

5:00PM-8:00PM on the following days:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

June 12, 2021 through August 27, 2021

Motion to approve as recommended.

2. The School Safety and Security Coordinator Report Act 44 Report was received for the 2020-2021 School Year.
12. Announcement of Executive Session
13. Adjournment - **Motion to adjourn as recommended.**