

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Board Meeting  
June 9, 2021  
DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium  
7:05 p.m.

Present: Dr. Blankenhorn (Absent), Dr. Cardamone,  
Mrs. Dewitt, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran,  
Mr. Quandel, Mr. Shields, Mr. Urban,  
Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder,  
Superintendent; Mrs. Lombel,  
Asst. Business Manager/Board  
Secretary, Atty. Kevin Reid, Solicitor, Corinne  
Mason, Interim Business Manager (via zoom)

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Noble Quandel.

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](mailto: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.**

There were no public comments this evening.

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Board Meeting. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Mason, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Shields, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of June 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 noted that the cash balance for the district is doing much better than last year. Payments are paid in a timely manner.

Motion carried.

There were no donations to report this month.

Under Solicitor's Report, Atty. Kevin Reid had no report this evening.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the preapproval of the credits indicated for the following professional employees and 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

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, 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:

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

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar which is due to the Holiday Easter break as noted: April 14, 2022 through April 20, 2022 with two possible snow make-up days scheduled for April 19 and April 20, 2022. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved Stephen Ennis as Varsity Head Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 season, at a stipend of \$4,300.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved 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 carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Facilities and Grounds and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board authorized 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. Mr. Urban noted that this is not a new project but was delayed because of the pandemic. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved 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. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the Repository Sale for Parcel No. #68-05-0058.002 located at 237 Wallace Street, Pottsville at a sale price of \$1,305.00. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved 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. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cardamone, Mrs. Dewitt, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Aye. Mr. Quandel, Mr. Shields, Abstain. Dr. Blankenhorn, Absent. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board accepted 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. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cardamone, Mrs. Dewitt, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Aye. Mr. Quandel, Mr. Shields, Abstain. Dr. Blankenhorn, Absent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved 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.** Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved **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

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the \$150,000 bank transfer from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund. The \$150,000 is from the ESSER II - Cares Act Grant. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board authorized the Interim Business Manager to perform all year-end budget transfers. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved 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. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Tessa Remaley, paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective May 18, 2021. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the letter of resignation from Robert O'Connor as a School Security Officer for the Pottsville Area School District, effective May 21, 2021. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Marlene Cook as a substitute nurse for the Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to May 14, 2021. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved Sandra Paulshock as a paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, at an hourly rate of \$13.60. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved 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. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved 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 PASDEA:

Ashley Bassler

Amanda Purcell

Kate Leffler

Amy Rubinkam

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following employees for the Summer Cleaning Program at an hourly rate of \$10.00: Erica Berger and Raymond Yost. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved 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.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted the following resignations for retirement from the following professional employees in accordance with their submitted letters effective at the conclusion of the last day of school 2020-2021.

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

We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish them well in their retirement.

Mr. Moran also thanked the educators for their dedication and service to the District. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board accepted 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. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board authorized the District to advertise for a School Counselor at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center; a PreK – 12 PA school counselor certification is required. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the contract with Daniel Slotterback to serve as an Athletic Trainer from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the 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. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the contracts for the following Licensed Social Workers from August 25, 2021 through the last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year: Jessica Coyle and Migdalia Gunoskey. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the 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. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the contracts for the following School Psychologists for the 2021-2022 school year:

Jocelyn Oakill - July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022  
Christine Schuebel - August 1, 2021 – Last day of school

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 334, 434 and 534:

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

Motion carried.

Under Promotion, Public Relations and Social Media, Chairperson Ms. Wytovich congratulated the following:

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 Baver, 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 Orłowsky, 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders for kickball and whiffle ball games in the afternoon.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 9, 2021	-	The Butterfly and the Plant
June 10, 2021	-	Pollinators
June 11, 2021	-	Native Plant Butterfly Garden
(All Title I Parent Events)		
June 16, 2021	-	Kindergarten Screening (Outside)
June 14-17, 2021 & June 21-24, 2021	-	DHHL/JSC Schuylkill Achieve Summer Program
July 22-29, 2021	-	PAHS/DHHL Summer school
(Tues., Wed., Thurs.)	-	JSC Summer Enrichment & JSC ESY Program

On the recommendation of the Technology Committee and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board awarded 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. Mr. Urban noted that 20 proposals were received. The District will have a savings of \$130,000 with the new system. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee and on motion of Dr. Cardamone, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1 – 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee and on motion of Dr. Cardamone, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the A-TSI School Improvement Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Policy Committee and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved 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 carried.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran, Chairperson, noted that Harrisburg and Washington are looking into the underserved rural areas; Harrisburg is working on the Fair Funding and Charter School Reform Bills.

Dr. Cardamone, St. Clair Committee Chairperson, noted that a meeting will be held next month.

Under the PSBA Representative Report, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board appointed Dr. Ann Blankenhorn as the voting delegate for the PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA. The Assembly will be accessible via Zoom. Motion carried.

Under New Business the following were approved:

On the recommendation of Dr. Yoder, Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the PASD and Act 93 School Administrator Group, effective June 9, 2021. At some time during July of 2021, the Board of Directors will ratify the 2021-2022 school

year salaries of all Act 93 members. Any salary adjustments made pursuant to this MOU In July of 2021 will apply retroactively to July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. DiCello, the approved 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  
Schuykill 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**

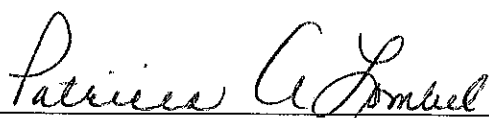
Pottsville Fitness Challenge  
5:00PM-8:00PM on the following days:  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
June 12, 2021 through August 27, 2021

Motion carried.

The School Safety and Security Coordinator Report Act 44 Report was received for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Mrs. Lombel announced that an executive session was held this evening for personnel matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Mr. Urban, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

 7/14/2021

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)

Board Secretary