

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
August 11, 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](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.**

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

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the July 14, 2021 Board meeting minutes.  
**Motion to approve as recommended.**

4. Financial Reports – Mrs. Stacy Stair, Business Manager

**Approval of Financial Reports as of August 11, 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

**Mrs. Stair would like a motion to approve as recommended.**

5. Unfinished Business

6. Donations - Lowe's Charitable Organization donated the following supplies to the Pottsville Area School District: 135 Floor Dispensers; 252 Tabletop Dispensers; 180 Well Dispensers and 2,048 Gallons of Sanitizer. Thank you to Lowe's for the generous donation.

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:

Emily Earley	-	3 Credits
Cara Kelly	-	3 Credits
Lloren Reichert	-	9 Credits
Elizabeth Sophy	-	3 Credits

2. It is 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:

Kendra Boris	-	\$1,566.00
Jacquelyn Butz	-	\$1,566.00
Lisa (Falkowski) Chistakoff	-	\$1,566.00
Derek DiRenzo	-	\$ 600.00
Christopher Kovaleski	-	\$2,700.00
Amanda Purcell	-	\$1,566.00

3. It is recommended that the following salary adjustment be made effective in the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

Derek DiRenzo	-	Master's +15
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4. It is recommended that two additional members of the Class of 2021 be awarded their diplomas based on the successful completion of the requirements and the recommendation of the High School Principal.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Information**

- During the summer, the administrative staff has prepared for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year. A District In-service program will be held for teachers on Wednesday, August 18 and Thursday, August 19, 2021. The practice bus run and orientation for kindergarten children will also be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021. The opening of school for all students is Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

**INFORMATION**

- C-Tide Foundation
- Federal Programs

9. Committee Reports

**ACTION Athletics and Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Craig Shields**

1. It is recommended that the Board appoint the following Fall Coaches for the 2021-2022 season contingent upon satisfactory clearances and required mandated training:

**FOOTBALL**

Tom McGeoy, Head Coach	\$6,250.00
Kurt Eroh, Assistant	\$3,600.00
Jamie O'Brien, Assistant	\$3,400.00
Pete McDonald, Assistant	\$3,600.00
Rob Shaffer, Assistant	\$3,800.00
Rusty Yost, Assistant	\$3,000.00
Pete Kalinich, Assistant	\$4,200.00

Junior High-7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mark Laubenstine, Head Coach	\$3,000.00
Lucas Bricker, Assistant	\$2,600.00

**FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

Tony Barone \$2,600.00

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Kelly Lombel, Head Coach \$3,000.00

**GOLF**

Michael Anthony, Head Coach \$2,600.00

**GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

Maria Sherakas, Head Coach \$4,361.00

Kendra Boris, Assistant \$2,000.00

**BOYS' SOCCER**

Zachary Reichert, Head Coach \$3,800.00

David Sherry, Assistant \$2,200.00

**GIRLS' SOCCER**

Robert Stock, Head Coach \$5,300.00

Robert Evans, Assistant \$2,200.00

**GIRLS' TENNIS**

Adrian Portland, Head Coach \$2,600.00

**CHEERLEADER ADVISORS**

Melissa Recla, Head Varsity \$2,850.00

Jody Rutherford, Assistant \$2,000.00

2. It is recommended that the Board appoint the following volunteer coaches for the 2021-2022 school year contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances and required mandated trainings:

**FOOTBALL**

Scott Grochowski

Tyler Heffner

Anthony Kelly

**GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

Mike Puzauskie

Mary Kate Painter

**BOYS' SOCCER**

Ian Adams

Ntotila Ramble

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**GIRLS' SOCCER**

Eric Lord

Brian Spotts

**JR. HIGH HEAD CROSS COUNTRY**

Jennifer Brindle

**CHEERLEADING**

Crystal Reedy

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Athletic Event Game Workers for the 2021-2022 season:

Charles Bauers	Lillian Hobbs	Kimberly Rismiller
Donna Bentz	Cara Holman	Brad Ross
Cody Blankenhorn	Lisa Holobetz	Amy Ryan
John Boris	Jack Ingalzo	N. Schaeffer-Muldowney
Jeffrey Bowers	Corey Keener	Charles Schuster
Lucas Bricker	Gary Keener	Lori Schuster
Jennifer Brindle	Cara Kelly	Caroline Schuster
Corey Calabrese	Michael Kiehner	Christian Selinko
Rose Doorly	Scott Krater	Maria Sherakas
Diane Dunkel	Ricky Krause	Daniel Slotterback
Jeff Dunkel	Mark Laubenstine	Brian Spotts
Jed Dunkel	Julia Leiby	David Sterner
Robert Dusel	Kelly Lombel	Charles Taronis
Nick Eckley	Christopher Lombel	Phil Tenaglia
Lisa Eckley	James Lord	Jason Thomas
Stephen Ennis	Peter McDonald	John M. Toomey
Sophia Felker	Kelly Messina	John W. Toomey
Samantha Gardner	Colleen Miller	Robert Umbenhauer
Tracy Gaverick	Tyler Moyer	Marlin Vandermeer
Danita Griegel	David Mullaney	Mark VanStone
Susan Griffin	Benjamin O'Brien	Carolyn Wasilewski
Cathy Guzick	Jamie O'Brien	Lisa Welsh
Edward Hampford	Amy Oestreich	Joseph Welsh
James Harris	Crystal Pugh	Michael Welsh
Bruce Heffner	Lisa Revenis	Joann Weres
Tyler Heffner	William Rhoads	Jacob Witalec
Sharon Hoak	Charles Rinaldo	Robert Workman
Gilbert Hoak	Morgan Rismiller	Raymond Yost

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Game Worker Stipends for the 2021-2022 season.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Digital ticketing and Event Management Software Service Agreement ("HomeTown") between the Pottsville Area School District and "HomeTown", effective August 12, 2021. HomeTown will provide a platform to allow Clients to make online ticket sales to the Pottsville Area School District.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement between the Pottsville Zone and the Pottsville Area School District to provide food and drink for sale at all six (6) home varsity football contests and any additional football events including playoff games at the Pottsville Area School District. The Pottsville Zone shall share 10% of their profit with PASD from each of the six (6) home football contests. The Agreement is in effect for the 2021 fall football season.

**Motion to appoint/approve as recommended.**

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 reject all proposals received for Diesel Fuel and Gasoline. Proposal Opening date was Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 11:00AM.

**Motion to reject as recommended.**

2. Informational Item – Three quotes were received for felling, removal and stump grinding of six (6) dead Pine Trees located by the High School Cafeteria entrance at 1600 Elk Avenue. Top soil and seeding will be done upon completion. Blue Crue Tree Trimming and Removal, Panther Valley Road, Pottsville, PA will complete this project at a cost of \$3,700. Date of Service: Before August 15, 2021.

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 a Letter of Agreement between Safety Net Counseling, Inc. and Pottsville School District, effective July 1, 2021. Safety Net Counseling, Inc. provides services to children with emotional difficulties.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the speaking agreement with John Perricone for August 18, 2021. The cost of the agreement will be paid for through the use of Title II funds.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the service agreement between Chester County Intermediate Unit and Pottsville Area School District for Data Analysis, Using data to inform instructional practices, Math practices to support learning loss and Teaching math in a block schedule. Dates TBD in August, September and second, third and fourth marking periods. Cost for services: \$2,800.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement between Justice Works YouthCare and the Pottsville Area School District to provide services related to the provision of Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth. Term of Agreement: August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Preventive Maintenance Agreement between SPITZ, INC. and Pottsville Area School District for the High School ModelA3P planetarium instrument at a cost of \$6,504 for one maintenance call. Term of Agreement: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Service Agreement between Catapult Health, LLC and Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to July 26, 2021. The Services include: Online scheduling tool for making checkup appointments; and Onsite preventive health checkups for participants.

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the Letter of Agreement for the Provision of Student Assistance Program Service between Child and Family Services Inc. and Pottsville Area School District effective August 1 2021. The SAP Program is designed to assist school personnel to identify issues, including alcohol, drugs, mental health and other behaviors and factors that pose a barrier to students learning and school success.

**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 Ms. Florence Berger for the Cafeteria/Custodial/Receiver position at Pottsville Area High School at an annual salary of \$19,000, retroactive to August 1, 2021.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Renee Weismiller as a full-time cook at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an annual salary of \$16,000, effective August 23, 2021.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Colleen Coulson as a part-time cafeteria worker at the DHH Lengel Middle School at an hourly rate of \$11.25, effective August 23, 2021.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Chris Nabholz as the DHH Lengel Middle School Secretary at a salary of \$28,262, effective August 16, 2021. Mr. Nabholz was previously the In-School Suspension Monitor for the DHH Lengel Middle School.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Julie Saunders as PAHS Graduation Coach for the 2021-2022 school year with no change in salary. Mrs. Saunders was previously a Special Education teacher at the DHH Lengel Middle School.
6. It is recommended that the resignation be accepted from the following professional employee in accordance with her letter submitted July 13, 2021  
Corrine Houtz - DHHL Music Teacher
7. It is recommended that the resignation be accepted from the following professional employee in accordance with her letter submitted July 13, 2021  
Erin Newcomer - DHHL Special Education Teacher
8. It is recommended that the resignation be accepted from the following Occupational Therapist in accordance with her letter submitted August 2, 2021.  
Jessica Jansson - Occupational Therapist
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as the DHH Lengel Middle School Physical Education/Health Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year: Ms. Amy Oestreich - Step 6 - Master's - \$53,382 contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as the DHH Lengel Middle School Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year: Dr. Michael Fries - Step 1 - Doctorate - \$55,312 contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as the DHH Lengel Middle Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year: Mrs. Kimberly O'Brien – Step 5 – Bachelor's+15 - \$49,600, pending release from her current employer and contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as a Special Education Teacher at the DHH Lengel Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year: Mrs. Laura Liszcz-Tranovich – Step 1 – Master's - \$49,600, pending completed paperwork.
13. It is further recommended that the Board approve Ms. Julie Saunders as the mentor for Mrs. Laura Liszcz-Tranovich.
14. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as the John S. Clarke Elementary STEM Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year: Mr. Riyuichi Narita – Step 5 – Bachelor's - \$43,000, pending release from his current employer and contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.
15. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center for the 2021-2022 School Year: Mrs. Rebecca Oakill – Step 2 – Master's - \$50,100, pending completed paperwork and release from her current employer.
16. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as the John S. Clarke Elementary School Counselor for the 2021-2022 School Year: Ms. Aubrey Manmiller – Step 1 – Master's - \$49,600 contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.
17. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Charles Toback as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.70, effective August 12, 2021 contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.
18. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Susan Davidson, lunch aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective July 20, 2021.
19. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from David Hess, Paraprofessional at the High School, effective August 3, 2021.
20. It is recommended that the Board rescind the July 14, 2021 motion of Mr. Corey Keener, DHH Lengel Middle School Physical Education/Health Teacher hired for the 2021-2022 school year.
21. It is recommended that the Board approve the following list of DHH Lengel Middle School ACHIEVE teachers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Lindsay Boncore	Greg Schuettler
Cara Holman	Ashley Shappell
Lisa Holobetz	Carolyn Wasilewski
Jonathan Hughes	Joann Weres
Julie Lieby	Anya Wood
Stephanie Maroukis	Patricia Zimmerman
Katelynn Miller	Alicia Fehr (Coordinator)
22. It is recommended that the Board approve the following list of John S. Clarke Elementary Center ACHIEVE teachers for the 2021-2022 school year:

Michelle Boran	Tara Hess
Molly Boran (Coordinator)	Emily Kleeman
Elizabeth Grow	Elaina Prestileo
Kaycee Hess	Erin Tranquillo

### **Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

Congratulations to the following student-athletes for being selected to the Republican Herald All-Area teams:

Payton Kleckner – Co-Athlete of the Year for Track and Field  
Bobby Walchak – Track and Field 1st team  
John Holobetz – Baseball 1st team  
Jersey-Lynn Cook – Softball 2nd team  
Victoria Fuss – Softball 2nd team  
Taylor Welsh – Softball Honorable Mention

The Pottsville Relay For Life held at Pottsville Area High School on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> was a fabulous success in raising \$32,785.41. Thank you to all who walked and/or donated to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life to fund research, patient support, prevention and education.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **School Picture Days**

PAHS - Wednesday, September 1, 2021  
DHHL – Friday, September 3, 2021  
JSC - Monday, August 30, 2021

#### **Freshman and New Student Orientation**

Thursday, August 12, 2021 – Last names beginning A-L at 6:00 pm in the High School  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 – Last names beginning with M-Z at 6:00 pm in the High School

**The practice bus run and orientation for kindergarten children** will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

**The opening of school for all students** is Wednesday, August 25, 2021

**Senior Cap and Gown Measuring** – Thursday, August, 26, 2021

#### **Back to School Nights**

PAHS - Thursday, September 9, 2021 - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
DHHL - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
JSC - Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

Curriculum – Dr. Michael Cardamone

Policy and Procedure – Dr. Christina DiCello

**ACTION Food Services – Dr. Michael Cardamone**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following 2021-2022 suppliers for the Pottsville Area School District Cafeterias:
  - Bedway – fresh fruit and vegetables
  - Varano – meat and cheese
  - Guers Dairy - milk supplier, 100% orange juice, iced tea, 20% orange drink, lemonade, and spring water.
  - Moribito Baking Co. – supplier for bread and baked goods with the option to purchase certain specialty rolls from an alternate vendor should these products not meet our standards.
  - Hershey’s Ice Cream – ice cream products

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

**11. New Business**

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

**16th Street Sports Complex**

**1- Softball Field**

3Sixty Fitness LLC

Softball Camp

8/28/2021 and 8/29/2021 11:50am-3:00pm

**MS/HS**

**1-Martz Hall Gym, Boys’ Gym, Girls’ Gym, Martz Hall, Concession Stand**

Keystone Select Prospect Basketball Camp

7/20/2021 10:00AM-8:00PM

8/12/2021 9:00AM-6:00PM

**HS**

**1-HS Little Theater**

Pottsville Boosters Football Meeting

7:00PM on the following dates:  
8/17, 8/24, 9/14, 10/12, 11/2, 2021

**MS**

**1-Martz Hall Upper Parking Lot**

Yorkville Hose Company  
Staging of Fire Apparatus for Block Party  
8/10/2021 6:00PM-7:00PM  
8/11/2021 6:00PM-7:00PM (Rain Date)

**2-Middle School Pool**

Greg Schuettler  
Age Group Swim Meet  
7/28/2021 4:30PM-7:30PM

**3-MS Cafeteria, Gym, Rm 202 Art Rm**

Schuylkill Achieve After School Program  
3:00PM-6:00PM Monday-Thursday  
September 13, 2021 - May 26, 2022

**4-JSC Cafeteria, Gym, Rm 618, Music Rm**

Schuylkill Achieve After School Program  
7:50AM-8:35AM; 3:45PM-6:00PM  
September 13, 2021 - May 26, 2022

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Pottsville Area School District's DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria or Auditorium as an emergency facility for Laurel, LLC, formally known as Lacie's Little Ones, in case of an unforeseen emergency event.
3. The Pandemic Planning Team will meet on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8:00 AM via Zoom.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

12. Announcement of Executive Session
13. Adjournment - **Motion to adjourn as recommended.**