



**Wednesday, September 8, 2021
BOARD MEETING**

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DHH LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject **1.1 Opening and Pledge of Allegiance**

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Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

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.

Subject **1.2 Public Comment**

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Type Procedural

Are there any public comments at this time?

2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject **2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

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Category 2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access Public
Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve minutes as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve as recommended.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Subject 3.1 Mrs. Stacy Stair - Approval of Financial Reports

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Category 3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve Financial Reports as recommended

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

Motion to approve Finance Reports as recommended.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. DONATIONS

Subject 5.1 Donation from Crimson Tide Foundation

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Category 5. DONATIONS

Access Public

Type Information

The Crimson Tide Foundation donated \$625.00 for student incentives at the Rite Aid Vaccine Clinic held at Martz Hall. Thank you to the Crimson Tide Foundation for their generous donation.

6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - KEVIN REID , ATTORNEY AT LAW

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject 7.1 Pre-approval of Credits

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Category 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

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

Alicia Fehr - 3 Credits
 Neil Johnson - 6 Credits
 Paula Jones - 3 Credits
 Kelly Lombel - 6 Credits
 Ashley Shappell - 3 Credits
 Anya Wood - 3 Credits

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 7.2 credit reimbursement

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Category 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is further recommended that the following professional employee(s) be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Michael Anthony - \$3,096.00
 Cody Blankenhorn - \$3,096.00
 Kimberly Edling - \$300.00
 Alicia Fehr - \$1,566.00
 Katrina Greenawalt - \$1,548.00
 Cara Kelly - \$1,548.00
 Jeremiah Lynn - \$3,096.00
 Peter McDonald - \$300.00
 Crystal Pugh - \$300.00
 Kara Ryan - \$300.00
 Gregory Schuettler - \$1,548.00
 Ashley Shappell - \$1,548.00
 Donna Skosnick - \$ 909.00
 Anya Wood - \$1,566.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 7.3 Salary Adjustment

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Category 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the following salary adjustment(s) be approved and made retroactive to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year:

Michael Anthony - Master's
 Christopher Kovaleski - Bachelor's +15
 Peter McDonald - Master's +15
 Donna Skosnick - Master's+15

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 7.4 New Jr. Board Members

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Category 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to appoint New Jr. Board Members as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board appoint the following students as Jr. Board Members of the Pottsville Area School District: Angelina Madonna and Zowie Zokuskie. The new members are Juniors at Pottsville Area High School.

Motion to appoint as recommended.

8. INFORMATION

Subject 8.1 C-Tide Foundation

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Category 8. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.2 Federal Programs

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Category 8. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject 9.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting Sep 8, 2021 - BOARD MEETING
 Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Gregory Schuettler as the Aquatics Director for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual stipend of \$4,400.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 9.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban

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 Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

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 approve Change Order # 1 (Alternate 3) for the Metal Panel Roofing and Wall Elastomeric Coating Project at Martz Hall. C & D Waterproofing (the Low Bidder) will furnish and install Poly-1 Reinforcement Fabric with **brush applied** AF-315 Fibrated Sealer at all "knuckle" transitions. (Application method will be decided once the onsite mock-ups are performed). Cost of change order - \$20,000.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Edwin L Heim Company to upgrade Systems Software from Enterprise Buildings Integrator R410 to R600 and migration to a new server, which is provided by Pottsville Area School District. Cost for upgrade: \$21,063. Upgrade will be paid out of ESSER II Federal Funds.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 9.3 Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

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Subject 9.4 Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

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Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

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 Mrs. Stacy Stair, Business Manager, as an authorized representative to make requests upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve a Repository Sale for Parcel No: 68-07-0099.000 located at 456 Nicholas Street. Pottsville, PA. Purchase Price - \$1,077.00.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution that authorizes Dr. Sarah Yoder, Superintendent, to sign any and all electronic contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract for professional services between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Pediatric Physical Therapy LLC - Lynn M. Babbitt, MSPT for Physical Therapy Services. Hourly rate is \$62.00 and will be increased to \$65.00/hour, effective December 31, 2021. Term of Contract: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Non-Member School District/Charter School and the Pottsville Area School District for Special Education Services, retroactive to September 1, 2021.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve a 36 month renewal with Direct Energy, the District's gas supplier, at a rate of 3.5480 with a 10% increase or decrease for a potential savings of \$40,590, effective January 1, 2022.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve HealthEquity for the Pottsville Area School District's HSA (Health Reimbursement Arrangements) and FSA (Flexible Spending Accounts). HealthEquity replaces Benefit Wallet (HSA) and CBIZ (FSA), the District's current providers due to changes in services with Capital Blue Cross.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 9.5 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

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Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve/accept as recommended.

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 from Dawn Leigh, Transportation Aide at the Pottsville Area School District, effective August 11, 2021.
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Kalyn Hinkle, paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective August 10, 2021.
3. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Taylor Mercuri, substitute paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2021.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the contracted \$.50/hour increase for Colleen Coulson above her 2021-2022 hourly rate. Ms. Coulson was hired as a part-time cafeteria worker at the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the adjustment of the annual salary for Renee Weismiller from \$16,000 to \$23,034.38. Ms. Weismiller was hired as a full-time cook at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center at the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting. Ms. Weismiller has been employed by the District for ten (10) years as a part-time employee with a current rate of \$16.25.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Nicole Lukach as a part-time cafeteria worker at the DHH Lengel Middle School at an hourly rate of \$11.25, retroactive to August 23, 2021.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Erica Berger as a Transportation Aide at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective September 9, 2021 contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following ACHIEVE teachers at the John S. Clarke Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year: Debbie Lecker and Heather Martin.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Joseph Martin for the 2021-2022 school year as a 6th Grade Science Teacher at the DHH Lengel Middle School - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$41,000 effective August 13, 2021.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve Patricia Zimmerman as a mentor for Mr. Joseph Martin.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Jennifer Brant to serve as the DHH Lengel Certified Counselor - Master's degree - \$43,750. Term of contract: the first day of In-service through the last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year, effective August 13, 2021, pending release from her current employer and contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.
12. It is recommended that Leandra Maley be elected as an Assistant Director of Dramatics (Choreographer) for the 2021-2022 school year at the stipend of \$700.00 in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA.
13. It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Ms. Kaitlyn Leffler to serve as the DHH Lengel Middle School ISS Monitor at an annual salary of \$20,000. Term of contract: August 18, 2021 through the last day of the 2021-2022 school year.
14. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pottsville Area School District Education Association and the Pottsville Area School District to recognize years of seniority for Kimberly O'Brien, effective September 8, 2021 pending solicitor's review.

15. It is recommended that the Board approve the advertisement for the position of Benefits Specialist/Bookkeeper. Salary will commensurate with education and experience.

16. It is recommended that the Board approve an FMLA for Employee # 440, effective August 24, 2021.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve an increase to the substitute nurse pay to \$125 per day.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 9.6 Promotion,Public Relations & Social Media - Ms. Linda Wytovich

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1. Congratulations to the following band officers for being elected for the 2021-2022 school year:

President, Tanya Johnson
Vice President, Vanessa Biddle
Secretary, Elena Martinko
Treasurer, Evan Vidal
Librarian, Crystal Mease
Equipment Managers, Yseult Barbedette and Sydney Gerhard

Drum Majors, Logan Miscannon and Madelyn Strauss

Flag Captains, Kaylee Becker, Emilee Rose and Alyssa Sheriff
Cheerleader Captains, Caitlyn Corby, Gracy Murphy and Jadya Wagner
Majorette Captains, Vanessa Biddle and Caroline Gist

2. Coach Kevin Keating was honored as Pottsville's winningest football coach on August 21st. We are grateful to the Crimson Tide Football Club and Barefield for the celebration that brought players from many decades together to reminisce. Coach Keating was also recognized at the September 3, 2021 Football Game against Wyomissing at Veteran's Memorial Stadium.

Subject 9.7 Upcoming Events - Ms. Linda Wytovich

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Type Information

Back to School Nights

September 15, 2021 JSC
September 7, 2021 DHHL
September 9, 2021 PAHS

October 2, 2021 SAT's at PAHS
 October 7, 2021 Regional College Fair at Martz Hall for High School Junior and Seniors
 October 11, 2021 Teachers' In-Service Day
 October 13, 2021 PSAT testing for Juniors at PAHS
 October 25, 2021 Picture Re-Takes - All Schools

Subject 9.8 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

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Type Action

Subject 9.9 Curriculum – Dr. Michael Cardamone

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Type Action

Subject 9.10 Policy and Procedure – Dr. Christina DiCello

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Type Action

Subject 9.11 Food Services - Dr. Michael Cardamone

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Type

Subject 9.12 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

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Access Public

Type

10. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 10.1 Legislation – Mr. Patrick Moran

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 10.2 IU 29 Representative – Dr. Michael Cardamone

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 10.3 St. Clair Committee – Dr. Michael Cardamone

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 10.4 PSBA Representative – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

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Access Public

Type Action, Reports

Recommended Action It is recommended that the Board vote for the following PSBA Members who are seeking election.

It is recommended that the Board vote for the following PSBA Members seeking election:

1. President -Elect (term ends December 31, 2022) **(Vote for One)**. This is a one-year term.

- Sabrina Backer - Franklin Area School District
- David Schaap - Brentwood Borough School District

2. Vice President (term ends December 31, 2022) This is a one-year term. **(Vote for One)**

- Allison Mathis - North Hills School District

3. East Zone Representative (term ends December 31, 2024) This is a three-year term. **(Vote for One)**.

- Edward Brown - Upper Darby School District
4. Trustee (Term ends December 31, 2024) This is a three-year term. (**Vote for three**).
- Richard Frerichs - PSBA Past President
 - William LaCoff - PSBA Past President
 - Nathan Mains - PSBA CEO
5. Forum Steering committee (2 year term ends December 31, 2023) This is a two-year term (**Vote for three**)
- Jennifer Davidson - Manheim Township School District
 - Deana Lancenese - Palisades School District
 - Bethanne Ziegler - Shikellamy School District
 - Jaime Lynn Zimerofsky - Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29

The Board Secretary will register votes on behalf of the school entity.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Subject	11.1 Use of Facilities
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Category	11. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

HS

1-HS Little Theater

Crimson Aide Meeting
7:00PM-8:00PM on the following dates:
9/13, 10/1, 12/6/2021 and 3/28/2022

2-HIGH SCHOOL MAIN ENTRANCE/LOBBY

Pottsville Cheer Booster
Cheer Camp Sign-Ups
9/8/2021 5:45PM-8:15PM

3-High School Cafeteria

Cross Country Fundraiser Distribution
September 30, 2021 3:00PM-5:00PM

4-High School Cafeteria

Cross Country End of Season Pizza Party
October 14, 2021 5:30PM-7:00P_____

MS

1-Middle School Cafeteria

Band Banquet
2/01/2022 1:00PM-8:00PM

2- Middle School Cafeteria, Halls, Display Areas, Lobby, Library

District Art Show
May 13, 2022 6:00PM-9:00PM

3-Middle School Cafeteria

D.H.H.L. PTO Meeting
9/16/2021 6:00PM
10/7/2021 6:30PM

4-Middle School Auditorium

Beginning Band Meeting
September 14, 2021 5:00PM-8:00Pm

5-Middle School Auditorium

The Brain Show Title 1 and PBIS
September 30, 2021 8:00AM-8:00PM

JSC**1-JSC Cafeteria**

JSC PTO Meeting
9/14/2021 6:00PM-7:00PM

All events must follow the Department of Health Mask Mandates.
Face Coverings must be worn in all buildings.

Motion to approve as recommended.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	12.1 Executive Session
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Category	12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

13. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	13.1 Adjourn
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Category	13. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn