



**Wednesday, November 10, 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. HONOR OUTGOING MEMBERS

Subject **2.1 Mr. Noble Quandel, Dr. Christina DiCello, Mr. Patrick Moran**

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 Category 2. HONOR OUTGOING MEMBERS
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 Type Information

Thank you to Mr. Quandel, Dr. DiCello and Mr. Moran for their dedication and commitment to the students of the Pottsville Area School District.

Mr. Quandel served four (4) years as a member, Dr. DiCello and Mr. Moran each served eight (8) years as members.

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject 3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Nov 10, 2021 - BOARD MEETING
 Category 3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve minutes as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the October 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve as recommended.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Subject 4.1 Mrs. Stacy Stair - Approve Financial Reports

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 Category 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of October 31, 2021 - \$13,400,235.70; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of October 31, 2021 - \$271,912.00**
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.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. DONATIONS

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

Subject 7.1 Discipline Waiver

Meeting Nov 10, 2021 - BOARD MEETING
 Category 7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - KEVIN REID , ATTORNEY AT LAW
 Access Public
 Type Action
 Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Discipline Waiver #29-2587, effective November 10, 2021.

Motion to approve as recommended.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject 8.1 Pre-approval of Credits
 Meeting Nov 10, 2021 - BOARD MEETING
 Category 8. 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:

Cody Blankenhorn - 3 Credits
 Jeremiah Lynn - 3 Credits

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.2 credit reimbursement
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 Category 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
 Access Public
 Type Action
 Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is 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:

Lisa Holobetz - \$300.00
 Allison Hughes - \$1,566.00
 Neil Johnson - \$1,566.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **8.3 Jury Duty**

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Category 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the following professional employee be excused from her employment duties to serve as a juror in the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA:

Lillian Hobbs - beginning, Friday, January 14, 2022

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **8.4 Tenure**

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Category 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type

Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching, it is recommended that the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification.

Cody Blankenhorn
 Amy Schneider
 Michael Anthony
 Amanda Purcell
 Lucas Bricker

Motion to approve as recommended.**9. INFORMATION**

Subject **9.1 C-Tide Foundation**

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Category 9. INFORMATION

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 Type Information

Subject 9.2 Federal Programs

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Category 9. INFORMATION

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Type Information

The ESSER Fund (ARP ESSER) 7% Set Asides Consolidated Application will be submitted before November 29, 2021. The amounts are listed below.

- ARP ESSER After School Set Aside = \$61,284
- ARP ESSER Summer School Set Aside = \$61,284
- ARP ESSER Learning Loss Set Aside = \$306,421

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject 10.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields

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Access Public

Type Information

Informational Item:

For the 2021-2022 Basketball Season, The Boys Basketball Boosters and Girls Basketball Boosters will be running the concession stand in Martz Hall for their respective Varsity/JV games and will also run concessions for all playoff contests at Martz Hall.

Subject 10.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban

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Type Information

Martz Hall Roof Update

The anticipated completion of the Martz Hall roof is the Spring of 2022. The RACP grant is paying for this facility upgrade as well as the upcoming work on the stairs from the Martz Hall parking lot to 16th St. The stairs are currently in the planning stages, and we will provide an update when this project is to go out for bid.

Subject 10.3 Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

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Access Public

Type Action

Subject 10.4 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 the tax collectors audit for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the following:

- City of Pottsville
- Palo Alto Borough
- Mechanicsville Borough
- Mount Carbon Borough
- Port Carbon Borough
- Norwegian Township

The audit was conducted by Jones & Co., Pottsville, PA and included Real Estate, Per Capita and Occupation Taxes.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Repository Sale for Parcel No.: 68-26-0296.000 located at 224 North Tenth Street, Pottsville at a Purchase Price of \$880.00.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Coordination Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Service Access & Management, Inc. (SAM,Inc.) for blended case management services retroactive to October 6, 2021.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2021-2022 Letter of Agreement for the Title I services to the non-public schools between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill IU 29 retroactive to September 13, 2021. Agreement will terminate on June 3, 2022.

5. It is recommended that the Pottsville Area School District make payments directly to the Cyber and Brick and Mortar Charter schools, including Gillingham Charter School, effective January 1, 2022.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Martz Hall Roof Coating Interim Inspections Proposal with Mark J. Sobek Roof Consulting, Inc. Estimated Inspection Cost per visit - \$495.00. Total Estimated Inspection Cost for 10 inspections - \$4,950.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.5 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

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 approve the following lifeguards at an hourly rate of \$9.00/\$10.00, effective November 11, 2021 contingent upon completion of satisfactory paperwork:
 - Julia Balulis
 - Elena Martinko
 - Carly Mohl
 - Sophia Rulavage

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Lynn Holden as a High School Secretary at an annual salary of \$20,000 per the Pottsville Area Educational Support Personnel Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective November 15, 2021 and contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Mindy Zimerofsky as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at an annual salary of \$50,000, effective December 13, 2021 contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and pending release from her current employer.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Francine Davis as a Breakfast/Lunch aide at an hourly rate of \$9.10 and a substitute cafeteria worker (hourly rate of \$11.25), retroactive to November 1, 2021.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Non-Family Medical Leave for employee # 471, effective November 9, 2021.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Non-Family Medical Leave for employee #418, effective November 12, 2021.

7. It is recommended that the Board approve Family Medical Leave for employee #454, effective November 1, 2021.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339; 439; 539:
 - Employee #1228 - lunch aide - October 20 2021
 - Employee #1231 - lunch aide - October 22, 2021
 - Employee #1349 - lunch aide - October 15, 18, 19, 2021
 - Employee #1483 - lunch aide - October 5,8,14, 2021
 - Employee #1519 - lunch aide - October 5, 28, 2021
 - Employee # 1160 - paraprofessional - October 4,7,11,12,13,14,15, 2021

- Employee #1346 - lunch aide - October 12,13,14,15,18,19, 2021
- Employee # 828 - lunch aide - October 28, 2021
- Employee #1346 - lunch aide - November 24, 2021

9. It is recommended that the resignation of Mary McGinley as Kindergarten Lead Teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year be accepted.

10. It is further recommended that Natasha Bubnis be appointed as John S. Clarke Elementary Center Kindergarten Lead Teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year at a pro-rated stipend of \$2,200.00 in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA.

11. It is recommended that the Board approve Miranda Angelo to serve a practicum with our HS Guidance department during the spring of 2022 for 100 hours. Miranda is a graduate of Minersville Area Jr/Sr. High School and Kutztown University.

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Nathaniel Libby as the JSC Music Teacher - Step 1 - Master's - \$49,600, prorated with start date contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to plan and /or teach with the afterschool tutoring program, at an hourly rate of \$32.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. The afterschool tutoring program will be funded through the ESSER II Grant.

Tayah Moore
Amy Rubinkam
Jillian Strohecker
Caroline Wasilewski

14. 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 January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 at a stipend of \$10,000 paid in six equal installments.

15. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Sherry Simons, paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective November 8, 2021.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.6 Promotion,Public Relations & Social Media - Ms. Linda Wytovich
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1. D.H.H. Lengel PTO hosted a Spooktacular Halloween Dance for our students on October 23rd. It was one of the most attended dances with approximately 240 Lengel ghouls and goblins dressed in their best costumes (and masks)! PTO members along with Mrs. Mohl, Ms. Brennan, Mr. Schuettler and Ms. Schappell chaperoned the event and were pleased by the outstanding behavior and Tide PRIDE demonstrated by those in attendance.

2. Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 25th - 29th) - SADD planned several activities to gather support for positive, anti-drug activities. Included were dress down/up days: Monday/Comfortable Clothes Day,

"Be comfortable with who you are", Tuesday/Crazy Clothes Day, "Everyone is different and unique", Wednesday/Neon Day, "Shine bright like your future", Thursday/Decade Throwback Day, "Become the best version of yourself - out with the old.... in with the new", Friday/TIDE pride/Red Day, "Remember where you came from". Red Ribbon Week concluded with staff and students dressing in their favorite "red" Tide apparel. Mrs. Hummel gave small prize gifts for "best" outfits. SADD also sent positive messages each morning to encourage students to be drug free.

3. The induction of our National Honor Society members was held in the auditorium on Wednesday, November 3rd. The speaker, chosen by the members, was Mrs. Katie Konschusky. The top 5% of juniors (11 students) and the top 10% of seniors (25 students) were represented. All juniors and seniors were invited to the assembly in addition to inductees' families.

4. Congratulations to Yseult Barbedette and Julia Balulis, our November Rotary Students of the Month. They were honored at a luncheon on November 3rd, at Vito's Coal Fired Pizza, accompanied by Mrs. Hummel.

5. Congratulations to Zowie Zokuskie, our PAHS Artist of the Month for November.

6. Congratulations to Mrs. Courtney Reichert's Kindergarten Class! They were our first Golden Spatula Winner. The students are working very hard in the cafeteria to earn the coveted spatula to display outside their classroom for the week.

Subject **10.7 Upcoming Events - Ms. Linda Wytovich**

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Type Information

8th Grade Career Day - 11/22/2021
 DHHL PBIS Reward Day - 11/24/2021
 Early Dismissal Thanksgiving - 11/24/2021
 Thanksgiving Recess - 11/25 to 11/29/2021

Subject **10.8 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban**

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Access Public

Type Action

Subject **10.9 Curriculum – Dr. Michael Cardamone**

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Type Information

The Pottsville Area School District Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee met at 6:00 PM on October 20, 2021 to discuss and provide input regarding the Pottsville Area School District 2020-2023 Comprehensive Plan. The Pottsville Area School District 2020-2023 Comprehensive Plan will be posted on our website for public review until placing the plan on the School Board agenda for approval at the December meeting.

Subject 10.10 Policy and Procedure – Dr. Christina DiCello

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board approve the following policies:

- Policy 100 - Comprehensive Planning
- Policy 102 - Academic Standards
- Policy 105 - Curriculum
- Policy 105.1 - Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students
- Policy 105.2 - Exemption from Instruction
- Policy 106 - Guides for Planned Instruction
- Policy 107 - Adoption of Planned Instruction
- Policy 108 - Adoption of Textbooks
- Policy 109 - Resource Materials
- Policy 109.1 delete
- Policy 110 - Instructional Supplies
- Policy 112 - Guidance Counseling
- Policy 113 - Special Education
- Policy 114 - Gifted Education
- Policy 115 - Career and Technical Education

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.11 Food Services - Dr. Michael Cardamone

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Type

Subject 10.12 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

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Type

11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 11.1 Legislation – Mr. Patrick Moran

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.2 IU 29 Representative – Dr. Michael Cardamone

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.3 St. Clair Committee – Dr. Michael Cardamone

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.4 PSBA Representative – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

The PSBA will be providing training to the Board after its January 2022 meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 12.1 Use of Facilities

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Category 12. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

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

HS

1-Girls Gym

EMT Training and Testing
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
2/6/2022 - 5/26/2022

2-HS Cafeteria

AID New Member Tea
11/7/2021 12:00pm-3:00pm

MS

1- Cafeteria

Elementary Wrestling Sign-Ups
11/8/2021 6:00pm-7:00pm

2- Cafeteria and Auditorium

Football Banquet
12/5/2021 1:00pm-?

3-Cafeteria

PTO Meeting 11/15/2021 6:30pm-8:00pm
PTO Dance 12/17/2021 5:00pm-9:00pm

4-Pool

Open Swim
Tuesdays & Thursdays 12/1/2021 - 5/31/2022
6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays 12/1/2021 - 5/31/2022
1:00pm-3:00pm

5- Pool

Age Group Swimming
M-W-F 12/1/2021-4/2/2021 6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturdays 12/1/2021-4/2/2021 7:00am-12:00pm

All events must follow the Department of Health Mask Mandates.

Face Coverings must be worn in all buildings.

Pandemic Planning Team will meet in December to discuss anticipated
lifting of mask order in January.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 12.2 Learning on Laurel, LLC - Use DHH Lengel Middle School in case of Emergency
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Category 12. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type

1. It is recommended that the Board grant permission to Learning on Laurel (formerly Lacie's Little Ones) located on 15th and West Laurel Boulevard for use of DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria or Auditorium in the event of an unforeseen emergency.

Motion to approve as recommended.

13. REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE

Subject 13.1 Reorganization Meeting - December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Nov 10, 2021 - BOARD MEETING

Category 13. REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE

Access Public

Type Information

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board should be held during the beginning of December for the purpose of accepting the Certificates of Election for

the School Directors who were elected in November 2021; and for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year;

and for general purposes.

Reorganization Meeting Date - Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject 14.1 Executive Session

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Category 14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Access Public

Type Information

15. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 15.1 Adjourn

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Category 15. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to adjourn