

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Board Meeting  
November 10, 2021  
DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium  
7:00 PM

Present: Dr. Blankenhorn, Dr. Cardamone,  
Mrs. Dewitt (via Zoom); Dr. DiCello,  
Mr. Moran, Mr. Quandel, Mr. Shields  
(via Zoom); Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich (via  
Zoom); Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair,  
Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel, Asst.  
Business Manager/Board Secretary;  
Atty. Reid, Solicitor; Angela Madonna,  
Zowie Zokuskie, Jr. Board Members

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM 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.**

Public Comment from **Mrs. Judith DiObilda**, former librarian and furloughed staff member:

"Hello, my name is Judith DiObilda

I had been the librarian at JSC for the past 14 years before the library program was disbanded.

Of the many employees furloughed in the Pottsville Area School District in June 2019, I am the only person who has not been recalled since our library program was disbanded.

During my last school board visit I spoke briefly about the quality of the PASD Library program and why the students must have access to all that school libraries offer with certified school librarians.

Now I would like to talk about the cost of running the JSC elementary library. I cannot speak to the MS and HS library because we all have separate budgets.

Context:

In addition to receiving lessons in the JSC library, approximately 40,000 books were checked in and out per year. With that many books in circulation you can imagine the amount of wear and tear, repair and replacement that occurs.

During the second half of my tenure, I was the sole employee in our library. Our library was assigned a school wide floating aide to resshelf books; running a library is much more than reshelving books.

My salary was approximately \$58,000 plus benefits when I was furloughed after 14 years. The JSC library has a line item in the PASD school district budget of just under \$2,000...\$2000!

After buying the consumables like book tape, labels and yearly upkeep on the circulation system, etc., there was very little left to buy library books which cost on average \$17.11 per title.

In order to provide the students with the relevant age-appropriate high-quality collection they deserved, I set out to increase the revenues from the annual Scholastic Book Fair which offers a cash incentive on sales generated. Dr. Zwiebel was informed that JSC held the most successful books fairs in eastern PA. This cash infusion paid for the outstanding collection now available to our students. Over 14 years I, along with volunteers and all who supported the book fair, raised approximately \$43,000 to supplement our meager budget.

In addition, I also shopped at various discount book outlets to purchase books. Of course, no library is complete without research databases. The Scholastic Book Fair money also paid for databases heavily used by JSC teachers in their curriculums.

I am aware of the distribution of the ESSR funds to the PASD and the new positions that have been created to the benefit of our students.

According to the PDE website and the NCSL National Conference of State Legislatures one of the conditions of these funding allocations is to "Provide direct resources and technical assistance to close learning and nonacademic gaps stemming from extended school closures."

A school library is paramount to achieving that goal.

To recap:

My salary was \$58,000 when I was furloughed after 14 years.

The budget allotted for the JSC library is \$2,000. I provided 75% of the monies needed to run a quality program.

I share a school wide aide who reshelfs books; this aide's salary is already part of the overall PASD budget and not the budget of the JSC library.

At this point I do not need benefits.

The cost to this district annually for the JSC library is approximately \$60,000 or...\$2.00 per student per visit.

Are our elementary students worth it?

Thank you".

Public Comment from **Mrs. Lillian Hobbs**, teacher, parent, alumnus and taxpayer: Mrs. Hobbs, who works at the reading center at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center and a former librarian at the Pottsville Area High School read "100 things students will miss without a library". Some of the highlights are databases, instruction on how to use power library, technology and iPad support, a place to solve problems, how to share information with others, developing teamwork, a place to get help when they need it, high standardized test scores, summer reading and organize personal knowledge.

**Dr. Blankenhorn read the "History of the Honor Roll of School Board Service"**

"I am here tonight on behalf of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to honor a few school Board directors for their years of dedication to Pottsville Area School District.

School Board service has long been a crucial part of our nation's legacy and its commitment to public education.

As the first school Boards association in the United States, PSBA has a rich history, with more than 125 years of service.

The consummate school directors are described as ethical, principled, individuals with a deep desire to service. They believe in the value of our public schools and local control of public education for the benefit of all students.

Today, school districts are expected to offer more services, along with world-class instruction, with limited resources. These expectations provide a tremendous challenge for school directors – unpaid volunteers who give of their time to contribute to the school and communities they serve.

Schools' continue efforts to provide high-quality, continuous education to all students during the pandemic further highlights the key role school directors play in education our children.

For more than 35 years, PSBA has been recognizing the contributions of dedicated local school directors with long-term service. The Honor Roll is the association's way of

thanking those individuals who exemplify leadership by giving unselfishly of their time and talents for the betterment of the public schools serving students across this great commonwealth.

It gives me immense pleasure to recognize the following for being part of this rich legacy”.

- Mr. Noble Quandel Jr. was honored for his four (4) years of service.
- Dr. Christina DiCello was honored for her eight (8) years of service.
- Mr. Patrick Moran was honored for his eight (8) years of service

**Mr. Quandel** read the following prepared statement:

“I want to thank my Board colleagues for working as a team to navigate us from where we started in the past several years to where we are today.

I’m going to list accomplishments here that could never have been achieved without tireless work from all of you.

I need to first mention the confidence that I have in our new administration members, Dr. Sarah Yoder, Superintendent and Mrs. Stacy Stair, Business Manager. The quality of leadership and professional approach to strategy and execution that they bring to our PASD in planning and executing the Board’s goals has been and is going to be extraordinary.

Thank you to the administration, support staff, faculty, buildings and grounds crew and every one of the team members of the District that have dedicated their work on behalf of the PASD.

I also need to mention the two new members that I know coming onto the Board next month, Stephanie Marks Buchanan and Harry Ciavarella. They will be great Board members. I know them both very well and I can say that any organization would be fortunate to have Board members of their substance and gravitas working on their behalf!

Next, I would like to take a minute of personal privilege to review the successes of our current Board.

- The PASD annual external audit was completed in the timeframe of our goal of December 31, 2020...prior to this, failure to meet a reasonable timeline was criticized by the Auditor General during the last audit. The District achieve this goal in fiscal year 19-20 with our interim business manager for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in a decade. We are in the process of wrapping up this year (fiscal 20-21) in the same prompt time frame as last year.
- Prior to the start of fiscal 2019, the PASD fund balance was over \$1,000,000 in deficit. Had this been a private business, it would have been judged as bankrupt.
- Last year’s 2019-2020 audit achieve a \$600,00 surplus, the first surplus in 7 years. The surplus projected for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is \$4 million, which can be

assigned to maintain Full Day Kindergarten and plan for the unyielding increases in Cyber and Brick and Mortar Charter School expenses.

- In the fiscal year (2019-2020), the PASD was able to have the “Going Concern Statement” removed from our annual external audit. This fact allowed us to take another positive step in improving our District’s bond finance rating with Moody’s.
- While our aspirational goals are still progressing to a position of strength, we are now financially sound and in the black. This will allow full time kindergarten to now be sustainable.
- PASD settled a one-year labor contract with support staff last year and settled another new labor contract in May 2021 for the 3 years going forward.
- PASD settled its labor contract with the teachers during last school year.
- PASD procured a \$1 million RACP grant for the preservation and restoration of our Martz Hall standing seam roof which is currently under construction. This grant is also to include other necessary capital improvements on or campus such as the steps from Martz Hall lot up to 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- This Board refinanced our PASD 2012 Bonds, which refunded a prior new money issue and their 2016 Bonds, which was for an ESCO Project, to take advantage of the historically low rates. This allowed the District to reduce their interest rate from 2.78% to 1.18%. Through this refinance, the PASD did not extend the term of the payoff of debt which is May 2031. **The total savings to the District was \$287,236.**
- The public input procedure has been improved by the PASD Board to answer questions relating to the current agenda in a conscious effort to enhance transparency.
- The PASD interim business manager started performing comparative financial statements on time monthly and quarterly with a new financial template. Previously, this was a major criticism of the Auditor General when the Ag’s report was issued.
- We thank Dr. Jared Gerace for his tireless work while serving as interim superintendent and Corinne Mason for her expertise while serving as our interim business manager. The fact that many of these achievements occurred with both of those positions serving as “Interim positions” is a testament to their dedication and competence.
- We recruited two key positions for the PASD: Dr. Sarah Yoder as Superintendent and Mrs. Stacy Stair as Business Manager during the past year while we were in the center of the Covid pandemic.

- The District is working to enhance our District's Vision with stakeholder participation through the Comprehensive Planning process to improve student achievement and accomplishments in academics and extra-curricular activities.
- In closing, my primary goal when I was elected to serve our citizens by working with my Board and the Admin Team to leave the District in better shape than when I arrived. I am now leaving with the satisfaction of knowing that the goal has been fulfilled. I've been humbled and thankful by having been given this opportunity by the citizens to serve the School District and wish everyone associated with it the very best going forward! Thank you"!

**Dr. DiCello** read the following prepared statement:

"I would like to thank the residents of the Pottsville Area School District for allowing me to serve this district for the past 8 years. I am proud of the work I have done and glad I have been able to have a voice in the difficult decisions that have come before this Board. I feel I am leaving Pottsville Area School District stronger than when I arrived. I believe Dr. Sarah Yoder will be a good leader, providing innovative ideas and sound leadership, guiding Pottsville Area School District into a bright future. The administrative team members are in positions that play to their strengths, helping them create opportunities for our students' learning and personal growth. I will miss working with the administration, faculty and staff of this district – I have truly enjoyed our time together.

To the individuals joining this Board next month – I hope you are thoughtful with your care of this District. Take your time making decisions. If something doesn't make sense, ask questions and get as much information as possible before you vote. Always vote your conscious. You are, first and foremost, stewards of the students of the Pottsville Area School District – their education and their opportunities. Offer them as many experiences as you can – both in and out of the classroom. This district has a long history of moving its students into a more bountiful future than their socioeconomic status would predict. There is a strong sense of community that you do not find everywhere. Please continue to provide this nurturing environment where the administration, faculty and staff truly care and take the time to help students succeed".

**Mr. Moran** read the following prepared statement:

"Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen of the Pottsville Area School District here in the auditorium of the DHH Lingle Middle School, and, those that have chosen to join us online. First of all, I would like to thank my family for supporting me through these last 8 years – without their patience and understanding I could not have served this community. To my colleagues on the Board of Education past and present – we may not have always agreed with each other – But I truly believe that we have all served with

one single thought – We must do what is in the best interest of the students – the district and the taxpayers. Being a part of a 40+ million dollar business has been an education in and of itself – Unless you come and sit in our seats - You cannot believe all of the moving parts that make the Pottsville Area School District operate every day – every week – every month and every year. I am confident in Dr. Yoder and the entire administrative team as well as the Teachers – staff and everyone that is a part of the PASD will continue to move us forward in a positive manner. To those that are quick to criticize this Board, may I remind you that all you need do is visit the county board of elections. Get yourself a petition and put your name on the ballot. If this is not something, you wish to do then become active in the district by attending meetings and offering positive suggestions. This can make you an active part of the solution not a backseat driver or Monday morning quarterback. I would like to also express my thanks to the people of this district – Unlike other districts across the country we have conducted ourselves with civility – understanding and respect for our each other and I believe we have proven that we can work together and make things better. For me personally I will continue to be a part of the PASD as much as I possibly can – Working with Schuylkill EMS – Lehigh Valley Health – Schuylkill and our high school, we will continue to offer Emergency Medical Technician training to our students. I would like to end with an Irish Toast: May the best day of your past – be the worst day of your future. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER --- Roll Tide”!

**Dr. Cardamone** read the following statement:

“Let me take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Quandel for their years of service to the Pottsville Area School District. It has been my pleasure to work with all of them in a businesslike and professional manner. When we disagreed, it was civil and without acrimony. While we were not unanimous on all items, regardless of the issue, there was always a mutual respect among the Board members. Due to the historic challenges faced in the last several years, this Board needed to overcome many obstacles. We have come a great distance, and we hope to continue the forward momentum that has been established as we approach the future”.

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

On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the October 13, 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. Stair, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of October 2021:

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 - General Fund condensed Board Summary Expenditure Report
3. Cafeteria Condensed Board Summary Report
4. Payment Summary – General Fund, Food Service
5. Budget Transfers – No Budget Transfers

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Atty. Reid, Solicitor, and on motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the Discipline Waiver #29-2587, effective November 10, 2021. Motion carried.

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

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved 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 carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Cardamone, the Board approved the following professional employee be

excused from her employment duties to serve as 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 carried.

Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching, the Board approved the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure certification:

Cody Blankenhorn

Amy Schneider

Michael Anthony

Amanda Purcell

Lucas Bricker

Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Cardamone, Dr. DiCello, Mr. Moran, Mr. Urban, and Mr. Quandel, Aye. Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields and Ms. Wytovich. Absent. Dr. Blankenhorn, Abstain.

Under Federal Programs Update, Mr. Quandel read the following:

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

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

Under Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, Dr. Blankenhorn read the following 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.

Under Facilities and Grounds, Mr. Urban updated the Board on the Martz Hall Roof. 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.

On the recommendation by the **Finance Committee** and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Dr. DiCello, the Board approved the following:

-Approved 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.

-Approved the Repository Sale for Parcel No.: 68-26-0296.000 located at 224 North Tenth Street, Pottsville at a Purchase Price of \$880.00.

-Approved 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.

-Approved 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.

-Approved 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.

-Approved the Martz Hall Roof Coating Interim Inspections Proposal with Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc. Estimated Inspection Cost per visit - \$495.00. Total Estimated Inspection Cost for 10 inspections - \$4,950.

Motion carried.

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

- Approved 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

- Approved 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.

- Approved 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.

- Approved 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.

- Approved the Non-Family Medical Leave for employee # 471, effective November 9, 2021.

- Approved the Non-Family Medical Leave for employee #418, effective November 12, 2021.

- Approved Family Medical Leave for employee #454, effective November 1, 2021.

- Approved 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

-Accepted the resignation of Mary McGinley as Kindergarten Lead Teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

-Appointed Natasha Bubnis 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.

- Approved 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.

- Approved Nathaniel Libby as the JSC Music Teacher - Step 1 - Master's - \$49,600, prorated with start date contingent upon submission of all required paperwork.

- Approved 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

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

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Sherry Simons, paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective November 8, 2021.

Motion carried.

Under Promotion, Public Relations and Social Meeting, Mr, Moran read the following:

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.

**Upcoming Events:**

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

Under Curriculum, Dr. Cardamone read the following informational item:

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.

On the recommendation of the **Policy** Committee, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following:

- 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 carried.

Mr. Urban, Labor Relations Chairperson, noted that a meeting is scheduled for next week.

Under Legislation, Mr. Moran noted that with the passing of the Infrastructure Bill, this Bill will impact schools.

**Under New Business the following were approved:**

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

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board granted 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 carried.

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.**

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

There being no further new business, on motion of Dr. DiCello, seconded by Mr. Moran, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Patricia A. Lombel 12/8/2021  
Patricia A. Lombel (Date)  
Board Secretary