Wednesday, May 15, 2024
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DHH LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
6:00 p.m.

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject	**1.1 Opening - Ms. Linda Wytovich / Roll Call - Mrs. Krista Bevan**
Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Information, Procedural

Subject	**1.2 Public Comment**
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Type	Procedural

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.

Are there any public comments at this time?

2. GENERAL

Subject	**2.1 Superintendent Report - Dr. Sarah Yoder**
Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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1. Pre-Approval of Credits

   Krista Bevan - 3 Credits
   Jill Chiccini - 3 Credits
   Elizabeth Grow - 6 Credits
   Paula Heffner - 6 Credits
   Gregory Hoak - 3 Credits
   Kaitlin Leffler - 9 Credits
   Courtney Reichert - 3 Credits
   Michael Roberts - 9 Credits
   Megan Sirkot - 9 Credits
   Amy Withelder - 3 Credits
   Michala Zembas - 3 Credits
   Leah Zerbe - 9 Credits

2. Credit Reimbursements

   Kendra Boris - $1,662.00
   Jill Chiccini - $300.00
   Elizabeth Grow - $3,066.00
   Paula Heffner - $1,575.00
   Nicole Kutsmeda - $300.00
   Anne Murray - $300.00
   Elaina Prestileo - $900.00
   Rachelle Price -$1,662.00
   Courtney Reichert - $3,324.00
   Nicole Stiles - $4,500.00
   Amy Withelder - $900.00
   Anya Wood - $1,662.00

3. Salary Adjustment

   Anya Wood - Master's Degree

4. Student/Teacher Placement

Katrina Pakalinsky (Kutztown University) with cooperating teacher, Sara Arnold (Art) for the Fall 2024 semester

Subject **2.2 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields**

Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Agenda

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Saint Clair Area School District for the Provision of Shared Athletics.

Informational Item - Thank you to Jeff Bowers and Bill Toothaker for their volunteer work at the Softball Field. They upgraded the press box platform by replacing wood, painting it, and adding hooks. The bleachers were pressure washed and other field components were tightened up. The work completed is in memory of Bob Bowers and Melvin Hoffman for their many days of avidly supporting Crimson Tide softball.

Subject	**2.3 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban**
Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Category	2. GENERAL
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Facilities and Grounds Agenda

1. Approve Victor E. Muncy Inc. to complete the work of reversing the swing of the Martz Hall doors that lead into the second floor of DHHL Middle School - $2,559.00.

2. Approve permission to advertise for Request for Bid Proposals - Solution to Retain the Rocks on the side of the Baseball Field

3. Approve permission to advertise for Request for Bid Proposals for District Building Elevator refurbishment

4. Maintenance and service plan for pottery kilns with James Pastore Pottery:
   $250 - DHHL Middle School
   $1,165 - PAHS

5. Approve Bus/Building Radio upgrade - Greens Communication $53,294.00 (COSTARS #012-E23-317)

6. Approve use of the high school track for the Pottsville Fitness Challenge - June 8, 2024 through August 17, 2024 from 5pm to 8pm.

7. Approve use of the MS lower parking lot by the City of Pottsville Fire Department, retroactive date of April 24, 2024.

8. Approve use of the MS top of Martz Hall by LVHN "Walk with a Doc" - May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21, 2024 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Subject	**2.4 Finance – Mr. Harry Ciavarella**
Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Category	2. GENERAL
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Finance Committee Agenda

1. April 2023 Comparison Reports - Revenues and Expenditures.

2. Treasurer's Report

3. Seltzer Group Partners Renewal for 2024-2025 school year:
   - Property/Liability/Auto/Educators Liability - estimated $174,000
   - Commercial Umbrella - estimated $20,000
   - Cyber Liability - estimated $12,000

4. Seltzer Group Partners Workers Compensation Renewal: (2024-2025 - $85,448 estimated; 2023-2024 - $75,611).

5. Retroactively approve the April 30, 2024 reinvestment of matured investments of $1,125,000.00 into a 4-month US Treasury Bill (T-Bill) at a rate of 5.25%.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the movement of $500,000 from the PSDLAF MAX account to the PSDLAF Full FLEX Weekly liquidity pool at the current rate of 5.24% retroactive to May 10, 2024.

7. Approve the 2024-2025 TITLE I Revised Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. Term of Agreement - August 23, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

8. Approve the Letter of Agreement for the provision of Student Assistance Program (SAP)and Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) Services between the Pottsville Area School District and Child and Family Services Inc., effective August 1, 2024.

9. Approve the Renewal Agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Computer Service for the 2024-2025 school year at an annual cost of $31,306 for fund accounting, Human Resources, and payroll.

10. Reappoint the Schuylkill County Recorder of Deeds to administer and collect Realty Transfer Tax.

11. Designate the following institutions as depositories for the PASD:
- Mid Penn Bank, Minersville, PA
- Link Bank (formerly Gratz Bank)
- PSDLAF

12. Resolution to adopt Budget; Authorize and direct the collection of taxes; confirm rate of compensation and authorize homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions.

13. Approve the agreement with Dignity Consulting, LLC for in-service on August 21, 2024. The cost of the agreement will be paid for by Title I funds.

14. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between JSC Elementary Center and Child Development, Inc. (Head Start Grantee), effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. This MOU is approved annually.

15. Approve the school photographs for the 2024-2025 school year with First Class School Imaging.

16. It is recommended that the Board grant permission to apply for the Public School Environmental Repairs Program grant. The grant requires a cash match of 50% of the total eligible product costs.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve the following **Resolution**:
Be is RESOLVED, that the Pottsville Area School District of Schuylkill County hereby request a Public School Facility Improvement Grant of $5,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for exterior doors district-wide. Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Stacy Stair as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Pottsville Area School District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Pottsville Area School District commits to match the award amount by 25%.

Informational Item:
1. Moody's Investors Service - Moody's upgraded the Pottsville Area School District's issue and general obligation limited tax (GOLT) rating to Baa1 from Baa2. The District is grateful for the second consecutive year of an increase of credit rating level, which confirms that the District’s financial position continues to move in a positive direction due to conservative budgeting and the implementation of cost-cutting measures.

Subject	**2.5 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban**
Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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Technology Committee Agenda

1. Approve the proposal from KIT Communications for Verkada Access Control - door located at DHHL ramp/corridor to Martz Hall - $2,559.00

2. GDC - Sonicwall SMA replacement - $2,342.55

Subject	**2.6 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**
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Curriculum Agenda

1. Approve PASD Teachers, Kristyn Blum, Kelly Devine, Elizabeth Grow, and Carolyn Wasilewski, to attend the PCTM (Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Conference in Malvern, PA; June 24-26, 2024. The conference is paid for by ARP ESSER Funds. The total amount of the conference is $3,345.00.

2. Approve JSC Teacher, Riyuichi Narita, to attend the STEELS Technology & Engineering Standards Conference in Dowingtown, PA; July 25-26, 2024. The conference is paid for my APR ESSER Funds. The total amount of the conference is $650.00.

3 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	**1 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt**
Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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4 ADJOURNMENT

Subject	**1 Adjourn**
Meeting	May 15, 2024 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Category	4 ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn