

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Board Room – Academic Center

Present: Mr. Ansbach, Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields,
Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Mrs. Hobbs,
Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair,
Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business
Manager/Board Secretary; Mrs. Bevan, Asst.
Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Lynda Wytovich .

Roll Call – 9 members present, none absent.

Ms. Wytovich - Board 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.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Sarah Yoder reviewed the **Superintendent's Report** which will be approved at the April 17, 2024 Board Meeting.

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
Emily Earley - \$1,548.00
Michel Germán - \$3,324.00
Elizabeth Grow - \$3,066.00
Paula Heffner - \$1,575.00
Nicole Kutsmeda - \$300.00
Kaitlin Leffler - \$3,612.00
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
Anyah Wood - \$1,662.00

3. Salary Adjustment

Anyah Wood – Master's + 15

4. Student/Teacher Placement

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

Recommendations by the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee for approval at the June 19, 2024 Board Meeting:

1. Approval of 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.

Recommendations by the Facilities and Grounds Committee for approval at the April 17, 2024 Board Meeting:

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.

Recommendations by the Finance Committee for approval at the June 19, 2024 Board Meeting:

1. May 2024 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. 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. Approve 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. Approve the following **Resolution**:

Be it 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.

Recommendations by the Technology Committee for approval at the June 19, 2024 Board Meeting:

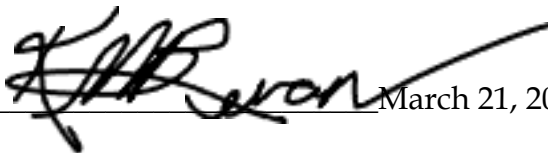
1. Approve the proposal from KIT Communications for Verkada Access Control - door located at DHHL ramp/corridor to Martz Hall - \$2,559.00
2. GDC - Sonicwall SMA replacement - \$2,342.55

Recommendations by the Curriculum Committee for approval at the April 17, 2024 Board Meeting:

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.

Dr. Gerace reported he met with the teachers to get publishing company, K-12 science standards are changing.

An Executive Session was held from 6:23 p.m. to 7:31 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.
Motion by Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Urban. Motion carried.


March 21, 2024

Krista Bevan (Date)
Board Secretary