



**Wednesday, January 12, 2022
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

Dr. Cardamone - 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. 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. AUDIT PRESENTATION - RICHARD PITCAVAGE, CPA - JONES AND CO.

Subject **2.1 Audit Presentation for year ending June 30, 2021 via Zoom**

Meeting Jan 12, 2022 - Board Meeting
 Category 2. AUDIT PRESENTATION - RICHARD PITCAVAGE, CPA - JONES AND CO.
 Access Public
 Type

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject 3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Jan 12, 2022 - 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 December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve as recommended.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Subject 4.1 Approval of Financial Reports

Meeting Jan 12, 2022 - Board Meeting
 Category 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021 - \$12,940,176.05; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of December 31, 2021 - \$294,609.29**
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 as recommended.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. DONATIONS

Subject 6.1 Grant from Capital Blue Cross

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 Category 6. DONATIONS

Access Public

Type Information

Pottsville Area School District was awarded \$1,250 from Capital Blue Cross for the 2021 Live Healthy School Grant. Mrs. Hummel completed the application to benefit the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program.

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

Subject 7.1 Discipline Waiver

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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 following Discipline Waivers, effective January 12, 2022:

* #287834

* #264973

Motion to approve as recommended.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject 8.1 Pre-approval of Credits

Meeting Jan 12, 2022 - 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:

Kimberly Edling - 3 Credits

Cara Kelly - 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

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 PASDEA:

Jacqueline Butz - \$1,566.00
 Lisa Chistakoff - \$1,566.00
 Emily Earley - \$1,548.00
 Alicia Fehr - \$1,566.00
 Kaycee Hess - \$984.00
 Neil Johnson - \$1,566.00
 Paula Jones - \$1,770.00
 Cara Kelly - \$1,548.00
 Deborah Lecker - \$300.00
 Kelly Lombel - \$3,390.00
 Kimberly Martinko - \$300.00
 Amanda Purcell - \$1,566.00
 Gregory Schuettler - \$1548.00
 Ashley Shappell - \$1,548.00
 Elizabeth Sophy - \$1,614.00
 Anya Wood - \$1,566.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

It is further recommended that the following Administrative employee(s) be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of preapproved credit courses:

Caitlin Mohl - \$2,328.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.3 Salary Adjustment
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 Category 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

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

Deborah Lecker - Master's + 15

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **8.4 Clinical Experience Placement**

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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 clinical experience placement take place in Spring 2022:

Marissa Rode (Kutztown University K - 12 Special Education) be placed in the High School with Cooperating Teacher, Mrs. Casey Horvath.

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

Subject **9.1 Crimson Tide Foundation**

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Category 9. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

Subject **9.2 Federal Programs**

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Category 9. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject **10.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields**

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 Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities that the Board approve the following items:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Pete Kalinich as Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective January 5, 2022. Mr. Kalinich coached at the Pottsville Area School District (his alma mater) for the past 19 years. We are grateful for his dedication and commitment to the Football Program and the Pottsville Area School District.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve a four year agreement with Riddell Sports for the purchase of helmets and reconditioning of equipment for Football Seasons 2022 through 2025. Total cost for helmets and reconditioning of equipment is \$53,672.50. Riddell Sports is a part of the Co-Stars program (014-091).

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.3 Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Subject 10.4 Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Finance Committee that the Board approve the following items:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Affiliation Agreement in Nutrition and Dietetics Programs between Cedar Crest College and Pottsville Area School District. The purpose of the Affiliation Agreement is to permit a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the participants in the conduct of the Nutrition Department's programs. The term of the agreement shall commence January 1, 2022 and continue for a period of five years.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve a tax abatement of past due taxes for a blighted property located at 25-27 Mamies Avenue, Pottsville (Norwegian Township). Current balance is \$473.89.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the OPT Out Resolution which states that the School District will not increase the 2022-2023 school taxes at a rate that exceeds the index calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education which is 4.9%.
4. Since the 2020-2021 audit is complete, it is recommended that the Board assign \$1.5 million, within the General Fund, for the purpose of maintaining Full Day Kindergarten, Cyber and Brick & Mortar Charter Costs, PSERS and Health Care Costs.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve an RFP for an auditor for the Pottsville Area School District for three (3) audit years starting with the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.5 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt
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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 items:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339,439,539:
 - Employee #1300 - lunch aide - December 16, 2021
 - Employee #1349 - lunch aide - December 6, 2021
 - Employee #171 - lunch aide - December 6, 2021
 - Employee #828 - lunch aide - December 7,8,16, 2021
 - Employee #537 - lunch aide - December 13,22, 2021; January 3, 2022
 - Employee#1483 - lunch aide - December 9, 10, 2021
 - Employee #25 - lunch aide - December 15, 22, 2021, January 6, 2022
 - Employee #1228 - lunch aide - December 16, 2021
 - Employee #1231 - lunch aide - December 17, 21,22, 2021
 - Employee #171 - lunch aide - December 23, 2021
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Jocelyn Oakill, School Psychologist at the Pottsville Area School District, effective date to be determined.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Andrew Diehl as the Director of Technology at an annual salary of \$86,000 contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and pending release from his current employer.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the MOU between the Pottsville Area School District and Mr. Andrew Diehl for the purpose of payment in lieu of School District-sponsored healthcare benefits.
5. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Laurie Reiley as a teacher with the DHH Lengel Middle School Achieve Program, effective December 20, 2021.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Rachael Damiter as a teacher with the John S. Clarke Elementary Center Achieve Program, January 13, 2022.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of the following individuals as School Police Officers at a rate of \$22.00/hour, effective January 13, 2022 contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork:
 - Harry Brown
 - Daniel Conville
 - David Donkochik
 - Michael Layton-Herron
 - Joseph Murton
 - Eric Sterner
 - Charles Webber

School Police Officers' salaries and benefits are paid by PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) grant funding through June 2023.
8. It is recommended that the Board grant permission to advertise for a Certified School Guidance Counselor.
9. It is recommended that the Board grant permission for the District to seek independent contractors to provide crisis and/or psychological counseling to be paid for by ARP ESSER (ESSER 3) Set Aside funds for social emotional learning.
10. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Clarence Rich, outside crew member for the Pottsville Area School District. Mr. Rich's last day with the District will be January 29, 2022.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Ms. Linda Wytovich
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1. Congratulations to 9th grader, Anabelly Valdez, the winner of the PAHS Republican Herald Calendar Art Contest for December.
2. Congratulations to PAHS Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Percussion on a fabulous performance on December 16th.
3. Thank you to AID and TKD who assisted with the holiday festivities at Yuengling Park and the Yuengling Mansion.

4. Thank you to Student Council's Annual Penny-a-Week collection for the holiday gift buying and distribution of toys for needy children in our community.
5. Congratulations to seniors, Faith Eckley and Kendra Spevak, for being selected as January Rotary Students of the Month. They were honored at a luncheon on January 5th, at Vito's Coal Fired Pizza, accompanied by Dr. Yoder.
6. Congratulations to Robbie OmahaBoy, our January PAHS "Artist of the Month".
7. Congratulations to 7th grader, Avery Zeroual, who won the 1st Annual DHHL Middle School School Spelling Bee.
8. Congratulations to DHHL Tide Tones, Choir and Spymphonic Band on a spectacular performance on December 14th.
9. Congratulations to JSC January Students of the Month: Hunter Marx (Grade K), Madison Morgan (Grade 1), Joshua Castro (Grade 2), Grace Birnesser (Grade 3), and Natalie Dixon (Grade 4).
10. Congratulations to JSC Staff Members Rose Doorly (December) and Kristyn Blum (January) as Staff of the Month.

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

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

First Semester Ends (90th Day of School) - January 13, 2022
 Teacher In-Service - January 17, 2022
 Blood Drive at PAHS (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) - January 29, 2022

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

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **10.9 Curriculum – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt**

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Access Public

Type Information

Informational Item:

The Pottsville Area School District received Gillingham Charter School's 5-year charter renewal submission on December 23, 2021. The Pottsville Area School District granted a 30-day extension request by Gillingham Charter School. The initial charter renewal application date of November 23, 2021 was extended to December 23, 2021. The District is in the process of reviewing the application and will request follow-up documents.

Subject **10.10 Policy and Procedure - Ms. Linda Wytovich**

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **10.11 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields**

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Access Public

Type Information

Informational item for Food Services –
 Food Services Director Lisa Eckley and her staff did an outstanding job of being prepared for the State Administrative Review. All districts that participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs are monitored every three (3) years. The Food Services department was compliant in all areas including Meal Counting and Claiming, Meal Component and Quantities, Offer versus Serve, Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis, Resource Management, Food Safety and Record Keeping. The official provided a preliminary assessment report with all commendations and no corrective action.

Subject **10.12 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban**

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Access Public

Type

11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject **11.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject **11.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich**

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Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action, Reports

1. It is recommended that the Board appoint Ms. Linda Wytovich to serve on the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit and Schuylkill Technology Center Boards of Directors to fulfill the unexpired term of Dr. Michael Cardamone (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022) and for a new three (3) year term (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025).

Motion to appoint as recommended.

Subject **11.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Craig Shields**

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Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject **11.4 PSBA Representative – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn**

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Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Reports

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-Library

Quiz Team Interscholastic Match

3:00pm-6:00pm on Following dates:

1/10/2022, 1/18/2022

2-Auditorium

Drama Rehearsal

- 1/24/2022 2:30pm-7:30pm
- 1/26/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 1/28/2022 2:30pm-5:30pm
- 1/31/2022 2:30pm-7:30pm
- 2/2, 2/4/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 2/7/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 2/9/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 2/11/2022 2:30pm-5:00pm
- 2/14, 2/16, 2/18, 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 2/19/2022 9:00am-2:00pm
- 2/23/2022 2:30pm-7:30pm
- 2/25/2022 2:30pm-5:00pm
- 2/28, 3/2/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 3/4/2022 2:30pm-5:00pm
- 3/7/2022 2:30pm-7:30pm
- 3/9/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 3/11/2022 2:30pm-5:00pm
- 3/12/2022 12:30pm-4:30pm
- 3/14/2022 2:30pm-7:30pm
- 3/16/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 3/18/2022 2:30pm-5:00pm
- 3/21/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 3/22/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 3/23/2022 2:30pm-7:30pm
- 3/25/2022 2:30pm-4:30pm
- 3/26/2022 9:00am-2:00pm
- 3/27/2022 11:00am-5:00pm
- 3/28, 3/29, 3/30/2022 2:30pm-8:30pm
- 3/31/2022 2:30pm-7:00pm
- 4/4/2022 2:30pm-5:00pm

MS

1-Cafeteria

PAHS Swim and Dive Boosters Pasta Dinner

2/10/2022 4:00pm-8:00pm

2- Cafeteria

PTO 8th Grade Dance Meeting

2/7/2022 7:00pm-8:30pm

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 12.2 Revised Health and Safety Plan

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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 revised Pottsville Area School District Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year. The District notified parents/guardians through Skylert about the opportunity to participate in the Health and Safety Plan meeting. The revised Health and Safety Plan was reviewed by the Pandemic Planning Team and parent representatives on December 14, 2021 and has been posted on the District's website to invite public comment.

Motion to approve as recommended.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject 13.1 Executive Session

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Category 13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Access Public

Type Information

14. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 14.1 Adjourn

Meeting Jan 12, 2022 - Board Meeting

Category 14. ADJOURNMENT

Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn