

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting July 13, 2022 DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium 7:04 PM	Present:	Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mrs. Dewitt, (via Zoom), Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich (via Zoom), Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager/Board Secretary; Atty. Kevin Reid, Solicitor
	Absent:	Mrs. Stair, Mr. Ciavarella

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Michael Cardamone.

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.**

Public Comments:

Mrs. Judith DiObilda

Hello, my name is Judith DiObilda.

I had been the librarian at JSC for the past 14 years before the library program was disbanded in 2020. I have been furloughed since. I am a property owner in Pottsville.

First, I would like to thank Christine Lee from the Republican Herald. At the last board meeting I presented the additional 50 signatures added to our petition to open the libraries in the PASD. Through a miscommunication it was reported in the RH that we had received 15 additional signatures; Christine was kind enough to make a change to the digital edition and issue a correction the next day in their print addition.

In May, Dr. Yoder laid out the reasons to Lillian Hobbs and myself for school libraries not being added to the 2022-2023 school year budget.

Again, while we understand your reasoning, we will continue to advocate for the students of this district to have all the advantages of a high-level education. We believe the foundation of a good education begins with literacy and libraries underpin that path to reading mastery.

It has been reported that school districts all over Pennsylvania have received an infusion of funds from the recently signed PA budget.

We know that most of these funds are earmarked for various programs that will serve the students of this district. Although you have completed your budget, we are encouraging you to consider one more program that will support our emerging readers and young researchers; the library program at John S. Clarke.

I have been coming to you to advocate for reopening our libraries for several months, now. I think the saddest story I have heard during this time is from a parent who told me her fourth-grade student asks Alexa to find answers for her when she is doing a research project. Teaching students to locate quality information is in our DNA as librarians. Before our district was decimated, 3rd and 4th grade students moved on to their next grade level, with research skills firmly under their belt; this was due to the quality library program at John S. Clarke.

Our students deserve to hone these skills, again, in the JSC library to make their education whole. Thank you.

Dr. Cardamone thanked Mrs. DiObilda for her comments.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the June 8, 2022 Board Meeting. Since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

In the absence of Mrs. Stair, and on the recommendation of Dr. Yoder, Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of June 2022:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) – General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2022- \$11,526,966.72; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of June 30, 2022 - \$590,098.25.

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 – There were no budget transfers.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, 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:

Gregory Schuettler – 3 Credits

Jennifer Brant- 9 Credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, 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 PASDEA:

Kendra Boris - \$1,614.00

Lisa Chistakoff - \$1,614.00

Katelynn Miller - \$300.00

Amanda Purcell - \$1,614.00

Lloren Reichert - \$2,025.00

Kara Ryan - \$300.00

Gregory Schuettler - \$1,548.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mrs. Buchanan, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following salary adjustment be approved and made effective in the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year:

Kendra Boris – Bachelor's +15

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the Board approved the following Dental Examiners at a rate of \$1.50 per exam:

- Dr. Joseph Chipriano
- Dr. Scott Fellows
- Dr. Brenda Jenkins

- Dr. Elizabeth Puddu
- Dr. Michael Smink

Dental examiners are not limited to this list. Applications for placement on this list are welcome.

Motion carried.

Crimson Tide Foundation

Save the Dates

Event: Corn Hole Tournament

Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022

Rain Date: Sunday, August 28, 2022

Location: Barefield Recreational Complex

823 Terry Reiley Way

Pottsville, PA

Event: Tide Night Out

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 (5:00 to 9:00 PM)

Location: Black Rock

325 South Centre Street

Pottsville, PA

On the recommendation of the **Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following items:

-Approved Tyler McCole as the Golf Coach for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances.

-Approved Josh Zelinsky as an Assistant Swimming Coach for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances.

-Approved the following Cheerleading Coaches for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances.

- Melissa Recla - Head Coach
- Jody Rutherford - Assistant
- Crystal Reedy - Volunteer

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Facilities and Grounds Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following items:

-Approved Ondeck Concrete to demo, remove and replace existing concrete for the Main Entrance at Pottsville Area High School. Total Contract Cost is \$48,000. Ondeck Concrete is a specialty division of Pioneer Pole Buildings and a CoStar Participant (#060290).

Approved the proposal from Heim Company to replace the failed condensing unit and indoor coil for the faculty room (#125) at a cost of \$14,381.

-Approved the proposal from Miller Sports Construction to screen and coat the Martz Hall Flooring at a cost of \$6,880.
Motion carried.

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

-Approved the LIEP Service Agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and Pottsville Area School District for the provision of Language Instruction Education Program Services for the 2022-2023 School year payable in two (2) scheduled installments (October 1, 2022 - \$7,642.23 and February 3, 2023 - \$7,642.43).

-Approved the letters of agreement for the provision of the student assistance program service and elementary student assistance program between Child and Family Services Inc. and Pottsville Area School District, effective August 1, 2022.

-Approved the agreement for participation in the Child Nutrition Program between Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency and Pottsville Area School District. Term of agreement: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

-Approved the Cost Savings Program and Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Behavioral Health Associates for the 2022-2023 school year.

-Approved the updated cost of \$11,070 for Cyber Liability Insurance from Seltzer Insurance, effective July 1, 2022.

-Approved the IDEA B Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, retroactive to the 2021-2022 School year. Allocation to Pottsville Area School District is \$447,760.

-Approved the IDEA 619 Pass through Funds Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, retroactive to the 2021-2022 School Year. Allocation to Pottsville Area School District is \$6,730.

-Approved the Notice of the following Parcels and Bid Amounts as required by the Real Estate Tax Sale Law:

- Parcel No. 59-02-0356.000 located at 2 Spring St. - Bid amount \$2,000.00
- Parcel No. 68-12-0013.000 located at 314 W. Railroad St. - Bid amount \$3,967.56
- Parcel No. 68-12-0062.000 located at 239 Peacock St. - Bid amount \$3,880.00
- Parcel No. 68-18-0004.000 located at 1342 Seneca St. - Bid amount \$4,913.75
- Parcel No. 68-18-0005.000 located at 1336 Seneca St. - Bid amount \$4,552.52
- Parcel No. 68-18-0114.000 located at 915 Davis Ave. - Bid amount \$2,083.94
- Parcel No. 68-19-0023.000 located at 726 Seneca St. - Bid amount \$2,7000.00
- Parcel No. 68-19-0144.000 located at 500 Fairview St. - Bid amount \$3,430.02
- Parcel No. 68-19-0146.000 located at 608 Fairview St. - Bid amount \$1,848.55
- Parcel No. 68-19-0157.000 located at 329 Morgan Ave. - Bid amount \$3,096.00
- Parcel No. 68-19-0298.000 located at 602 Harrison St. - Bid amount \$2,229.00
- Parcel No. 68-21-0072.000 located at 526 Arc St. - Bid amount \$2,996.00
- Parcel No. 68-21-0161.000 located at 411 E. Arch St. - Bid amount \$2,700.00
- Parcel No. 68-21-0255.000 located at 425A E. Market St. - Bid amount \$3,026.00
- Parcel No. 68-21-0336.000 located at E. Norwegian St. - Bid amount \$793.00
- Parcel No. 68-26-0017.000 located at 1030 Laurel Blvd. - Bid amount \$5,814.94
- Parcel No. 68-26-0026.000 located at 909 Minersville St. - Bid amount \$2,279.00
- Parcel No. 68-26-0177.000 located at 320 North Twelfth St. - Bid amount \$1,737.59
- Parcel No. 68-26-0208.000 located at 718 West Race St. - Bid amount \$2,738.00
- Parcel No. 68-26-0258.000 located at 1025 Race St. - Bid amount \$3,478.00
- Parcel No. 68-26-0359.000 located at 807 Vine St. - Bid amount \$3,095.57
- Parcel No. 68-27-0294.000 located at 616 W. Norwegian St. - Bid amount \$3,650.00
- Parcel No. 68-28-0148.000 located at 431 Greenwood Ave. - Bid amount \$2,397.00
- Parcel No. 68-34-0101.000 located at 14 North Twelfth St. - Bid amount \$4,604.61
- Parcel No. 68-34-0118.000 located at 1005 W. Market St. - Bid amount \$17,514.00
- Parcel No. 68-34-0119.000 located at 1001 W. Market St. - Bid amount \$13,802.61
- Parcel No. 68-34-0159.000 located at 12 North Eleventh St. - Bid amount \$2,322.44
- Parcel No. 68-34-0191.000 located at 1216 W. Norwegian St. - Bid amount \$2,357.24

- Parcel No. 68-35-0001.000 located at 722 W. Norwegian St. - Bid amount \$2,569.00
- Parcel No. 68-35-0183.000 located at 246 Pierce St. - Bid amount \$3,000.00
- Parcel No. 68-35-0260.000 located at 411 Pierce St. - Bid amount \$2,606.00
- Parcel No. 68-36-0035.000 located at 239 Pierce St. - Bid amount \$2,857.00

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has reviewed the Single Audit Report of Pottsville Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2021 for the federal financial assistance programs. The Single Audit report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 is approved as being substantially in compliance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Subpart F and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

2. The Department of Labor and Industry approved the application for Certification Renewal of the District's Workplace Safety Committee effective June 30, 2022. The renewal of the Safety Committee certification has been granted under Section 1002(b) of the Workers' Compensation Act. This entitles the District to receive a 5% discount on the workers' compensation rate effective upon the next policy renewal period following the date of Bureau certification renewal.

On the recommendation by the **Personnel Committee** and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Shields, the Board approved the following items:

-Approved the following personnel for the summer work program at an hourly rate of \$12.00:

- Carol Buchinski - retroactive to June 20, 2022 (bus/van cleaning)
- Robert Dusel - retroactive to June 8, 2022 (bus/van cleaning)
- Josephine Plappert - retroactive to June 21, 2022 (general cleaning)
- Christine Trapani - retroactive to June 23, 2022 (general cleaning)
- Carol Buchinski - retroactive to June 21, 2022 (transportation aide for ESY)
- Hannah Granito - retroactive to June 29, 2022 (transportation aide for ESY)
- Kelly Miller - retroactive to June 21, 2022 (transportation aide for ESY)

-approved Karen Schock as a paraprofessional at the JSC Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$13.60, retroactive to June 21, 2022.

-Approved Geraldine Ebert as a full-time custodian for the DHHL Middle School at an hourly rate of \$9.38 plus benefits per the Pottsville Area Educational Support Personnel Association, retroactive to June 6, 2022.

-Approved Makayala Frick (2022 PAHS Graduate) through the CareerLink Program. The Program is for 8 weeks and 30 hours per week at no cost to the District.

-Approved Ms. Wendy Header as an Occupational Therapist at DHHL and PAHS for the 2022-2023 School Year at a salary of \$51,000.

-Approved Mrs. Lindsay Hand as a Special Education Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s + 15 - \$47,600.

-Approved Ms. Michala Zembas as a Kindergarten Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$41,000 (Hire Date: July 6, 2022). Mrs. Natasha Bubnis will serve as a mentor for Ms. Zembas.

-Approved Ms. Pam Imler as a Special Education Teacher at Pottsville Area High School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 11 - Bachelor's + 15 - \$61,789 (Hire Date: June 30, 2022).

-Approved Ms. Abby Wertman as DHHL Middle School Art Teacher for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$41,000. Mrs. Sara Arnold will serve as a mentor for Ms. Wertman.

-Approved Mr. Stephen Messina as a Social Studies Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$41,000. Mr. John Carestia will serve as a mentor for Mr. Messina.

-Approved Dr. Kristin Durkee as a Title I Math Interventionist at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 10 - Master's + 15 - \$63,695. (Hire Date: June 29, 2022) Mr. Nathan Kraft will serve as a mentor for Dr. Durkee.

-Approved Ms. Alexa Heffernan as a School (Guidance) Counselor at JSC Elementary Center for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 1 - Master's - \$49,600. Mrs. Mickey Gunoskey will serve as a mentor for Ms. Heffernan.

-Accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Jacquelyn Butz, Autistic Support Teacher at DHHL Middle School, dated June 1, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

-Approved Ms. Angela Altemose as a Special Education Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s + 15 - \$47,600 (Hire Date: July 7, 2022). Mrs. Julie Saunders will serve as a mentor for Ms. Altemose.

-Accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Katie Koneschusky, Biology Teacher at Pottsville Area High School, dated June 7, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

-Approved Mrs. Melinda Diehl as a Biology Teacher at Pottsville Area High School for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 14 - Master's + 15 - \$75,493.

-Accepted of the letter of resignation from Miss Keegan White, School (Guidance) Counselor at the DHHL Middle School, dated June 20, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

-Approved Ms. Allison Parker as School (Guidance) Counselor at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Master’s - \$49,600. Mrs. Mary Beth Conville will serve as a mentor for Ms. Parker.

-Accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Hannah Pothering, Science Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, dated June 20, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

-Approved Ms. Rylee Bosch as a Science Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 2 + Bachelor's + 15 - \$48,100.

-Accepted the letter of resignation from Mr. Michael Maley, Principal at JSC Elementary Center, dated June 22, 2022. Mr. Maley's last day was June 30, 2022. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

-Approved Ms. Kerri Lubinsky as the JSC Principal at an annual salary of \$91,000, contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and pending release from her current employer.

-Accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Allison Hughes, Special Education Teacher at the DHH Lengel Middle School, letter dated June 23, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

-reappointed Dr. Matthew Sophy as Physician in charge of certifying students' Individualized Educational Programs at a rate of \$3.00 per evaluation.

-Authorized the Superintendent to approve conferences, field trips, and staff development activities for the 2022-2023 school year, based on the recommendation of the building principals and the policies pertaining to conferences, field trips, and budget allocations.

-Approved the agreement between the Act 93 School Administrators and the Pottsville Area School District. Term of Agreement: Thirty-six (36) months - July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

-Accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Cara Kelly, Math Teacher at the Pottsville Area High School, submitted June 28, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

-Accepted the letter of resignation from Miss Amy Oestreich, Physical Education Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, dated June 29, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

-Approved Mr. Greg Hoak as Physical Education Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Master's - \$49,600. Mr. Mike Welsh will serve as a mentor for Mr. Hoak.

-Approved the following contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

Daniel Slotterback to serve as an Athletic Trainer

Donna Romano to serve as an Assistant Nurse at the JSC Elementary Center

Jennifer Brant to serve as a Certified Counselor

Jessica Coyle to serve as a Licensed Social Worker

Migdalia Gunoskey to serve as a Licensed Social Worker

Christine Schuebel to serve as a School Psychologist

Caitlin Leffler to serve as an ISS Monitor at the DHHL Middle School

-accepted the letter of resignation dated July 8, 2022 from Rose Ann Petrusky, school lunch aide at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective July 13, 2022.

-approved Ms. Miranda Angelo as School (Guidance) Counselor at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor's + 15 - \$47,600. Mrs. Mary Beth Conville will serve as a mentor for Ms. Angelo.

-approved Family Medical Leave for employee #1417, retroactive to June 21, 2022.

-Approved Thomas Taylor, outside crew employee for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$13.00, retroactive to July 11, 2022.

Motion carried.

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

1. Congratulations to Coach Jim Steidle for being selected to the District XI Hall of Fame!

2. Congratulations to the PAHS students who were selected for 2022 Child Development Awards!
Aiden Elo
Hailey Glunz
Alex Kull
Alannah Mamrosh
Cyla Rose
Emilee Rose
Autumn Walchak
Daniella Walker

3. Thank you to the Pottsville Bureau of Police for engaging our youth this summer in "Hot Shot" Basketball throughout Pottsville.

4. Congratulations to the PAHS Softball Student-Athletes who earned Republican Herald All Area honors:
Victoria Fuss (Senior – First Team)
Jade Weiss (Junior – First Team)
Taylor Welsh (Senior – Second Team)

5. Congratulations to the PAHS Baseball Student-Athletes who earned Republican Herald All Area honors:
Tanner Conrad (Senior – First Team)
Luke Keitsock (Sophomore – Second Team)

Upcoming Events:

July 28, 2022 - Last day of Summer School

August 2, 2022 - DHHL New Student and 5th Grade Orientation at 6:00 PM

August 10, 2022 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (A-L Last Names) at 6:00 PM

August 11, 2022 - DHHL New Student and 5th Grade Orientation at 11:00 AM

August 17, 2022 - Teachers' In-Service

August 18, 2022 - Teachers' In-Service

August 18, 2022 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (M-Z Last Names) at 6:00 PM

August 22, 2022 - JSC Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Run

August 24, 2022 - First Day of School

On the recommendation of the **Committee on Technology**, and on motion by Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the agreement between JAMF software and the Pottsville Area School District for its annual license renewal at a cost of \$20,330. Term of Agreement: June 29, 2022 through June 28, 2023.
Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Committee on Curriculum**, and on motion by Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following:

-Retroactively approved the purchase of iXL Learning, an online comprehensive curriculum program with real time diagnostic data in Science (grade 5), ELA (grades 5-8), and Math (grades 5-8). The program will be utilized in the DHH Lengel Middle School for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 school years. The total cost of the program is \$27,045. ARP ESSER A-TSI 2.5% Set Aside, ESSER II, and/or ARP ESSER Set Aside funding will be utilized for the purchase.

-Retroactively approved the purchase of SOAR Learning & Soft Skills by SOAR Learning, Inc., a program focusing on teaching students critical learning, organization, and communication skills needed to be successful in school and the workplace. The program will be utilized in the DHH Lengel Middle School. The total cost of the program is \$15,100. ARP ESSER A-TSI 2.5% Set Aside, Title I, and/or ESSER II funding will be utilized for the purchase.

-Approved the administrators to attend the PA Educational Leadership Summit at the Lancaster County Convention Center; August 7-9, 2022. The conference is paid for by Title II funds.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation by the **Policy and Procedure Committee** and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following:

-Approved the following policies:

- Policy 200 - Enrollment of Students (Reviewed)
- Policy 201 - Admission of Students
- Policy 202 - Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- Policy 203 - Immunization and Communicable Diseases
- Policy 204 - Attendance
- Policy 206 - Assignment within District
- Policy 207 - Confidential Communications of Students
- Policy 208 - Withdrawal from School
- Policy 209 - Health Examinations/Screenings
- Policy 209.1 - Food Allergy Management
- Policy 209.2 - Diabetes Management
- Policy 210 - Medications
- Policy 210.1 - Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors
- Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying (Reviewed)

-Approved to retire the following policies:

- Policy 203.2 - Universal Precautions
- Policy 204.1 - Part-Time, Nonpublic School Students
- Policy 205 - Postgraduate Students

Motion carried.

On the recommendation by the Labor Relations Committee and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the three year agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Pottsville Area School District Education Association. Term of Agreement: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Mrs. Buchanan, Legislation Committee read the following:

Funding

The 2022-2023 budget was enacted last weekend with a total spend of \$45.3 billion, which included an historic increase of \$850 million in Pre-K through k-12 education.

That education increase includes:

-\$525 million increase for Basic Education Funding to be distributed through the Basic Education Funding Formula; \$225 million for a new Level Up Supplement

appropriation to provide additional support for 100 school districts, including Pottsville; and \$100 million increase for Special Education funding.

In addition, the budget includes \$200 million of additional funding to be directed to the School Safety and Security Fund:

-\$100 million through the Ready to Learn Block Grant program to address school-based mental health; and \$100 million through a new General Fund appropriation for School Safety and Security to address physical safety and security at schools.

Career and Technical Education received an increase of \$6.1 million which will be driven out to all eligible schools through the existing formula.

Legislative Changes

Additionally, there were many legislative changes made in conjunction with the budget, including the following:

- High school transcripts: Beginning of the 2022-23 school year, an industry-recognized credential attained by a student must be included on a student's transcript.
- Keystone Exam two-score composite pathway: An alternative two-score composite pathway to graduation for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A student would be deemed proficient if they demonstrate attainment of a satisfactory composite score of at least 2939, using the highest scores attained by the student on two of the three Keystone Exams in Algebra I, Literature and Biology.
- Home-school access to district/CTE programs: Requires school districts to allow home schooled students to enroll in co-curricular activities and take academic courses equaling up to at least one quarter of the school day. Further requires school districts and area career and technical centers (CTCs) to allow home schooled students to participate in a career and technical education programs.
- Assisting students experiencing education instability: A student who attended school in the 2021-22 school year may immediately request a diploma from the school they attended in the 2021-22 school year, a prior school, or request a Keystone Diploma from PDE retroactive to the 2021-22 school year.
- Extended special education enrollment: Entitles a student with a disability who has reached 21 years of age during the 2021-22 school year or between the end of the 2021-22 school year and the beginning of the 2022- 23 school year and was enrolled in the 2021-22 school year to attend school for the 2022-23 school year. The parent must elect to enroll the student by August 1, 2022.

Under New Business the following were approved:

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the Board approved the Use of Facilities calendar for July 2022 and the additional items.

-Retroactively approved: PADCO – Pottsville Area School District Parking Lot – July 9, 2022

-Approved: Pottsville Republican Job Fair at Martz Hall – July 27, 2022

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mrs. Buchanan, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board reaffirmed the current Pottsville Area School District Health and Safety Plan for the 2022-2023 School Year. The District notified parents/guardians through Skyward office messenger regarding the posting of the plan on the PASD website to invite public comment through electronic mail. Motion carried.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT THE ACADEMIC CENTER:

Facilities and Grounds Meeting - Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 am

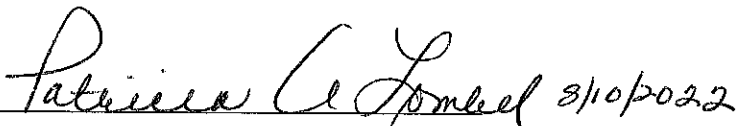
Athletics and Extracurriculars Meeting - Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 7:00 am

Finance Meeting - Friday, August 5, 2022 at 7:00 am

Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm (Executive Session - 6:00 pm)

An Executive Session was held from 6:00pm to 6:45 pm to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

 Patricia A. Lombel 8/10/2022

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)

Board Secretary