

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting June 8, 2022 DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium 7:08 PM	Present:	Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair, Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager/Board Secretary; Atty. Kevin Reid
	Absent:	Mr. Shields, Mr. Urban

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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.

During our meeting in May, Dr. Yoder laid out the reasons for school libraries not being added to the 2022-2023 school year budget.

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.

Our plan was to finalize our petition after our last school board meeting; Lillian and I then decided to leave our "request to reopen the libraries" available to PASD stakeholders for any latecomers who wanted to add their voice. Unsurprisingly, we received 50 more signatures.

I have given this additional report containing all new signatures to the board secretary who will distribute them to the school board.

Included in the packet is an extra page that you may use or you can pass on to the appropriate person to enjoy.

Finally, we want to encourage you, should the opportunity arise, please consider opening the libraries in phases starting with the fully optimized John S. Clarke library.

One last musing, how many of you have ever actually visited the student friendly JSC library and then meandered to its warm and inviting section in the back especially curated for our youngest emerging readers? Perhaps it's time. Thank you."

Mrs. Lillian Hobbs, former librarian and Reading Specialist at the JSC Elementary Center

Mrs. Hobbs reiterated what Mrs. DiObilda had stated: Come to the JSC Library and meander and see what books are available. The students should also be given this opportunity.

Dr. Cardamone thanked everyone for their comments.

On motion of Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the May 18, 2022 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 Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of May 2022:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) – General Fund Balance as of May 31, 2022- \$8,442,316.03; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of May 31, 2022 - \$283,565.80.

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. Ciavarella, 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:

Kelly Lombel - 6 Credits

Crystal Pugh- 3 Credits

Ashley Shappell - 3 Credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, 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 PASDEA:

Emily Earley - \$1,548.00

Tracy James - \$300.00

Cara Kelly - \$1,548.00

LLoren Reichert - \$3,975.00 (6 credits)

Motion carried.

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

Christopher Kovaleski – Master's Degree

Motion carried.

Crimson Tide Foundation

Save the Date

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

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

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Michael Anthony, Varsity Golf Coach, Junior High Basketball Coach and JV Baseball Coach with the Pottsville Area School District. Mr. Anthony's last day of employment with the District will be August 21, 2022. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

- Approved the **Fall Coaches** for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BOYS SOCCER

Zachary Reichert - Varsity Head Coach

Savas Logothetides - Assistant

CROSS COUNTRY

Kelly Lombel - Varsity Head Coach

FOOTBALL

Thomas McGeoy - Varsity Head Coach

Peter McDonald - Assistant

Raymond Yost - Assistant

Robert Shaffer - Assistant

Kurt Eroh - Assistant

Jamie O'Brien - Assistant

Jack Botto - Assistant

Mark Laubenstine - Jr. High Head Coach

Lucas Bricker - Jr. High Assistant

Tony Barone - Equipment Manager

GIRLS SOCCER

Robert Stock - Varsity Head Coach

Robert Evans - Assistant

GIRLS TENNIS

Adrian Portland - Varsity Head Coach

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Maria Sherakas - Varsity Head Coach

Kendra Boris - Assistant

GOLF COACH

TBA - Varsity Head Coach

- Approved the following volunteer **Fall Coaches** for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BOYS SOCCER

Ian Adams

Joe Giuffre

CROSS COUNTRY

Jennifer Brindle - Jr. High Coach

FOOTBALL

Scott Grochowski

Tyler Heffner

Anthony Kelly

GIRLS SOCCER

Eric Lord

Brian Spotts

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Rachel McMurtrie

Mary Kate Painter

Michael Puzauskie

TENNIS

Samara Major

- Approved the following **Winter Coaches** for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jake Wartella - Varsity Head Coach
John M. Toomey - Assistant
Thomas McGeoy - Jr. Varsity Coach
Tyler Heffner - Freshman Coach
TBA - 8th Grade Coach
Jed Dunkel - 7th Grade Coach

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Stephen Ennis - Varsity Head Coach
Phil Tenaglia - Assistant
Olivia Wingle - Jr. Varsity Coach
Brett Ennis - 8th Grade Coach
Sean Jones - 7th Grade Coach

WRESTLING

Gary Keener - Varsity Head Coach
Samuel Julian - Assistant
Ryan Green - Jr. High Head Coach
Cal Schoffstall - Asst. Junior High Coach

SWIMMING

Gregory Schuettler - Varsity Head Coach
Neil Johnson - Assistant
Hannah Kruppenbach - Assistant

- Approved the following volunteer **Winter Coaches** for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Zach Hogan

SWIMMING

John Matulevich

Motion carried.

- Approved the following **Athletic Event Game Workers** for the 2022-2023 school year:

Charles Bauers

Donna Bentz

Cody Blankenhorn
John Boris
Jeffrey Bowers
Lucas Bricker
Jennifer Brindle
Robert Brouse
Corey Calabrese
Joseph Connors
Rose Doorly
Diane Dunkel
Jeff Dunkel
Jed Dunkel
Robert Dusel
Nick Eckley
Lisa Eckley
Stephen Ennis
Kurt Eroh
Sophia Felker
Samantha Gardner
Dania Griegel
Susan Griffin
Cathy Guzick
Edward Hampford
James Harris
Bruce Heffner
Tyler Heffner
Gilbert Hoak
Lillian Hobbs
Cara Holman
Lisa Holobetz
Jack Ingalzo
Tracy James
Sean Jones
Gary Keener
Cara Kelly
Michael Kiehner
Scott Krater
Ricky Krause
Mark Laubentine

Julia Leiby
Kelly Lombel
Christopher Lombel
Peter McDonald
Kelly Messina
Colleen Miller
Tyler Moyer
Joshua Moyer
David Mullaney
Benjamin O'Brien
Jamie O'Brien
Amy Oestreich
Crystal Pugh
Lisa Revenis
William Rhoads
Charles Rinaldo
Morgan Rismiller
Kimberly Rismiller
Brad Ross
Amy Ryan
Nancy Schaeffer-Muldowney
Gregory Schuettler
Charles Schuster
Lori Schuster
Caroline Schuster
Christian Selinko
Maria Sherakas
Daniel Slotterback
Angel Snyder
Brian Spotts
David Sterner
Charles Taronis
Phil Tenaglia
Jason Thomas
John Toomey
John M. Toomey
Robert Umbenhauer
Marlin Vandermeer
Mark VanStone

Carolyn Wasilewski

Lisa Welsh

Joseph Welsh

Michael Welsh

Joann Weres

Jacob Witalec

Robert Workman

Raymond Yost

Motion carried by roll call vote: Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Aye. Dr. Blankenhorn, Abstain.

- Approved the Game Worker Stipends for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Facilities and Grounds Committee**, and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the Board approved the following items:

- approved the transfer from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for future capital projects.

-Awarded the Request for Proposal (RFP) for full service elevator maintenance and repair services to TK Elevator, Allentown, at a bid amount of \$29,301.72. Term of Agreement: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Motion carried.

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

- Approved the dual enrollment agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Lehigh Carbon Community College. Term of the three (3) year agreement: July 1, 2022-July 31, 2025.

- Approved the Computer Services Agreement between Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) and Pottsville Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Approved the Frontline Agreement for Analytics Solution (powered by Forecast5) at a cost of \$14,067.37. Term of Agreement July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.

- Approved the Frontline Agreement for Absence and Time Solution at a cost of \$15,088.53. Term of agreement July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

- Amended the agreement with Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. to update the fee schedule for collection of delinquent Real Estate Taxes. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, effective June 8, 2022.

- Approved the Resolution with Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. approving appointment of Solicitor, Interest Assessment and Attorney Fees and collection fees added to the amount of collected as part of unpaid Real Estate Taxes for delinquent accounts, effective June 8, 2022.

- Approved the contract for school photography between DHH Lengel Middle School and First Class School Imaging, LLC for the 2022-2023 School year. First Class School Imaging will take photos of individual students and for student ID's and yearbook photos.

Motion carried.

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

- Approved the following Leave of Absence/Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339, 439, 539:

- Employee #202 - cafeteria aide - May 17, 2022
- Employee #1300 - cafeteria aide - May 18, 2022
- Employee #1517 - counselor - May 18, 2022
- Employee #1362 - cafeteria aide - May 27, 2022

- Accepted the resignation of Ariel Miller, paraprofessional at Pottsville Area High School. Ms. Miller's last day is May 27, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Mr. Michael Anthony, Social Studies Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, dated May 24, 2022. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

- Approved the following for the Summer Cleaning Program at an hourly rate of \$12.00: Crystal Major and Ashley Neidlinger.

- Approved the 2022-2023 Operating Hours Calendar for 12 month personnel.

- Accepted the letter of resignation for retirement from Debra Barket, paraprofessional at the DHH Lengel Middle School. Her last day will be Friday, May 27, 2022. We wish her well in her retirement.

- Approved the following for the Summer Feeding Program at an hourly rate of \$12.00: Renee Duncan.

- Approved the Superintendent to be granted authority to fill vacancies and hire essential personnel with ratification at the July, August, and September 2022 Board Meetings. This authority is granted annually.

- Approved the following:

Mr. Michael J. Maley as the Title IX Coordinator/Investigator for John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective June 08, 2022.

Dr. Caitlin R. Mohl as the Title IX Coordinator/Investigator for D.H.H. Lengel Middle School, effective June 08, 2022.

Mrs. Tiffany L. Hummel as the Title IX Coordinator/Investigator for Pottsville Area High School, effective June 08, 2022

- Approved an FMLA for employee #300, effective May 10, 2022.

Motion carried.

Under Promotion, Public Relations and Social Meeting, Ms. Wytovich read the following:

1. Congratulations to the Softball Team for their 12-1 District XI playoff win vs Bangor in 6 innings on Tuesday; the team ended their season on Thursday with a Silver medal in the District XI Championship!
2. Congratulations to PAHS students, Robbie OmahaBoy who earned "Best of Show" in the 3-Dimensional Art Category; and Kendra Spevak, who earned "Best of Show" in the 2-Dimensional Art Category.
3. Congratulations to the PAHS Stage Band on a wonderful concert on May 19, 2022. Students showcased their passion and talents.
4. Congratulations to the PAHS Class of 2022 and the STC and PAHS Honor graduates.
5. Thank you to JSC Title I Reading Program for for their "JSC Students are Soaring into Reading" activities held June 1-3, 2022.

6. Congratulations to all the 8th Grade DHH Lengel Students for receiving awards. These included Straight "A" Certificates, Gym Hero Awards, Music Awards, Standout Student Awards, and Good Citizenship Awards. The Awards Ceremony was held on May 26, 2022.
7. Congratulations to DHH Lengel Teachers for being selected by 8th graders for Superlative Teacher Awards.
8. Congratulations to the following PAHS students at the Schuylkill Technology Center in recognition of the following Elks Students of the Year Award Recipients:
Jacob Bayer, Automotive Technology
Veronica Mercado, Criminal Justice

Upcoming Events:

- June 20-July 21, 2022 - JSC Elementary School Schuylkill Achieve Program
- June 20-July 28, 2022 - DHHL Middle School Schuylkill Achieve Program
- July 4, 2022 - Independence Day (Closed)

On the recommendation of the **Committee on Technology**, and on motion by Mrs. Buchanan, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, the Board approved the quote from LowV Systems, Inc., to replace the visitor management system with the Verkada Guest visitor management system. The replacement of the system will be paid for through the use of funds from the 2019-2020 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Safety and Security Program Grant Fund. Total cost for replacement is \$30,040.00. (COSTARS #040-036). Motion carried.

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

- Approved DHH Lengel Middle School's 2022-2023 A-TSI Title I School Plan.
- Approved the Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1 - 2022-2023 School Year.
- Approved the purchase of the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading^Ò literacy series for kindergarten through fifth grades. This is a (5) year purchase plan, at an estimated cost of \$70,040.51 per year, which will be paid for through the use of funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) of 2021 (ESSER II). The purchase includes digital and print student and teacher resources, online teacher and student access, professional development, and coaching.

- Approved the 2022-2025 Special Education Plan. The 2022-2025 Special Education Plan has been placed on the District's website for review for 28 days.

- Approved the Master Software and Services Agreement (formerly Reading Plus) between Dreambox Learning and Pottsville Area School District for the DHH Lengel Middle School and High School for the 2022-2023 School Year, at a cost of \$7,475.00.

Motion carried.

Informational Item:

The administrative team completed two days of classroom observations before the end of the school year. The Pottsville Area School District will continue to communicate with Gillingham Charter School officials regarding stakeholder interviews and gathering the remaining documentation to clarify and support the charter school's renewal request.

On the recommendation by the **Policy and Procedure Committee** and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, the Board approved the following:

-Approved the following policies

- Policy 146.1 - Trauma-Informed Approach (*Second Reading)
- Policy 150 - Title I Comparability of Services (*Second Reading)
- Policy 221 Attachment - Dress Code (pending solicitor's review)

- Approved the following Parent and Family Engagement Policies and Compacts. This is a requirement of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):

- a. District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- b. John S. Clarke Elementary Center 2022-2023 Title I School and Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- c. John S. Clarke Elementary Center 2022-2023 Title I School/Parent Compact
- d. D.H.H. Lengel Middle School 2022-2023 Title I School and Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- e. D.H.H. Lengel Middle School 2022-2023 Title I School/Parent Compact

Motion carried.

Food Services information item read by Mr. Thomas:

Free summer meals, funded by the USDA, are available to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at summer meals sites at the Pottsville Area School District, Pottsville Free Public Library and the Salvation Army Pottsville Corps.

Lunch will begin Monday, June 20, 2022 and served Monday through Thursday until July 29, 2022 at the DHHL Middle School. Lunch will be served 11:00 am to 11:30 am in the DHHL Middle School cafeteria. It will be closed on July 4, 2022 to observe the holiday.

Under **Labor Relations**, Ms. Wytovich noted that committee discussions continue.

As **IU Representative**, Ms. Wytovich commented that the district will receive a \$20,835.11 refund from the STC for year 2020-2021. The reason for the refund is the STC received extra funds as well as achieved a reduced electric operating expense vs budgeted amounts.

On recommendation of **PSBA Representative** Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board appointed Dr. Ann Blankenhorn as the voting delegate for the PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 9:00 am at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA. The Assembly will also be accessible via Zoom. Motion carried.

Under New Business the following were approved:

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, the Board approved the new format for the Use of Facilities (See Attached):

Motion carried.

An Informational Item:

The School Safety and Security Coordinator Report Act 44 Report was received for the 2021-2022 school year and will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department.

Dr. Gerace presented "Overview of Comprehensive Planning Process and PVAAS (PA Value – Added Assessment System). Dr. Gerace reviewed data from the PSSA scores. There will be community input with this planning process on June 29, 2022, school Board approval on at the September meeting and then submission to PDE in November 2022.

An Executive Session was held from 6:00pm to 7:03pm to discuss personnel matters.
An Executive Session was held from 7:53pm to 7:56pm to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Patricia A. Lombel

Patricia A. Lombel (Date) 7/13/2022

Board Secretary