



**Wednesday, March 9, 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**

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting

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**

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

Are there any public comments at this time?

2. PRESENTATION

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject **3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Mar 9, 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 February 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve as recommended.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Subject 4.1 Approval of Financial Reports

Meeting Mar 9, 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 February 28, 2022 - \$12,703,970.96; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of February 28, 2022 - \$384,211.52**
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 Transfer -

Motion to approve as recommended.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. DONATIONS

Subject 6.1 Donation from Lowe's Home Improvement Center

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting
 Category 6. DONATIONS
 Access Public
 Type Information

Thank you to Lowe's Home Improvement Center for donating four (4) pallets of sanitizing wipes. There are 120 buckets to a pallet, and each bucket holds 300 wipes. We are grateful for Lowe's generosity to our school community.

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

Subject 7.1 Discipline Waiver

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting
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 Waiver, effective March 9, 2022.
* #267993

Motion to approve as recommended.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject 8.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting Mar 9, 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 PASD and the PASDEA:

Tracy James - 3 Credits
Kayla Kurtz - 3 Credits

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting Mar 9, 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 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:

Jennifer Brant - \$2,286.00
Tracy James - \$300.00
Heather Jenkins - \$8,100.00 (9 credits)

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **8.3 Internship Site 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 Internship Site Experience Placement take place for the 2022-2023 school year:

Miranda Angelo (Kutztown University K - 12 Counseling Licensure Program) to intern in the High School with Cooperating Educator, Mrs. Mary Beth Conville.

9. INFORMATION

Subject **9.1 Crimson Tide Foundation**

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Category 9. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

Informational Item:

The Crimson Tide Foundation is once again offering Venture Grants for Teachers. This is the eleventh year of the program. Completed applications should be submitted to Mrs. Lillian Hobbs, John S. Clarke Elementary Center, by March 21, 2022. Thank you to the Crimson Tide Foundation and donors for the support of our students, educators and community.

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 trip to Niagara Falls, New York (May 22-24, 2022). The Tide Tek S.T.E.M. Club will be visiting multiple educational sites near Niagara Falls. The field trip is for 8th grade club members who have remained highly active in club activities during their time at the DHH Lengel Middle School. This will include approximately 10 members of the club making the trip along with 4 chaperones (pending clearances). The trip will be funded by club fundraisers.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Alex Everly as Junior Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$2,200.00, effective 2021-2022 Baseball Season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances.
3. It is recommended that the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Pepsi Bottling Company be retroactively approved effective March 1, 2022. This agreement shall expire on June 30, 2027.

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

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting
 Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action

Subject 10.4 Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting
 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 2022-2023 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget in the amount of \$6,183,330. Pottsville Area School District contribution is \$747,913; a decrease of \$38,887 from prior year.

Note: Each Director must sign the ballots indicating their vote on the above motion and return to the Board Secretary.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.5 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 #70 - paraprofessional - January 31, February 1, 2, 3, 4, 2022
- Employee #537 - cafeteria aide - February 10, 2022
- Employee #1228 - cafeteria aide - February 1, 2022
- Employee # 1300 - cafeteria aide - February 18, 2022
- Employee #1349 - cafeteria aide - March 7, 8, 2022, April 22, 2022
- Employee #828 - cafeteria aide - February 24, 2022
- Employee #1393 - cafeteria aide - February 16, 17, 18, 2022
- Employee #1515 - cafeteria aide - February 23, 2022
- Employee #930 - cafeteria aide - January 28, February 18, 2022
- Employee #1115 - cafeteria aide - February 14, 2022
- Employee #1018 - cafeteria aide - February 22, 2022
- Employee #175 - cafeteria aide - March 3, 2022
- Employee #1138 - cafeteria aide - April 12,13,18,20, 2022

2. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Miss Aubrey Manmiller, School Counselor at the JSC Elementary Center, dated February 9, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

3. It is recommended that the Board terminate the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Jocelyn Oakill, DHH Lengel Middle School Psychologist covering the term of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, retroactive to March 4, 2022.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Acorns to Oaks Consulting, LLC to provide School Psychologist Services to the District. Term of Agreement retroactive to March 7, 2022 through March 7, 2023.
5. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation for retirement from Mrs. Louise Winkler, Life Skills Teacher at the Pottsville Area High School, effective last day of the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Winkler has been in the Pottsville Area High School for 37 years. We are grateful for Mrs. Winkler's dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish her well in retirement.
6. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Melissa Yoder, School Counselor at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective March 9, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Elizabeth Fisher, LMFT to provide Mental Health Services to students at John S. Clarke Elementary, commencing on March 14, 2022. Services billed to the District will be paid for through ESSER funds. We are grateful for Elizabeth Fisher's collaborative partnership with the school district during this great time of need in our community.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Lehigh Valley Hospital to provide Mental Health Services to students at DHH Lengel Middle School, retroactively to March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Services billed to the District will be paid for through ESSER funds. We are grateful for Lehigh Valley Hospital's collaborative partnership with the school district during this great time of need in our community.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Empower the Mind to provide Mental Health Services to students at Pottsville Area High School from March 10, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Services billed to the District will be paid for through ESSER funds. We are grateful for Empower the Mind's collaborative partnership with the school district during this great time of need in our community.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Keegan White as a School Counselor at DHHL – Step 1 – Bachelor's + 15 - \$47,600 with a start date of March 10, 2022. Mrs. Mary Beth Conville will serve as a mentor for Miss White.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Mark Homa as a Maintenance and Grounds worker with the updated job description. Mr. Homa's hourly rate will be \$14 during his probationary period with a start date of March 10, 2022, pending completed paperwork.
12. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Miss Taylor Header, Speech Therapist at the DHH Lengel Middle School, effective July 31, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Ms. Linda Wytovich
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1. Congratulations to Autumn Walchak, PAHS Artist of the month for February.

2. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month for March, Elena Martinko and Chase Fenstermacher.
3. Thank you to JSC, DHHL and PAHS PBIS teams for organizing the concession stand and 50/50 raffles for basketball playoff games.
4. The John S. Clarke Elementary Center and PTO would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations towards the fourth grade field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. The students are very excited for this amazing opportunity.
 1. The Bee Hive
 2. The Crimson Tide Foundation
 3. Murphy Jewelers
 4. Roma Pizza
 5. Sadowski Orthodontics
5. Congratulations to JSC January Students of the Month for March: Colin Bush (Grade K), Kayla Murphy (Grade 1), Adalyn Evans (Grade 2), Declan Hrichak (Grade 3), and Hollis McGinley (Grade 4).
6. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Holobetz and our DHH Lengel PBIS team for arranging an awesome Reward day with DHHL and Saint Clair students. This day was filled with a movie, swimming, games and a concession stand on February 18, 2022.
7. Thank you to the DHHL PBIS Ambassadors who helped to get Martz Hall ready by lending a hand and cleaning for the upcoming District playoff basketball games.
8. Congratulations to the following PAHS STC students for placing in the District 6 Skills USA Competition held on February 7, 2022 and February 11, 2022 at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport.
 - Gold Medal Winners: Makayla Frick, Job Skill Demo A; Lea McDaniels, Basic Health Care
 - Silver Medal Winners: Tashanna Moore, Action Skills; Lydia Cholko, Medical Terminology; Caden Smith, Diesel
 - Bronze Medal Winners: Luci Ames, Esthetics Pottsville; Brady Teresavage, Industrial Motor Control

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

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Type Information

March 7-11, 2022 - National Foreign Language Week

March 11, 2022 - PAHS MiniThon Event

March 12, 2022 - SAT @ PAHS

March 13, 2022 - Daylight Savings Begins

March 22, 2022 - 3rd Quarter Ends

March 29, 2022 - Report Card Posting

April 1-3, 2022 - Spring Musical - Anastasia

April 13, 2022 - Holiday Early Dismissal

April 14, 2022 - Easter Recess

April 15, 2022 - Easter Recess

April 18, 2022 - Easter Recess

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

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting
 Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Technology Committee that the Board approve the following item:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Guyette Communication Industries as the vendor for the Fiber Tip Replacement Project, pending E-rate approval, not to exceed amount of \$15,000.00.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Bartush Signs to fabricate and install a three (3) sided sign pending solicitor's review. This will replace the electronic sign located at the entrance of the Martz Hall parking lot at 16th Street and Laurel Boulevard. The total cost for the sign, permit fees and additional extended 5-year warranty is \$167,958.00 (5% down payment), which will be subsidized by advertising.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.9 Curriculum – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

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 Access Public
 Type Information

Pottsville Area School District has provided a written response to the first set of documents Gillingham Charter School has submitted for the charter renewal request process. The next step is for Gillingham Charter School to provide specified documentation to the School District on certain items not submitted and to provide follow up on submissions to clarify and support the charter school's renewal request. The topics of the requests are: Student Achievement, Curriculum, Special Education, Finance, Discipline/Safety, Operations and Staff.

Subject 10.10 Policy and Procedure - Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting
 Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board approve the following policies:

- Policy 103 - Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - School and Classroom Practices
- Policy 103.1 - Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities (*First Reading)
- Policy 104 - Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - Employment Practices
- Policy 111 - Lesson Plans
- Policy 113.1 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities

- Policy 113.4 - Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- Policy 116 - Tutoring
- Policy 117 - Homebound Instruction (*First Reading)
- Policy 118 - Independent Study
- Policy 119 - Current Events
- Policy 121 - Field Trips

It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board approve to retire the following policies:

- Policy 113 - Special Education
- Policy 117 - Requests for Temporary Excuses from School
- Policy 120 - Human Development Program

Motion to approve as recommended.

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

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Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

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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Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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 Reports

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**

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

12. NEW BUSINESS

Subject **12.1 Use of Facilities**

Meeting Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting

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:

MS

1 Auditorium

PIAA Volleyball Mandatory Rules Interpretation Meeting
August 3, 2022 6:00pm-8:00pm

2 Top of Martz Hall

PAHS Cheer Practice
5/15, 5/17, 5/20/2022 4:15pm-6:45pm
5/15, 5/19/2022 3:15pm-6:45pm
5/23, 5/24/2022 4:15pm-6:45pm
5/25, 5/26/2022 3:15pm-6:45pm

3 Top of Martz Hall (Outside)

PAHS Football Boosters Spring Clothing Drive
5/21/2022 10:00am-2:00pm

4 Cafeteria

Girls Youth Basketball Pizza Party

3/19/2021 12:00pm-2:00pm

5 Martz Hall Gym and Concession

PAHS JV and Varsity Volleyball Tournament

9/10/2022 7:30am-7:00pm

10/8/2022 7:30am-7:00pm

HS**1 Cafeteria**

PAHS Track and Field Boosters Meeting

3/16/2022 6:30pm

2 Cafeteria

PAHS Cheer Meeting

4/4/2022 5:30pm-7:45pm

3 Little Theatre / 1st Floor Classrooms

Honors American History Night

5/11/2022 5:00pm-9:00pm

4 High School Stadium Track

City of Pottsville 2022 Fitness Challenge

6/1/2022 thru 8/1/2022 5:00pm-8:00pm

5 Band Room, Auditorium, Bathrooms

PAHS Small Ensembles Concert

3/10/2022 5:00pm-9:30pm

6 Cafeteria

PAHS Boys Soccer Fundraiser Pick Up

4/12/2022 3:15pm

JSC**1 Gym**

Majorette Try Outs

March 6, 13, 20, 27/2022 1:00pm-3:00pm

2 Cafeteria

Title I Bingo

3/31/2022 5:00pm-8:00pm

AC

1 Alumni Field

PAHS Leo Club Easter Egg Hunt

4/16/2022 9:30am-12:00pm

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	Mar 9, 2022 - Board Meeting
Category	14. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn