

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Board Meeting
May 18, 2022
DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium
7:00 PM

Present: Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan,
Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt,
Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban,
Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder, Superintendent;
Mrs. Stair, Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel,
Asst. Business Manager/Board Secretary;
Atty. Kevin Reid

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. I have been furloughed since 2020.

I would like to thank Dr. Sarah Yoder for meeting with Lillian Hobbs, Adrian Porter and myself, yesterday, May 17, 2022.

During our meeting 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.

As of May 17, 2022, we finalized the petition to reopen libraries that was circulated among the Pottsville Area School District stakeholders. We received approximately 150 signatures since the last Board meeting. The final total of signees was 1,345.

I have given the final report to the board secretary who will distribute them to the school Board.

We want to thank the JSC PTO for their support in initially posting the petition and Christine Lee for her article in the Republican Herald. Also, thanks to the parents who were interviewed and contributed valuable insight to the article.

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. Thank you."

Mr. George Stencovage, Pottsville resident:

Mr. Stencovage said he wants every child to have a great education but cannot afford to have taxes increased every year. He said that the elderly cannot afford the tax increase. He noted that there has to be a better way than raising taxes.

Dr. Cardamone thanked everyone for their comments.

Dr. Cardamone, in recognition of PAHS CareerLink Students, thanked them for their participation with CarrerLink during the school year. A special thank you to teacher, Julie Saunders for making this a very successful year. The students worker in various areas of the District and they also got paid for their work. The following students received certifications:

Shane Derfler

Bradley Frehafer

Seth Freudeman

Makayla Frick

Luis Hernandez

Mason Major

Veronica Mercado
Aidan Miller
Tashanna Moore
Eric Salen
Shawn Smerlick
Konnor Temple
Damien Trovato

Mrs. Stacy Stair discussed the updated 2022-2023 budget. Mrs. Stair said there are minor changes. Due to an increase in property tax relief of \$183,000, Real Estate Taxes decreased. Federal resources increased by \$10,000. Insurance increased by \$14,115 or 6.3%. This increase was taken from the additional property tax relief. There was also an additional savings from health care insurance. Expenses are \$46,807,047 and revenues are \$46,807,047 for the 2022-2023 school year.

On motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the April 13, 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 Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of April 2022:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) – General Fund Balance as of April 30, 2022- \$9,760,174.85; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of April 30, 2022 - \$423,529.44.
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 – Annual budget transfers in preparation for the year end audit.

Motion carried.

There was a motion for an election of a Treasurer for year 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023)

On a motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, the Board approved to proceed with the election of a Treasurer for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Motion carried.

On a motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, Ms. Linda Wytovich was nominated for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2022 and ending the last day of June 2023. Motion carried.

On a motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Nominations for Treasurer were closed. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Aye.

Mrs. Lombel, Board Secretary, cast the ballot electing Ms. Linda Wytovich as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

On the motion of Dr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved that the Treasurer be required to provide a bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, with approved surety, the premium of the bond to be paid by the Pottsville Area School District. Motion carried.

Under Donations, A special thank you to Mr. Paul Moyer, Moyer Electronics, for his generous donation of a sound system which includes setup and removal for graduation in Martz Hall on Friday, May 27, 2022 if the weather is inclement.

Thank you to Schuylkill County Mental Health and Developmental Services for organizing and providing funds to host motivational speaker Mark Mero in Martz Hall for approximately 2,000 Schuylkill County students on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. We are grateful for Mark's inspiration and dedication to society. The Pottsville Area School District encourages DHHL Middle School students to reflect on Mark's message of the impact that choices have on the tragedies and triumphs in all of our lives. We want our students to pursue their passions in life by asking the question Mark challenged us with, "What will you do differently tomorrow that you didn't do today to take steps toward your dream and goals?"

On the recommendation of Atty. Reid, and on motion of Mr. Urban seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, the Board approved the following Discipline Waiver, effective May 18, 2022: #273525. Motion carried.

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

Lisa Chistakoff - 3 Credits

Julie Drummer - 9 Credits

Cara Kelly - 3 Credits

Katelynn Miller - 3 Credits

Amanda Purcell - 3 Credits

Kara Ryan - 3 Credits

Gregory Schuettler - 3 Credits

Motion carried.

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

Kendra Boris - \$1,566.00

Jennifer Brant - \$2,286.00

Kimberly Edling - \$300.00

Alicia Fehr - \$1,566.00

Allison Hughes - \$984.00

Neil Johnson - \$1697.22

Kayla Kurtz - \$2,067.00

Kelly Lombel - \$3,390.00

Katelynn Miller - \$300.00

Motion carried.

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

Kimberly Edling – Master's +15

Amanda Purcell – Bachelor's +15

Motion carried.

Thank you to the **Crimson Tide Foundation** for the Venture Grants that were awarded to the following:

- Kindergarten Teachers - See Saw Application - \$720.00
- Nathaniel Libby - JSC - Recorders - \$530.00

- Kristyn Blum/First Grade Teachers - JSC - Planting and farming project - \$346.66
- Amy Oestreich - DHHL - Equipment for Life Skills Classes - \$616.54
- Jonathan Hughes - DHHL - STEM trip to Niagara - \$1,000
- Meredith Pellish & Suzanne Sterner - PAHS - 105 Detective Fiction Books - \$528.15
- Sara Arnold - PAHS - Field Trip to Corning Museum of Glass - \$1,000
- Casey Horvath & Louise Winkler - PAHS - Life Skills Field Trip to Electric City Aquarium/brunch at Cracker Barrel - \$920.60
- Lisa Holobetz - DHHL - Reading Phillies - \$978.40

The Publications Program at the Pottsville Area High School accepted a grant of \$9,500 from the **Crimson Tide Foundation**. Thank you for this generous grant. It is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to those in the community who supported the **Crimson Tide Foundation** in the Schuylkill Gives Campaign that was held on May 11 and May 12.

Dr. Yoder read the following **Federal Programs** Informational Items:

Federal Programs Coordinator Maria Larish gathered and organized the information necessary from the administrative team to complete and submit the ESSER Funding Status Report on April 28, 2022. The information reported was a combination of financial and programmatic data.

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

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Brett Matukewicz, Junior Wrestling Coach at the Pottsville Area School District, effective May 4, 2022.
- Approved the C-Tide partners' sponsorship flyer. Contracts with C-Tide Partners will be recommended for approval individually at future meetings.

Motion carried.

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

- Awarded the Martz Hall Stair Replacement Project to Bill Anskis Company, Inc., 465 Industrial Park Road, Elysburg, PA pending solicitor's review. Bill Anskis Company, Inc. was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$279,910.00.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Dewitt, read the following updated informational item:

Additional information was requested by PennDot in reference to the district's request that Route 209 be designated a hazardous roadway. This information was submitted by the District last week.

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 following properties for tax abatement:

- Parcel No. 59-2-279 - located at 318 N. Coal Street, Port Carbon, PA 17965.
Balance on 2021 school real estate taxes - \$821.95
- Parcel 20-04-0012 (\$451.32) and Parcel 20-04-0013 (\$1,124.59) - located at 25-27 Mamies Avenue Pottsville (Norwegian Twp). Total 2021 school real estate taxes: \$1,575.91

- Reappointed the Schuylkill County Recorder of Deeds to administer and collect the Realty Transfer Tax within the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

- Approved the School District Insurance Package with Seltzer Insurance for the 2022-2023 school year as follows: Package Policy: Property/Liability/Auto/Educators Legal Liability Included \$121,842; Commercial Umbrella \$17,478 and Cyber Liability \$8,500.

- Approved the School District Workers Compensation Insurance with Seltzer Insurance for the 2022-2023 school year. Yearly cost is \$89,375.

- Designated the following institutions as depositories for the Pottsville Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year and to continue under presently existing depository agreements:

- Mid Penn Bank , Minersville, PA - General Fund, Payroll Account, Federal Funds, HS Athletic Fund, Activities Fund, Auxiliary Account, Booster Club Account, Cafeteria Account
- Gratz /Link Bank, Pottsville, PA - Award Funds, Technology Account
- Truist Bank (formerly BB & T Bank), Pottsville, PA - Ebay Account

- Approved the service agreement between Ehrlich and Pottsville Area School District at a cost of \$3,200.00.

- Approved the agreement between WorkPlace Health and Pottsville Area School District for student onsite drug testing as per board policy 227.1 for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Approved a Repository Sale for Parcel No. 57-02-0001.001 located at 0 North Bacon Street, Palo Alto at a price of \$1,699.00.

- Approved the revised 2021-2022 Title IIA Non-Public Programs and Services Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate unit. Term of Agreement: September 1, 2021 and terminate when 2021-2022 funds are expended.

- approved the revised Title I Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. The Term of Agreement: August 25, 2021 through May 27, 2022.

Motion carried.

Dr. Blankenhorn read the following:

The **Committee on Finance** reported that the tentative budget notice and the adoption of the budget this evening was published in the Republican Herald on April 20, 2022 stating that the budget for the fiscal year commencing the first day of July 2022 would be adopted as of May 18, 2022. The budget herewith presented has been carefully considered by the Board of Directors and is now submitted by the Committee on Finance for action at this meeting.

The **Committee on Finance** recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the following budget resolution authorizing the expenditures of the amounts indicated in the various classifications for the general fund budget totaling \$46,807,047 and appended to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of Pottsville Area School District, Schuylkill County, hereby authorize expenditures of \$46,807,047 set forth in the school budget, as appended, during the school year 2022-2023 and levies a tax of 44.4025 mills (\$44.4025 per thousand dollars) of the County assessed valuation on real estate; a per capita tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; a per capita tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person under Act 511, Local Tax

Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; an earned income tax of one-half percent (1/2%), also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; an occupation tax of 339.4493 mills based on the occupational assessment as set by the County Assessor or a total of \$125.84 also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; a business privilege tax of four and one-half (4 1/2) mills on each dollar of the whole or gross volume of business transacted within the territorial limits of the school district except for wholesale dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one (1) mill, and retail dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) mills, also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; a local services tax at the rate of \$5.00, also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; and a realty transfer tax of one percent (1%), also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to Act 77 of 1986; to provide the necessary revenue for the expenditures hereby authorized.

The above taxes will be levied and collected in each of the following political subdivisions included in the Pottsville Area School District as follows: City of Pottsville, Borough of Port Carbon, Borough of Mechanicsville, Borough of Mount Carbon, Borough of Palo Alto, and Township of Norwegian.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION by Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Aye.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the Board authorize and direct the following to collect the amount due on the 2022 taxes, real estate and personal, in the respective political subdivisions indicated:

Pottsville City	Taryn Dragna
Port Carbon Borough	Mary Jo Ferraro
Mechanicsville Borough	Debra Witmer
Mount Carbon Borough	Linda Marchalk/Sch. County Treasurer
Palo Alto Borough	Anna Cook
Norwegian Township	Krista Schaeffer

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE COLLECTION OF TAXES by Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Aye.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the Board confirm the rates of compensation to tax collectors in the respective political subdivisions for the 2022 duplicates:

Pottsville City - School District's 1/3 share of tax office salaries, with the City of Pottsville and County of Schuylkill to pay the other two-thirds

Port Carbon Borough	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District
Mechanicsville Borough	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District
Mount Carbon Borough	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District
Palo Alto Borough	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District
Norwegian Township	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District

MOTION TO CONFIRM RATES OF COMPENSATION by Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried by roll call vote: Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Aye.

The Committee on Finance reported as a matter of record that the resolution imposing a Per Capita Tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; a Per Capita Tax of five dollars (\$5.00) on each resident of Pottsville Area School District under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, provided for the levy of this tax during the 1980-1981 school year and subsequent years. No additional resolution is required to continue these taxes which are currently in force.

The Committee on Finance reported as a matter of record that the resolution imposing an Earned Income Tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, provided for the levy of this tax during the period beginning July 1, 1966 and ending December 31, 1966 and thereafter, during each successive calendar year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax which is currently in force.

The Committee on Finance reported as a matter of record that the Realty Transfer Tax of one percent (1%) on the transfer of titles on real estate in the Pottsville Area School District under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to Act 77 of 1986, which is currently in effect, will continue during the 2022-2023 school year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax.

The Committee on Finance reported as a matter of record that the Local Services Tax of \$5.00, under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, which is currently in effect, will continue during the 2022-2023 school year.

The Committee on Finance reported as a matter of record that the Business Privilege Tax of four and one-half (4 1/2) mills on each dollar of the whole or gross volume of business transacted within the territorial limits of the School District except for wholesale dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one (1) mill, and retail dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at one and one-half (1 1/2) mills, under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, which is currently in effect, will continue during the 2022-2023 school year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax.

The Committee on Finance reported as a matter of record that the Occupation Tax of 339.4493 mills based on the occupational assessment as set by the County Assessor or a total of \$125.84 under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, will continue during the 2022-2023 school year.

The Committee on Finance reported that proper notification of the continuance of Per Capita Tax (Section 679), Per Capita Tax (Section 511), Earned Income Tax, Realty Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax, Business Privilege Tax, and Occupation Tax for the fiscal year 2022-2023, will be forwarded to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Local Government Services, by certified mail, as required.

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

TAX STRUCTURE -2022-2023

Real Estate	44.4025	
Per Capita – Section 679	\$ 5.00	
Per Capita – Act 511	\$ 5.00	
Earned Income Tax	1/2%	
Realty Transfer Tax	1% Shared with City - .5%	
Local Services Tax	\$ 5.00	
Business Privilege Tax	1 mill	Wholesale
	1 1/2 mills	Retail
	4 1/2 mills	Other/Service
Occupation Tax – Act 511	\$125.84	

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Pottsville Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2022:
 - a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$ 887,697.
 2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
 - a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4,338.
 - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 0.
 - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,338.
3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(a) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$ 887,697 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4,338, the maximum real

estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$204.64

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$204.64 by the School District real estate tax rate of 44.4025 mills (.444025), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$4,609, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$0.00.

5. **Homestead/Farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$4,609. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$0.00. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Resolution for the Homestead/Farmstead was carried.

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

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

- Employee #1115 - cafeteria aide - April 22, 28, 2022 and May 3, 2022
- Employee #1393 - cafeteria aide - April 13, 29, 2022
- Employee #302 - cafeteria cook - April 22, 2022, May 24, 2022
- Employee #1523 - cafeteria aide - April 11, 2022
- Employee #175 - cafeteria aide - April 27, 2022 thru May 27, 2022
- Employee #930 - cafeteria aide - May 2, 2022
- Employee #1362 - cafeteria aide - May 12, 2022

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Miss Heather Jenkins, 7/8 Grade ELA Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, dated April 13, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Ms. Francine Davis, cafeteria worker at Pottsville Area High School, effective April 25, 2022.

- Accepted the letter of resignation for retirement from Ms. Kathy Fessler, paraprofessional at Pottsville Area High School. Ms. Fessler's last day will be May 27, 2022. We wish her well in her retirement.

- Accepted the letter of resignation for retirement from Mrs. Jacqueline Toomey, paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center. Mrs. Toomey's last day will be May 30, 2022. We wish her well in her retirement.

- Approved the following for the 2022 Summer Feeding Program, at an hourly rate of \$12.00. The Summer Feeding Program will run during the months of June and July 2022.

Chloe Bledsoe

Carol Buchinski

Paula Heffner

Ashley Neidlinger

Josephine Plappert

Carolyn Potts

Jessica Rubright

Tina Sibbett

Connie Stabinsky
Kris Thomas
Theresa Walsh
Joanie Williams

Substitutes

Kellie Borrell
Shannon Butler
Robin Kalinich
Colleen Miller

- Approved the following for ESY bus/van drivers at their normal hourly rate and the summer work program at an hourly rate of \$12.00. ESY will run from June 21, 2022 through July 28, 2022.

Natalie Bachman - ESY (Substitute driver)
Erica Berger - ESY (Substitute driver) and clean buses/vans
Ronald Brennan - ESY (Substitute driver)
Carole Davis - ESY (Substitute driver)
Robert Dusel - ESY - Bus driver
David Faust - ESY - Van Driver
Kayla Leibel - ESY (Substitute driver) and clean buses/vans
William Martin - ESY - Bus driver and clean buses/vans
Kelsey Marx - ESY (Substitute driver) and clean buses/vans
Jayne McKeown - ESY - Bus driver and clean buses/vans
Melissa Petrozino - ESY (Substitute driver) and clean buses/vans
Patricia Roos - ESY (Substitute driver)
Kathleen Setlock - ESY (Substitute driver) and clean buses/vans
Dorothy Vaughan - ESY (Substitute driver) and clean buses/van
Tori Wallace - ESY - Van driver and clean buses/vans

- Approved the following for Summer Cleaning Program at an hourly rate of \$12.00 during the months of June and July 2022:

Gary Keener
Joanie Williams (substitute)

- Approved the following for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) at \$32.00/hour, effective June 21, 2022:

Teachers
Melissa Focht

Heather Martin
Heather McDonald
Marissa Rhode
Julie Saunders

Nurses

Kendra Rooney
Danita Sippel

Speech and Language

Lauren Bubeck
Rachel Damiter

- Approved the following paraprofessionals for the Extended year Program (ESY) at their normal hourly rate, effective June 21, 2022 through July 28, 2022:

Dianna DePauli
Hannah Granito
Sue Griffin
Sue Heiser
Kelly Miller
Joelle Reed
Kaleigh Sibbett

- Approved the following teachers to plan and/or teach the John Clarke Elementary Summer Tutoring Program, at an hourly rate of \$32.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Kim Jackson
Tayah Moore
Amy Rubinkam

Substitutes

Lillian Hobbs
Mary McGinley
Rebecca Oakill
Erin Tranquillo

- Approved Sandy Paulshock as a classroom aide for the John S. Clarke Elementary Summer Tutoring Program at her normal hourly rate.

- Approved the following teachers to plan and/or teach the DHHL Middle School Summer Tutoring Program, at an hourly rate of \$32.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Cody Blankenhorn
Paula Jones
Lisa Holobetz
Stephanie Maroukis
Katelynn Miller
Amy Schneider
Ashley Shappell
Philip Tenaglia
Anya Wood
Patricia Zimmerman

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 following teachers to plan and/or teach the Pottsville Area High School Summer Tutoring Program, at an hourly rate of \$32.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Suzanne Fredericks
Dr. Ali Hobbs
Christopher Kovaleski
Maria Malek
Meredith Pellish
Charles Schuster
David Sterner
Raymond Yost

- Approved the following John S. Clarke Elementary Center teachers for the Achieve Summer Program at an hourly rate of \$24.40.

The Achieve Summer Program begins on June 20 thru July 21, 2022.

Molly Boran - Supervisor (hourly rate - \$26.00).
Beth Bauers
Michelle Boran
Emily Kleeman
Heather Martin

- Approved the following DHH Lengel Middle School teachers for the Achieve Summer Program at an hourly rate of \$24.40.

The Achieve Summer Program begins on June 20 thru July 21, 2022.

Alicia Fehr - Supervisor (hourly rate - \$26.00).

Cara Holman

Lisa Holobetz

Gregory Schuettler

Ashley Shappell

Carolyn Wasilewski

Joann Weres

Keegan White

Anya Wood

Patricia Zimmerman

- Approved Julie Saunders as the Point of Contact for Act 1 of 2022.

- Accepted the resignation from Thomas Kurtek, van driver for the Pottsville Area School District, effective May 5, 2022. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

- Accepted the letter of resignation for retirement from Mary Ann Filiac, paraprofessional at Pottsville Area High School. Mrs. Filiac's last day will be Friday, May 27, 2022. We wish her well in her retirement.

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Ms. Lindsey Boncore, Art Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, dated May 9, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Brandin Andrews, bus driver for the Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to April 13, 2022. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

- Approved Ms. Kiera Van Horn as a Speech Therapist at DHHL for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Master's - \$49,100. Mrs. Julie Saunders will serve as a mentor for Ms. Van Horn.

- Approved Ms. Marissa Rhode as a Special Education Teacher at DHHL for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor's - \$40,500. Mrs. Julie Saunders will serve as a mentor for Ms. Rhode.

- Approved Carter Yeager as an Intern (Penn State Schuylkill – Business/ Accounting) with the PASD Business Department for an hourly rate of \$11 from May 19 through December 31, 2022, pending completion of clearances. This internship is through the Penn State Schuylkill Co-Op program.

- Approved the MOU with Michelle Goodman for additional Business office duties from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

- Approved the MOU with Brittany Stevenosky for additional Business office duties from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Motion carried.

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

1. Congratulations to the Elk's Students of the Semester at the Schuylkill Technology Center who were honored for the second semester!

Michaela Chiao – Health Careers (Senior)

Alejandro Serrano - Business Management (Junior)

Jordon Steidle - Criminal Justice (Junior)

2. Congratulations to the Schuylkill Technology Center students who placed at the SkillsUSA State Competition!

Lea McDaniels - Health Careers (Senior) - placed 5th

Makayla Frick – Early Childhood Care and Education (Senior) – placed 7th

3. Congratulations to JSC May Students of the Month:

Kindergarten:

Jazierah Brown – Mrs. Bubnis

Jacob Soboski Jr. – Mrs. Murray

First Grade:

Preston Miller- Mrs. Grow

Vivien Sophy – Mrs. McDonald

Second Grade:

Cole Schwartz -Mrs. Gombola

Zoey Ketterer – Mrs. Dillow

Third Grade:

Jayden Jeune – Mrs. Kleeman

Gianna DiTomo - Ms. Salem

Fourth Grade:

Carter Morrison – Mrs.Brindle
Emma Scheifley - Mrs. Purcell

4. Thank you to the JSC PTO for organizing a successful basket Auction held May 13th to May 15th.
5. Congratulations to PAHS senior Mark Ritschel for being named District XI Wrestling Scholar Athlete!
6. Congratulations to the DHHL What's So Cool About Manufacturing Team for winning the Outstanding Educational Value award with Ashland Technologies, Inc. in the Berks Schuylkill competition and being selected to go to States on May 18th! Amazing job by George Airinei, Julia Bensinger, William Davis, Angel Diehl, Jake Powers, Michael Prestileo, Savannah Reavill and Tyler Sibbett with their teacher coaches Mr. Hughes and Mr. Selinko and Ash-Tec CEO John Powers!
7. Thank you to the DHHL Schuylkill Achieve After School Program and DHHL PBIS Ambassadors for partnering with the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts at the Historic Yuengling Mansion to help with some spring cleaning. DHHL students spent hours after school to clean up inside and around the grounds to make sure that the site was clean and shiny and ready for the many upcoming events.
8. Congratulations to all our PASD students who participated in the Spartan Games held on May 11th at North Schuylkill School District.
9. Congratulations to the following top six PAHS students for being designated as Schuylkill Scholars at the Academic Achievement Banquet on April 26th.
 - Julia Balulis
 - Yseult Barbedette
 - Kaylee Becker
 - Ayva Strauss
 - Taylor Welsh
 - Evan Woodward
10. Congratulations to Eliot Skoraszewski, PAHS Artist of the month for April.
11. Congratulations to Brooke Hallick and Gavin Webb, April "Rotary Students of the Month" and Autumn Walchak and Ryleigh Cook, May "Rotary Students of the Month".

12. Congratulations to Caitlyn Corby, winner of the 2022 SADD Senior Prom promise.
13. Congratulations to Prom King, Brenan Adams and Prom Queen, Caroline Gist.
14. A special thank you to our teachers and staff. Staff were recognized on National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 3rd with coffee and breakfast items served by the Board of Education.

Upcoming Events:

- May 19, 2022 - PAHS Stage Band Concert
- May 20, 2022 - PAHS Seniors last day of classes
- May 20, 2022 - Red Cross Blood Drive at PAHS
- May 22, 2022 - Baccalaureate - St. John the Baptist Church
- May 23, 2022 - Senior Breakfast
- May 24, 2022 - Honors Graduate Ceremony
- May 25, 2022 - JSC Fun Day
- May 27, 2022 - Last day of school
- May 27, 2022 - Holiday Early Dismissal
- May 27, 2022 - PAHS Graduation
- May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day - Closed

On the recommendation of the **Committee on Curriculum**, and on motion by Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the purchase of S.P.I.R.E. by School Specialty, an intensive multi-sensory intervention program for struggling readers. The program would be utilized in the DHH Lengel Middle School and John S. Clarke Elementary Center Special Education and Title I departments. The total cost of the program is \$41,674.04. Title I, ESSER, and/or ACCESS funding will be utilized for the purchase. Motion carried.

Informational Items:

The DHH Lengel Middle School's proposed 2022-2023 A-TSI Title I School Plan was posted on DHH Lengel Middle School's webpage for public review on May 6, 2022. To access the plan, please click on the *Curriculum* tab and select *Title I Information*. On this page you will find the A-TSI School Plan and the A-TSI School Plan Input Form link. Please click on the link to provide input regarding the A-TSI Plan. After all input has been considered and the review period has concluded, the plan will be placed on the school board agenda for approval at the June meeting.

The administrative team completed one day of classroom observations and has toured Gillingham Charter School and its administrative office area. The next observation day will take place on May 23rd. 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 Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following policies:

- Policy 127 - Assessment System (*Second Reading)
- Policy 140 - Charter Schools
- Policy 140.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- Policy 142 - Migrant Students
- Policy 143 - Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
- Policy 144 - Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- Policy 146 - Student Services
- Policy 146.1 - Trauma-Informed Approach (*First Reading)
- Policy 150 - Title I Comparability of Services (*First Reading)

Motion carried.

Under New Business the following were approved:

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following Use of Facilities:

MS

1. Academic Center Parking Lot/Rest Rooms

Pottsville Fire Companies and the City of Pottsville
Annual Public Safety Night Out
4:00pm-8:00pm

2. Martz Hall

Pottsville Bureau of Police
Use of Martz Hall as an Emergency Contingency
July 9, 2022 10:00am-12:00am

3. Martz Hall

Drum Corps International
Martz Hall, Basketball and Swim Locker Rooms, Classrooms, Auditorium,
Football Practice Field, AC Balcony, AC Parking Lot, Alumni Field
August 3, 2022 11:55pm-August 6, 2022 5:00pm

HS

1. High School Building

PAHS Class of 1971

Requesting tour of High School prior to class reunion

June 11, 2022 11:30am

Motion carried.

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

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

 6/8/2022

Patricia A. Lombel (Date)

Board Secretary