

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting September 14, 2022 DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium 7:08 PM	Present:	Dr. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Buchanan (via Zoom), Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair, Business Manager; Mrs. Lombel, Asst. Business Manager/ Board Secretary; Atty. Kevin Reid, Solicitor
	Absent:	Mr. Shields

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.**

The Board of Directors Roll Call – 8 members present. Mrs. Buchanan was via Zoom. Mr. Shields was absent.

There were two public comments this evening.

Mrs. Lillian Hobbs

"As I walk through the unused John S. Clarke library I remain compelled to continue advocating for the students of our district. The front page of the August 31, 2022, edition of the Republican Herald newspaper featured an article on the new Blue Mountain Elementary West building. Of the three photographs featured, one was of a third grade student looking over books in the library. In the background of the photo, the certified teacher librarian was chatting with parents. It is encouraging to see that Blue Mountain realizes the essential role that libraries, staffed by certified teacher librarians, contribute to the learning community.

As I have mentioned in the past, the majority of our students do not have access to books in their homes. Laura Bush, former librarian, stated, "Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find out the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open."

Ladies and gentlemen of the board of directors, please open the doors to learning for our students."

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. As teacher librarians, we believe the foundation of a good education begins with literacy, and that libraries underpin the path to reading mastery. John S. Clarke library had a state standard curriculum and has a high-quality curated age-appropriated collection. This calls for us to advocate for the students of this district to have all the advantages of a high-level education by reopening this resource with a certified teacher librarian.

It has been reported that school districts all over Pennsylvania have received an infusion of funds.

We know that most of these funds are earmarked for various programs that will serve the students of this district. We are also curious to see how extra funds are spent, if not for the library program. As you remember we are requesting the opening of the John S. Clarke library.

To quote our petition to reopen the libraries:

"For two years many of our students have suffered educational losses due to no fault of their own. In addition to the disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, our **taxpayer funded school libraries have also been closed.** With no certified teacher librarians on staff, our students have missed out on access to books to develop and

reinforce critical reading skills, develop information literacy skills, and a host of other vital academic opportunities.”

Now, reinforcing our position, the national news is reporting that nine-year-old students have fallen behind in reading skills (and math) due to the pandemic of the past two years.

I was recently sent an article addressing this current dilemma of students falling behind from the K-6 principal of North Schuylkill School District, Missy Whitaker, who like myself, is an alumna of the PASD. The article is called School Librarians Can Fortify Curricula Across Subject Areas. This article was presented by a motivational speaker during a conference with their teachers at North Schuylkill; it references the important contribution school librarians are making to help elementary students regain their reading skills. The speaker spoke about the value school librarians bring to this issue of learning loss by working with administration and teachers.

The Editorial Board of the Chicago Sun Times wrote on July 22, 2022: “When schools don’t have librarians its cause for alarm. Not having a librarian just doesn’t mean children may not even learn how to find books or periodicals of their liking. They may also never pick up computer skills or news literacy. (This is especially important at a time where misinformation is rampant.)”

I am citing these examples for you because Lillian and I have been told we are being adversarial. This is what advocating looks like.

We have also been told there are some who DO NOT want the libraries to be open.

I would like to mention that we have 1,428 parents, students, alumni and various stakeholders in this community who would like to see at least the John S. Clarke Library opened; THEY have advocated for it by signing our petition to reopen the libraries.

I have provided the additional signatures to our petition and the articles I have referenced to the board secretary to be distributed to board members.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Kerri Lubinsky the new principal to John S. Clarke. You will be working with a great staff! Thank you.”

Dr. Cardamone thanked Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. DiObilda for their comments.

On motion of Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the August 10, 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. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of August 2022:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) – General Fund Balance as of August 31, 2022- \$16,956,989.45; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of August 31, 2022 - \$538,941.82.
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.

Mrs. Stair, Business Manager, presented the Solar Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

Actual Net Electric Bill with Solar Power

- School District's Annual Bills paid to PPL - \$179,445 (Expense)
- Solar Payments under solar contract - \$171,417 (Expense)
- *Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) income – \$55,170 (Revenue)*
- Excess Production payment from PPL – \$2,825 (Revenue)

Actual Net Electric Bill = \$292,867

Electric Bill if the District did not have Solar Power

- School District's Annual Energy usage – 3,880,931kWh
- Energy Supply Cost = Multiplied usage (above) by \$0.0621/kWh = \$241,154 (Expense)
- Historical Distribution Cost = Multiplied usage (above) by \$0.016/kWh = \$62,095 (Expense)

Electric Bill if the District did not have Solar Power = \$303,249

**Solar energy produced is offsetting about 44% of annual energy usage

Year 1 Energy savings with Solar Power = \$303,249 - \$292,867 = \$10,382 (Time period November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021)

Since *Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC)* are sold after the Solar Power is generated, the PASD will provide a similar report in 2023 for Year 2 Energy savings for the time period of November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022.

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:

Lisa Chistakoff - 3 Credits

Christopher Kovaleski - 9 Credits

Kayla Kurtz - 3 Credits

Kelly Lombel - 6 Credits

Crystal Pugh - 3 Credits

Ashley Shappell - 3 Credits

Elizabeth Sophy - 3 Credits

Anya Wood - 3 Credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, 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

Lisa Chistakoff - \$1,614.00

Kelly Lombel - \$3,498.00

Amanda Purcell - \$1,614.00

Ashley Shappell - \$1,548.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following student teacher placements as a part of the district's collaboration with Kutztown University:

Erica Berger with cooperating teacher, Kelly Lombel (Grade 4)

Chelsea Chatcho with cooperating teacher, Amanda Purcell (Grade 4)

Karrison Dubbs with cooperating teacher, Jennifer Brindle (Grade 4)

Marykate Geppert with cooperating teachers, Tracey Fidler and Karen Bertsch (Grade 4)

Kaylee Laychock with cooperating teacher, Julie Drummer (Grade 4)

Hailey Sheak with cooperating teacher, Tara Hess (Grade 4)

Lauren Deibert with cooperating teacher, Molly Kleeman (Grade 3)

Vanessa Kremmasky with cooperating teacher, Stacie Cromyak (Grade 3)

Olivia Sciocchetti with cooperating teacher, Courtney Reichert (Grade K)

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following student teacher placements as a part of the district's collaboration with Alvernia University:

Alisyn Zimmerman with cooperating teacher, Kristyn Blum (Grade 1)

We are grateful for our partnerships with Kutztown University and Alvernia University.

Motion carried.

A note from Crimson Tide Foundation Board President John Liddle:

The Crimson Tide Foundation held its 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament on August 27th at the Barefield Recreation Complex. Considering none of CTF board members knew anything about cornhole tournaments a few short months ago, the Foundation is extremely pleased with the results of the fundraising effort. Twenty-five (25) teams entered the competition, many of whom were serious players.

In addition to the time and treasure donated to the project by the CTF board members, we are thankful for the following companies who gave financial support:

AIS Consulting

Barefield Development Corporation

Bee Hive Salon

CACL Federal Credit Union

Club 18

Guers Dairy

Hadesty's Hardware

Holden Insurance Agency

MBTPC Law

Pottsville Zone

Roma Pizza

Thank you to the Crimson House and Park Tavern for serving food to those in attendance.

It is hoped that after a short rest from the tournament organizing efforts, the CTF Board will begin working on the 2nd Annual event.

The District echoes the appreciation for the financial supporters and is grateful for the commitment of the CTF Board for supporting the PASD students, faculty, staff, and families for partially and fully subsidizing educational resources, field trips, and activities. We ask that our community supports the efforts of the Crimson Tide Foundation with future endeavors.

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

- Accepted the resignation of Savas Logothetides, Assistant Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach, effective August 12, 2022.

- Approved Guisepppe Giuffre as Assistant Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach, effective September 15, 2022 contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances.

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:

- Approved the change order for the Site Stair Replacement (woven guard material to galvanized pickets).

Original Contract Amount - \$279,910.00

Reduced \$ 4,350.00

New Contract Amount \$275,560.00

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 following repository sales:

- Parcel # 68-36-0033.000 located at 235 Pierce Street Pottsville City. Repository Price - \$2,409.74
- Parcel # 68-35-0225.000 located at 627 Pierce Street Pottsville City. Repository Price - \$1,299.00
- Parcel # 68-20-0025.000 located at 645 N. Second Street Pottsville City. Repository price - \$1,349.00
- Parcel # 68-19-0202.000 located at 801 Fairview Street Pottsville City. Repository Price - \$1,924.83
- Parcel # 68-07-0099.000 located at 456 Nicholas Street Pottsville City. Repository Price - \$1,127.00
- Parcel # 68-19-0283.000 located at 506 Harrison Street Pottsville City. Repository Price - \$1,325.00

- Appointed the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pottsville as conservator by the Court of Common Pleas for the following property:

- Parcel #68-18-0037.000 located at 1308 Mount Hope Avenue, Pottsville.
- Approved the Addendum to the Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and ESS Northeast, LLC for the Services of Substitute Teachers and Staff, effective August 1, 2022.
- Approved the Contract for Professional Services between Schuylkill Pediatric Physical Therapy LLC by Lynn M. Babbitt, MSPT and the Pottsville Area School District for Physical Therapy Services at an hourly rate of \$68.00, effective June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
- Approved the agreement between Pottsville Area School District and JusticeWorks YouthCare, Inc. Term of Agreement: August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.
- Approved the extended lease of vehicles (buses) agreement between Santander Bank and Pottsville Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved the agreement for Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) between Safety Net Counseling, Inc. and Pottsville Area School District, retroactive to July 1, 2022.
- Approved the Title IIA Nonpublic Programs and Services agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. Term of Agreement: September 1, 2022 and terminates when the 2022-2023 funds are expended.
- Approved the Title I agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. Term of agreement: August 22, 2022 through June 2, 2023.
- Approved the Creditech Collection Solutions agreement, effective September 15, 2022 pending solicitor's review.
- Approved the five (5) year agreements for the following advertisers for the new Electronic Sign outside Martz Hall at the intersection of 16th Street and Laurel Boulevard. Total cost for the five (5) years is \$13,500.00.
 - Jack Rich Oil
 - Famous Reading Outdoors
 - Penn State Schuylkill
 - Seltzer Insurance
 - St. Luke's

- Lehigh Valley Health Network

Thank you for your sponsorship in support of the Pottsville Area School District.

- Approved the following Crimson Level Electronic Advertising Sponsorships. The cost for the one (1) year agreement is \$1,000.00.

- Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services, Inc.
- Universal Forest Products Industries

Thank you for your sponsorship in support of the Pottsville Area School District.

- Approved the following Single State Advertising Sponsorships. The cost for the one (1) year agreement is \$500.00.

- Miller Distributing *Received payment for three years
- Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services, Inc.
- Weiner Iron and Metal Corp. *Received payment for three years

Thank you for your sponsorship in support of the Pottsville Area School District.

- Approved the addition of Mrs. Stacy Stair, Business Manager, as Administrator of the PSDLAF account.

- Approved the transfer of \$5,000,000 in the General Fund from Mid Penn Bank to the PSDLAF account for investment purposes - \$2,000,000 (MAX 1.96% Yield - Daily Liquidity) and \$3,000,000 (Flex 2.13% - Weekly Liquidity)

- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Education Association with respect to the retirement incentive for Association members who have served twenty five (25) PSERS years as an educational professional with ten (10) PSERS years as a professional employee within the District.

- Approved the required Act 57 of 2022 Resolution that waives late real estate tax penalties, interest, fees and delinquent collection costs for taxpayers who have not received their estate tax bill within the first twelve months of purchasing their property, effective as of 2023 tax year and pending solicitor's review, effective October 11, 2022.
Motion carried.

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

- Approved Mr. Chris Davis as Special Education Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$41,000. (Hire Date: August 15, 2022)
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Chloe Bledsoe, lunch aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective August 12, 2022.
- Granted permission to advertise for a Behavioral Interventionist. This position will be paid with PCCD grant funding through the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved Joseph Bentz as a van driver for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$10.70, retroactive to August 17, 2022. All completed paperwork was received.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Tracey Handling, paraprofessional at the DHHL Middle School, effective August 29, 2022.
- Approved the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339, 439, 539:
 - Employee #1231 - cafeteria aide - August 24, 2022 - TBD
 - Employee # 1367 - paraprofessional - September 13, 14, 15, 16, 2022
 - Employee #1398 - paraprofessional - September 13, 14, 15, 16, 2022
 - Employee #1127 - cafeteria aide - September 6, 26, 30, 2022
 - Employee #1349 - cafeteria aide - August 29, 30, 2022; September 1,2,6,7,8, 2022
- Accepted the resignation of Tina Sibbett, part-time paraprofessional at Pottsville Area High School, effective September 14, 2022.
- Approved Tina Sibbett as a cafeteria employee for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$11.25, effective September 15, 2022.
- Approved Kerri Lubinsky as the Title IX Coordinator/Investigator for JSC Elementary Center.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Lauren Bubeck, Speech Therapist at the JSC Elementary Center, dated August 23, 2022. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

- Approved an FMLA for employee # 1026, effective October 3, 2022.
- Approved an FMLA for employee #1447, effective August 17, 2022.
- Approved Adalia LaSelva as a lifeguard for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$9.00/\$10.00, effective September 15, 2022.
- Approved Talya Breisch, part-time paraprofessional for the Pottsville Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$11.25, retroactive to August 24, 2022.
- Rescinded the personnel motion dated August 10, 2022 for Daniel Nester, ELA teacher for the DHHL Middle School.
- Approved the following teachers with the DHH Lengel Middle School Achieve Program for the 2022-2023 school year:

Lillianna Golden
Cara Holman
Lisa Holobetz
Neil Johnson
Kaitlin Leffler
Donna Mates
Greg Schuettler
Ashley Shappell
Carolyn Wasilewski
Joann Weres
Anya Wood
Patricia Zimmerman

- Approved the following teachers with the JSC Elementary School Achieve Program for the 2022-2023 school year:

Lisa Barr
Beth Bauers
Michelle Boran
Rachael Damiter
Lindsay Hand
Emily Kleeman
Kelly Lombel

Heather Martin
Rebecca Oakill
Elaina Prestileo
Amy Rubinkam

- Approved the following full-time paraprofessionals, effective September 15, 2022:
 - Sue Griffin: No change in hourly rate. Ms. Griffin was a part-time paraprofessional.
 - Bernadette Ott: No change in hourly rate. Ms. Ott was a part-time paraprofessional.
 - Yesenia Rivera: Hourly rate - \$11.25 and contingent upon satisfactory completion of all paperwork.

- Approved Alissa Kowalick as a part-time interpreter, as needed, for the hearing impaired at an hourly rate of \$35.00, retroactive to August 22, 2022.

- Approved Jane Soubik as a part-time cafeteria worker at DHHL Middle School at an hourly rate of \$15.95, effective September 19, 2022. Ms. Soubik is currently a lunch aide at John S. Clarke Elementary Center and is resigning from that role, effective September 16, 2022.

- Accepted the resignation of Cynthia Wixted, substitute paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective August 25, 2022.

- Approved Chasey Schock as a part-time kindergarten paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$11.25, retroactive to September 6, 2022.

- Accepted the letter of resignation for retirement from John Verchick, custodian at Pottsville Area High School. His last day of work will be December 30, 2022. We wish him well in his retirement.

- Approved an FMLA for employee #221, effective August 17, 2022.

- Approved Brittany Stevenosky as Bookkeeper for the Pottsville Area School District at an annual salary of \$35,000.00, effective September 15, 2022.

- Approved the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Empower the Mind to provide Mental Health Services to PASD students from August 24, 2022 through the end of the 2022-2023 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 time of need in our community.

- Approved Ashley Neidlinger as a part-time cafeteria worker at PAHS at an hourly rate of \$11.25, effective September 19, 2022. Ms. Neidlinger is currently a lunch aide at John S. Clarke Elementary Center and will be resigning from that role, effective September 16, 2022.

- Approved permission to advertise for an ESL teacher.

- Approved the following list of after school tutors for the 2022-2023 school year:

PAHS

Melinda Diehl
Matt Maccarone
Maria Malek
Meredith Pellish
Donna Skosnick
Cindy Stasulli

DHHL

Kim Edling
Cara Holman
Paula Jones
Nathan Kraft
Stephanie Maroukis
Donna Mates
Amy Schneider

JSC

Ryan Anderson
Tracey Fidler
Lindsay Hand
Tara Hess
Lillian Hobbs
Aprile Goehring
Heather Martin
Heather McDonald
Amy Rubinkam

- Accepted the letter of resignation from Kimberly Henry, transportation aide for the Pottsville Area School District, effective September 7, 2022.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Daniel Slotterback, Athletic Trainer for the Pottsville Area School District. Mr. Slotterback's last day of employment is September 14, 2022.
- Approved Amber Kramer as a part-time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$11.25 contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances, effective September 15, 2022.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Abby Forney as PAHS Special Education Lead Teacher effective August 22, 2022.
- Approved Julie Saunders as the PAHS Special Education Lead Teacher at the stipend indicated for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA.
- Approved Gregory Schuettler as the Aquatics Director for the Pottsville Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year, at an annual stipend of \$4,600.00.
- Approved Nicole Stiles as the eSports Advisor at the stipend indicated for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA.

Motion carried.

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

1. Congratulations to 1st grade teacher Mrs. Kristyn Blum for being named Schuylkill Conservation District Educator of the Year for 2022!
2. Thank you to Ari Gunzberg for his motivational performance during the first day of in service. Phenomenal job by administrators, faculty, and staff to ensure we were ready to welcome students and families back to school on August 24, 2022.
3. Thank you to PAHS students for sponsoring a Blood Drive on August 10, 2022. A special thank you to all who donated during the drive.

Upcoming Events:

September 19, 2022 - PTO meeting in the JSC Cafeteria

September 20, 2022 - After School Tutoring Begins for all schools

October 10, 2022 - School Closed (Teachers' In-Service for Schuylkill County School Districts)

October 11, 2022 - JSC Picture Retake Day

October 18, 2022 - DHHL Picture Retake Day

October 21, 2022 - PAHS Picture Retake Day

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

- Policy 212 - Reporting Student Progress
- Policy 214 - Class Rank
- Policy 215 - Promotion and Retention
- Policy 216 - Student Records
- Policy 217 - Graduation
- Policy 218 - Student Discipline
- Policy 218.1 - Weapons
- Policy 218.2 - Terroristic Threats
- Policy 218.3 - Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault (*First Reading)
- Policy 219 - Student Complaint Process
- Policy 220 - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials

Motion carried.

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

- Policy 211 - Student Accident Insurance
- Policy 213 - Assessment of Student Progress
- Policy 216.2 - Privacy and Security of Student Electronic and Digital Information

Motion carried.

An informational under food Services was read by Mr. Thomas in absence of Mr. Shields:

On Friday, September 9, 2022, Governor Tom Wolf announced all Pennsylvania schools are able to provide free breakfast during the 2022-23 school year for all students

beginning in October. Pottsville Area School District will offer breakfast at all three schools at no cost for this school year beginning on Monday, October 3, 2022.

Families are encouraged to fill out Free/Reduced Meals paperwork for the purposes of Free/Reduced School Lunches.

If you have any questions, please contact Food Service Director, Lisa Eckley (leckley@pottsville.k12.pa.us or 570-621-2900).

On the recommendation of Dr. Blankenhorn, PSBA Representative and on motion of Dr. Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Urban, the board voted for the following PSBA Members seeking election:

1. 2023 President -Elect This is a one-year term. **(Vote for One)**
 - **Michael Gossert** - Cumberland Valley School District
2. 2023 Vice President This is a one-year term. **(Vote for One)**
 - **Allison Mathis** - North Hills School District
3. 2023-2025 Central Zone Representative This is a three-year term. **(Vote for One)**
 - **Julie Preston** - Northern Tioga School District
4. 2023-2024 Section C1 Advisor (Two-year term). **(Vote for One)**
 - **Thomas Kerek** - Kane Area School District
5. 2023-2024 Section E2 Advisor (Two-year term). **(Vote for One)**
 - **Karen Beck Pooley** - Bethlehem Area School District
6. 2023-2024 Section E2 Advisor (two-year term). **(Vote for One)**
 - **Amy Goldman** - Radnor Township School District
7. Trustee (Term ends December 31, 2025) This is a three-year term. **(Vote for two)**
 - **Kathy K. Swope**
 - **Robert M. Marcus**
8. Forum Steering Committee (2 year term ends December 31, 2024) This is a two-year term **(Vote for two)**
 - **Tracy Long** - Keystone Central School District
 - **Steve Skrocki** - North Penn School District

The Board Secretary will register votes on behalf of the school entity.
Motion carried.

Under New Business the following were approved:

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lombel, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the Use of Facilities Calendar for September 2022.
Motion carried.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT THE ACADEMIC CENTER:

Facilities and Grounds Meeting - Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7:00 AM **Please note date change.

Technology Meeting - Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 4:30 PM. **Please note date change.

Policy and Procedure Committee - Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Athletics and Extracurriculars Meeting - Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:00 AM

Finance Meeting - Friday, October 7, 2022 at 7:00 AM

Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM (Executive Session - 6:00 PM) at the DHHL Middle School Auditorium,.

An Executive Session was held from 6:00 pm to 7:05 pm to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Blankenorn, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Patricia A. Lombel (Date) 10-12-22
Board Secretary