

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting April 19, 2023 DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium 7:00 PM	Present:	Mrs. Buchanan, Dr. Cardamone, Mr. Ciavarella (via Zoom), Mrs. Dewitt, Mr. Shields, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair, Business Manager Atty. Kevin Reid, Solicitor, Mrs. Zimerofsky
	Absent:	Mr. Urban, Mrs. Lombel

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Michael Cardamone.

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.

Roll Call – 8 members present; 1 member absent. *Note – 1 member was via Zoom.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Cardamone read an Informational Item under Gillingham Charter School:

“Update on the Gillingham Charter School (“GCS”) renewal process: The Pottsville Area School Board might not schedule a vote on the 5-year Gillingham Charter renewal

during the May 24, 2023, Board meeting as anticipated because GCS only provided a final proposed charter yesterday afternoon, which was not before last week's committee meeting. However, the Board may consider a vote to provide notice to GCS of the District's intent to proceed with non-renewal/revocation hearing proceedings due to the particular concerns regarding staffing and students.

GCS submitted partially or completely inaccurate information regarding twenty (20) staff members on the PDE-414 form for the 2021-2022 school year. This statement is based on documentation submitted to the District regarding teacher schedules and job descriptions. The District verified information through the Teacher Information Management System (TIMS), which provides educator certification information. GCS submitted twelve (12) staff members accurately, which was verified through TIMS. The District needs additional information regarding three (3) staff members who were submitted, and at least one (1) staff member who was not submitted. Moreover, based on the information GCS provided to the District for the 2021-2022 school year, GCS violated Charter School regulations and did not meet the legal threshold of having at least 75% of their teachers properly certified for their assignments. Furthermore, ten (10) of the staff members hold/held emergency permits that count toward GCS's certified percentage, which cannot be renewed indefinitely. Based on teachers replacing the numerous educators who resigned or were terminated, GCS will also likely fail to meet the 75% certification threshold for the 2022-2023 school year. Fourteen (14) staff members did not return for the 2022-2023 school year. Additional staff left during this current school year, and several of those who remain have changed roles due to certification issues.

The District remains concerned about the number of students withdrawing from GCS. Based on information submitted by GCS, an insufficient number of students from Schuylkill County were enrolled in GCS which resulted in students from twenty-two (22) School Districts across seven (7) counties enrolling there during the time period of the current charter. As mentioned in previous meetings, the Student Retention Rate, calculated as the percent of students enrolled for a full year who return for the following school year (excluding graduates), was an average of forty-eight percent (48%) during the four (4) school years in the review.

The Gillingham Charter School status has been pending since June 30, 2022. Along with the aforementioned students and staffing concerns, factors such as Gillingham's Charter Goals, Finance, Facilities, Curriculum/Assessment, Student Achievement, Special Education, Student Attendance, and Discipline/Safety will be utilized in the decision to consider a vote to provide notice of revocation hearing proceedings based on the GCS charter documents submitted."

Mrs. Stacy Stair presented a PowerPoint on the upcoming adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget.

Mrs. Stair discussed the following:

- Impacting Revenue in 2023-2024 which include Local (35%), State (54%) and Federal (11%) Sources
- The Local Real Estate Assessment Value increased to \$295,530,550
- Impacting Expenses in 2023-2024 – Overall Expenses increased 3.76%
- Salary and Benefits make up 63% of the Budget
- District continues to successfully mitigate the cyber charter and Gillingham Charter school costs
- Additional funding in Budgetary Reserve due to the volatility of charter (brick & mortar-Gillingham and cyber) enrollment
- Proposed Budget Revenue to Expenses Comparison
 - Revenue \$48,535,601
 - Expenditures \$48,535,601
- Recommendation
 - There has been 0% increase in 10 of the last 16 years
 - The recommendation of no tax increase for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be 11 years with no tax increase out of the last 17 years
 - Recommendation: **No tax increase this year**
- Presentation is on the District's website

Dr. Cardamone thanked Mrs. Stair for her informative PowerPoint presentation.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the March 8, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes, March 8, 2023 Special Board Meeting, and the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. 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 Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of March 2023:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) – General Fund Balance as of March 31, 2023- \$4,471,990.35. Cafeteria Checking Balance as of March 31, 2023 - \$406,675.80.
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 Transfers

Motion carried.

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

Erin Blozusky - 3 Credits
Natasha Bubnis - 3 Credits
Brent Hinkle - 4 Credits
Mary McGinley - 3 Credits
Amanda Purcell - 3 Credits
Amy Rubinkam - 3 Credits
Nicole Stiles - 52 Act 48 Hours
Michaela Zembas - 6 Credits

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Wytovich, 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:

Angela Altemose - \$1,480.00
Christopher Kovaleski - \$3,150.00

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. Blankenhorn, the Board approved the following Internship placement:

-Approved Brent Hinkle of Penn State University, Schuylkill Campus with Andrew Diehl, Coordinator of Instructional Technology.

Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Athletics and Extra Curricular Committee**, and on motion of Mr. Shields, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt the Board approved the following items:

- approved the Extended Season Pay for the following 2022-2023 Winter Coaches per the PASDEA contract: Boys', Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling Coaches.
- eliminated the Athletic Participation Fee effective 2023-2024 school year for all grade levels.

Motion carried.

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

- approved Ameresco, Inc. Exton, PA, for the HVAC Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. Bid opening was March 8, 2023.

Motion carried.

Under **Transportation**, Mrs. Dewitt read the following Information Item:

PennDOT has identified Market Street/Route 209 as a hazardous route. We are grateful for Transportation Supervisor Deniece Krater, Supervisor of Facilities and Grounds Bo Ditzler, and Business Manager Stacy Stair for initiating and completing this in-depth request process. The Pottsville Area School District will be able to transport K-12th grade students residing on the south side of Market Street as a result of their diligence and PennDOT's identification. Bus passes will be distributed over the summer for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

- recommended adoption of the proposed final 2023-2024 School District budget of \$48,535,601. The Committee reports that this budget reflects needed personnel, instructional equipment, supplies, maintenance and operational expenditures necessary for School District operations.
- authorized the School Board Secretary to have the required proposed final budget notice published once in the Republican Herald on Friday, April 21, 2023.
- set the date of May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the Final Adoption of the 2023-2024 budget for the Pottsville Area School District.

- approved the following Repository Sale:

-Parcel # 59-02-0177.001 - 0 Second Street Port Carbon Borough. Purchase Price - \$1,205.00.

- approved the Schuylkill Technology Center 2023-2024 Budget in the amount of \$6,271,975. Pottsville Area School District's contribution is \$803,223; an increase of \$55,310 from prior year. Ballots were signed and returned to the Board Secretary.

- approved the Intermediate Unit General Operating 2023-2024 Budget. Total Budget amount - \$2,737,945. Ballots were signed and returned to Board Secretary.

- approved the agreement between Pottsville Area School District and First Class Imaging, LLC for the Kindergarten Graduation photos in April/May, 2023 and for the 2023-2024 School Year Pictures including Fall, Senior, Kindergarten and Graduation Photos.

- approved the following three (3) year agreements for Single Static Advertising. Total cost for three (3) year sponsorships - \$1,500.

- Ken's Tires
- Mid Penn Bank
- Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers

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- approved the Frontline Education Renewal for the 2023-2024 School Year - Total \$15,122.42

- Comparative Analytics Subscription powered by Forecast5 \$7,435.32
- Finance Planning Analytics Subscription powered by Forecast5 \$7,687.10

Motion carried.

Informational Item:

Moody's Investors Service - Moody's upgraded the District's issue and general obligation limited tax (GOLT) rating to Baa2 from Baa3 and assigned a positive outlook.

Comment from Mrs. Buchanan:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to take a moment to offer some thoughts on the proposed budget before us.

I will be voting in support of this proposed budget. This budget reflects a reinvestment in our district - a reinvestment in our students, our teachers, and our community.

In this budget, we are able to add crucial personnel to our professional staff, make much needed improvements to our buildings and infrastructure, and finally begin to reopen our elementary school library with the addition of a part time media specialist; all while responsibly maintaining our reserves and shielding taxpayers from a tax increase.

But these investments today are only possible because of the difficult decisions made by this board and the previous board. And while it is no longer fresh in the mind for many, it is imperative that we remember that those difficult decisions were necessary due to the dire financial situation the district found itself in just five years ago.

In four short years, from 2013 to 2017, the district went from a healthy \$12.5 million general fund balance to -\$1.2 million balance. This financial collapse prompted the Pennsylvania Auditor General to issue a stern warning to Pottsville Area School District in his 2019 audit stating that the district "runs the risk of being placed on financial watch status by the state."

Since 2017, the board has worked to improve the financial position of the district. Through fiscal responsibility and exemplary leadership from Dr. Yoder, Pottsville Area School District is on the right track to not only survive, but to return to its status as a leader in education.

With that, I'd like to commend my colleagues on this board - many of which served on the previous board - I have been impressed with their professionalism and dedication in my short time here. And I'd like to especially commend Dr. Yoder and Stacey for their diligence and commitment to this district and our community. We have much work to do, but I am proud of the progress that has been made thus far and am optimistic about the future of our district.

Thank you Mr. President.

Comment from Dr. Cardamone, Board President

"Thank you, Dr. Blankenhorn for that very positive report. And let me take this opportunity to thank the Board, this Administration, and our faculty and staff who, with the support of the Pottsville Area Taxpayers, moved us from a condition of declining fund balance, downgraded bond ratings and scathing audit reports to our

current position. As the proposed budget reflects, we now enjoy healthy fund balances, rising bond ratings and very positive audit reports. We have moved from questions regarding Pottsville Area's ability to continue as a "going concern", if we would be able to meet the next payroll, and would the Commonwealth take us over as it had in districts with similar fund balances. Through the difficult decisions this Board made to meet these challenges, we arrived at our present state where we can confidently approach the next school year without the need to raise tax rates. While I congratulate the Board, Administration, faculty and staff, as well as the District's taxpayers for the progress we have made, I realize there still remains work to be done to guarantee the future progress and success of Pottsville Area School District. Roll Tide."

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

- accepted the following letters of resignation for retirement from the following employees, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year:
 - ~ Mrs. Deidre Anchorstar, Social Studies Teacher at PAHS for the past 20 years.
 - ~ Mrs. Karen Bertsch, Learning Support Teacher at JSC Elementary School for the past 44 years.
 - ~ Ms. Judith Diobilda, Librarian at the JSC Elementary School for 14 years.
 - ~ Mrs. Tracey Fidler, Fourth Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary School for the past 15 years.
 - ~ Mrs. Lillian Hobbs, Reading Specialist at JSC Elementary School for the past 20 years.
 - ~ Mr. William Horning, Electrician for the Pottsville Area School District for the past 11 years.
 - ~ Mrs. Donna Romano, School Nurse at JSC Elementary School for the past 16 years.
 - ~ Mr. Charles Schuster, Social Studies Teacher at PAHS for the past 35 years.We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish them all well in retirement.
- approved Miss Corinne Zimmerman as a School Psychologist at a salary of \$63,000 (prorated), with a start date of June 12, 2023. Mrs. Christine Schuebel will serve as a mentor for Miss Zimmerman.
- approved Mr. Daniel Scheib as a Social Studies Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2022-2023 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor's - \$41,000 (prorated) with a start date of May 10, 2023. Mr. Scheib will remain on Step 1 for the 2023-2024 School Year. Mr. John Carestia will serve as a mentor for Mr. Scheib.
- approved a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for employee #391, retroactive to March 27, 2023.
- approved the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339, 439, 539:

- Employee #175 - cafeteria aide - March 20, 2023
- Employee #70 - part-time paraprofessional - March 14, 2023
- Employee #930 - cafeteria worker - April 3, 17, 2023
- Employee #1115 - cafeteria worker - March 22, 27, 2023
- Employee #1609 - professional employee - May 11, 12, 2023
- Employee #1393 - cafeteria worker - March 13, April 3,4,5,11,14, 2023
- Employee #1362 - cafeteria worker - April 5, 2023

- approved the transfer of Amber McShaw from a transportation aide to a Van Driver at an hourly rate of \$12.00, retroactive to February 8, 2023.

- approved the following teachers to plan and/or teach for the John S. Clarke Elementary Summer Tutoring Program/Summer School, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Lisa Barr
 Beth Bauers
 Emily Earley
 Kim Jackson
 Nathaniel Libby
 Tayah Moore
 Kim Jackson
 Brett Reed
 Amy Rubinkam
 Leslie Salem

- 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 12 thru July 30, 2023.

Molly Hook (Supervisor - \$26.00/hour)

Lisa Barr
 Michelle Boran
 Rachael Damiter
 Lindsay Hand
 Emily Kleeman
 Heather Martin
 Rebecca Oakill
 Amy Rubinkam

- 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 12 thru July 30, 2023.

Alicia Fehr (Supervisor - \$26.00/hour)

Cara Holman
 Lisa Holobetz

Kaitlin Leffler
Donna Mates
Ashley Shappell
Carolyn Wasilewski
Joann Weres
Anya Wood
Patricia Zimmerman

- approved the following teachers to plan and/or teach for the Pottsville Area High School Summer Tutoring Program/Summer School, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

Mike Brennan
Emily Ehlinger
Suzy Fredericks
Steve Horvath
Chris Kovaleski
Maria Malek
Meredith Pellish
Charlie Schuster
Dave Sterner
Suzanne Sterner

- approved the following for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA, effective June 20, 2023:

Teachers

JSC

Aprile Goehring
Heather Martin
Heather McDonald

DHHL

Melissa Focht
Michael Roberts

PAHS

Gil Hoak
Marissa Rhode

Nurses

Angela Holobetz
Kendra Rooney

Danita Sippel

Related Services

Kiera Van Horn - Speech

Wendy Header - OT

Rodney Snowell - Behavior Interventionist

- approved the following paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) at their normal hourly rate, effective June 20, 2023.

ISC

Jodi Foulk

Angel Geiger

Mary Hooper

DHHL

Shelly Hoban

Emilee Rose

Kaleigh Sibbett

PAHS

Sue Griffen

Joellen Reed

- approved the following for the Summer Feeding Program at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective June 12, 2023.

Shannon Butler

Robin Kalinich

Crystal Majors

Colleen Miller

Carolyn Potts

Jessica Rubright

Tina Sibbett

Jane Soubik

Connie Stabinsky

Kris Thomas

Theresa Walsh

Desiree Weikel

Joanie Williams

- approved the following summer employees for ESY-Summer school and Schuylkill Achieve at their normal hourly rate:

David Andrews - bus or van driver

Linda Andrews - bus or van driver
Natalie Bachman - substitute driver
Ronald Brennan - substitute driver
Carole Davis - substitute driver
Robert Dusel - bus driver
Dave Faust - van driver
William Martin - bus driver
Jayne McKeown - bus driver
Theresa Pellish - van driver
Melissa Petrozino - bus driver
Kathleen Setlock - van driver
Natalie Setlock - bus or van aide
Dorothy Vaughan - van driver
Tori Wallace - bus or van driver
Cindy Westwood - bus or van aide
Shawn Westwood - van driver

- approved the following summer employees for Bus Garage and Vehicle Cleaning at an hourly rate of \$12.00:

Joseph Bentz
Carol Buchinski
Robert Dusel
William Martin
Jayne McKeown
Melissa Petrozino
Dorothy Vaughan
Tori Wallace
Cindy Westwood
Shawn Westwood

- approved the following summer employees for cleaning at an hourly rate of \$12.00:

Linda Andrews - JSC
Joseph Bentz - PAHS
Erica Berger - PAHS
Amber McShaw - PAHS
Cindy Westwood - DHHL
Shawn Westwood - DHHL

- approved the following summer employee for Maintenance/Grounds Work at an hourly rate of \$12.00: David Andrews

- accepted the resignation of Joseph Bickelman as Outside Maintenance/ Assistant Electrician, effective June 30, 2023; it is also recommended that the Board approve Joseph Bickelman as Electrician for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$24.00, effective July 1, 2023.

- approved Giuseppe Giuffre as Outside Maintenance at an hourly rate of \$16.00, retroactive to April 10, 2023. All paperwork is completed.

Motion carried.

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

1. We are proud of our DHHL Middle School students for their 3-PEAT in the What's So Cool About Manufacturing (WCSM) Berks-Schuylkill competition. Mustafa Belkhoutout, Craig Bensinger, Mitchell Cox, Nate Forbes, Makai Kollie, Malachi Kollie, Natalia Lopez, Robert Post, Jake Powers, John Weikel Jr, and Avery Zeroural with their teacher coaches Mr. Hughes, Mr. Narita, and Mr. Selinko won the best editing award!

2. Congratulations to the PAHS students at Schuylkill Technology Center in the Marketing and Business Administration programs who placed in the State DECA Inc. (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Competition. 10th grader Cecelia Larkin was a Triple Medal Winner, and Senior AJ Serrano was a Double Medal Winner!

3. Congratulations to the cast of "Guys and Dolls" on their wonderful performance in the Spring Musical!

4. Seniors Chloe Heintz, Gwen Biddle, and Kyler Bowers were nominated for the Republican Herald Scholastic Superstars program. All three of them were chosen and will be honored in a ceremony at the Majestic Theater Pottsville on May 1!

5. Congratulations to senior Emily Lucas on being selected for the PMEA All-State Concert Band on 1st clarinet! This is an amazing accomplishment and means that Emily is one of the top high school clarinetists in all of Pennsylvania! The All-State Festival will take place April 19-22 at Kalahari Resorts - Poconos.

6. Congratulations to PAHS students Adalia LaSelva, Kyra Sophy, and Miranda Seiger as well as PAHS Schuylkill Technology Center student AJ Serrano for participating in Schuylkill County's VISION Youth Summit at Penn State Schuylkill!

7. Congratulations to 4th grader Chloe Heck for being runner up in the "Be a Mental Health Superhero" contest, which was sponsored by Schuylkill County Mental Health and Developmental Services. Chloe's poster will be featured on a billboard in our local community!

8. Congratulations to Junior Carter Brown who was accepted into the prestigious Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences! He will attend Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh this summer.

9. Congratulations to DHHL students Camila Leonardo, Adam Donya, Padraic Kerns, Eli Jones, and Evan Matz with advisers Mr. Hughes and Mr. Selinko for their amazing projects in the Regional PA Media and Design Competition held at Schuylkill IU 29! Camila, Adam, and Padraic captured FIRST places with their projects and will compete in the state tournament at Dickinson College on May 23-24!

10. Congratulations to Robbie OmahaBoy PAHS Artist of the Month for April!

11. Congratulations to Wrestler of the Year PAHS Junior Nick Kunstek and Wrestling Coach of the Year Gary Keener as chosen by Republican Herald Sports!

12. Congratulations to following swimmers, diver, and wrestlers for being selected to the All Area Team selected by the Republican Herald:

Swimmers and Diver

Xander Hirsch (Senior - 1st Team)

Zach Ott (Junior - 1st Team)

Vincent Prestileo (Junior - Honorable Mention)

Adalia LaSelva (Sophomore - 1st Team)

Noah Bevan (Freshman - 1st team)

Adam Klinger (Freshman - 1st Team)

Wrestlers

Blake Bender (Senior - 1st Team)

Connor Demcher (Senior - 1st Team)

Dalton Monger (Senior - 1st Team)

Parrish McFarland (Junior - 1st Team)

Luke Sterns (Junior - 2nd Team)

Terrell McFarland (Freshman - 1st Team)

13. Congratulations to Maya Golden and Brandon Woollam who were named Pottsville Lions Club Female and Male Soccer Players of the Year!

14. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month:

KG - Kaito Coley

1st - Armend Sylaj

2nd - Sophia Herb

3rd - Dorothy Ramirez Beltran

4th - Pierre Mercius

15. Thank you to our PASD Title I Team, Kindergarten Teachers, and PTO members for organizing the Title I Parent Meeting, Spring Book Fair, and Kindergarten talk on March 28, 2023.

16. Congratulations to PAHS Schuylkill Technology Center Students of the Month!

Seth Freudeman, Computer Info Sys

Jason Hoffman, Automotive

Grace Huff, Health Careers

Shayne Hunt, Masonry

Talitha Jewell, Collision Repair

Jazmine Moyer, Culinary Arts

Jordon Steidle, Criminal Justice

Chloe Sunday, Social Studies

17. Congratulations to PAHS Students, Rayven Ciccanti and Carly Mohl, Rotary Students of the Month for April.

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

- approved the following Summer Interns for Technology from Penn State Schuylkill (May - August 2023).

- Kenneth Wolf - internship program - 300 hour requirement - Hourly rate of \$10.00 paid by the PASD
- Shane Butz - CO-OP program - Hourly rate of \$10.00 paid by the PASD
- Arrianna Perez - CO-OP program - Funded by Penn State Schuylkill
- Justin Herb - CO-OP program - Funded by Penn State Schuylkill

Motion carried.

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

-approved the following policies:

- Policy 251 - Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability
- Policy 252 - Dating Violence
- Policy 827 - Conflict of Interest

-retired the following policy:

- Policy 255 - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

Motion carried.

Under New Business:

Upcoming Events, Jr. Board Member Angela Madonna read the following:

April 24-28, 2023 - PSSA ELA Testing
April 29, 2023 - 8th Grade Farewell Dance
May 6, 2023 - Senior Prom
May 1-12, 2023 - PSSA Math, Science & Make-ups
May 9, 2023 - Spartan Games
May 11-14, 2023 - JSC PTO Basket Raffle
May 11, 2023 - DHHL Band/Choir Concert
May 11-13, 2023 - JSC PTO Themed Basket Auction
May 12, 2023 - PAHS Mini-THON
May 12, 2023 - PASD Art Show
May 16, 2023 - Fourth Grade Family Night
May 17, 2023 - Kindergarten Show
May 18, 2023 - Stage Band Concert
May 19, 2023 - 3rd/4th Grade End of Year Dance
May 21, 2023 - Baccalaureate
May 23, 2023 - Honor Graduate Program
May 24, 2023 - JSC Fun Day
May 26, 2023 - Holiday Early Dismissal/PAHS Commencement/Last Day for Students
May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day

On the recommendation of Mrs. Zimerofsky, and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt, the Board approved the **Use of Facilities Calendar** for April 2023.

MS

1 – MS Pool

Schuylkill County Special Olympics
Swim Practice
3:30-4:45 on the following dates:
5/17, 5/22, 5/24, 5/29, 5/31, 6/5, 6/6/2023

Motion carried.

Meeting Dates for May 2023:

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium – Adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget

An Executive Session was held from **6:30 pm to 6:55 pm** to discuss personnel matters.

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

Patricia A. Lombel 5/24/2023
Patricia A. Lombel (Date)
Board Secretary