



**Wednesday, May 24, 2023
Board Meeting**

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DHH LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject 1.1 Opening and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

Subject 1.2 Board of Directors - Roll Call

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

Subject 1.3 Public Comment

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Information, Procedural

Dr. Cardamone - Board Statement

- A reminder to the public that the public comment period is not a question and answer period, but rather the opportunity for the public to submit comments to the Board. Public comments will follow our public comment procedures which require members of the public to identify themselves by indicating name and address. If members of the public wish to make public comments, then they must do so in person. The meeting will be available online.

- The School Board will strive to answer questions pertaining to the current agenda at the beginning of the school board meeting, in a conscious effort to maintain transparent practices. After the School Board agenda is posted online, questions may be emailed to plombel@pottsville.k12.pa.us by 2:00 PM the day of the meeting. Questions pertaining to the agenda posted online will be answered in the order received for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. If the questions are not able to be answered during the 30-minute period, the School Board will endeavor to answer the questions at the beginning of the next school board meeting. Questions pertaining to confidential personnel matters will not be addressed. Questions that require some research or further inquiry might not be answered at the current school board meeting. The question and answer period does not replace the public's current right to public comment.

Are there any public comments at this time?

2. RECOGNITION OF JR BOARD MEMBERS

Subject	2.1 Angelina Madonna and Zowie Zokuskie
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Category	2. RECOGNITION OF JR BOARD MEMBERS
Access	Public
Type	

The Board of Directors would like to recognize Angelina Madonna and Zowie Zokuskie for serving two (2) years as Jr. Board Members. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

3. 2023-2024 BUDGET UPDATE

Subject	3.1 2023-2024 Budget Update - Mrs. Stacy Stair, Business Manager
Meeting	May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	3. 2023-2024 BUDGET UPDATE
Access	Public
Type	Information

4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	4.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting	May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve minutes as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the April 12, 2023 Committee Of the Whole Minutes and the April 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve as recommended.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Subject	5.1 Approval of Financial Reports
Meeting	May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	5. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of April 30, 2023 - \$4,920,242.82; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of April 30, 2023 - \$483,683.10.**
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 to approve as recommended.

6. ELECTON OF NEW TREASURER

Subject	6.1 Election of New Treasurer for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
Meeting	May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	6. ELECTON OF NEW TREASURER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

ELECTION OF A TREASURER for 2023-2024 (July 2023 – June 30, 2024)

1. Motion to proceed with the election of a Treasurer for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

2. Nominations for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2023 and ending the last day of June 2024.
3. Motion that the NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER be closed. (Vote by roll call).
4. Secretary casts the ballot electing _____ as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
5. Motion to require the Treasurer 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.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. DONATIONS

Subject	8.1 Donations
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Category	8. DONATIONS
Access	Public
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1. Thank you to Hadesty's Ace Hardware and Rental Place for providing gardening gloves for our 3rd graders and teachers and Leah Zerbe from Potter's Farm for the gardening guidance and donating the plants/flowers. The group kicked off the Schuylkill United Way Captain Jason B. Jones Day of Caring.
2. Thank you to the following donors In Memory of Nikki Hedeman-Melusky. As per the family's request, all donations will benefit the Pottsville Area School District's Athletic Department.
 - Don and Peggy Butler
 - Cynthia and William Corson
 - Lisa Enders Derbes (Logan and Jordan)
 - Tony and Mary Jane DiCello
 - Chrissy and Jacquie Dormer
 - Jim and Lori Guzick
 - Michael and Angela Holobetz
 - Michael and Tom Schaeffer
 - Robert Klinger Insurance
 - Lorraine Enders and Michael Lazarchick
 - Marina Piccioni
 - Mary and Robert Piccioni
 - Tom Piccioni
 - Robert Bricker and Dr. Mary Lou Rainone
 - Barbara Wollyung
 - Robert and Lynn Sinko
 - Grant and Sarah Yoder
 - Mary and Raymond Yost
3. Thank you to the following donors In Memory of James K Steidle. As per the family's request, all donations will be put into "The James K. Steidle Memorial Fund" at the Pottsville Area School District.
 - Christine Barone
 - Scott and Gail Buffington
 - Michael Ciavarella and Dorthea Stevens

- Gary and Catherine Cortese
- Don and Cathy Cuff
- Paul and Joanie Dimmerling
- Michael and Mary Dwyer
- Thomas and Michele Eroh
- Kathleen Eves
- Anne Fecenko
- Frank and Mary Ann Fetterolf
- Ronald and Beth Flannery
- William and Nancy Gallagher
- Robert and Janet Gronski
- James and Lori Guzick
- Edward and Mary Hauck
- James and Janis Heller
- John and Joan Holden
- John and Carol Homovich
- Robert and Marilouise Hoppe
- Scott and Fiona Jacoby
- John and Joanne Keating
- Yongcheol and Soonae Kim
- Joan Kitsock
- Richard and Susan Laubach
- Anne Leininger
- Robert and Mary Lipton
- Andrew and Charlene Makara
- Darren and Carolyn March
- Thomas and Jean Miller
- Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mogel
- Charles and Judith Naradko
- Thomas and Paula Ney
- Thomas Piccioni
- Donalene Platts
- Karl and Barbara Reed
- Joseph and Barbara Reichert
- Lisa Roberts
- Pamela Roberts
- David and Larissa Russell
- Donald Schneider
- David and Andrea Sekellick
- Sherrill Siberling
- Donna Strohecker
- Francis Tamburelli
- Charles and Barbara Wagner
- Patricia Weber
- Louise and Elizabeth Welikonich
- Edward and Sandra Wentz
- Harold and Sally Yoder
- Grant and Sarah Yoder
- Raymond and May Ann Yost
- Joanne Yuengling

May we please have a moment of silence.

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

Subject 9.1 Discipline Waivers

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - KEVIN REID , ATTORNEY AT LAW

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Discipline Waiver, effective May 24, 2023.

- * #26-9608
- * #25-7858

Motion to approve as recommended.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject 10.1 Pre-approval of Credits

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Superintendent's pre-approval of credits hours indicated for the following professional employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA:

- Suzanne Fredericks - 6 Credits
- Kaycee Hess - 3 Credits
- Mary McGinley - 9 Credits
- Rachelle Price - 3 Credits
- Amy Rubinkam - 9 Credits
- Anya Wood - 3 Credits

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.2 Credit Reimbursement

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the following professional employee(s) be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of pre-approved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

- Kendra Boris - \$1,614.00
- Emily Earley - \$1,548.00
- Suzanne Fredericks - \$300.00
- Rachelle Price - \$1,614.00
- Gregory Schuettler - \$1,548.00
- Anya Wood - \$1,614.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.3 Salary Adjustment

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the following salary adjustment be approved and made effective 2023-2024 school year:

- Julie Drummer - Bachelor + 15
- Tayah Moore - Bachelor + 15

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.4 Exchange Student

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Category 10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type

It is recommended that the Board approve Antonia Marion Anna Schafers as an exchange student from Germany at Pottsville Area High School for the 2023-2024 school year. The Scott family will host Miss Schafers for the school year.

Motion to approve as recommended.

11. INFORMATION

Subject **11.1 Crimson Tide Foundation**

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Category 11. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

The Crimson Tide Foundation is proud to announce the following Venture Grants which were awarded for the 2022-2023 school year.

April Awards

1. Mrs. Lisa Holobetz, DHH Lengel Middle School - Iron Pigs Tickets - \$1,000.00
2. Mr. Jonathan Hughes, DHH Lengel Middle School - 8th grade Tide-Tek STEM Club trip to Niagara Falls - \$1,000.00

May Awards

1. Mr. Christian Selinko, DHH Lengel Middle School - Tide-Tek Club STEM trip to the Franklin Institute - \$1,000.00
2. Mrs. Donna Skosnick, PAHS - Set of classroom calculators \$444.47

Astrology II Course and Planetarium

1. Mr. Adrian Portland, PAHS - Astrology II Course and Planetarium Equipment - \$9,654.00

Thank you to the Crimson Tide Foundation and donors for the support of our students, educators and community.

Subject **11.2 Federal Programs**

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject **12.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields**

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 12.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to award as recommended.

It is recommended by the Facilities and Grounds Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Independent Petroleum Service in the amount of \$925.00 for fuel tank certifications at John S. Clarke Elementary.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Eastern Lift Truck Co., Inc. to remove existing dock pad seals and metal and install new dock pad seals at John S. Clarke Elementary Center rear loading dock. Total cost - \$4,429.00.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 12.3 Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

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Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 12.4 Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Finance Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board reappoint 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Seltzer Group Partners Renewal for 2023-2024 school year:
 - Property/Liability/Auto/Educators Liability - \$134,065
 - Commercial Umbrella - \$17,478
 - Cyber Liability - \$10,878 * estimated
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Seltzer Group Partners Workers Compensation Renewal for 2023-2024 - \$75,611, which is a decrease from \$87,160 in 2022-2023.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2022-2023 TITLE I Revised Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. Term of Agreement - August 22, 2022 through June 2, 2023.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the request to move \$750,000 from Mid Penn Checking Account (2.75%) to PSDLAF Capital Reserve Account (4.733%).
6. It is recommended that the Board approve a request to rollover a 3 Month Treasury Bill at 5% (in PSDLAF) in the amount of \$511,000.00, retroactive to May 18, 2023.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve a Single Static Advertising from HYDRO, Cressona, PA. Term of Agreement: \$1,500.00 (\$500/year) for three (3) years.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the request to invest \$500,000.00 from PSDLAF Flex into 3 or 4 Month Treasury Bill depending on interest rate.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the Letter of Agreement for the provision of Student Assistance Program (SAP) and Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) Services between the Pottsville Area School District and Child and Family Services Inc., effective August 1, 2023.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve the Renewal Agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Computer Service for the 2023-2024 school year at an annual cost of \$19,366.
11. It is recommended that the Board designate the following institutions as depositories for the Pottsville Area School District for the 2023-2024 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
 - PSDLAF - Capital Reserve Fund

12. The **Committee on Finance** reports that the tentative budget notice and the adoption of the budget this evening was published in the Republican Herald on April 21, 2023 stating that the budget for the fiscal year commencing the first day of July 2023 would be adopted as of May 24, 2023. 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 recommends 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 \$48,814,422 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 \$48,814,422 set forth in the school budget, as appended, during the school year 2023-2024 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. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board authorize and direct the following to collect the amount due on the 2023 taxes, real estate and personal, in the respective political subdivisions indicated:

Pottsville City	Taryn Dragna
Port Carbon Borough	Mary Jo Ferraro
Mechanicsville Borough	Mary Jo Ferraro
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. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board confirm the rates of compensation to tax collectors in the respective political subdivisions for the 2023 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 & \$1.00 per bill mailed
Mechanicsville Borough	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per bill mailed
Mount Carbon Borough	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per bill mailed
Palo Alto Borough	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per bill mailed

Norwegian Township \$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per bill mailed

4% Increase - City of Pottsville

MOTION TO CONFIRM RATES OF COMPENSATION. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

The Committee on Finance reports 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 reports 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 reports 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 2023-2024 school year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax.

The Committee on Finance reports 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 2023-2024 school year.

The Committee on Finance reports 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 2023-2024 school year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax.

The Committee on Finance reports 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 2023-2024 school year.

The Committee on Finance reports 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 2023-2024, 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 -2023-2024**

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, 2023, 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, 2023:
 - 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 \$ 887,801.
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 4,232.
 - 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 4,232.
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 \$ 887,801 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4,232, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$209.78.
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 \$4,725 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 \$4,725. 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.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	12.5 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt
Meeting	May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve/accept as recommended.

It is recommended by the Personnel Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to plan and/or teach for the DHHL School Summer Tutoring Program/Summer School, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

Angela Altemose
 Kimberly Edling
 Lisa Holobetz
 Stephanie Maroukis
 Philip Tenaglia
 Patricia Zimmerman

2. It is recommended that the Board approve 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:

Suzanne Heiser (nurse)
 Haley Pappacena (teacher)
 John Guzick (teacher)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following summer employees for cleaning at an hourly rate of \$12.00: Crystal Major and Joanie Williams.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Paula Heffner as an ESY paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$14.35, effective May 24, 2023.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for the following employees:
 - #172, retroactive to March 19, 2023
 - #1187, retroactive to May 8, 2023
 - #280, effective June 2, 2023
 - #404, retroactive to May 10, 2023

6. It is recommended that the board approve the following Leave Without Pay as per School board Policy(s): 339, 439, 539:
 - Employee #1235 - Van Driver - May 1, 2023 to TBD
 - Employee # 930 - Cafeteria Worker - April 14, May 12, 24, 2023
 - Employee # 70 - Paraprofessional - May 3, 2023

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Operating Hours Calendar for 12 month personnel.

8. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Gloria Bartol, paraprofessional at the Pottsville Area High School, effective May 31, 2023. We wish her well in her retirement.

9. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Renee Duncan, cafeteria employee at the DHHL Middle School, effective May 19, 2023. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

10. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Robert Shaffer, 5th Grade Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

11. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Rylee Bosch, Science Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Shawn Snyder as Head Custodian at the DHHL Middle School at an hourly rate of \$24.04, retroactive to May 15, 2023.

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the revised Act 93 Agreement to reflect the positions of Middle School Assistant Principal (10 months), High School Assistant Principal (10 months), and High School Special Education Supervisor (12 months).

14. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Jeromy Guistwite as the Assistant Principal at the Pottsville Area High School at a salary of \$79,000 (Act 93 - 10 months) with a July 1, 2023 start date.

15. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Elly Aschman as the Special Education Supervisor at the Pottsville Area High School with a July 1, 2023 change in title from Assistant Principal/Special Education Supervisor at the Pottsville Area High School.

16. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Casey Shoopack as a 1st Grade Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 4 – Bachelor’s + 15 - \$50,600.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Karrison Dubbs as a 4th Grade Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s - \$43,000. Mrs. Jennifer Brindle will serve as a mentor for Miss Dubbs.

18. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Haley Pappacena as an Autistic Support Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s - \$43,000. Mrs. Kim Steigerwalt will serve as a mentor for Miss Pappacena.

19. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Paula Heffner as a Physical Education Teacher at the DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s - \$43,000. Mr. Mike Welsh will serve as a mentor for Ms. Heffner.

20. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Jamie Gunoskey as a Title I Teacher at the DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 10 – Master’s - \$61,186.

21. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Emma Libby as a Music Teacher at the Pottsville Area High School for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 3 – Bachelor’s - \$43,500.

22. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Garrett Lineaweaver, Penn State Schuylkill Student, as a Business Office Intern (May 25, 2023 - August 4, 2023) at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour, approximately 25 hours per week, contingent upon receipt of satisfactory clearances and completed paperwork.

23. It is recommended that the Board approve the Addendum to the 2021 - 2025 Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and ESS Northeast, LLC for the purposes of hiring Mr. Phil Kissinger as Assistant Principal at the DHHL Middle School.

24. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Kaier Trovato, paraprofessional at the JSC Elementary Center, retroactive to May 11, 2023.

25. It is recommended that the Board accept the letters of resignation from the following bus drivers for the Pottsville Area School District:

- Mr. David Andrews - retroactive to May 11, 2023 (last day of work).
- Mrs. Linda Andrews - retroactive to May 11, 2023 (last day of work).

Motion to approve as recommended.

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Subject 12.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

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1. Congratulations to Softball Coach Chuck Rinaldo for achieving his 200th Win in the game against Tamaqua.
2. Congratulations to Connor Demcher for being named PAHS District XI Wrestling Scholar Athlete.
3. Congratulations to Maya Golden for being named PAHS Female Scholar Athlete.
4. Congratulations to the following Schuylkill Scholars who were recognized at the 40th Annual Schuylkill County Academic Achievement Awards: Chloe Heintz, Gwen Biddle, Kyler Bowers, Zowie Zokuskie, Angelina Madonna and Maya Golden.
5. Congratulations to PAHS student Michael Hoysock for achieving Eagle Scout.

6. Congratulations to PAHS student Genesis Harrison for receiving the Delin Award at Penn State Schuylkill.
7. Congratulations to PAHS students who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on April 26, 2023: AJ Serrano, Max Ilsley, Jordon Steidle, Grace Huff, McKayla Tobin, Lily Kreisler, Kamrynn Carroll, James Bosefski, and Julie Ulrich.
8. Congratulations to PAHS students Zoe Holden and Adrianna Reiner for being selected as Rotary Students of the Month for May.
9. Congratulations to DHHL Students & Teacher of the Month: 5th Grade - Aidan Leddy, 6th Grade - Tommy Welsh, 7th Grade - Kylah Stewart, 8th Grade - Anna Luckenbill, and Teacher - Mrs. Holobetz.
10. Thank you to North Schuylkill School District for hosting the Spartan Games, which was an amazing day for students with disabilities! We are grateful for the PASD teachers and student volunteers as a part of this team. Thank you to JSC Special Education teacher Tina Seiger for organizing the parade in advance of this day.
11. Congratulations to the PAHS students who were recognized for their achievements in earning their YES certifications from the NEPA MAEC! The students had to meet goals in grades, attendance, and pass a drug test. Guest speaker PA Treasurer Stacy Garrity and local legislators spoke to the group. Sponsors provided a breakfast, and Penn State Schuylkill granted scholarship money for these graduates of the Your Employability Skills program.
 - Amaree Bainbridge
 - Chase Yeich
 - Elizabeth Murton
 - Emily Moyer
 - Jacob Mattera
 - Justin Matukewicz
 - Macey Matlock
 - Mason Major
 - Maura McDonald
 - Nate Turolis
 - Nick Chivinsky
 - Nick Giuffre
 - Noah Stevenson
 - Rylee Spotts
 - Tejay Allen
 - Tyler Shappell
12. Congratulations to the PAHS Aavidum Club and Advisors Social Worker Jessica Coyle and Math Teacher Rita Sponenburg for receiving a PA Prevention Award! Maura McDonald and Hannah Atkinson accepted the award at the RISE Center in Reading on behalf of the Club.
13. The PAHS dome is lit red and white in recognition for the Class of 2023 Commencement on Friday evening.
14. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month:
K - Taylor McDonald

- 1 - Darkiel Ayala
- 2 - Shrija Patel
- 3 - Lauren Ambrose
- 4 - Mana Kerns

15. Thank you to JSC PTO Members for organizing a successful basket auction.

Subject 12.7 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 12.8 Curriculum – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

It is recommended by the Curriculum Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Service Agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) for professional development and ongoing instructional coaching in concurrent hybrid learning.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Informational:

Pottsville Area High School applied for and has been selected as one of the 100 PA schools to receive Dual Enrollment grant funds from the PA Department of Education. PAHS received the highest amount possible - \$75,000 - to ensure students have access to in-person and online Dual Enrollment. The Board approved an agreement with Penn State Schuylkill in April and will be voting on an agreement with Kutztown University in June. There have been discussions with Alvernia University Pottsville CollegeTowne throughout the school year regarding an agreement. The District has also been working with Lehigh Carbon Community College and will continue to do so in the future. We are thankful for the funding and the partnerships with Institutions of Higher Education.

Subject 12.9 Policy and Procedure - Ms. Linda Wytovich

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Subject 12.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

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Subject 12.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Type Information

It is recommended by the Labor Relations Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area Educational Support Personnel Association, ESPA/PSEA/NEA and the Pottsville Area School District. Term of Agreement - July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

Motion to approve as recommended.

13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 13.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 13.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

1. It is recommended that the Board elect the following Board members to serve on the Intermediate Unit and/or Schuylkill Technology Center Boards of Directors for a three (3) year term - July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026:

- Dave Frew - Pine Grove Area - Both
- Scott Jacoby -Schuylkill Haven Area - Both
- Trina Schellhammer - Tamaqua Area - Both
- John Mika - Williams Valley - Both

- Christopher Bowers - Minersville Area - Unexpired term through June 30, 2025 - Both
- Glenn Weist - North Schuylkill - Unexpired term through June 30, 2024 - Both

**** Please complete the ballots and return to the Board Secretary**

Motion to elect as recommended.

Subject 13.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 13.4 PSBA Representative – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Dr. Ann Blankenhorn as the 2023 PSBA Delegate Assembly Voting Delegate which will be held on November 4, 2023.

Motion to approve as recommended.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 14.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board members

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 14. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

May 26, 2023 - Holiday Early Dismissal/PAHS Commencement/Last Day for Students

May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day
 June 12 - July 30, 2023 -Achieve Summer Program

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Subject **14.2 Use of Facilities**

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 14. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
 Action

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Use of Facilities:

MS

1 – MS Parking Lots Rear/Top

Safety Night Out

Pottsville Fire Department

6/19/2023 4:30pm-8:00pm

6/20/2023 4:30pm-8:00pm (Rain Date)

2 – Martz Hall/Practice Field

Genesis Drum Corps International

Competition Rehearsal

8/3/2023 11:45pm Arrival

8/4/2023 6:00pm Departure

HS

1 – HS Stadium Track

Pottsville Fitness Challenge

June 1, 2023-August 1, 2023 5:00pm-8:00pm

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **14.3 Committee Meeting Of the Whole and Board Meeting Dates**

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
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Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Academic Center

Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the DHHL Middle School Auditorium

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject 15.1 Executive Session
 Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
 Category 15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
 Access Public
 Type Information

16. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 16.1 Adjourn
 Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board Meeting
 Category 16. ADJOURNMENT
 Access Public
 Type Action
 Recommended Motion to adjourn
 Action