



**Wednesday, February 15, 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

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Category 1. MEETING OPENING
Access Public
Type Procedural

Subject 1.2 Board of Directors - Roll Call

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category 1. MEETING OPENING
Access Public
Type

Subject 1.3 Public Comment

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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. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject **2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve minutes as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the January 11, 2022 Committee Of the Whole Minutes and the January 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve as recommended.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Subject **3.1 Approval of Financial Reports**

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Category 3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Access Public

Type

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of January 31, 2023 - \$5,860,147.99; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of January 31, 2023 - \$576,952.39**
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 - Approve Budget Transfers in the amount of \$64,125.00 for reallocation of funds due to coding changes; Budget Transfers in the amount of \$2,700.00 for reallocation of funds in Athletics.

Motion to approve as recommended.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Subject	5.1 Discipline Waivers
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Category	5. 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 Waivers, effective February 16, 2023.

- * #27-1833
- * #25-2174

Motion to approve as recommended.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	6.1 Pre-approval of Credits
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Category	6. 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 indicated for the following professional employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA:

Angela Altemose - 1 Credit
 Kendra Boris - 3 Credits
 Aprile Goehring - 9 Credits
 Kelly Lombel - 6 Credits
 John Pettit - 9 Credits
 Rachelle Price - 3 Credits

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	6.2 Credit Reimbursement
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 Category 6. 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:

Emily Earley - \$1,548.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 6.3 Calendar
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 Category 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
 Access Public
 Type Action
 Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the 2022-2023 School Calendar be revised to reflect snow make-up days as follows:

<u>School Canceled</u>	<u>Make-up Day</u>
November 12, 2022	April 12, 2023
December 16, 2022	April 11, 2023
January 25, 2023	April 6, 2023

2. It is recommended that the 2023-2024 School Calendar be approved. The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 28, 2023, and tentatively the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Tentative Teacher In-service days will be held August 23-24, 2023; October 9, 2023; and January 15, 2024. A tentative Act 80 day will be held November 6, 2023. Early dismissals will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023; Friday, December 22, 2023; Wednesday, March 27, 2024; Friday, May 24, 2024; and the last day of school.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 6.4 Internship Placement
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 Category 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Internship placement:

Kacey Harper of Penn State University, Schuylkill Campus with Curriculum Director Dr. Jared Gerace and Technology Director Mr. Andrew Diehl

Motion to approved as recommended.

7. INFORMATION

Subject 7.1 Crimson Tide Foundation

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Category 7. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 7.2 Federal Programs

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Category 7. INFORMATION

Access Public

Type Information

Informational item

The PDE provided the annual Maintenance of Effort letter, which reviews our Annual Financial Reports (AFR). Federal funds are supplementary and cannot supplant local and state funds. Since our aggregate 2020 vs 2021 expenditures from state and local sources were within the allowable reduction rate of 10%, the Pottsville Area School District has maintained fiscal effort. We will file the letter for auditing and monitoring purposes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject 8.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields

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Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Spring Coaches for the 2022-2023 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BASEBALL

Michael Welsh, Head Coach
Ben O'Brien, Varsity Assistant
Gary Keener, JV Head Coach
Stephen Messina, JV Assistant

SOFTBALL

Charles Rinaldo, Head Coach
Thomas Mull, Varsity Assistant
Bruce Heffner, JV Head Coach
Serenity Allen, JV Assistant

SPRING TRACK

Charles Schuster, Boys' Head Coach
Kelly Lombel, Girls' Head Coach
Marlin Vandermeer, Assistant
Lucas Bricker, Assistant
Peter McDonald, Assistant
William Rhoads, Assistant
Jennifer Brindle, Assistant
Jeff Dunkel, Jr. High Head Coach
Mark Laubenstine, Jr. High Asst.
Jed Dunkel, Jr. High Asst.

BOYS' TENNIS

Adrian Portland, Head Coach

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following volunteer Spring Coaches for the 2022-2023 Season:

Baseball:

Tony Barone

Softball:

Mike Kiehner
Bryanna Snowell
Brian Spotts

Track and Field:

Matthew Hirsch

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban
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Category	8. 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 the quote with Victor E. Muncy Inc. for furnishing and installing 85 locks on interior classroom doors in John S. Clarke Elementary Center. The replacement of the locks will be paid for through the use of funds from the 2022-23 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grants.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote with Custom Sign Source for furnishing and installing of flag mounted classroom numbers in the DHH Lengel Middle School and PAHS. The classroom numbers will be paid for through the use of funds from the 2022-23 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grants.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.3 Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

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Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.4 Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

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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 approve the following repository sales:
 - Parcel No. 59-02-0176.000 - 501 Second Street Port Carbon Borough - Purchase Price \$1.00
 - Parcel No. 59-04-0226.000 - 208 Valley Street Port Carbon Borough - Purchase Price \$1.00
 - Parcel No. 68-27-0357.000 - 10 North Third Street Pottsville City - Purchase Price \$1,323.00
 - Parcel No. 68-07-0099.000 - 456 Nichols Street Pottsville City - Purchase Price \$1,177.00

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Affiliation Agreement with Commonwealth University Of Pennsylvania (formerly Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield University). This agreement includes field experiences and student teaching placements.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the King Spry Services Agreement for a three year period effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. The current agreement expires June 30, 2023.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the the investment of \$1.5 million in T-Bills in the Flex Account at PSDLAF. (Rates subject to change based upon date of investment.)

Each T-bill would be at \$250,000.

Maturity	#of bills	Amount	Interest Rate
6 month	2	500,000	4.64%
4 month	2	500,000	4.54%
12 month	2	500,000	4.51%

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the EBS Healthcare Agreement through Stepping Stones Group for contracted services (Speech Language Pathologist) pending solicitor's review.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Single Static Advertising Sponsorship. The cost for the one (1) year agreement is \$1,500.00.

- Alvernia University

Thank you to Alvernia for their sponsorship in support of the Pottsville Area School District. We welcome Pottsville CollegeTowne to our community.

Motion to approve as recommended.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The Mid Penn Bank loan for the roof project at Schuylkill Technology Center was paid off on January 20, 2023 in the amount of \$218,030.22. This was approved by Board on January 18, 2023.

2. A letter received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education on January 25, 2023 stated, "the Department is pleased to inform you that with respect to the federal financial assistance programs funded by this agency, your Single Audit Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, is approved as being substantially in compliance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Subpart F, and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy."

Subject **8.5 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt**

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Category 8. 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 Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339, 439, 539:

- Employee #795 - kindergarten aide - February 14, 2023 to TBD
- Employee #1160 - paraprofessional - February 10, 2023 to February 24, 2023
- Employee #216 - Cafeteria Aide - February 2, 2023

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1. Congratulations to Mr. Kraft and the DHHL Mathcounts Team for winning the Schuylkill County Competition AND for earning 4 of the top 7 individual awards! They will participate in the State Competition on March 17-18. Padraic Kerns, Abby Mendofik, Jamison Walsh, and Jo Barnhart earned the team's 1st Place finish. Individually, the following students placed:

- Padraic Kerns - 2nd
- Abby Mendofik - 3rd
- Jamison Walsh - 4th
- Ryan Beltz - 7th

2. Congratulations to Queen of Snows Hannah Leskin (2019 PAHS graduate) and Snowflake Princess Brenna McGowan (Current PAHS 11th grader) for being crowned at the [Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival](#)! Also, congratulations to fifth runner-up Alaina Bartashus (Current PAHS 11th grader) for Snowflake Princess and third runner-up Lily McDonald (2021 PAHS graduate) for Queen of Snows!

3. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month for February:

K: Finley Reilly

1: Lillian Humphrey

2: Eliza Fontanez-Marchetti

3: Mi'lana McBall

4: Nathan Fisher

4. Congratulations to Ashlea Brew for being named PAHS Artist of the Month for February.

5. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month Youssef Amin and Nicholas Horvath.

6. Congratulations to PAHS senior clarinet player, Emily Lucas, on auditioning and being selected to perform in the 2023 PMEA District 10 Orchestra Festival.

7. Thank you to the PAHS Key Club for organizing the Team Schuylkill vs the Crimson Tide basketball game at Martz Hall. We appreciate the players from the Special Olympics and PAHS teams for participating as well as the fans who attended the event to raise over \$1,000.00.

8. Congratulations to STC Students of the Month, Zachary Eiler (Residential/Industrial Electrical) and Kamryn Carrol (Social Studies).

9. Congratulations to retired PAHS Science teacher Tom Guzick for authoring the children's book "Mary's Adventure with the Stars".

10. Congratulations to Emily Lucas and Nicholas Horvath on auditioning and being selected to perform in the 2023 PMEA District 10 Band Festival.

Admin Content**Subject** **8.7 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban**

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Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **8.8 Curriculum – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt**

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Category 8. 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 Linkage Letter/Referral Agreement with RHA Health Services.

Motion to approve as recommended.**Informational Item:**

Update on the Gillingham Charter School ("GCS") renewal process: Due to safety concerns since January, Gillingham Charter School has continued to not use the building located at 315 Howard Avenue for Physical Education class and Extra-curricular activities because of the certain concerns brought to the attention of GCS by the District during its visit to the facility and affirmed by the City of Pottsville's inspection. Additional topics of concern registered by the District throughout this process: Teacher Certification, Teacher Turnover Rate, Student Achievement, Curriculum, Special Education, Finance, and Discipline/Safety. Of particular concern to the District is the continuation of the number of students withdrawing from GCS. 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 48% during the four (4) school years in the review. The District is currently attempting to negotiate the charter renewal without going through the court system and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to reduce the burden on taxpayers. More specifics will be provided in a future meeting about when a vote by the Pottsville Area School Board will be scheduled.

Subject **8.9 Policy and Procedure - Ms. Linda Wytovich**

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Subject **8.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields**

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Subject **8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban**

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Type Information

9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject **9.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject **9.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich**

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Type Information, Reports

Subject **9.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Craig Shields**

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 Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.4 PSBA Representative – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

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 Type Information, Reports

10. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 10.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board members

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 Access Public
 Type Information
 February 15-18, 2023 - Schuylkill County Choir Festival
 February 20, 2023 - President's Day (School Closed)
 February 17, 2023 - Random Act of Kindness Day
 February 27, 2023 - JSC PTO Meeting at 6:00 PM
 February 27 - March 3, 2023 - Read Across America

Admin Content

Subject 10.2 Use of Facilities

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 Category 10. NEW BUSINESS
 Access Public
 Type Action
 Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Use of Facilities:
 (SEE ATTACHED)

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **10.3 Committee Meeting Of the Whole and Board Meeting Dates**

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Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Academic Center.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject **11.1 Executive Session**

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Category 11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Access Public

Type Information

12. ADJOURNMENT

Subject **12.1 Adjourn**

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to adjourn