



**Wednesday, June 21, 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 Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

Subject **1.2 Board of Directors - Roll Call**

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

Subject **1.3 Public Comment**

Meeting Jun 21, 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. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting	Jun 21, 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 May 17, 2023 Committee Of the Whole Minutes and the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve as recommended.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Subject	3.1 Approval of Financial Reports
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	3. 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 May 31, 2023 - \$3,737,370.13; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of May 31, 2023 - \$549,240.28.**

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 \$15,117,755.64 to reallocate funds due to coding changes. This will bring the chart of accounts into compliance with PDE requirements.

Motion to approve as recommended.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - ATTY. PAIGE GROSS IN ABSENCE OF ATTY. KEVIN REID

Subject	5.1 Legal
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - ATTY. PAIGE GROSS IN ABSENCE OF ATTY. KEVIN REID
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Discipline Waiver, effective June 17, 2023.

* #26-1964

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Phase II of the agreement with Coyle, Lynch and Company for the purposes of Tax Parcel 68-49-0004.00, if a resolution is not agreed upon on or before July 3, 2023.

Motion to approve as recommended.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	6.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
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 hours indicated for the following professional employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA:

Erin Blozusky - 9 Credits

Natasha Bubnis - 3 Credits

Kelly Lombel - 6 Credits

Crystal Pugh - 3 Credits

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	6.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
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:

Erin Blozusky - \$300.00

Mary McGinley - \$300.00

Amy Rubinkam - \$300.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	6.3 Salary Adjustment
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
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 salary adjustment be approved and made effective 2023-2024 school year:

Angela Altemose - Master's Degree

Emily Earlley - Bachelor's + 15

Casey Shoopack - Master's Degree

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	6.4 New Junior Board Members
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board appoint the following students as Junior Board Members of the Pottsville Area School District: Madison Eroh and Hunter Chescavage. The new members will be Seniors for the 2023-2024 School Year at Pottsville Area High School.

Motion to appoint as recommended.

7. INFORMATION

Subject	7.1 Federal Programs
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION
Access	Public
Type	Information

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject	8.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the trip to Disney and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida (February 20-24, 2024). The PAHS Marching Band, Band Front (Majorettes, Flags and Honor Guard), and Cheerleaders will be marching and performing in the "Destiny Festival of Fantasy" on February 22, 2024. The trip will be funded by fundraisers.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the **Fall Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BOYS SOCCER

Zachary Reichert - Varsity Head Coach
Guiseppa Guiffre - Assistant

CROSS COUNTRY

Kelly Lombel - Varsity Head Coach
Jennifer Brindle - Jr. High Coach

FOOTBALL

Thomas McGeoy - Varsity Head Coach
Peter McDonald - Assistant
Raymond Yost - Assistant
Scott Grochowski - Assistant
Kurt Eroh - Assistant
Jamie O'Brien - Assistant
Stephen Messina - Assistant
Mark Laubenstine - Jr. High Head Coach
Lucas Bricker - Jr. High Assistant
Tony Barone - Equipment Manager

GIRLS SOCCER

Robert Stock - Varsity Head Coach
Robert Evans - Assistant

GIRLS TENNIS

Adrian Portland - Varsity Head Coach

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Maria Sherakas - Varsity Head Coach
Kendra Boris - Assistant

GOLF COACH

Tyler McCole - Varsity Head Coach

CHEERLEADING

Melissa Recla - Varsity Cheerleading Coach
Jody Rutherford - Assistant Cheerleading Coach

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following volunteer **Fall Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract).

FOOTBALL

Bryce Dragna
Damon Yost

GIRLS SOCCER

Eric Lord
Brian Spotts

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mary Kate Painter
Michael Puzauskie

CHEERLEADING

Crystal Reed

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following **Winter Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jake Wartella - Varsity Head Coach
Tyler Heffner - Jr. Varsity Coach
Thomas McGeoy - Varsity Assistant Coach
Tony Boris - Freshman Coach
Jed Dunkel- 8th Grade Coach
Patrick McCord - 7th Grade Coach

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Stephen Ennis - Varsity Head Coach
Phil Tenaglia - Assistant
Olivia Wingle - Jr. Varsity Coach
Brett Ennis - 8th Grade Coach
Sean Jones - 7th Grade Coach

WRESTLING

Gary Keener - Varsity Head Coach
Samuel Julian - Assistant
Ryan Green - Jr. High Head Coach
OPEN - Asst. Junior High Coach

SWIMMING

Gregory Schuettler - Varsity Head Coach
Neil Johnson - Assistant
OPEN - Assistant
OPEN - Assistant

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following volunteer **Winter Coaches** for the 2023-2024 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

WRESTLING

Matthew Pelechak

SWIMMING

John Matulevich

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Athletic event workers for the 2023-2024 school year.

Tony Barone
Charles Bauers
Beth Bauers
Donna Bentz
Cody Blankenhorn

John Boris
Kendra Boris
Tony Boris
Jeffrey Bowers
Lucas Bricker
Jennifer Brindle
Robert Brouse
Corey Calabrese
Joseph Connors
Rose Doorly
Diane Dunkel
Jeff Dunkel
Jed Dunkel
Robert Dusel
Nick Eckley
Stephen Ennis
Kurt Eroh
Sophia Felker
John Gradwell
Dania Griegel
Susan Griffin
Cathy Guzick
Edward Hampford
James Harris
Bruce Heffner
Matthew Hirsch
Gilbert Hoak
Cara Holman
Lisa Holobetz
Stephen Horvath
Tiffany Hummel
Jack Ingalzo
Sean Jones
Gary Keener
Cara Kelly
Michael Kiehner
Scott Krater
Mark Laubenstine
Julia Leiby
Kelly Lombel
Christopher Lombel
Maria Malek
Peter McDonald
Colleen Miller
Tyler Moyer
Joshua Moyer
David Mullaney
Benjamin O'Brien
Jamie O'Brien
Abigail Prock
Crystal Pugh
Joelle Reed
Lisa Revenis
William Rhoads
Marissa Rhode
Charles Rinaldo

Morgan Rismiller
 Kimberly Rismiller
 Brad Ross
 Amy Ryan
 Nancy Schaeffer-Muldowney
 Gregory Schuettler
 Charles Schuster
 Lori Schuster
 Christina Seiger
 Christian Selinko
 Maria Sherakas
 Angel Snyder
 Brian Spotts
 David Sterner
 Charles Taronis
 Phil Tenaglia
 Jason Thomas
 John Toomey
 Robert Umbenhauer
 Marlin Vandermeer
 Mark VanStone
 Carolyn Wasilewski
 Michael Welsh
 Joann Weres
 Jacob Witalec
 Robert Workman
 Raymond Yost

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the Game Worker Stipends for the 2023-2024 School Year.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Saint Clair Area School District for the Provision of shared athletics, effective August 7, 2023.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
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 release of Claim #009361-000748-AD-01 for damage caused at JSC Elementary Center. Payment in the amount of \$4,429.00 will be paid to the District for the incident on February 27, 2023.

2. It is recommended that the Board award the Parking Lot Repaving Improvement Project to Lehigh Asphalt, Tamaqua at a cost of \$723,790, funded by RACP grant money and budgetary reserves. Bid opening was held on June 8, 2023.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Informational Item:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - Facilities walk through at the Pottsville Area High School from 8 am to Noon

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - Facilities walk through at DHHL Middle School, JSC Elementary Center, and Academic Center from 8 am to Noon

Subject 8.3 Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

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Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new bus lease.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.4 Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Safety Net Counseling, Inc., to service children with emotional difficulties, effective July 1, 2023.

2. Subsequent to the final 2022-2023 audit, it is recommended that funds remaining above the PDE threshold will be committed for the following anticipated purposes:

- Curriculum Renewal
- Increase in Cyber-Charter and Charter School costs
- Increase in Health Benefits and PSERS
- Increase in Transportation costs and fuel
- Increase in Utility costs
- Unexpected Maintenance costs

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Acorns to Oaks Consulting LLC to provide school psychologist services, effective July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024, pending solicitor's review.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Dignity Consulting, LLC for in-service on August 23, 2023. The cost of the agreement will be paid for by Title I funds.

Motion to approved as recommended.

Subject	8.5 Personnel – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt
Meeting	Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting
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 accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Nathan Kraft, Math Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish him well in his new endeavors.
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Daniel Scheib, Social Studies Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish him well in his new endeavors.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Cameryn Winton as a Social Studies Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s - \$43,000. Mr. John Carestia will serve as a mentor for Miss Winton.
4. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Julie Drummer, Fourth Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary Center, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Superintendent to be granted authority to fill vacancies and hire essential personnel with ratification at the July, August, and September 2023 Board Meetings. This authority is granted annually.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Kerri Lubinsky as the Title IX Coordinator/Investigator for JSC Elementary Center.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Cally Chiccini as a substitute nurse for the Pottsville Area School District at a daily rate of \$125.00, effective August 28, 2023 and pending required clearances on file.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Phil Tenaglia for summer cleaning at an hourly rate of \$12.00, retroactive to June 6, 2023.

9. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Molly Hook as site coordinator for the Achieve Program at JSC Elementary, effective after the conclusion of the Summer 2023 Achieve program. We appreciate the work Mrs. Hook has done for the Achieve Program.

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the following contracts effective July 1, 2023:

Jennifer Brant to serve as a Certified Counselor

Christine Schuebel to serve as a School Psychologist

Wendy Header to serve as Occupational Therapist

Caitlin Leffler to serve as an ISS Monitor at the DHHL Middle School

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following custodians at the DHHL Middle School:

- Brian Delaney - hourly rate of \$9.88, retroactive to June 5, 2023
- Ruth Morgan - hourly rate of \$9.63, effective June 22, 2023
- Norman Barket - hourly rate of \$9.63, retroactive to June 5, 2023; resignation letter received, effective June 9, 2023

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Dawn Leigh, as a transportation aide and bus garage clerical at an hourly rate of \$10.50 and also approve Ms. Leigh for summer cleaning at an hourly rate of \$12.00, retractive to June 5, 2023.

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Leave Without Pay as per School Board Policy(s): 339, 439, 539:

- Employee #25 - cafeteria aide - May 18, 2023

14. It is recommended that the Board approve William Davis as a lifeguard for the Pottsville Area School District at an hourly rate of \$9.00/\$10.00, effective June 22, 2023 contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork.

15. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Allison McAndrew as a Speech-Language Pathologist at JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Master’s - \$51,600. Mrs. Molly Hook will serve as a mentor for Miss McAndrew.

16. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Mychaellah Lucas as a Speech-Language Pathologist at JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Master’s - \$51,600. Mrs. Molly Hook will serve as a mentor for Miss Lucas.

17. 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 19, 2023 and pending required clearances on file:

Mychaellah Lucas (Speech-Language Pathologist)

Allison McAndrew (Speech-Language Pathologist)

18. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Angel Mundy as a Title I Math Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 15 – Master’s + 15 - \$77,493.

19. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Detrick Borden as a Social Studies Teacher at Pottsville Area High School for the 2023-2024 School Year – Step 1 – Bachelor’s - \$43,000. Mr. Robert Kempsey will serve as a mentor for Mr. Borden.

20. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Abby Forney, Special Education Teacher at Pottsville Area High School, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Admin Content

Subject 8.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Ms. Linda Wytovich

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Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

1. Congratulations to the PAHS Class of 2023 and the STC and PAHS Honor graduates.
2. Thank you to Mini-THON for raising \$10,817.65 at their annual event on May 12, 2023. The money raised will be donated to the Four Diamonds Fund, which helps alleviate medical bills for children with cancer and pediatric cancer research.
3. Congratulations to DHHL Students & Teacher of the Month: 5th Grade - Cole Chiccini, 6th Grade - Maci McGeoy, 7th Grade - Amrit Singh, 8th Grade - Emma Dries, and Teacher - Mrs. Serenity Allen.

Subject 8.7 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the five (5) year agreement between Finalsite and Pottsville Area School District as a website hosting provider.
Term of agreement July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.8 Curriculum – Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.9 Policy and Procedure - Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 9.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

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

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject **9.4 PSBA Representative – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn**

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

10. NEW BUSINESS

Subject **10.1 Upcoming Events**

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

July 4, 2023 - Independence Day (Closed)

Admin Content**Subject** **10.2 Use of Facilities**

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. 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 – Football Practice Field Track

Schuylkill County Vision

Scheduled Walk

6/22/2023 9:00am-10:00am

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.3 School Safety and Security Coordinator Report Act 44 Report

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

Informational Item:

The School Safety and Security Coordinator Report Act 44 Report was received for the 2022-2023 school year and will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Subject 10.4 Committee Meeting Of the Whole and Board Meeting Dates

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Board Room of the Academic Center

Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the DHHL Middle School Auditorium

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject 11.1 Executive Session

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Access Public

Type Information

12. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 12.1 Adjourn

Meeting Jun 21, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 12. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to adjourn
Action