



**Wednesday, July 19, 2023  
Board Meeting**

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

**1. MEETING OPENING**

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**Subject                    1.1 Opening and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting                    Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category                    1. MEETING OPENING

Access                    Public

Type                    Procedural

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

Meeting                    Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category                    1. MEETING OPENING

Access                    Public

Type                    Procedural

**Subject                    1.3 Public Comment**

Meeting                    Jul 19, 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. If members of the public wish to make public comments, then they must do so in person. Public comments will follow School Board Policy 903 and public comment procedures. Members of the public who are residents and/or taxpayers of the school district who wish to comment shall identify themselves by indicating name, address, and topic upon which they want to address. If the subject matter is on the agenda, such persons shall be given priority over residents and/or

taxpayers who want to comment on non-agenda items. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes. The public comment segment of each Board meeting shall be a maximum of one (1) hour per public meeting. Anyone who does not get the opportunity to speak because of the expiration of this one (1) hour time period shall be afforded a priority speaking position at the next public Board meeting. After the School Board agenda is posted online, questions may be emailed to [plombel@pottsville.k12.pa.us](mailto:plombel@pottsville.k12.pa.us) by 2:00 PM the day of the meeting. Questions will be forwarded to all Board members. The meeting will be available online.

Are there any public comments at this time?

## **2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes</b>
Meeting	Jul 19, 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 June 14, 2023 Committee Of the Whole Minutes and the June 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

## **3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>3.1 Approval of Financial Reports</b>
Meeting	Jul 19, 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 June 30, 2023 - \$6,653,329.83; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of June 30, 2023 - \$425,122.26.**
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.**

#### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

#### **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>6.1 Pre-approval of Credits</b>
Meeting	Jul 19, 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:**

Paula Heffner - 6 Credits  
Michael Roberts - 6 Credits

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>6.2 Credit Reimbursement</b>
Meeting	Jul 19, 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:**

Natasha Bubnis - \$300.00  
Kelly Lombel - \$3,390.00  
Rachelle Price - \$1,662.00  
Anya Wood - \$1,662.00

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject**                **6.3 Dental Examiners for 2023-2024 School Year**

Meeting                 Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category                6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access                  Public

Type                     Action

Recommended         Motion to approve as recommended.  
Action

**It is recommended that the Board approve the following Dental Examiners at a rate of at most \$1.50 per exam:**

Approve the 23-24 Dental Examiners at a rate of at most \$1.50 per exam:

- Dr. Joseph Chipriano
- Dr. Scott Fellows
- Dr. Brenda Jenkins
- Dr. Elizabeth Puddu
- Dr. Michael Smink
- Geisinger Health Plan - Dental

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject**                **6.4 Tenure**

Meeting                 Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category                6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access                  Public

Type                     Action

Recommended         Motion to approve as recommended.  
Action

Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching, it is recommended that the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure.

Christopher Kovaleski

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**7. INFORMATION**

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**Subject**                **7.1 Federal Programs**

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 7. INFORMATION  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

**Subject 7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation**

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 7. INFORMATION  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**Subject 8.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields**

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.  
 Action

**It is recommended by the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee that the Board approve the following:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Football play clocks from NEVCO at a cost of \$5,400. Co-Stars #014-084
2. It is recommended that the Board approve six (6) starting blocks for the pool at DHH Lengel Middle School from The Lifeguard Store at \$2,939.94 each. Total cost - \$17,639.64
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Weight Room Equipment from Webster's Fitness Products Inc. at a cost of \$19,230.00. Installation included. Co-Stars #14-059
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Ticket Price Costs for the 2023-2024. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Gate. There are 6 Football games this season. \*Note - If Senior Citizens do not have a Crimson Card, they will pay \$3.00 if purchased online and \$5.00 if paying cash at the gate. Senior Citizens (age 60 years or older) who reside in the Pottsville Area School District are eligible for the Crimson Card, which is a pass to enter all regular season athletic events at no cost. Qualified Senior Citizens should come to the Academic Center with proof of age and address to receive the card.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following:

- Resignation of Olivia Wingle as Girls' JV Basketball Coach
- Girls' JV Basketball Coach - Brett Ennis
- 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach - Sean Jones
- 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach - Allison Parker

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Volunteer Coaches:
- Varsity Football - Anthony Kelly
  - Girls' Soccer - Dante McCoy
  - Girls' Basketball - Olivia Wingle

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject**                    **8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban**

Meeting                    Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category                    8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access                      Public

Type                        Action

Recommended            Motion to award as recommended.  
Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the audit agreement with Ameresco Inc. for the ESCO project (HVAC project).
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Change Order #1 from Lehigh Asphalt, Inc. for curbs and sidewalks.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Heim Company to provide Planetarium HVAC Units at a cost of \$66,914.00. Co-Stars #008-E22-801. (Three (3) quotes were received).

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject**                    **8.3 Transportation – Mrs. Ashley DeWitt**

Meeting                    Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

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 the agreement with Bus Patrol America for a term of 5 years, which includes the installation, maintenance and support of Bus Patrol equipment on District buses, pending solicitor's review and administrative approval. This will be at zero cost to the district.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject**                    **8.4 Finance – Dr. Ann Blankenhorn**

Meeting                    Jul 19, 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 with Progressive Pediatric Therapy, LLC for OT Services for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Behavioral Health Associates for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Kutztown University for the 2023-2024 school year, pending solicitor review.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with River Rock Academy for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the investment of \$1 million out of FLEX account at PSDLAF into a 12-month Treasury bill with a current interest rate of 5.20%.

**Motion to approved as recommended.**

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

Meeting                    Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category                    8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access                    Public

Type                    Action

Recommended            Motion to approve/accept as recommended.  
Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Farrah Benart as a full-time paraprofessional at JSC Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$15.35, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Benart formerly worked as a part-time paraprofessional at JSC.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Kayla Neifert as a part-time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective 2023-2024 school year contingent upon completion of satisfactory paperwork.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Naomi Vigoda as a part-time paraprofessional at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective 2023-2024 school year contingent upon completion of satisfactory paperwork.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Joelle Reed as a full-time paraprofessional at Pottsville Area High School at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Reed formerly worked as a part-time paraprofessional.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following contracts retroactive to July 1, 2023:  
Jessica Coyle to continue to serve as Social Worker  
Migdalia Gunoskey to continue to serve as Social Worker
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. John Roberts as a part-time School Police Officer at an initial hourly rate of \$25. His hourly rate will increase to the rates based on thresholds previously Board approved for School Police Officers: \$28 per hour if/when Mr. Roberts reaches 100 hours in a school year, and \$30 per hour if/when Mr. Roberts reaches 300 hours in a school year.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Tiffany Visgarda as a First Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary School for the 2023-2024 School Year Step 2 Bachelor s - \$43,000. Mrs. Kristyn Blum will serve as a mentor for Mrs. Visgarda.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss McKayla Gilbert as a First Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary School for the 2023-2024 School Year Step 1 Bachelor s - \$43,000. Mrs. Kristyn Blum will serve as a mentor for Miss Gilbert.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Jessica Nowakowski as a Fourth Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary School for the 2023-2024 School Year Step 1 Master s + 15 - \$53,700. Mrs. Jennifer Brindle will serve as a mentor for Miss Nowakowski.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Carrie Selinko as a School Nurse at JSC Elementary School for the 2023-2024 School Year at a salary of \$47,000.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Jennifer Lutz as a Science Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year Step 8 Bachelor s + 15 - \$54,968.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Aimee Hegedus as a Math Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year Step 1 Bachelor s - \$43,000. The DHHL Lead Math Teacher (to be determined) will serve as a mentor for Miss Hegedus.
13. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Michael Roberts as a Special Education Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year Step 1 Bachelor s - \$43,000. Mrs. Kim Edling will serve as a mentor for Mr. Roberts.
14. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Leah Zerbe as an ELA Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year Step 1 Master s - \$51,600. Mrs. Breanne Ferdoucha will serve as a mentor for Ms. Leah Zerbe.



**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

1. Congratulations to Jo Barnhart and Jamison Walsh for receiving the Pottsville Kiwanis Club Top Student Awards. These were presented to two students based on remarkable academic achievement, overall outstanding behavior, and exceptional participation in extracurricular activities and athletics.

2. Congratulations to Luke Schane and Julie Szeliga who represented PAHS in the HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program) at Susquehanna University.

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

Meeting Jul 19, 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 migration of the existing onsite Follett Destiny Library databases to Follett Destiny Cloud for one-time cost of \$1,538.90; cost for annual renewal of Follett Destiny Library access and support is \$2,969.22.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Fraser Advanced Information systems to migrate existing print server with PaperCut software to new server for a one-time cost of \$537.00.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Verkada security cameras and licensing from Dauphin DataCom for a cost of \$11,031.94 through PEPPM contract.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Global Data Consultants to install and configure VMWare vCenter with a 3-year support license for a cost of \$3,469.39.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of eleven (11) total fingerprint readers for the District cafeterias and renew the 1 year of software support from Educational Biometric Technology for a cost of \$2,569.95.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

1. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services website, the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, expired at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. However, The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires LEA's to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. Since no significant changes have occurred pertaining to Covid-19, our recommendation is to affirm the current plan.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve DHH Lengel Middle School's 2023-2024 A-TSI Title I School Plan and JSC Elementary Center's 2023 - 2024 TSI Title I School Plan for a thirty (30) day review. The plans will be posted on the District's website for review.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action, Information

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.  
Action

**1. It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board approve the following policies:**

- Policy 202 - Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- Policy 301 - Creating a Position
- Policy 302 - Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent

**2. It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board retire the following policies:**

- 301 - Administration - Creating a Position
- 302 - Administration - Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- 303 - Administration - Employment of Administrators
- 401 - Professional - Creating a Position
- 501 - Support - Creating a Position

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement for Participation in the Child Nutrition Program between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

**9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information, Reports

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information, Reports

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public  
 Type Information, Reports

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information, Reports

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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**Subject 10.1 Upcoming Events**

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 10. NEW BUSINESS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

July 27, 2023 - Last day of Summer School  
 August 8, 2023 - DHHL New Student and 5th Grade Orientation at 11 AM  
 August 14, 2023 - DHHL New Student and 5th Grade Orientation at 6 PM  
 August 15, 2023 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (A-L Last Names) at 6 PM

August 21, 2023  
 ~ JSC Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Run  
 ~ JSC Open House for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders - 5 to 7 pm  
 ~ DHHL Open House – 5:30 to 7:30 pm  
 ~ PAHS Open House – 6 to 8 pm

August 23, 2023 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (M-Z Last Names) at 6 PM  
 August 23, 2023 - Teachers' In-Service  
 August 24, 2023 - Teachers' In-Service  
 August 28, 2023 - First Day of School

### Admin Content

**Subject 10.2 Use of Facilities**

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting  
 Category 10. NEW BUSINESS  
 Access Public

Type Information

## **MS**

### **1 – Football Practice Field**

Pottsville Midget Football League

Practice

July 24, 2023-November 10, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm Monday-Friday

### **2 – Alumni Field**

Pottsville Midget Football League

Games

9:00am-6:00pm

September 24, 2023, October 1, 2023, October 22, 2023

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

**Committee of the Whole Meeting** - Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6 pm in the Board Room of the Academic Center

**Board Meeting** - August 16, 2023 at 7 pm in the DHHL Middle School Auditorium

## **11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**Subject 11.1 Executve Session**

Meeting Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting

Category 11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Access Public

Type Information

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>12.1 Adjourn</b>
Meeting	Jul 19, 2023 - Board Meeting
Category	12. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn