

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors  
Board Meeting  
July 17, 2024 – 7:00 PM  
Board Room – Academic Center

Present: Mr. Ansbach, Mrs. Hobbs,  
Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt  
Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich,  
Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair,  
Business Manager; Mrs. Bevan, Asst. Business  
Manager/Board Secretary;  
Mrs. Buchanan; Mr. Shields; Mr. Thomas;  
Dr. Yoder, Superintendent

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Lynda Wytovich .  
Roll Call – 9 members present, 0 absent.

**Ms. Wytovich** - 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.

There were no public comments.

On motion of **Mr. Urban**, seconded by **Mr. Ciavarella**, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the June 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the June 19 2024 Board Meeting Minutes since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of **Mrs. Stair**, Business Manager and on motion of **Mr. Urban**, seconded by **Mrs. Buchanan**, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of June 2024:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024 - \$4,151,424.25 Cafeteria Checking Balance as of June 30, 2024 - \$567,394.63.**
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

No discussion, motion carried.

The following individuals were thanked for volunteering their time and efforts to improve the PAHS Weight Room and Veterans Memorial Stadium:

Joe Bosack, Frank Barone, Tony Barone,, Brian Brennan Maggie Brennan, Jed Dunkel, Jeff Dunkel, Kurt Eroh, Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, Tyler Hartranft, Tyler Heffner, Matt Huda, Joe Liptok, Grace Lundvall, Chris Painter, Rick Painter, Ian Renninger, Jacob Witalec.

On the recommendation of the **Superintendent** and on motion of **Mr. Urban**, seconded by **Mrs. Hobbs**, the pre-approval of credit hours indicated for the following professional employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA:

Krista Bevan - 3 Credits; Karrison Dubbs - 3 Credits; Emily Earley - 3 Credits; David Gonzalez - 9 Credits; Kimberly O'Brien - 3 Credits; Melissa Scheetz - 9 Credits; Leah Zerbe - 6 Credits

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Superintendent**, and on motion of **Mr. Ansbach**, seconded by **Mrs. Buchanan**, the Board approved 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:

Elizabeth Grow - \$3,066.00; Paula Heffner - \$3,015.00; Brent Hinkle- \$2,071.00; Lisa Holobetz - \$1,548.00; William Rhoads - \$1,713.00; Michala Zembas - \$3,051.00; Leah Zerbe - \$6,471.00

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Superintendent**, and on motion of **Mr. Ansbach**, seconded by **Mrs. Buchanan**, the Board approved the following salary adjustments as per the agreement:

Jamison Gunoskey - Master's + 15; Haley Pappacena - Bachelor's + 15; Leah Zerbe - Master's + 15.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of **Mr. Urban**, seconded by **Mrs. Dewitt**, the Board approved the following Dental Examiners at a rate of at most \$1.50 per exam:

Approve the 24-25 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

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of **Mr. Ciavarella**, seconded by **Mrs. Hobbs**, pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching the Board approved the following professional employees be awarded a permanent contract and tenure:

Michael Fries and Tayah Moore

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee**, and on motion of **Mr. Shields**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Ticket Price Costs for the 2024-2025 school year. 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.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the PIAA Cooperative Agreement with Saint Clair Area School District for Jr. High Volleyball.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Wrestling team to host UFC Fighter Andre Petroski for a Clinic for wrestlers of all ages on July 30, 2024 from 4 - 7 pm in Martz Hall.

Pottsville Area School District students are able to attend at no cost and are sponsored by the Wrestling Booster Club. The fee for non-PASD students will be \$15.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from The Fulcrum Guy, LLC for purchase and install of new diving board - \$21,264.00.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the **Fall Coaches** for the 2024-2025 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

## **BOYS SOCCER**

Zachary Reichert - Varsity Head Coach Giuseppe Giuffre - Assistant Coach

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Kelly Lombel - Varsity Head Coach

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Robert Stock - Varsity Head Coach Robert Evans - Assistant Coach

**GIRLS TENNIS**

Adrian Portland - Varsity Head Coach

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Maria Sherakas - Varsity Head Coach Kendra Boris - Assistant Coach

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following **volunteer Fall Coaches** for the 2024-2025 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Eric Lord Dante McCoy Brian Spotts

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Michael Puzauskie

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Barb McKinley

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following **Winter Coaches** for the 2024- 2025 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Jake Wartella - Varsity Head Coach Thomas McGeoy - Assistant Coach

Tyler Heffner - Assistant Coach

Tony Boris - Freshman Coach

Pat McCord - 8th Grade Coach Derrick McFarland - 7th Grade Coach

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Stephen Ennis - Varsity Head Coach Phil Tenaglia - Assistant Coach Brett Ennis - Assistant coach

Allison Parker - 8th Grade Coach Heather Skripko - 7th Grade Coach

**WRESTLING**

Joe Bickelman - Assistant Coach  
Tyson Parson - Jr. High Assistant Coach

## **SWIMMING**

Sandy Englert - Varsity Head Coach

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following **volunteer Winter Coaches** for the 2024-2025 season contingent upon receipt of completed paperwork and satisfactory clearances (as per contract):

## **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Tate Clarke Darren Yost

## **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Mike Dooley Abby Kruss

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Athletic event workers for the 2024-2025 school year.

Tony Barone; Charles Bauers; Beth Bauers; Donna Bentz; Cody Blankenhorn; Kendra Boris; Tony Boris; Jeffrey Bowers; Jennifer Brindle; Robert Brouse; Joseph Connors; Rose Doorly; Diane Dunkel; Jeff Dunkel; Nick Eckley; Stephen Ennis; Kurt Eroh; Sophia Felker; Susan Griffin; Cathy Guzick; James Harris; Lisa Holobetz; Stephen Horvath; Tiffany Hummel; Michael Kiehner; Scott Krater; Mark Laubenstine; Kelly Lombel; Christopher Lombel;; Peter McDonal;d Colleen Miller Jamie O'Brien; Joshua Moyer; Crystal Pugh; Joelle Reed; Marissa Rhode; Charles Rinaldo; Kimberly Rismiller; Brad Ross; Amy Ryan; Nancy Schaeffer-Muldowney; Charles Schuster; Lori Schuster; Christina Seiger; Maria Sherakas; Angel Snyder; Brian Spotts; Charles Taronis; Phil Tenaglia; Mark VanStone; Robert Umbenhauer; Joann Weres; Carolyn Wasilewski; Jacob Witalec; Robert Workman

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the Game Worker Stipends for the 2024-2025 School Year.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Personnel Committee**, on motion of **Mrs. Dewitt**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following students through the CareerLink Program. The Program is for eight (8) weeks and thirty (30) hours per week at no cost to the District.

Gracy Brady Colin Derfler Jarrett Derfler Alaina Sninsky Conner Womer

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Kimberly Martinko to plan and/or teach for the JSC Elementary Center Summer Tutoring Program/Summer School, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA, retroactive to June 25, 2024.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. David Gonzalez as Director of Technology at a salary of \$85,000 (Act 93 - 12 months) with a July 1, 2024 start date.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Alicia Nye as PAHS Special Education Supervisor at a salary of \$79,000 (Act 93 - 12 months). Start date to be determined upon release from current employer.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Jamie Dawson as a Science Teacher at the DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Master's - \$53,600. Ms. Patricia Zartman will serve as a mentor for Ms. Dawson.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Patrick McCord as a Social Studies Teacher at the DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000. Mr. John Carestia will serve as a mentor for Mr. McCord.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Tyler Heffner as a Special Education Teacher at PAHS for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's + 15 - \$51,600.00. Ms. Erin Tranquillo will serve as mentor for Mr. Heffner.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Joseph Halko as a Chemistry Teacher at PAHS for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 16 - Master's + 15 - \$79,493.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Haley Wiscount as a Kindergarten Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.00. Mrs. Natasha Bubnis will serve as mentor for Mrs. Wiscount.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Mahzee Buggy as a Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Leroy Boyer as a Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.
12. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mr. John Gradwell, PAHS School (Guidance) Counselor, release date to be determined. We wish him well in his new endeavors.
13. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Mary McGinley, Kindergarten Teacher at JSC Elementary Center, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
14. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation due to retirement from Jane Soubik, Cafeteria, effective September 27, 2024. We wish her well in her retirement.

15. It is recommended that the Board approve Christine Trapani as a Full-Time Paraprofessional for the 2024 - 2025 school year at her current hourly rate. Ms. Trapani is currently employed as a Part-time Paraprofessional.

16. It is recommended that the Board approve Tontiana Arthur as a Full-Time Paraprofessional for the 2024 - 2025 school year at her current hourly rate. Ms. Arthur is currently employed as a Part-time Paraprofessional.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve Alaina Sninski as a Part-Time Academic Center Administrative Assistant from July 22, 2024 through the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year at the hourly rate of \$11.50. It is further recommended that the Board approve Alaina Sninski as a Paraprofessional for the 2024 - 2025 school year at the hourly rate of \$14.25. Miss Sninski is currently working in the Academic Center through the CareerLink program.

18. It is recommended that the Board approve Janice Walterick as Part-Time Transportation Aide at the hourly rate of \$11.75, start date July 31, 2024.

19. It is recommended that the Board approve James Walterick as Part-Time Van Driver at the hourly rate of \$15.50, start date July 31, 2024.

20. It is recommended that the Board approve Yesenia Roman as Part-Time Transportation Aide at the hourly rate of \$11.75, start date July, 31, 2024 pending completed paperwork.

21. It is recommended that the Board approve Conner Womer as Part-Time Custodian at the hourly rate of \$13.25, start date July 22, 2024.

21. It is recommended that the Board approve Joshua Kalyan 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, retroactive to July 2, 2024.

22. It is recommended that the Board approve the following employees' request for Child Rearing Leave and/or Family Medical Leave (FMLA):

Employee #657 - Teacher - August 26, 2024 through September 20, 2024 Employee #686 - Teacher - August 21, 2024 through September 20, 2024

No discussion, motion carried.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the letter of agreement with Safety Net Counseling, Inc.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the letter of agreement with Apple Tree Educational Associates, LLC effective July 18, 2024.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve one-year Agreements for Static signs at Veterans Memorial Stadium at a cost of \$500 each:

Pine Grove Yamaha

Ark Rentals

We appreciate the support of our Athletic programs!

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the investment of \$1,750,000 as follows:

\$500,000 into a Full Flex at a variable rate (currently 5.25%)

\$500,000 into a 6 month Treasury Bill at 5.04%

\$750,000 into a 12 month Treasury Bill at 4.75%

No discussion, motion carried.

**As related to Public Relations & Social Media, Mrs. Buchanan** read the following informational items:

1. Congratulations to Pottsville Wrestling Junior Terrell McFarland who earned Gold at the U17 Pan American Championship held in Dominican Republic.
2. Congratulations to the 10U Pottsville Area Little League All Star Team on reaching the championship game on July 7th.
3. Thank you to the City of Pottsville, Pottsville Fire Department, Pottsville Bureau of Police, Schuylkill County Office of Emergency Management, Lehigh Valley Health Network Med Evac, Schuylkill County Sheriff's Office, Schuylkill American Red Cross, and all who organized and participated in the Public Safety Night Out on June 17th.
4. Congratulations PAHS alumnus John Holobetz from the Class of 2021 for being drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers!

On the recommendation of the **Technology Committee**, and on motion of **Mr. Urban**, seconded by **Mrs. Hobbs**, the Board approved the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Microsoft Participation Agreement for Enrollment for Education Solutions (EES) - IU13 Consortium at a cost of \$27,003.20.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Proposal from Dell Financial Services at a cost of \$19,971.00.



3. It is recommended that the Board approve the use of Clever for automated account provisioning through our Student Information System (SIS), Skyward OneRoster, at no cost retroactive to July 1, 2024.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal quote from Follett at a cost of \$2,745.96

5. It is recommended that the Board approve GDC Proposal for Lenovo Server Warranty at a cost of \$240.82.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Honeywell Proposal for Remote Update of EPI Software at no cost.

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the KIT Proposal for Verkada BR33 Wireless Panic Buttons at a cost of \$2,930.00.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Curriculum Committee**, and on motion of **Mrs. Buchanan**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Riding for Focus Program Agreement through grant funding.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve DHHL Teachers, Leah Zerbe and Greg Hoak, to attend the Riding for Focus Training in Morgan Hill, California; July 22-26, 2024. The conference is paid for by the Riding for Focus Grant.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement with Action Driven Education for Special Education Professional Development - \$1,975.

No discussion, motion carried.

Under **Legislation**, **Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan** read the following informational item: The General Assembly passed 1.3 billion dollar increase for K-12 education, and Pottsville Area School District will receive a substantial increase.

On the recommendation of the **St. Clair Committee**, and on motion of **Mr. Ciavarella**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the one-year extension of the Joint Secondary Program Management Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Saint Clair Area School District.

No discussion, motion carried.

**Under New Business, Board Secretary Mrs. Bevan announced the following:**

July 26, 2024 - Last day of Summer School

August 8, 2024 - DHHL New Student and 5th Grade Orientation at 4 PM August 13, 2024 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (A-L Last Names) at 6 PM August 14, 2024 - DHHL New Student and 5th Grade Orientation at 10 AM

August 19, 2024

~ JSC Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Run (Information will be sent from the Elementary Center.)

~ JSC Open House (1st to 4th graders) - 5 to 7 pm

~ DHHL Open House - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

~ PAHS Open House - 6 to 8 pm

August 21, 2024 - Teachers' In-Service

August 22, 2024 - Teachers' In-Service

August 22, 2024 - PAHS Freshman Orientation (M-Z Last Names) at 6 PM August 26, 2024 - First Day of School

On the recommendation of **Mrs. Bevan**, Assistant Business Manager, on motion of **Mr. Urban**, seconded by **Mr. Thomas**, the Board approved the Use of Facilities requests as follows:

DHHL

Upper Martz Hall Parking Lot

Retroactive June 24, 2024 - June 25, 2024 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Pottsville Fire Department

DHHL

Ned Hampford Natatorium

4-6 practices on Mondays/Wednesdays through Wednesday, July 31, 2024 Blue Mountain Youth Swim

Charge - \$55/practice

No discussion, motion carried.

**Mrs. Bevan**, Assistant Business Manager, read the upcoming August 2024 meeting dates and informational items:

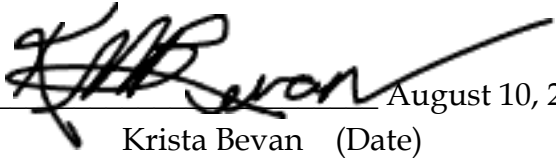
Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Academic Center

Board Meeting - Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

An Executive Session was held from 6:35 p.m. to 6:47 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs. Motion carried.

  
August 10, 2024  
Krista Bevan (Date)  
Board Secretary

