



**Wednesday, January 17, 2024
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 Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 1. MEETING OPENING
Access Public
Type Procedural

Subject 1.2 Public Comment

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 1. MEETING OPENING
Access Public
Type Information, Procedural

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. 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 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?

Subject	1.3 Board of Directors - Roll Call
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Patricia Lombel
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the December 6, 2023 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Subject	3.1 Approval of Financial Reports
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - 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 December 31, 2023 - \$5,869,843.85. Cafeteria Checking Balance as of December 31, 2023 -\$390,432.34.**
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

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Subject	5.1 Discipline Waivers
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
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 Waiver, effective January 17, 2024.

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Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	6.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - 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 credit hours indicated for the following professional employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA:

Jill Chiccini - 6 Credits
 Elizabeth Grow - 6 Credits
 Paula Heffner - 3 Credits
 Brent Hinkle - 6 Credits
 Kelly Lombel - 6 Credits
 Rachelle Price - 3 Credits
 Courtney Reichert - 6 Credits
 Michael Roberts - 7 Credits
 Amy Withelder - 6 Credits
 Anya Wood - 3 Credits

Leah Zerbe - 12 Credits

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	6.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - 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:

Emily Earley - \$1,548.00
 Elizabeth Grow - \$3,036.00
 Brent Hinkle - \$3,888.00
 Tiffany Hummel - \$3,495.00
 Kaitlin Leffler - \$3,612.00
 Rachelle Price - \$1662.00
 Kara Ryan - \$300.00
 Michala Zembas - \$3,051.00
 Leah Zerbe - \$6,471.00

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	6.3 Permission to Advertise
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - 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 grant permission to advertise for a Head Football Coach.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	7.1 Federal Programs
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Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
 Access Public
 Type Information

Subject 7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
 Access Public
 Type Information

The Crimson Tide Foundation is proud to announce the following Venture Grants which were awarded for the 2023-2024 school year:

December Awards

1. Charles Taronis, PAHS - Field Trip to Gettysburg - \$1,000.00
2. Robert Kempsey, PAHS - Field Trip to Ellis and Liberty Island - \$1,000.00
3. Leah Zerbe, DHHL - Scholastic News subscription - \$418.80
4. Jennifer Lutz and Mary Matulevich, DHHL - 8th grade embryology and project incubator - \$959.98
5. Natasha Bubnis and Heather Martin (JSC) - Heide Songs subscription for Kindergarten - \$799.92
6. Sara Arnold (PAHS) - Glass grinder and supplies - \$529.46
7. Mark Laubentine (DHHL) - Aquarium, Aquarium chiller and trout - \$1,000.00

Total awards for December 2023 - \$5,708.16

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

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject 8.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the advertisement for the upgrade to the Gymnasium at the High School. Upgrades include repairing and restoring the existing hardwood floor as well as prepping and painting the ceiling and duct work.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the AMERESCO HVAC project for all four (4) District buildings at a total cost of \$11,300,000. The project will be funded through ARP ESSER (\$2,000,000) with the remaining expense being paid from capital reserve, budgetary reserve, and budgeted funds. Anticipated length of project will be from June 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. For more information, please visit the Buildings and Grounds page of the District's website.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.3 Transportation - Mrs. Ashley DeWitt

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the disposal or sale of the fifteen (15) buses and scrapping three (3) buses. The District will keep three (3) buses.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the advertisement to sell a 2005 - 72 passenger bus with 100,000 plus miles for \$5,000 or best offer.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **8.4 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - 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 purchase of Time Clock Plus - First year total cost \$31,238.64.

- Enterprise License Annual Charge - \$12,187.50
- Hardware Support and Maintenance - \$1,403.46
- One time costs for Set up, Implementation services, prepaid hours and hardware - \$17,647.68

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the CSIU Migrant Education Program School District Partnership Agreement.

Motion to approve as recommended.**Subject** **8.5 Personnel - Mrs. Ashley Dewitt**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action**It is recommended by the Personnel Committee that the Board approve the following:**

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of retirement from Mrs. Mary Beth Conville, PAHS Guidance Counselor. Mrs. Conville's last day is February 15, 2024. We wish her well in her retirement.

2. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Kimberly Pauley, paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, retroactive to December 22, 2023.

3. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Karen Schock, paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, retroactive to January 2, 2024.

4. 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 - December 6, 2023
- Employee #1483 - Cafeteria Aide - December 13, 14, 15, 2023
- Employee #418 - Bus Driver - retroactive to December 20, 2023 to TBD

- Employee #1115 - Cafeteria Aide - retroactive to January 4, 5, 2024

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Leave of Absence as per Board Policy 335:

- Employee #440 - beginning December 18, 2023
- Employee #1657 - January 1, 2024 through January 12, 2024
- Employee #106 - November 20, 2023 through January 24, 2024

6. It is recommended that the Board approve an MOU with DHHL Assistant Principal Mr. Phil Kissinger, effective January 17, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

7. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. John Guzick as a School Psychologist at PAHS for the 2024-2025 school year at an intern salary of \$23,000.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Krista Bevan as Assistant Business Manager at a salary of \$72,250, pending release from her current employer. Mrs. Bevan will also serve as School Board Secretary for a stipend of \$2,500.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
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Type	Information

1. Thank you JSC PTO, staff, and students for a successful Joy through the Halls.
2. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month!
 - K - Ryder Fisher
 - 1 - Noah Quirin
 - 2 - Lillian Humphrey
 - 3 - Kara Blum
 - 4 - Daniel Gross
3. Congratulations to the following STC Students for attending/placing in the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) held at LCCC on December 19, 2023: Josie Tamin, Jennessa Brown, and Avary Major
4. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing PAHS in the 2024 Winter Carnival: Lauren Kelly, Brooke Palko, and Shaina Schmitt.
5. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month: Olivia Peleschak and Madison Thomas.
6. Congratulations to PAHS Artist of the Month, Ava Lewis.
7. Thank you DHH Lengel Middle School students and families for donating hundreds of nonperishable items for the Salvation Army Pottsville Corps. Thank you Gianna Fernandez, Esmerelda Villaneuva-Graf, Jasmine Torres, and DHHL School Psychologist Miss Zimmerman for organizing and delivering the donations.

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

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a Monsido product tool to assist with website compliance, accessibility, content quality, SEO and other monitoring areas.
 - 50% discount first year - \$2,262.00
 - Annual recurring estimate - \$4,524.00
 - Smoother transition to new website.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the advertisement for Districtwide Security Camera upgrade.

Motion to approve as recommended.**Subject** **8.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

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

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 the participation in a pilot program with Playbl, a Behavioral Health program for Middle and High School students. Playbl is the result of research by Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine and Yale School of Medicine funded through the National

Institutes of Health Office of Disease Prevention in conjunction with partners including CVS Health, Schell Games, and Play2Prevent. The pilot will commence on January 18, 2024 and end on June 30, 2027. Total cost of \$10,000 will be funded through grant funding and/or budgetary reserve.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of StoryMaker, an animation program through Wonder Media. The program will be utilized at DHHL Middle School. Maximum cost of \$30,000 will be funded through grant funding and/or budgetary reserve.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.9 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 9.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

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

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Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject **9.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella**

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Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject **9.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

10. NEW BUSINESS

Subject **10.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board Member Madison Eroh**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

January 19, 2024 - End of 2nd Marking Period
 January 19, 2024 - 90th Day of School
 January 26, 2024 - Report Cards Uploaded to Skyward
 January 27, 2024 - PAHS Blood Drive at Fairlane Village Mall
 February 15, 2024 - President's Day (School Closed)

Subject **10.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Patricia Lombel**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

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

Subject **10.3 Dates for Committee Meeting and Board Meeting - Board Secretary Mrs. Patricia Lombel**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

Meetings for February 2024

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

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

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject **11.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Patricia Lombel**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Access Public

Type Information

12. ADJOURNMENT

Subject **12.1 Adjourn**

Meeting Jan 17, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to adjourn