

(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 kbevan@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. RECOGNITION OF JR BOARD MEMBERS

Subject	2.1 Madison Eroh and Hunter Chescavage
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	2. RECOGNITION OF JR BOARD MEMBERS
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

The Board of Directors would like to recognize Madison Eroh and Hunter Chescavage for serving one (1) year as Jr. Board Members. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	3.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the April 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the April 17, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STACY STAIR

Subject	4.1 Approval of Financial Reports
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Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 4. 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 April 30, 2024 - \$3,788,894.95. Cafeteria Checking Balance as of April 30, 2024 - \$463,274.70.**
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?

5. ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER

Subject 5.1 Election of New Treasurer for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year
 Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 5. ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER
 Access Public
 Type

ELECTION OF A TREASURER for 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

1. Motion to proceed with the election of a Treasurer for the fiscal year 2024-2025.
2. Nominations for Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2024 and ending the last day of June 2025.
3. Motion that the NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER be closed. (Vote by roll call).
4. Secretary casts the ballot electing _____ as Treasurer of the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

5. Motion to require the Treasurer to provide a bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, with approved surety, the premium of the bond to be paid by the Pottsville Area School District.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Subject	7.1 Discipline Waivers
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	7. 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 May 22, 2024.

- * #27-0182
- * #25-1150
- * #27-0076
- * #26-0080

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	8.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	8. 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:

- Krista Bevan - 3 Credits
- Jill Chiccini - 3 Credits

Elizabeth Grow - 6 Credits
 Paula Heffner - 6 Credits
 Gregory Hoak - 3 Credits
 Kaitlin Leffler - 9 Credits
 Courtney Reichert - 3 Credits
 Michael Roberts - 9 Credits
 Megan Sirkot - 9 Credits
 Amy Withelder - 3 Credits
 Michala Zembas - 3 Credits
 Leah Zerbe - 9 Credits

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	8.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	8. 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:

Kendra Boris - \$1662.00
 Jill Chiccini - \$300.00
 Emily Earley - \$1,548.00
 Michel Germán - \$3,324.00
 Elizabeth Grow - \$3,066.00
 Paula Heffner - \$1,575.00
 Nicole Kutsmeda - \$300.00
 Kaitlin Leffler - \$3,612.00
 Anne Murray - \$300.00
 Elaina Prestileo - \$900.00
 Rachelle Price - \$1,662.00
 Courtney Reichert - \$3,324.00
 Nicole Stiles - \$4,500.00
 Amy Withelder - \$900.00
 Anya Wood - \$1,662.00

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	8.3 Salary Adjustment
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

recommended that the following salary adjustment be approved and made effective the 2024-2025 school year:

Anya Wood – Master’s Degree

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	8.4 Student/Teacher Placement
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following student teacher placement as a part of the District's collaboration with Kutztown University:

Katrina Pakalinsky with cooperating teacher, Sara Arnold (Art) for the Fall Semester of 2024.

We are grateful for our partnership with Kutztown University.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	9.1 Federal Programs
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Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
 Access Public
 Type Information

Subject 9.2 Crimson Tide Foundation

Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
 Access Public
 Type Information

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject 10.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Action
 Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
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It is recommended by the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Jed Dunkel as Boys' Junior High Basketball Coach effective April 16, 2024.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Kassandra Kuperavage as a Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2024-2025 Season at a stipend of \$2,400.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Paula Heffner as the Head Swim Coach for the Pottsville Piranhas - Anthracite Swim League (ASL) for the Summer Swim Season at an hourly rate of \$11.00.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Kristyn Blum as an Assistant Swim Coach for the Pottsville Piranhas - Anthracite Swim League (ASL) for the Summer Swim Season at an hourly rate of \$10.00.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Sandy Englert as an Assistant Swim Coach for the Pottsville Piranhas - Anthracite Swim League (ASL) for the Summer Swim Season at an hourly rate of \$10.00.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Lily Keitsock as Majorette Advisor for the Pottsville Area High School Marching Band for the 2024-2025 Season, salary as per contract.
7. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Denise Krater as Majorette Coach and approve her as the Flag Instructor for the 2024-2025 Season, salary as per contract.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Shara Stephen as a Junior High Volleyball Coach for the Fall 2024-2025 Season at a stipend of \$2,400.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve Jeff Bowers as a Junior High Softball Coach for the Spring 2024-2025 season at a stipend of \$2,400.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve Rodney Snowell as a Junior High Softball Coach for the Spring 2024-2025 Season at a stipend of \$2,400.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Saint Clair Area School District for the Provision of Shared Athletics.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission and disposal of the pole vault pit and the decommission of the high jump pit at the PAHS Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Informational Item - Thank you to Jeff Bowers and Bill Toothaker for their volunteer work at the Softball Field. They upgraded the press box platform by replacing wood, painting it, and adding hooks. The bleachers were pressure washed and other field components were tightened up. The work completed is in memory of Bob Bowers and Melvin Hoffman for their many days of avidly supporting Crimson Tide softball.

Subject	10.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve 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 Victor E. Muncy Inc. to complete the work of reversing the swing of the Martz Hall doors that lead into the second floor of DHH Lengel Middle School at a cost of \$2,559.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for Request for Bid Proposals to find a solution to retain the rocks on the side of the Baseball field.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for Request for Bid Proposals for the refurbishment of District Building Elevators.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve James Pastor Pottery maintenance and service plan for kilns at a cost of \$250 at DHHL Middle School and \$1,165 at PAHS.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Greens Communication for the upgrade to the Bus and Building Radios at a cost of \$53,294.00 (COSTARS #012-E23-317).

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.3 Transportation - Mrs. Ashley DeWitt
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.4 Personnel - Mrs. Ashley Dewitt
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve 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 paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year Program (ESY) and the JSC Summer School Program at their normal hourly rate:

Naomi Vigoda
Emilee Rose
Kaleigh Sibbett

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following for the Summer Meals Program at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective June 10, 2024.

Shannon Butler
Robin Kalinich
Crystal Major
Carolyn Potts
Jessica Rubright
Tina Sibbett
Jane Soubik
Connie Stabinsky
Kris Thomas
Desiree Weikel
Joanie Williams

Substitutes:

Kelly Borrell
Colleen Coulson
Cindy Hermany
Robin Kalinich
Nicole Lukach
Colleen Miller

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to plan and/or teach for the DHHL Middle School Summer Tutoring Program/Summer School, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Alicia Fehr
Elizabeth Grow
Katelynn Miller
Kara Ryan
Philip Tenaglia
Cameryn Winton
Patricia Zartman

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following DHHL Middle School teachers for the Achieve Summer Program at an hourly rate of \$24.40, effective June 10, 2024.

Alicia Fehr (Supervisor - \$26.00/hour)
Cara Holman
Lisa Holobetz
Kaitlin Leffler
Donna Mates
Mary Matulevich
Ashley Shappell
Carolyn Wasilewski
Joann Weres
Any Wood
Leah Zerbe

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to plan and/or teach for the JSC Elementary Summer Tutoring Program/Summer School, at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Melissa Brennan
Emily Earley
Tayah Moore
Angelique Mundy
Rebecca Oakill
Amy Rubinkam
Tiffany Spalti

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following JSC Elementary Center teachers for the Achieve Summer Program at an hourly rate of \$24.40, effective June 10, 2024.

Emily Kleeman (Supervisor - \$26.00/hour)
Lisa Barr
Lindsay Hand
Allison McAndrew
Rebecca Oakill

7. It is recommended that the Board approve Brett Reed (Teacher) and Jennifer Molina (Paraprofessional) for Summer ESL Instruction at their current hourly rate through Title III Funding.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Gary Marx as full-time Custodian at Pottsville Area School District at the hourly rate of \$14.00 retroactive to May 13, 2024.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve Richard Nanartowicz as part-time cafeteria aide at JSC Elementary at an hourly rate of \$10.25 and part-time custodian at an hourly rate of \$11.25, retroactive to May 7, 2024.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve the Superintendent to be granted authority to fill vacancies and hire certified personnel with ratification at the June, July, August, and September 2024 Board Meetings. This authority is granted annually.
11. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Stacey Appler, Science Teacher at DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following employees' requests for Leave without Pay as per School Board Policy(s) #334, #434, and #534:
- Employee #1493 - Paraprofessional - April 24, 2024; May 9, 2024; May 15, 2024 - 1/2 day
 - Employee #1548 - Teacher - March 14, 15, 18, 2024
 - Employee #930 - Cafeteria - April 29, 2024
 - Employee #1558 - Teacher - April 26, 2024
 - Employee #1288 - Paraprofessional - May 13, 2024 to May 28, 2024
 - Employee #978 - Teacher - May 14, 2024
 - Employee #1115 - Cafeteria - May 10, 2024 - 1/2 day pm
13. It is recommended that the Board approve the following employees' request for Child Rearing Leave and/or Family Medical Leave (FMLA):
- Employee #1093 - Teacher - August 21, 2024 through December 1, 2024
 - Employee #129 - Custodian - April 25, 2024 through May 22, 2024
14. It is recommended that the Board approve Riyuichi Narita as an after-school tutor at JSC Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
15. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Kiera Van Horn, Speech and Language Pathologist at DHHL Middle School, effective upon the completion of the Extended School Year Program. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
16. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Kayla Gaffron, Special Education Teacher at DHHL Middle School, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
17. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Corrine Zimmerman, School Psychologist at DHHL Middle School, effective June 30, 2024. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
18. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Mychaellah Lucas, Speech and Language Pathologist at JSC Elementary Center, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
19. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Lucas Bricker, Chemistry Teacher at PAHS and Track Assistant Coach effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

20. It is recommended that the Board approve the Addendum to the Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and ESS Northeast, LLC for the purposes of employing Mrs. Eleanor Aschman as Special Education Supervisor Consultant at the Pottsville Area High School with a start date of August 5, 2024.

21. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Louisa Perez, Paraprofessional at JSC Elementary Center, effective April 16, 2024.

22. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Connie Pellish, Part-Time Cafeteria Aide at JSC Elementary Center, effective April 29, 2024.

23. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Connie Stabinsky, Part-Time Cafeteria Staff at JSC Elementary Center, effective June 5, 2024.

24. It is recommended that the Board approve Sara Parker as a 2nd Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 2 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.

25. It is recommended that the Board approve Brianna Betz as a 4th Grade Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.

26. It is recommended that the Board approve Heather Yarnitsky as a School (Guidance) Counselor at JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 12 - Masters + 15 - \$67,695.

27. It is recommended that the Board approve Jessika Sadusky as a Speech and Language Pathologist at JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 1 - Master's - \$53,600. It is further recommended that the Board approve Jessika Sadusky for ESY at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

28. It is recommended that the Board approve Sydney Murray as a Math teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.

29. It is recommended that the Board approve Johanna Morrison as a Special Education teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 14 - Master's - \$70,925. It is further recommended that the Board approve Johanna Morrison for ESY at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

30. It is recommended that the Board approve Olivia Eagan as a Speech and Language Pathologist at DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 1 - Master's - \$53,600. It is further recommended that the Board approve Olivia Eagan for ESY at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

31. It is recommended that the Board approve Connie Yutko as a Certified School Nurse at DHHL Middle School, effective May 23, 2024 - Step 12 - Bachelor's + 15 - \$63,789. It is further recommended that the Board approve Connie Yutko for ESY at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

32. It is recommended that the Board approve Michael Walser as a Certified School Nurse at Pottsville Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 6 - Bachelor's - \$46,500. It is further recommended that the Board approve Michael Walser for ESY at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

33. It is recommended that the Board approve Robert Wiscount as an ESL Teacher at Pottsville Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year - Step 14 - Master's + 15 - \$72,772. It is further recommended that the Board approve Robert Wiscount for Summer ESL Instruction at his current hourly rate through Title III Funding.

34. It is recommended that the Board approve Derrell Johnson-Koulianos as Director of Athletics and Student Activities at a salary of \$65,000 (Act 93 - 12 months) with a May 23, 2024 start date.

35. It is recommended that the Board approve Crystal Reedy as a Full-Time Paraprofessional at PAHS with her current hourly rate. Ms. Reedy has been a Part-Time Paraprofessional.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
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 reappoint the Schuylkill County Recorder of Deeds to administer and collect the Realty Transfer Tax within the Pottsville Area School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Letter of Agreement for the provision of Student Assistance Program (SAP) and Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) Services between the Pottsville Area School District and Child and Family Services Inc., effective August 1, 2024.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the TITLE I Revised Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. Term of Agreement - August 23, 2023 through May 31, 2024

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the reinvestment of matured investments of \$1,125,000.00 into a 4-month US Treasury Bill (T-Bill) at a rate of 5.25% retroactive to April 30, 2024.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the movement of \$500,000 from the PSDLAF MAX account to the PSDLAF Full FLEX Weekly liquidity pool at the current rate of 5.24% retroactive to May 10, 2024.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Renewal Agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Computer Service for the 2024-2025 school year at an annual cost of \$31,306 for fund accounting, human resources, and payroll.
7. It is recommended that the Board designate the following institutions as depositories for the Pottsville Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year and to continue under presently existing depository agreements:
 - ~ Mid Penn Bank, Minersville, PA - General Fund, Payroll Account, Federal Funds, HS Athletic Fund, Activities Fund, Auxiliary Account, Booster Club Account, Cafeteria Account, Technology Account
 - ~ Link Bank, Pottsville, PA - Award Funds
 - ~ PSDLAF - Capital Reserve Fund, General Fund Investment Accounts
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Dignity Consulting, LLC for in-service on August 21, 2024. The cost of the agreement will be paid for by Title I funds.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the Proposal for school photos from First Class School Imaging for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between JSC Elementary Center and Child Development, Inc. (Head Start Grantee), effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. This MOU is approved annually.
11. It is recommended that the Board grant permission to apply for the Public School Environmental Repairs Program grant. The grant requires a cash match of 50% of the total eligible product costs.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following **Resolution:**
Be it RESOLVED, that the Pottsville Area School District of Schuylkill County hereby request a Public School Facility Improvement Grant of no more than \$5,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for multiple buildings: exterior doors, elevator modifications, and sidewalk replacements. Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Stacy Stair, Business Manager, and Sarah Yoder, Superintendent, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Pottsville Area School District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Pottsville Area School District commits to match the award amount by 25%.

Motion to approve as recommended.

13. The **Committee on Finance** reports that the tentative budget notice and the adoption of the budget this evening was published in the Republican Herald on April 19, 2024 stating that the budget for the fiscal year commencing the first day of July 1, 2024 would be adopted as of

May 22, 2024. The budget herewith presented has been carefully considered by the Board of Directors and is now submitted by the Committee on Finance for action at this meeting. The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the following budget resolution authorizing the expenditures of the amounts indicated in the various classifications for the general fund budget totaling \$49,171,136 and appended to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of Pottsville Area School District, Schuylkill County, hereby authorize expenditures of \$49,171,136 set forth in the school budget, as appended, during the school year 2024-2025 and levies a tax of 45.403 mills (\$45.403 per thousand dollars) of the County assessed valuation on real estate; a per capita tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; a per capita tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; an earned income tax of one-half percent (1/2%), also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; an occupation tax of 339.4493 mills based on the occupational assessment as set by the County Assessor or a total of \$128.09 also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; a business privilege tax of four and one-half (4 1/2) mills on each dollar of the whole or gross volume of business transacted within the territorial limits of the school district except for wholesale dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one (1) mill, and retail dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) mills, also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; a local services tax at the rate of \$5.00, also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended; and a realty transfer tax of one percent (1%), also under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to Act 77 of 1986; to provide the necessary revenue for the expenditures hereby authorized. The above taxes will be levied and collected in each of the following political subdivisions included in the Pottsville Area School District as follows: City of Pottsville, Borough of Port Carbon, Borough of Mechanicsville, Borough of Mount Carbon, Borough of Palo Alto, and Township of Norwegian.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board authorize and direct the following to collect the amount due on the 2024 taxes, real estate and personal, in the respective political subdivisions indicated:

Pottsville City - Taryn Dragna
 Port Carbon Borough - Mary Jo Ferraro
 Mechanicsville Borough - Alicia Beach
 Mount Carbon Borough - Linda Yeich/Sch. County Treasurer
 Palo Alto Borough - Anna Cook
 Norwegian Township - Krista Schaeffer

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE COLLECTION OF TAXES. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board confirm the rates of compensation to tax collectors in the respective political subdivisions for the 2024 duplicates:

Pottsville City - School District's 1/3 share of tax office salaries, with the City of Pottsville and County of Schuylkill to pay the other two-thirds

Port Carbon Borough bill mailed	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per
Mechanicsville Borough bill mailed	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per
Mount Carbon Borough bill mailed	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per
Palo Alto Borough bill mailed	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per
Norwegian Township bill mailed	\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per

MOTION TO CONFIRM RATES OF COMPENSATION. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

The Committee on Finance reports as a matter of record that the resolution imposing a Per Capita Tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person under Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; a Per Capita Tax of five dollars (\$5.00) on each resident of Pottsville Area School District under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, provided for the levy of this tax during the 1980-1981 school year and subsequent years. No additional resolution is required to continue these taxes which are currently in force.

The Committee on Finance reports as a matter of record that the resolution imposing an Earned Income Tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, provided for the levy of this tax during the period beginning July 1, 1966 and ending December 31, 1966 and thereafter, during each successive calendar year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax which is currently in force.

The Committee on Finance reports as a matter of record that the Realty Transfer Tax of one percent (1%) on the transfer of titles on real estate in the Pottsville Area School District under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to Act 77 of 1986, which is currently in effect, will continue during the 2024-2025 school year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax.

The Committee on Finance reports as a matter of record that the Local Services Tax of \$5.00, under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, which is currently in effect, will continue during the 2024-2025 school year.

The Committee on Finance reports as a matter of record that the Business Privilege Tax of four and one-half (4 1/2) mills on each dollar of the whole or gross volume of business transacted within the territorial limits of the School District except for wholesale dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one (1) mill, and retail dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at one and one-half (1 1/2) mills, under the provisions of Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, which is currently in effect, will continue during the 2024-2025 school year. No additional resolution is required to continue this tax.

The Committee on Finance reports as a matter of record that the Occupation Tax of 339.4493 mills based on the occupational assessment as set by the County Assessor or a total of \$128.09 under Act 511, Local Tax Enabling Law of 1965, as amended, will continue during the 2024-2025 school year.

The Committee on Finance reports that proper notification of the continuance of Per Capita Tax (Section 679), Per Capita Tax (Section 511), Earned Income Tax, Realty Transfer Tax, Local Services Tax, Business Privilege Tax, and Occupation Tax for the fiscal year 2024-2025, will be forwarded to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Local Government Services, by certified mail, as required.

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TAX STRUCTURE -2024-2025

Real Estate	45.403 mills
Per Capita – Section 679	\$ 5.00
Per Capita – Act 511	\$ 5.00
Earned Income Tax	1/2%
Realty Transfer Tax	1% Shared with City - .5%
Local Services Tax	\$ 5.00
Business Privilege Tax	1 mill Wholesale 1 1/2 mills Retail 4 1/2 mills Other/Service
Occupation Tax – Act 511	\$128.09

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Pottsville Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2024, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2024:

a. Gambling tax funds. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,063,274.

2. Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. Homestead property number. The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4,152.

b. Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 0.

c. Homestead/farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,152.

3. Real estate tax reduction calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(a) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax

Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
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1. Congratulations to PAHS Artist of the Month, Tabitha Rauch.
2. Congratulations to the following PAHS STC Students for being inducted into the STC National Technical Honor Society:
Luke Kruss - Automotive Technology
Kaniya Dumas - Early Childhood Education
Kylie Sinclair - Early Childhood Education
Julie Ulrich - Criminal Justice
Luci Ames - Cosmetology
Hopeanne Williams - Logistics Technology
Kamrynn Carroll - Welding Technology
Brandan Melochick - Welding Technology
James Bosefski - Automotive Technology
Keegan Frew - Carpentry Technology
3. Congratulations to the following PAHS Students who were given awards at the Bucks County Student Theater Festival on April 24, 2024:
Featured Actor - Robert Rulavage
Featured Actress - Annabella Chaklos
Scene Sharing - Hannah Martician
Natalie Boyer - Creativity in Modern Adaptation
4. Congratulations to JSC Elementary Center Students of the Month:

K - Aly Billingham
1 - Meredith Spotts
2 - Bryleigh Gross
3 - Zaid McShaw
4 - Chase Herndon
5. Congratulations to Dr. Ali Hobbs who was nominated by her colleagues and selected by the Hawk Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America as the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator of the Year.
6. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month Annabella Chaklos and James Bosefski.
7. Congratulations to DHH Lengel Tide Tek for placing in programming, animation, and graphic and logo design at the Regional PA Media & Design Competition hosted by the Schuylkill IU 29 and Schuylkill Technology Centers.
8. Congratulations to DHH Lengel Student Mattea Anthony for participating in the Elementary Band Fest on May 10, 2023 at Mahanoy Area Elementary.

Subject	10.7 Technology - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from KIT Communications for Verkada Access Control from Martz Hall to DHHL Middle School at a cost of \$2,559.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from GDC IT Solutions to replace the SonicWall SMA at a cost of \$2,342.55.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve PASD Teachers Kristyn Blum, Kelly Devine, Elizabeth Grow, and Carolyn Wasilewski to attend the PCTM (Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Conference in Malvern, PA; June 24-26, 2024. The conference is paid for by ARP ESSER Funds. The total amount of the conference is \$3,345.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve JSC Elementary Center Teacher Riyuichi Narita to attend the STEELS Technology & Engineering Standards Conference in Dowingtown, PA on July 25-26, 2024. The conference is paid for by APR ESSER Funds. The total amount of the conference is \$650.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase with Savvas Learning Company LLC for Elevate Science K-5 and Elevate Science Middle Grades. The purchase includes Environmental Science, Experience Chemistry, Experience Physics, and Miller Levine Biology for grades nine through twelve. This is a three (3) year purchase plan, at an estimated cost of \$194,822.82 per year. The purchase includes digital/print student and teacher resources, online teacher and student access, classroom material kits, professional development, and coaching.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the application to offer a Flexible Instruction Day (FID) program during the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.9 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

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

702 Property - Gifts, Grants, Donations

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	10.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban
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Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
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 Access Public
 Type Information

11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 11.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
 Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich
 Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella
 Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
 Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
 Access Public
 Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
 Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
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 Access Public

Type Information

1. It is recommended that the Board appoint Rachael Hobbs as the voting delegate for the PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 9 AM at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA. The Assembly will also be accessible via Zoom.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 12.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board Member Madison Eroh/Hunter Chescavage

Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

- May 23, 2024 - PAHS Stage Band Concert
- May 24, 2024 - Holiday Early Dismissal
- May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day
- May 29, 2024 - JSC Kindergarten Show
- June 3, 2024 - JSC Fun Day
- June 5, 2024 - Early Dismissal and Last Day of School
- June 5, 2024 - Commencement

Subject 12.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

Meeting May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. 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 - Lower Parking Lot

City of Pottsville Fire Department retroactive to April 24, 2024

2 - Top of Martz Hall

LVHN "Walk with a Doc"

May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21, 2024

9:30 - 11:30 AM

HS

1 - H.S. Stadium Track

Pottsville Fitness Challenge

June 8, 2024 - August 17, 2024

5 - 8 PM

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	12.3 Dates for Committee Meeting and Board Meeting - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	12. NEW BUSINESS
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Type	Information

Meetings for June 2024

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6 PM in the Academic Center

Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 7 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	13.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public

Type Information

14. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	14.1 Adjourn
Meeting	May 22, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	14. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn