

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting August 21, 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; Mr. Shields; Mr. Thomas; Dr. Yoder, Superintendent
	Absent:	Mrs. Buchanan

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Lynda Wytovich .
Roll Call - 8 members present, 1 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 **Mrs. Dewitt**, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the July 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the July 17 2024 Board Meeting Minutes since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

Dr. Yoder announced the presentation for RIDING FOR FOCUS given by DHHL Middle School Faculty Greg Hoak, Leah Zerbe and Paula Heffner.

On the recommendation of **Mrs. Bevan**, Assistant Business Manager and on motion of **Mr. Ansbach**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of July 2024:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024 - \$3,068,972.86, Cafeteria Checking Balance as of June 30, 2024 - \$409,029.82.**
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 - there were none

No discussion, motion carried.

President Wytovich thanked Eastern Press for their generous donation of the 1500 printed Fall Sports Schedules. We are grateful for Eastern Press' generosity to our school district.

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:

Brianna Betz - 6 Credits; John Guzick - 7 Credits; Brent Hinkle - 6 Credits; Kaitlin Leffler - 6 Credits; Jill Prestileo - 3 Credits

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Superintendent**, and on motion of **Mr. Ciavarella**, seconded by **Mrs. Urban**, 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:

Krista Bevan - \$1,713.00; Jill Chiccini - \$600.00; David Gonzalez - \$4,644.00; Brent Hinkle - \$3,266.00; Rachelle Price - \$1,713.00; Amy Withelder - \$300.00

No discussion, motion carried.

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

Jill Chiccini - Master's + 15; Amy Withelder - Master's + 15

No discussion, motion carried.

Dr. Yoder thanked the following donors In Memory of Mr. Robert Gronski. As per the family's request, all donations will go to the Crimson Tide Foundation.

- Brian Lynch
- Toni and Chris Schlitzer
- Peter Ulicny
- Gerald Leonard
- Lillian Freiler

- Charles Shields
- Stephen and Ann Maria Zinda
- Grant and Sarah Yoder
- Ellen Valen

A moment of silence was observed.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board rescind the June 19, 2024 motion for Jeff Dunkel, Strength and Conditioning Coach.
 2. It is recommended that the Board approve to establish a high school co-ed Bocce Ball team and advertise for a Head Coach and Assistant Coach.
 3. It is recommended that the Board approve Jody Rutherford as Head Cheerleading Coach for the 2024 - 2025 school year, stipend as per contract.
 4. It is recommended that the Board approve Paula Heffner as the Head Swim Coach for the Pottsville Piranhas - Anthracite Swim League (ASL) for the Fall/Winter 2024-2025 Swim Season at an hourly rate of \$11.00.
 5. It is recommended that the Board approve Kristyn Blum as an Assistant Swim Coach for the Pottsville Piranhas - Anthracite Swim League (ASL) for the Fall/Winter 2024-2025 Swim Season at an hourly rate of \$10.00.
 6. It is recommended that the Board approve Permission to Advertise for a Head Track and Field Coach.
 7. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Head Cross Country Coach Kelly Lombel, effective August 24, 2024. It is further recommended that the Board approve Ms. Lombel as a Volunteer Coach for Cross Country for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
 8. It is recommended that the Board approve Lacey Timony as Head Cross Country Coach, stipend as per contract.
- No discussion, motion carried.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 3-year lease agreement with Turf Tank at a cost of \$17,700; \$16,000; \$16,000.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve sub-flooring quote from Resolute (Costars #14E22263) for wrestling room - \$6,280.00.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Wellness Room bid from H&P Construction at a cost of \$362,000 paid by ARP ESSER and Budgetary Reserve.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Brooke Boardman, part-time Paraprofessional, effective July 18, 2024.
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Carol Buchinski, part-time Van Aide, effective July 12, 2024.
3. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Katherine Encarnacion, part-time Paraprofessional, effective July 25, 2024.
4. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Charlotte Allar, Special Education Administrative Assistant, effective August 8, 2024.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Amy Miller as a Special Education Administrative Assistant with a start date of August 19, 2024 at the contracted salary of \$25,935, prorated for the 2024-2025 school year.
6. It is recommended that the Board rescind the July 17, 2024 motion for Mrs. Mahzee Buggy as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Emily Cooper as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.
8. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation for retirement from Dorothy Botto, full-time Paraprofessional, effective August 15, 2024. We are grateful for Mrs. Botto's dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish her well in her new endeavors.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve Kayla Murphy as a full-time Paraprofessional at her current hourly rate, effective for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Murphy was previously a part-time Paraprofessional.

10. It is recommended that the Board approve Nicole Spalti as a part-time Bus Driver, at the hourly rate of \$19.00, retroactive to July 15, 2024.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve ReAdams Reyes as a part-time Custodian, at the hourly rate of \$11.50, effective August 26, 2024.
12. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Kelly Lombel, Fourth Grade Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center, effective August 21, 2024. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
13. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Lauren Deibert as a Fourth Grade Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 2 - Bachelor's - \$45,000.
14. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Pamela Miller as a Special Education Teacher at the DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Master's - \$53,600. Mrs. Kimberly Edling will serve as mentor for Ms. Miller.
15. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Paige Borrell as a Special Education Teacher at the DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$45,000, pending completion of student teaching. Mrs. Kimberly Edling will serve as mentor for Miss Borrell.
16. It is recommended that the Board approve Dr. Holly Naradko as an Occupational Therapist for the 2024-2025 School Year at annual salary of \$70,000, pending release from current employer.
17. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Samantha Gardner as a Speech Therapist at the DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 11 - Master's - \$63,186, pending release from current employer.
18. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Jessica Wiscount as a Kindergarten Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 13 - Bachelor's + 15 - \$65,789, pending release from current employer.
19. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Kyle Roeder as a School (Guidance Counselor) at the PAHS for the 2024-2025 School year - Step 1 - Master's - \$53,600. Mrs. Cynthia Stasulli will serve as mentor for Mr. Roeder.
20. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the DHHL Middle School After School Program funded through 21st Century Grant, Schuylkill County MHSDA, and/or Ready to Learn at an hourly rate of \$24.40 (teachers) and \$26.00 (supervisor) for the 2024-2025 school year:

Alicia Fehr (Supervisor)
Christopher Davis
Cara Holman
Lisa Holobetz
Anthony Kelly
Kaitlin Leffler
Donna Mates
Mary Matulevich
Ashley Shappell
Joann Weres
Anya Wood
Leah Zerbe

21. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the JSC Elementary Center After School Program funded through 21st Century Grant, Schuylkill County MHDSDA, and/or Ready to Learn at an hourly rate of \$24.40 (teachers) and \$26.00 (supervisor) for the 2024-2025 school year:

Emily Kleeman (Supervisor)
Rebecca Oakill
Lindsay Hand
Heather Martin
Beth Bauers
Amy Rubinkam
Aprile Goehring

22. It is recommended that the following list of personnel be elected as Lead Teachers and Extra-curricular advisors at the stipend indicated for the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and the PASDEA. (Copy Attached).

23. It is recommended that the Board approve the Superintendent's annual performance evaluation for the 2023-2024 school year. The Pottsville Area School District Board of School Directors determined that Dr. Sarah Yoder satisfied the mutually agreed performance standards. In accordance with the PA School Code, the Pottsville Area School District is required to conduct an annual evaluation of the superintendent based on a set of objective performance standards. The rubric utilized for the superintendent evaluation in the Pottsville Area School District can be reviewed per request.

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 request from We Agape You, Inc. for Tax Waiver or Less Bid on Repository Property 313 S. 2nd St. Pottsville - Parcel No. 68-36-17.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Corporate Sponsor agreements for the purposes of advertising with the PASD:

- One-year Crimson Level Agreement with UFP Factory Built, LLC at a cost of \$1,000
- One-year Roll Tide Level Agreement with Weiner Iron & Metal Corp at a cost of \$2,000
- Three-year Single Static Sign Agreement at Veterans Memorial Field with Sands Ford of Pottsville at a cost of \$1,500
- Three-year Single Static Sign Agreement at Veterans Memorial Field with Morris Kreitz & Sons, Inc at a cost of \$1,500
- One-year Single Static Sign Agreement at Veterans Memorial Field with Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc at a cost of \$500
- One-year Single Static Sign Agreement at Veterans Memorial Field with H&M Felty Sales and Services at a cost of \$500

We are grateful for these Corporate Partners and their support of our student-athletes!

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the one-year Agreement with Allerton Hill for the purposes of Communications Consultation Services of \$5,000 per month.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Concession Agreement with CFS McGinty LLC for ice cream sales at varsity home football games including playoff games for the 2024-2025 school year.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Concession Agreement with The Pottsville Zone for food and drink sales at varsity home football games including playoff games for the 2024-2025 school year.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the three-year MOU with Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services, Justice Works Youth Care and Pottsville Area School District.

No discussion, motion carried.

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

1. We are thankful for our interns this summer through our partnerships with CareerLink and Penn State Schuylkill - Arianna Perez, Haley Sedor, Justin Herb, Sage Noll, Garrett Lineaweaver, Alaina Sninski, Grace Brady, Colin Derfler, Jarrett Derfler, and Conner Womer. We look forward to continuing the internship program this fall. Thank you to our employees who provide support and advice!

2. Thank you to Pottsville Bureau of Police and Pottsville Recreation Commission for hosting JFK Recreation Facility National Night Out for our community on August 6th. We are grateful for the Police Department, Pottsville Fire Department, Schuylkill EMS, Yorkville Hose Fire-Rescue, Schuylkill County MH/DS and Drug and Alcohol Program, and the American Red Cross for participating in this event and supporting our community.

3. Thank you to the coaches, players, family, staff, alumni, and community members for volunteering and donating their time to assist with clean-up efforts at Veterans Memorial Stadium on August 10th.

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

1. It is recommended to approve the purchase from Moyer Electric for two (2) Samson SAXP312W-K Portable Sound Systems and accessories at a cost of \$2,194.
2. It is recommended to approve the proposal from KIT Communications for wall mount cabinets at a cost of \$7,681.
3. It is recommended to approve the purchase of a Kajeet SmartBus Portable Kit at a cost of \$4,469.19.

No discussion, motion carried.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve DHH Lengel Middle School's 2024-2025 A-TSI Title I School Plan and JSC Elementary Center's 2024 - 2025 TSI Title I School Plan.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve approve the 2024-2025 Proposal from Action Driven Education for a District-wide subscription for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$3,550 and Professional Development at a cost of \$1,675. This will be funded by the Ready to Learn grant.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the three-year renewal with IXL Learning at a cost of \$41,263 and will be funded by the Ready to Learn grant.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Schlechty Center Agreement for the PA Innovative School District Network for the purposes of professional development at a cost of \$32,000 funded by ARP ESSER and/or the Ready to Learn grant.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve Julie Saunders, JSC Elementary Special Education Supervisor, to attend the PATTAN Leadership Initiative Conference in Gettysburg, PA; September 24-25, 2024. The cost of the conference is \$359.84 and will be funded by the Ready to Learn Grant.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Food Service Committee**, and on motion of **Mr. Shields**, seconded by **Mrs. Dewitt**, the Board approved the following:

1. It is recommended that the following companies be approved as suppliers for Pottsville Area School District for 2024-2025 school year:

Guers Dairy - Milk, 100% orange juice, iced tea, 20% orange drink, lemonade, and spring water

Bedway - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Hershey's - Ice Cream

Varano - Meat and Cheese

Moribito Baking Co - Bread and Baked Goods

We are thankful for our suppliers for their superior products for many years. We receive our deliveries on time, and the companies have been cooperative and reliable.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the breakfast, lunch and milk prices for adults for the 2024-2025 school year.

***All enrolled students are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge. We will be implementing a new provision known as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).**

	Lunch Prices:	Breakfast Prices:
Adult	\$4.65	\$2.85
Extra Milk	\$.75	\$.75
Student Seconds (JSC)	\$3.00	
Student Seconds (HS/DHHL)	\$3.15	

** Adult prices are set by PDE.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Labor Relations Committee**, and on motion of **Mr. Ciavarella**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the four-year agreement

between the Pottsville Area School District and Pottsville Area School District Education Association. Term of Agreement: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.
No discussion, motion carried.

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

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 August 30, 2024 - School Closed September 2, 2024 -

Labor Day (School Closed)

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

DHHL

Cafeteria

PAHS Band Front Bingo

11/3/2024 10:00am to 4:00pm

Martz Hall Parking Lot Top

Yorkville Hose Block Party Parade Line Up

Retroactive to 8/13/2024 5:30pm - 7:30pm

JSC

Majorette Camp

8/18/2024 6:30am - 12:00pm

HS

Veterans Memorial Stadium

Pottsville Police Fitness Test

8/17/2024 8:00am - 9:30am

No discussion, motion carried.

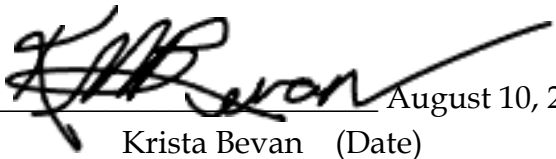
Mrs. Bevan, Assistant Business Manager, read the upcoming September 2024 meeting dates and informational items:

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 in the Academic Center

Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

An Executive Session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 6:39 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.
Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban Motion carried.



August 10, 2024
Krista Bevan (Date)
Board Secretary

