



**Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
Board Meeting**

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

**1. MEETING OPENING**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>1.1 Pledge of Allegiance</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Information, Procedural

**2. PRESENTATION - DHHL MIDDLE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>2.1 Presentation</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	2. PRESENTATION - DHHL MIDDLE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS
Access	Public
Type	Information

PRESENTATION - DHHL Middle School Ambassadors

Riley Bush  
Catherine Mohl  
Mahi Patel  
Nai-Ly Nguyen  
Lucas Shears

Jerome Urban

Mrs. Lisa Holobetz

Mr. Anthony Kelly

### **3. SOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION - DR. SARAH YODER**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>3.1 Presentation</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	3. SOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

#### **SOLAR ANNUAL REPORT** **October 16, 2024 Board Meeting**

Actual Net Electric Bill with Solar Power

- School District’s Annual Bills paid to PPL - \$175,727 (Expense)
- Solar Payments under solar contract - \$190,602 (Expense)
- *Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) income – \$73,199 (Revenue)*
- *Excess Production payment from PPL – \$2,862 (Revenue)*

Actual Net Electric Bill = \$290,267

Electric Bill if the District did not have Solar Power:

- School District’s Annual Energy usage – 4,059,956 kWh
- Energy Supply Cost = Multiplied usage (above) by \$0.1155/kWh = \$469,737 (Expense)
- Historical Distribution Cost = Multiplied usage (above) by \$0.016/kWh = \$64,959 (Expense)

Electric Bill if the District did not have Solar Power = \$534,696

\*\*Solar energy produced is offsetting about 40% of annual energy usage

Year 1 Energy savings with Solar Power = \$303,249 - \$292,867 = \$10,382 (Time period November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021)

Year 2 Energy savings with Solar Power = \$470,878 - \$317,545 = \$151,333 (Time period November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022)

Year 3 Energy savings with Solar Power = \$534,696 - \$290,267 = \$244,429 (Time period November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023)

Since *Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC)* are sold after the Solar Power is generated, the PASD will provide a similar report in 2025 for Year 4 Energy savings for the time period of November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>4.1 Public Comment</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	4. PUBLIC COMMENT
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 [kbevan@pottsville.k12.pa.us](mailto: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?

## 5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>5.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Action                      Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the September 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the September 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

**Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

**6. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. KRISTA BEVAN**

**Subject**                                      **6.1 Approval of Financial Reports**

Meeting                                        Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category                                      6. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. KRISTA BEVAN

Access                                         Public

Type    Action

Recommended Action                      Motion to approve as recommended.

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of September 30, 2024 - \$9,591,243.70, Cafeteria Checking Balance as of September 30, 2024 - \$351,041.99.**
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

**Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Kevin Reid, ATTORNEY AT LAW**

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER**

**Subject**                                      **9.1 Affiliation Agreement**

Meeting                                        Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Affiliation Agreement with Millersville University of Pennsylvania. The Affiliation Agreement is for 5 years.

**Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

**Subject 9.2 Credit Reimbursement**

Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 9. 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:**

Samantha Gardner - \$1,767.00  
 Leah Zerbe - \$6,471.00

**Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

**10. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER**

**Subject 10.1 Federal Programs**

Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 10. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER

Access Public

Type Information

The PA Department of Education (PDE) provided the annual Individuals with Disabilities

Education Act (IDEA-B) Maintenance of Effort letter, which reviews our Annual Financial Reports (AFR). Federal funds are supplementary and cannot supplant local and state funds. Since our aggregate 2022 vs 2023 expenditures from state and local sources were within the allowable reduction rate, the Pottsville Area School District has maintained fiscal effort. We will file the letter for auditing and monitoring purposes.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>10.2 Crimson Tide Foundation</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

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

- Matthew and Heather Maccarone
- Joani and Frank Hanlon
- Ann Marie and George Whak
- Robert and Florence Leddy
- Ruth and Bill Johnson
- Mary Macher

**May we please have moment of silence.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>10.3 Capital Blue Cross Live Healthy School Grant</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

Thank you to Capital Blue Cross for selecting the Pottsville Area High School to receive a 2024 Live Healthy School Grant in the amount of \$2,000. We are grateful for the partnership with Capital Blue Cross.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Coaches for the 2024 - 2025 Season, stipend as per contract:

SOFTBALL:

Charles Rinaldo - Head Softball Coach  
 Bruce Heffner - Assistant Softball Coach  
 Tom Mull - Assistant Softball Coach  
 Serenity Allen - Assistant Softball Coach  
 Mike Kiehner - Assistant Softball Coach  
 Jeff Bowers - Head Jr. High Softball Coach  
 Rodney Snowell - Assistant Jr. High Softball Coach

SWIM & DIVE:

Krista Bevan - Assistant Swim Coach  
 Rob Kline - Assistant Dive Coach  
 Denise Klinger - Head Dive Coach

BASEBALL:

Mike Welsh - Head Coach  
 Ben O'Brien - Assistant Coach  
 Ty Steidle - Assistant Coach  
 Stephen Messina - Assistant Coach  
 Tony Barone - Volunteer

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as Game Workers, at the hourly rate of \$10.00:

- Derrick McFarland
- Pat McCord
- Lisa Holobetz
- Jacqueline Szeliga
- Danielle Boris
- Lacey Timony

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. 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 collaborating with the City of Pottsville to complete work on the JFK Tennis Courts and Fence at a total cost of \$84,000. Cost to the PASD not to exceed \$42,000. The PASD has been approved by the City of Pottsville for our Boys’ and Girls’ Tennis teams to continue to use the courts through the 2027-2028 school year at no cost to the District. Thank you to the City of Pottsville for your partnership.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.3 Transportation - Mrs. Ashley DeWitt</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.



<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.4 Personnel - Mrs. Ashley Dewitt</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. 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 permission to advertise an Administrative Assistant for the Pottsville Area School District.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Angela Holobetz as the K-12 Lead Nurse for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$2,200.00.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following list of after school tutors for the 2024-2025 school year:

**PAHS**

Emma Libby  
 Peter McDonald  
 Donna Skosnick  
 Cindy Stasulli  
 Rita Sponenburg  
 Kayla Watt

**DHHL**

Breanne Ferdoucha  
 Julia Leiby  
 Nathaniel Libby  
 Pamela Miller  
 Rachelle Price  
 Patricia Zartman

**JSC**

Lindsay Hand  
 Deborah Lecker  
 Heather Martin  
 Heather McDonald  
 Stephanie McDonald  
 Angelique Mundy  
 Rebecca Oakill  
 Amy Rubinkam

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Stephanie Wood, Interim Business Manager, as the Right to Know Officer for the Pottsville Area School District, effective October 1, 2024.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Charles Pellish as part-time Van Driver at the hourly rate of \$15.50 effective October 3, 2024.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Bridget Schwartz as full-time Paraprofessional at the High School at her same hourly rate, effective October 17, 2024. Ms. Schwartz is currently a part-time paraprofessional.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Vanessa Cuevas as part-time Learning Support Paraprofessional for the DHH Lengel Middle School, at the hourly rate of \$14.25 effective October 17, 2024.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Cynthia Tilinski as part-time Cafeteria Aide at the hourly rate of \$10.25, and Substitute Cafeteria Staff at the hourly rate of \$11.50.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve Elizabeth Roberts as part-time Cafeteria Staff at the hourly rate of \$11.50, retroactive to September 30, 2024.
10. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Mackenzie Parthe as part-time Paraprofessional at JSC effective October 2, 2024 and approve her to as a Substitute Paraprofessional at her same hourly rate.
11. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Joelle Reed, full-time Paraprofessional, effective September 25, 2024.
12. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Tayla Breisch, full-time Paraprofessional, retroactive to June 5, 2024.
13. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Erika Fontanez, part-time Van Driver, effective September 20, 2024.
14. It is recommended that the Board approve the Leave Without Pay request per School Board Policy #334:
  - Employee #1300 - 10/25/24

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. 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 approve the 2024-2025 TITLE I Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit. Term of Agreement - August 21, 2024 through May 30, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the compromise of all delinquent school taxes as requested by Fanelli, Evans & Patel, P.C. Attorneys for the following properties:
  - 254 East Bacon St. Palo Alto, PA Tax Parcel No. 57-2-6
  - 0 North Savory St. Palo Alto, PA Tax Parcel No. 57-2-6(1)
  - 139 W. Bacon St. Palo Alto, PA Tax Parcel 57-4-3
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the sale of Parcel No. 57-04-0124.000, 258 W. Savory Street, Palo Alto for the Purchase Price \$10.00, Current Repository Price - \$1,365.00.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Stephanie Wood, Interim Business Manager, as an authorized representative to make requests upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

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**Subject 11.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

1. Congratulations to PAHS student, Ryan March who received the Pennsylvania Communications Association Award at a ceremony at Penn State Schuylkill! Congratulations also to PAHS for receiving an award! Thank you Mrs. Malek for your commitment to PAHS and our students!
2. Congratulations to Bobbi Jordan, PAHS Art of the Month.

3. Congratulations to PAHS students, Ryan March and Lauren Kelly, Rotary Students of the Month.

4. Thank you DHHL Ambassadors for helping out with landscaping at Pottsville Salvation Army Corps building. We are grateful for this community partnership.

5. Congratulations to JSC Elementary Center's Students of the Month:

- Kindergarten - Olivia Brindle
- First Grade - Cooper Firestone
- Second Grade - Barry DeWitt
- Third Grade - Lillian Humphrey
- Fourth Grade - Camilo Leonardo

6. Thank you to the PAHS Marching Band and staff who helped prepare for Alumni Night on September 27th. Over 115 alumni members ranging from classes of 1969-2024 participated in the 42nd annual performance.

**Subject                    11.7 Technology - Mr. Jerome Urban**

Meeting                    Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category                    11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access                      Public

Type                        Action

Recommended            Motion to approve as recommended.  
Action

**Subject                    11.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

Meeting                    Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category                    11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access                      Public

Type                        Action, Information

Recommended            Motion to approve as recommended.  
Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Pottsville Area High School's 2024-2025 TSI School Plan and JSC Elementary Center's 2024-2025 Title I Schoolwide Plan.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve agreements with Wonder Media for the animation program StoryMaker (February 2025 - January 2026) and "Finding Stories of Wonder in the Land of OZ" at a cost of \$5,200, funded through Ready to Learn or budgetary reserve. "Finding Stories of Wonder in the Land of OZ" is an additional collaborative opportunity for selected DHHL Middle School students to participate in a creating a full-length production with middle school students from other school districts.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the three-year Agreement with Vocabulary.com. Total cost for the three-year agreement is \$10,785.
4. It is recommended that the Board decommission the Interactive Science and Reading Street series.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with IU #1 for the 2024 - 2025 Developing Future Special Educators Grant. We appreciate being selected to receive these grant funds.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.9 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public

Type Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the CAFCO Participation Agreement with Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 Collaborative Services. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject** 11.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban  
 Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
 Category 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

**12. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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**Subject** 12.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan  
 Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
 Category 12. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information, Reports

**Subject** 12.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich  
 Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
 Category 12. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information, Reports

**Subject** 12.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella  
 Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
 Category 12. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public  
 Type Information, Reports

**Subject 12.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs**

Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
 Category 12. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

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**Subject 13.1 Upcoming Events - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan**

Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
 Category 13. NEW BUSINESS  
 Access Public  
 Type Information

- October 28 - November 1, 2024 - Red Ribbon Week
- October 28, 2024 - DHHL Trunk or Treat - Title I Family Engagement for JSC and DHHL students and families. PASD students who attend K-8th grade non-public schools may also attend per Federal Title I regulations.
- October 30, 2024 - End of First Marking Period (tentative)
- October 31, 2024 - Start of Second Marking Period (tentative)
- November 6, 2024 - Report Cards upload to Skyward (tentative)
- November 11, 2024 - Act 80 Day (No School for Students)
- November 11, 2024 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Subject 13.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan**

Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
 Category 13. NEW BUSINESS  
 Access Public  
 Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.  
Action

It is recommended that the Board approve the following use of facilities:

**HS**

Veterans Memorial Stadium  
Cross Country Alumni 5K Run  
7:00 am - 12:00 pm on 11/9/2024

**DHHL**

Natatorium  
Stoic Aquatics - Swim Practice  
Sundays & Tuesdays 7:00pm - 9:30pm  
December 1 2024 through March 25, 2025

Martz Hall - Annual Wrestling Charity Match  
November 22, 2024 - 7 pm

**JSC**

Lobby  
Boy Scouts of America - Cub Scout Sign-up Night  
6:30pm - 7:30 pm on 10/8/2024

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>13.3 Dates for Committee Meeting and Board Meeting - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan</b>
Meeting	Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	13. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Information

**Meetings for November, 2024**

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6 PM in the Academic Center

Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

**14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>14.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan</b>
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Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
Category 14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Access Public  
Type Information

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Subject 15.1 Adjourn**  
Meeting Oct 16, 2024 - Board Meeting  
Category 15. ADJOURNMENT  
Access Public  
Type Action  
Recommended Motion to adjourn  
Action