

## POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Lynda Wytovich .  
Roll Call - 9 members present

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.

The **Superintendent's Report** was reviewed by Dr. Yoder, and will be approved at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting.

## 1. Approval of Credits

Jamie Dawson - 3 Credits

Samantha Gardner - 9 Credits

Michel Germán - 6 Credits

Joseph Halko - 8 Credits

Paula Heffner - 6 Credits

## Gregory Hoak - 6 Credits

## Lisa Holobetz - 3 Credits

Ryuichi Narita - 17 Credits

Rachelle Price - 3 Credits

Lauren Price - 3 Credits

William Rhoads - 5 Credits  
Nicole Stiles - 18 Credits

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David Jake Wartella - 3 Credits

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Haley Wisscount - 3 Credits

The additional credits for Narita and Stiles are because their programs are already laid out.

## 2. Credit Reimbursements

Detrick Borden - \$3,096.00  
Emily Earley - \$1,548.00  
Michel Germán - \$3,426.00  
John Guzick - \$3,000.00  
Paula Heffner - \$1,440.00  
Greg Hoak - \$1,440.00  
Lisa Holobetz - \$1,548.00  
Nicole Kutsmeda - \$300.00  
Kaitlin Leffler - \$4,644.00  
Anne Murray - \$300.00  
Michael Roberts \$2,580.00  
Melissa Scheetz - \$1,548.00

## 3. Salary Adjustment

Lisa Holobetz - Master's + 15  
Nicole Kutsmeda - Master's + 15  
Anne Murray - Master's + 15  
Michala Zembas - Master's Degree

## 4. Internship/Shadowing Placements:

1. Principal Internship Placement for Rachelle Price (DHHL Middle School ELA Teacher) through Wilkes University with Dr. Caitlin Mohl, Principal of DHHL Middle School. There is no stipend for Dr. Mohl or Ms. Price during the Principal Internship.

2. LVHN Senior Nursing Students for a School Nurse Experience to shadow our school nurses during the Fall Semester. We are grateful for the the partnership with LVHN Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing.

Mumira Alston

JoAnn Bleiler

Ashley Cherapan

Rebecca Fisher

Hannah George

Brooke Hallock

Caitlyn Herndon

Rachael Hoy

Lydia Inns

Grace Kessler

Jennifer Kennedy  
Paige Laudenslager  
Marissa Levan  
Jessica Nagle  
Dawn Phillips  
Donna Rania  
Jena Reilly  
Emily Shappell  
Holly Strenkoski  
Miranda Wehry

3. Student teacher placements as a part of the District's collaboration with Kutztown University. We are grateful for the partnership with Kutztown University.

Raz'hanay Gordon with cooperating teacher, Courtney Reichert (Grade K)  
Tess Horn with cooperating teacher, Nicole Kutsmeda (Grade K)  
Kennedi Pellegrini with cooperating teacher, Michala Zembas (Grade K)  
Amy Devito with cooperating teacher, Casey Shoopack (Grade 1)  
Julia Hayes with cooperating teacher, Kristyn Blum (Grade 1)  
Morgan Denmead with cooperating teacher, Nikki Hozella (Grade 2)  
Gwen DiPrinzio with cooperating teacher, Stacie Cromyak (Grade 3)  
Sarah Colosono with cooperating teacher, Molly Kleeman (Grade 3)  
Kennedy Carlin with cooperating teacher, Bailey Ditzler (Grade 3)  
Felise Willard with cooperating teacher, Jennifer Brindle (Grade 4)  
Caitlin Maskonka with cooperating teacher, Amanda Purcell (Grade 4)

**Recommendations by the Facilities and Grounds Committee for approval at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting:**

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

HS

Auditorium

Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival  
Pageant Practice  
5:45 pm - 8:15 pm on 1/21, 1/22, 1/28, 1/29, 1/30, 2025  
Pageant  
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm on 2/1/2025

DHHL

Auditorium

Crimson Academy  
Rehearsal 4:15pm - 8:15pm on 12/3, 12/4, 12/5, 12/9, 12/11, 12/12; 3:15pm - 3:45pm on 12/14/24

Rudolph Production - 11:00am - 5:00pm on 12/15/24

Natatorium

STOIC Aquatics

Swim Practice - \$75/practice

Sundays 5:00 - 7:30 pm; Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30pm; Wednesdays 7:00pm - 9:30pm

September 15, 2024 through November 27, 2024

Discussion was held: Jerome Urban asked about the truck and said next month there may be a quote on an F150 truck. Announced that Ameresco will be coming next month to give a presentation. Kerry Ansbach asked for a copy of the 5 year Facilities plan. Jerome asked about the price of the STOIC Aquatics Swim practice rate since it's reduced 50%. Dr. Yoder explained that it is because they are a non-profit and are benefitting PASD students also.

**Recommendations by the Finance Committee for approval at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting:**

1. Comparison Expense and Revenue Reports/Summary
2. Treasurer's Report
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Local No. 218, Pottsville PA of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, effective from August 31, 2024 to August 31, 2028.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement with Progressive Pediatric Therapy for the purposes of Occupational Therapy for the 2024-2025 school year.

Discussion: Harry asked about the interest on the investments on pg. 3 of financials. Dr. Yoder answered with respect to the one in October we're using the mature amount for cash flow for Ameresco and teacher stipends, then we will be reimbursed. As of August 2024 we are outpacing expenses because ARP ESSER need to be used up by the end of September.

**Recommendations by the Technology Committee for approval at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the three-year agreement with Lightspeed for \$10,000 per year.

Discussion on : Software upgrade for our content filtering, generator upgrades, and who is checking the oil.

**Recommendations by the Curriculum Committee for approval at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2024-2025 PHEAA Participation Agreement for the PA Student Teacher Support program.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Pottsville Area School District Language Instruction Education Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Informational**

Pottsville Area High School's 2024-2025 TSI School Plan will be on a 28-day review to be recommended for approval in October's School Board meeting.

**Recommendations by the Transportation Committee for approval at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2024-2025 STC Agreement for the Transportation of School Pupils.

**Recommendations by the Policy Committee for approval at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting:**

**Employees**

- 336 - Personal Necessity Leave
- 337 - Vacation
- 338 - Sabbatical Leave
- 338.1 - Compensated Professional Leaves
- 339 - Uncompensated Leave
- 340 - Responsibility for Student Welfare
- 341 - Benefits for Part-Time Employees
- 342 - Jury Duty
- 343 - Paid Holidays
- 347 - Workers' Compensation Transitional Return-to-Work Program
- 351 - Drug and Substance Abuse

**Community**

- 911 - News Media Relations

Discussion: oversight on who is on the Martz Hall floor and football field, and selling photos. Independent photographers can take photos from the stands but are not permitted to sell them.

2. It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board retire the following policies:

Administrative Employees

336 - Personal Necessity Leave

337 - Vacation

338 - Sabbatical Leave

338.1 - Compensated Professional Leaves

339 - Uncompensated Leave

339.1 - Military Leave

342 - Jury Duty

347 - Workers' Compensation Transitional Return-to-Work Program

348 - Unlawful Harassment

351 - Drug and Substance Abuse

Professional Employees

436 - Personal Necessity Leave

438 - Sabbatical Leave

438.1 - Compensated Professional Leaves

439 - Uncompensated Leave

439.1 - Military Leave

440 - Responsibility for Student Welfare

442 - Jury Duty

448 - Unlawful Harassment

451 - Drug and Substance Abuse

Support Employees

536 - Personal Necessity Leave

537 - Vacation

539 - Uncompensated Leave

539.1 - Military Leave

542 - Jury Duty

543 - Paid Holidays

548 - Unlawful Harassment

Discussion: Mrs. Buchanan would like a clear cell phone use policy, wants to "start the conversation".

**Recommendations by the PSBA Representative for approval at the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting:**

It is recommended that the Board vote for the following PSBA Members seeking election:

1. 2024 President-Elect. This is a one-year term. (Vote for One)
- Sabrina Backer - Franklin Area School District
2. 2024 Vice President. This is a one-year term. (Vote for One)
- Matt Vannoy - Sharon City School District
4. 2024-2026 Eastern Zone Representative. This is a three-year term. (Vote for One)
- Holly Arnold - Tunkhannock Area School District
6. Trustee (Term ends December 31, 2027). This is a three-year term (Vote for Three)
- Nathan Mains
- Richard Frerichs
- William S. LaCoff
8. Forum Steering Committee (2-year term ends December 31, 2025). This is a two-year term (Vote for two)
- Mary Dougherty - Montgomery County IU
- Betsy Gates - Dauphin County Technical School

The Board Secretary will register votes on behalf of the school entity.

An Executive Session was held from 6:38 p.m. to 7:33 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. There being no further new business - Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Urban. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.



September 12, 2024  
Krista Bevan (Date)  
Board Secretary

