



**Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Board Meeting**

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

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject **1.1 Opening and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

Subject **1.2 Public Comment**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Information, Procedural

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 by 2:00 PM the day of the meeting. Questions will be forwarded to all Board members. The meeting will be available online.

Are there any public comments at this time?

Subject **1.3 Board of Directors - Roll Call**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Procedural

2. DRONE PROGRAM PRESENTATION - Mr. Stephen Horvath

Subject **2.1 Presentation**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 2. DRONE PROGRAM PRESENTATION - Mr. Stephen Horvath

Access Public

Type

NEW DRONE PROGRAM PRESENTATION for the 2025-2026 school year - Mr. Stephen Horvath, PAHS Teacher

3. REORGANIZATION MEETING - Proposed Order of Business

Subject **3.1 Name Temporary President and Elect President and Vice President**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 3. REORGANIZATION MEETING - Proposed Order of Business

Access Public

Type

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT - Non-election Year REORGANIZATION MEETING - DECEMBER 4, 2024– 7:00 P.M.

1. Secretary reads Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code.

SECTION 402. Notice of Organization Meetings; Temporary Officers; etc. – All members of the board of school directors in every school district shall be given five days' notice, by mail, by the secretary of the retiring board, of the time and place of meeting for organization, at which time and place, if a majority are present, an organization shall be effected as follows: In districts of the first class there shall be elected from the hold-over members a temporary president and secretary; and in all other school districts there shall be elected from the hold-over members a temporary president, and the secretary of the board shall act as secretary of such meeting. The certificates of the election or appointment of all new school directors shall be read, and a list of the legally elected or appointed

and qualified school directors prepared. If any of the members have not taken and subscribed to the oath of office required by this act, the same may be administered to them by the temporary president. (403 amended June 2, 1965, P.L. 86, No. 59)

SECTION 404. Districts Second, Third and Fourth Class Permanent Organization; Election of Officers. – In each school district of the second, third and fourth class, the school directors shall effect a permanent organization by electing, during the first week of December, from their members, a president and vice-president, each to serve for one year, and shall annually, during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year, beginning the first day of July following such election, and shall, during the month of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, and every four years thereafter, elect a secretary for a term of four years, beginning the first day of July following such election. The treasurer may be any corporation duly qualified and legally authorized to transact a fiduciary business in the Commonwealth. Vacancies in the office of secretary shall be filled for the unexpired term. In school districts of the second class the secretary and treasurer shall not be members of the board. In districts of the third and fourth class they may be members of the board. The same person shall not hold at the same time more than one of the offices of president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer of any board of school directors. No superintendent, assistant superintendent, supervising principal, or teacher shall serve, either temporarily or permanently, as an officer of the school board by which he is employed. (404 amended Dec. 14, 1967, P.L. 837, No. 363)

2. Secretary reads NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING sent to all members.

SPECIAL MEETING

In compliance with Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code of the State of Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District will hold its Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing year; and also for general purposes.

3. Board member appoints a Temporary President of the meeting.

4. Temporary President declares meeting in order to proceed with the election of a President and Vice President for the ensuing year.

5. Nominations for President. (Nomination and second)

6. Close nominations for President. (Motion and second)

7. Cast the ballot and declare President elected. (Roll call vote)

8. President takes over the meeting and states we will proceed with the election of a Vice President.

9. Nominations for Vice President. (Nomination and second)

10. Close nominations for Vice President. (Motion and second)
11. Cast the ballot and declare Vice President elected. (Roll call vote)
12. General Purposes (See agenda)

4. GENERAL PURPOSES - Board President Ms. Linda Wytovich

Subject	4.1 Announcement of Board Meetings for Year 2025
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	4. GENERAL PURPOSES - Board President Ms. Linda Wytovich
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Board and Committee Meeting dates for 2025:

BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2025

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 - Final Budget Approval

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

* WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 - Reorganization Meeting

ALL BOARD MEETINGS AT 7 PM IN DHHL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Committee of the Whole Meeting dates will be held at 6 PM in the Academic Center Board Room on the second Wednesday of the month with no Committee Meeting in December. Additionally, Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 PM during the months of February, March, April, and May, 2025 at 5:30 PM before the Committee of the Whole Meetings.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject

4.2 Authorize to Advertise for Board Meetings and Committee of the Whole Meetings

Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	4. GENERAL PURPOSES - Board President Ms. Linda Wytovich
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board authorize to advertise for Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meetings.

Motion to authorize as recommended.

5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	5.1 Minutes for November 2024 and December 2024 will be approved at the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	5. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve minutes as recommended.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS - Mrs. Stephanie Wood

Subject	6.1 Financial Reports
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	6. FINANCIAL REPORTS - Mrs. Stephanie Wood
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

All Finance reports will be approved at the January 15, 2025 meeting due to the timing of the Reorganization Meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Donations

Subject	8.1 Donations
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	8. Donations
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the \$1,000.00 donation from March Lutz Wealth Advisors for the Bocce Ball team. We are thankful for their generosity.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Informational:

Thank you to Eastern Press for their generous donation of the 1,500 printed 2024-2025 Winter Schedules. We are grateful for Eastern Press' generosity to our school district.

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

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	10.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. 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:

Paula Heffner - 3 Credits

Gregory Hoak - 3 Credits

Stephen Horvath - Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Vocation (5 Courses)

Megan Sirkot - 3 Credits

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	10.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. 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:

Alicia Nye - \$7,605.00
 William Rhoads - \$1,713.00

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	10.3 Internship Placements
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Internship placements:

1. It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the following professional semester and/or 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)

Theresa Horn with cooperating teacher, Nicole Kutsmeda (Grade K)

Amy Devito with cooperating teacher, Casey Shoopack (Grade 1)

Julia Hayes with cooperating teacher, Kristyn Blum (Grade 1)

Gwen DiPrinzio with cooperating teacher, Stacie Cromyak (Grade 3)

Sarah Colosono with cooperating teacher, Molly Kleeman (Grade 3)

Kennedy Carlin with cooperating teacher, Amanda Purcell (Grade 4)

Felise Willard with cooperating teacher, Jennifer Brindle (Grade 4)

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

11. INFORMATION

Subject	11.1 Federal Programs
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. INFORMATION
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	11.2 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	11. INFORMATION
Access	Public
Type	Information

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject	12.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Anthony Kelly as the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for the 2024-2025 school year for a stipend of \$8,000, prorated with a start date of December 5, 2024.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the District to explore options for a football-only conference beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Subject	12.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	12.3 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
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 Memorandum of Understanding among the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, the Pottsville Area School District, and Nativity BVM High School, effective January 1, 2025 through June 1, 2026 or when all allocated BSCA Grant funds are expended.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Service Agreement with UPMC effective September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.
4. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve the Educational Services Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Assumption BVM and Catapult Learning, LLC effective October 21, 2024 to May 30, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Berks Schuylkill Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank School Pantry Agreement at DHHL Middle School.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the RACP Grant Funding Allocation Agreement ("Agreement") between the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pottsville as grantee and the Pottsville Area School District as subgrantee and any such ancillary documentation related to the Agreement required by the Commonwealth.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **12.4 Transportation - Mrs. Ashley DeWitt**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Subject **12.5 Personnel - Mrs. Ashley Dewitt**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve/accept as recommended.
Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the revised resignation date of Shane Derfler from his full-time Custodial position, effective July 25, 2024.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Mary Modesto as part-time Cafeteria Aide at the hourly rate of \$10.25 and Substitute Cafeteria staff at the hourly rate of \$11.50, retroactive to December 3, 2024.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Leave Without Pay request per School Board Policy #334:
 - Employee # 1748 - Oct. 29 - Nov 1; Nov 5 - Nov 8, 2024
 - Employee # 1476 - Nov 21 & 22, 2024
 - Employee # 1762 - Dec 9, 12, 13, 20, 2024; Jan 7, 10 2025
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following employees' request for Family Medical Leave (FMLA):
 - Employee #1687 - Dec. 6, 2024 - Jan. 17, 2025
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Stephanie Wood as the Business Manager of Pottsville Area School District for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029 at an annual salary of \$115,000.00 **(ROLL CALL)**.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject **12.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information

1. Thank you PAHS coaches, wrestlers, and all who attended the Annual Charity Match - Nearly \$1,200 was raised to benefit PBIS!
2. Thank you to the PAHS students and staff who organized and delivered food to 35+ families in Pottsville Area School District and Saint Clair Area School District! We are grateful for all of our students, staff, and community across the district for donating thousands of items to share with families!
3. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month:
 - K - Zaven Sulick
 - 1 - Janessa Mudge
 - 2 - Aria Renninger
 - 3 - Mila Cedeno
 - 4 - Reagan Schuckers
4. Congratulations PAHS Rotary Students of the Month, Julia Szeliga and Gavin Woodford.
5. Thank you to our DHHL Middle School Life Skills students for delivering delicious treats to teachers and staff on November 22nd!
6. Congratulations to the DHHL Middle School students who brought home the GOLD from the inaugural Schuylkill County CalcuSolve Competition at Schuylkill IU 29! Congratulations to Evan Halat, Baron Moyer, Anna Powers, Gracie Weiss, Jordan Reedy, and Najlaa Belkhoutout, along with their coaches, Miss Wasilewski and Mrs. Fehr, on this amazing accomplishment!
7. Congratulations to PAHS Artist of the Month, Tobi Kilcullen!

Subject 12.7 Technology - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information

Subject 12.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access Public

Type Information

1. It is recommended that the Board approve JSC Elementary Special Education Supervisor Julie Saunders, Federal Programs Coordinator Maria Larish, and PAHS English Teacher Dr. Alisa Hobbs to attend the Schlechty Center's PA Innovative School District Network Conference in West Chester, PA; December 5-6, 2024. The lodging and mileage will not exceed \$1,000.00 and will be funded by the Ready to Learn Grant.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 12.9 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 12.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 12.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting

Category 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 13.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information, Reports

Subject 13.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information, Reports

Subject 13.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information, Reports

Subject 13.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 13. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information

14. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 14.1 Upcoming Events

Meeting Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category 14. NEW BUSINESS
Access Public
Type Information

December 5, 2024 - PAHS Holiday Choir Concert
December 7, 2024 - PAHS Winter Formal
December 10, 2024 - DHHL Winter Concert
December 12, 2024 - PAHS Holiday Band Concert
December 13, 2024 - JSC Joy through the Halls
December 20, 2024 - Holiday Early Dismissal
December 21, 2024 - January 1, 2025 - Holiday Break

Subject	14.2 Use of Facilities
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	14. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	14.3 Meeting Dates
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	14. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Academic Center.

Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the DHHL Middle School Auditorium.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	15.1 Executive Session
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

16. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	16.1 Adjourn
Meeting	Dec 4, 2024 - Board Meeting
Category	16. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn