

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting October 16, 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.

Dr. Yoder introduced DHH Lengel students for a presentation as PBIS Ambassadors. The students each took turns speaking about the various community projects the club helped with while a slideshow of photos was run.

Dr. Yoder presented the Solar Annual Report:

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.

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 **Mr. Ciavarella**, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the September 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the September 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes since all members received copies, and there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

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 September, 2024:

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
6. Budget Transfers – there were none

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Superintendent** and on motion of **Mrs. Buchanan**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the 5 year Affiliation Agreement with Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Superintendent** and on motion of **Mr. Ciavarella**, seconded by **Mrs. Hobbs**, the reimbursement for successful completion of pre-approved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA was approved:

Samantha Gardner - \$1,767.00

Leah Zerbe - \$6,471.00

No discussion, motion carried.

Dr. Yoder announced the following information items:

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.

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

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.

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 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

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 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.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Personnel Committee**, on motion of **Mrs. Dewitt**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved 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 - 10/25/24No 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 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.

No discussion, motion carried.

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

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.

On the recommendation of the **Curriculum Committee**, and on motion of **Mrs. Buchanan**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved 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.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the **Food Service Committee**, and on motion of **Mr. Shields**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved 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.

No discussion, motion carried.

Under New Business, Krista Bevan, Board Secretary, announced the following:

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

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:

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

No discussion, motion carried.

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

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

An Executive Session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 6:57 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban. Motion carried.



October 31, 2024

Krista Bevan (Date)

Board Secretary

