



**Wednesday, January 22, 2025
Board Meeting**

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

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject	1.1 Opening - Ms. Linda Wytovich / Roll Call - Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	1.2 Public Comment
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
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 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?

2. PRESENTATION

Subject	2.1 DHHL Middle School Food Pantry
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	2. PRESENTATION
Access	Public
Type	Information

Presentation of the DHHL Middle School Food Pantry - Helping Harvest Collaboration - Mrs. Angelo, Ms. Parker, and Mrs. Focht

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	3.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the November 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the November 20, and December 4, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD

Subject	4.1 Approval of Financial Reports
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	4. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds)

General Fund Balance:

November 29, 2024 - \$9,447,451.90

December 31, 2024 - \$9,192,746.86

Cafeteria Checking Balance:

November 29, 2024 - \$301,985.10

December 31, 2024 - \$80,000.18

2. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Revenue Reports for November and December 2024

3. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Expenditure Reports for November and December 2024

4. Cafeteria Condensed Board Summary Report for November and December 2024

5. Payment Summary - General Fund, Food Service - for November and December 2024

6. Budget Transfers - for November and December 2024

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Donations

Subject	6.1 Boyer's Food Markets
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	6. Donations
Access	Public
Type	Information

Informational:

Thank you to Boyer's Food Market's Great Caring and Sharing Rebate Program. DHHL Middle School received a donation of \$29.81. This represents 1% of total purchases between July and December 2024. Thank you to Boyer's Food Market and our community for their generosity.

7. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Kevin Reid, ATTORNEY AT LAW**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER**

Subject	8.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	8. 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:

Brianna Betz - 3 Credits
Karrison Dubbs - 3 Credits
Michel Germán - 6 Credits
Brent Hinkle - 6 Credits
Lisa Holobetz 3 Credits
Kaitlin Leffler - 3 Credits
Rachelle Price - 3 Credits
William Rhoads - 3 Credits
Christian Selinko - 9 Credits
Jillian Strohecker - 6 Credits
Haley Wiscount - 3 Credits
Leah Zerbe - 12 Credits

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	8.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	8. 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:

Brianna Betz - \$3,096.00
Krista Bevan - \$1,713.00
Jamie Dawson \$1,605.00
Karrison Dubbs - \$1,548.00
Emily Earley - \$1,548.00
Samantha Gardner - \$3,672.00
Elizabeth Grow - \$3,066.00
Greg Hoak - \$2,910.00
Paula Heffner - \$2,910.00
Lisa Holobetz - \$ 1,548.00
Kaitlin Leffler - \$3,096.00
Kimberly O'Brien - \$1,713.00
Rachelle Price - \$1,713.00
Michael Roberts - \$1,548.00
Megan Sirkot - \$1,548.00
Jillian Strohecker - \$300.00

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	8.3 Salary Adjustment
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the following salary adjustment be approved and made effective the 2025-2026 school year:

Samantha Gardner - Master's + 15

Megan Sirkot - Master's + 15

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	8.4 Calendar
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the 2024-2025 School Calendar be revised to reflect snow make-up days as follows:

School Canceled

January 6, 2025

January 20, 2025

Make-up Day

April 17, 2025

March 24, 2025 (Teacher In-Service Day, No School for

Students)

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	9.1 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

Informational:

- John Albertini
- Robert and Debra Umbenhauer

Thank you to the Crimson Tide Foundation and donors for the support of our students, educators and community.

Board President Ms. Linda Wytovich -

On behalf the Pottsville Area School Board, I would like to present this plaque to John Little thanking him for his leadership of the Crimson Tide Foundation since 2010. The Foundation has raised over \$375,000 which has provided countless opportunities for PASD students in the form of field trips, STEM, classroom materials, scholarships, and more to enrich their education experience.

Specific examples include supporting all three schools with their student-led video announcements along with the Tide-Tek Club in DHHL Middle School for their trips to the Franklin Institute and Niagara Falls along with 3D printers. Pottsville Area High School is grateful for the CTF's significant donations including a telescope for the Planetarium and digital video equipment for the Publications program to enable students to edit video as well as live stream programming. We are thankful for John's generosity with his time, talents, leadership, and commitment to the Pottsville Area School District community!

Subject	9.2 Federal Programs
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

The Final ESSER Funding Report has been submitted. All Federal ESSER, ESSER 2, and ARP ESSER funds have been expended. Thank you Federal Programs Coordinator Mrs. Maria Larish and our leadership team for implementation and finding alternate funding sources to continue to support students and staff.

Summer School/After School Tutoring	\$	225,435.30
HVAC and Wellness Center	\$	3,231,953.53
Counseling and Wellness	\$	541,372.45
Virtual programming, iPads, Technology, and VOIP	\$	2,637,435.66
Planetarium Upgrade	\$	473,018.00
Curriculum Resources	\$	616,085.05
Cafeteria, Cleaning, and Crisis Go Resources	\$	188,349.89
	\$	7,913,649.88

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject	10.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. 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 trip to Niagara Falls, New York (May 18 - 20, 2025). The Tide Tek STEM Club will be visiting multiple educational sites near Niagara Falls. The field trip is for 8th grade club members who have remained highly active in club activities during their time at the DHHL Middle School. This will include approximately 10 to 15 members of the club making the trip along with 4 chaperones (pending clearances). The trip will be funded by club fundraisers.
2. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Ned Hampford as Assistant Swim Coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, stipend as per contract.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Jacey Miller as Head Varsity Track and Field Coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, stipend \$5,500.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Mike Brennan as an Assistant Varsity Track and Field Coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, stipend \$3,000.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Joe Bickleman as an Assistant Varsity Track and Field Coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, stipend as per contract.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. 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 retroactively approve the Agreement with Heim for HVAC Preventative Maintenance - \$140,506.00 through 10/31/2025.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Professional Services Agreement with Levkolic Associates to provide services on an as-needed basis through December 31, 2025.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Quote from Moyer Electric COSTARS #034-E24-219 Vendor #141235 to upgrade and replace the amplifiers in Martz Hall.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission of the following vehicles to be salvaged at Naftzinger:
 - 1996 Ford F250
 - 1996 Jeep
 - 1999 Ford Van
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission of the following tables from JSC Elementary:
 - 6 Circle, 4' diameter
 - 2 Computer Tables, bottom is 3' by 2' and top is 3' by 1'
 - 14 Rectangle, 6'
 - 2 Rectangle, 5'
 - 3 Rectangle, 4'
 - 1 Square, 3'
 - 5 Trapezoid, 5'
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission of the following equipment:
 - SpeedGleam Floor Scrubber
Model # 604286
Serial # SGL2000001082AS
 - Clarke Vacuum
Model # 590 Space Vac
Serial # VF2434
 - Windor Axxess Floor Scrubber
 - Advance Matador Side by Side
 - General Side by Side Burnisher

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.3 Transportation - Mrs. Ashley DeWitt
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.4 Personnel - Mrs. Ashley Dewitt

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action**It is recommended by the Personnel Committee that the Board approve the following:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following afterschool tutors:
 Kayla Dean - PAHS
 Aprile Goehring - JSC
 Lauren Deibert - JSC
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Jill O'Toole and Meredith Pellish as co-advisors of the PAHS Club AID for the 2024-2025 school year, stipend as per contract.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Arrianna Perez, IT intern, effective December 13, 2024.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Nelcheska Henriquez, Paraprofessional at JSC Elementary, effective January 3, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Elisha Coleman, Paraprofessional at PAHS, effective January 15, 2025.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for an Autistic Support special education teaching position for the 2025-2026 School Year.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Barbara Arner as a part-time Cafeteria Aide at the hourly rate of \$10.25, and Cafeteria Substitute at the hourly rate of \$11.50, retroactive to December 5, 2024.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Sage Noll as a full-time Accounts Receivable Coordinator, at the annual salary of \$47,452.00, retroactive to January 1, 2025.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve Terri Moyer as a part-time Transportation Aide, at the hourly rate of \$11.75, retroactive to January 13, 2025.

10. It is recommended that the Board approve Darlene Rose as a part-time Transportation Aide, at the hourly rate of \$11.75, effective January 27, 2025.

11. 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 for the 2024-2025 school year:

Angel Mundy
Bernadette Ott
Sharon Pagar
Ashley Rumpf
Rodney Snowell
Jacquelin Stank

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following FMLA/LOA requests per policy #334:

Employee #1702 - 11/18 & 19, 2024; 01/08/25
Employee #1476 - 12/4 & 9, 2024
Employee #70 - 12/13/24
Employee #1767 - 1/7/25 through TBD
Employee #1699 - 1/13/25 through 3/15/25 (FMLA)
Employee #202 - 1/20/25 (Intermittent Leave of Absence)
Employee #947 - 2/6 & 2/7, 2025
Employee #1730 - 4/13/25 through 6/6/25

13. It is recommended that the Board approve Charlene Corby as part-time Van Driver at the hourly rate of \$15.50, retroactive to January 10, 2025. Mrs. Corby was previously a part-time Transportation Aide.

14. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Special Education Teacher at PAHS for 20 years, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year. We are grateful for Mr. Smith's dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish him well in his retirement.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. 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 stipulation for Tax Parcels 68-28-127 and 68-28-133.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the NRG 12-month agreement for natural gas retroactive to January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the LERTA application for tax abatement - property at 111-115 East Norwegian St. Pottsville. We are grateful that The Farm Store selected Pottsville for its opportunity and hope the business thrives in this location.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Hoffman & Hlavac retroactive to January 8, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the early payoff amount of \$498,140.94 for Bank of America Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement dated May 14, 2013. Estimated payoff date is January 27, 2025.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of the PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT in the revised amount of \$110,000 for the purposes of door replacement.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the daily remote check deposit limit change from \$1MM to \$500K for Mid Penn Bank.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2024 - 2025 IDEA-B Agreement with the Schuylkill IU29.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2021 - 2022 School Based Access Program Billing Agreement with Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

1. Congratulations to PAHS, DHHL Middle School, and JSC Elementary Center for earning the highest PBIS status. Pottsville Area School District is the only district in Pennsylvania to achieve Tier 3 in all levels.
2. Congratulations to PAHS students, Megan Goodman for being the top student at the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 CalcuSolve competition and to the entire PAHS team who came in first place: Ryan Beltz, Abby Mendofik, Jamison Walsh, and Megan Goodman!
3. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month:
 - K - Joseph Guzman Gonzalez
 - 1 - Arianny Diaz
 - 2 - Yuri Krause
 - 3 - Arielle Senquiz
 - 4 - Kennedy Hughes
4. Congratulations to PAHS Artist of the Month, Emma Adams!
5. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month, Hadley Snyder and Aiden Cover!
6. Congratulations to PAHS student, Ava Orlowsky, who will be representing PAHS in the District Band Festival at Catasauqua High School January 23-25, 2025.

Subject	10.7 Technology - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Pennsylvania DGS Dell Technologies, COSTARS-003-E22-603 for the replacement of Dell laptops - \$164,574.00.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Lightspeed Systems for Digital Insight - \$9,900.00.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from IntegraONE for Fortinet Firewall 901G to be submitted via eRate. Reimbursement rate is currently at 80%, so the approximate cost to the District will be \$10,714.44.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following quotes from KIT Communications:

- Chimes - \$321
- PressBox - \$5,946
- Elevator - \$2,594
- Verkada Camera Additions for Martz Hall - \$15,634.00

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Hunter and Lomison for a Kohler Model #36CCL Natural Gas Generator - \$22,146.00

6. It is recommended that the Board approve Liam Ortiz as a part-time IT Intern from Penn State Schuylkill at an hourly rate of \$12.00 retroactive to January 6, 2025. We appreciate the collaboration with Penn State Schuylkill.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.9 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas

Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject 10.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action

Subject 10.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 11.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

12. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 12.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board Member

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 12. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

January 24, 2025 - Report Cards Uploaded to Skyward (tentative)

February 17, 2025 - President's Day (School Closed)

Subject 12.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 12. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 12.3 Dates for Future Meetings - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

Meeting Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 12. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

Meetings for February 2025

Facilities Committee Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 9 AM in the Academic Center

Technology Committee Meeting - no February meeting

Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Academic Center

Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Academic Center

Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 7 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	13.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

14. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	14.1 Adjourn
Meeting	Jan 22, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	14. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn