

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting November 20, 2024 – 7:00 PM Board Room – Academic Center	Present:	Mr. Ansbach, Mrs. Hobbs (Zoom), Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Stair, Business Manager; Mrs. Bevan, Asst. Business Manager/ Board Secretary; Mr. Thomas; Dr. Yoder, Superintendent
	Absent:	Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. Shields

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Lynda Wytovich .
Roll Call – 6 members present, 2 absent, 1 on Zoom.

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.

Dr. Yoder introduced the BOUNCY SERVICE DOG PRESENTATION by JSC ELEMENTARY CENTER FACULTY/ ADMINISTRATION

Kendra Boris
Deborah Lecker
Heather Martin
Haley Pappacena
Julie Saunders

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. Urban, seconded by Mr. Ansbach, it was recommended that the Board approve the October 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the October 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of Stephanie Wood, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Ansbach, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the month of October 2024:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - General Fund Balance as of October 31, 2024 - \$13,305,390.15, Cafeteria Checking Balance as of October 31, 2024 - \$403,622.55.

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 - none

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Board President and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Ciavarella, the Board approved the \$5,500.00 donation from Angela and Jeff Garrett for the design and production of Crimson Tide banners to be displayed on campus grounds and Veterans Memorial Stadium. Angela Boris Garrett is a 1991 PAHS graduate. We are thankful for their generosity!

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban, the 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 - 6 Credits
Krista Bevan - 3 Credits
Kendra Boris - 3 Credits
Emily Earley - 3 Credits
Lisa Holobetz - 3 Credits
Alicia Nye - 9 Credits
Kimberly O'Brien - 3 Credits
Jill Prestileo - 3 Credits
Michael Roberts - 3 Credits
Jillian Strohecker - 9 Credits
Haley Wiscount - 6 Credits

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mr. Ansbach, seconded by Mrs. Dewitt 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:

Megan Sirkot - \$3,096.00

No discussion, motion carried.

Dr. Yoder announced the following information items:

The Crimson Tide Foundation is proud to announce the following Venture Grants, which were awarded for the 2024-2025 school year.

STEM Equipment for PAHS submitted by Stephen Horvath. Amount - \$3,078.72
STEM Equipment for DHHL Middle School submitted by Jonathan Hughes. Amount - \$3,127.99

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

On the recommendation of the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee, and on motion of Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board approved the following:

1. Scott Mattea as Assistant Athletics Director at the annual stipend of \$6,763.00.
2. The following Wrestling Coaches for the 2024 - 2025 Season:

Ed Harris - Volunteer Assistant Varsity Coach
JJ Martin - Volunteer Assistant Junior High Coach
Jason Thomas - Volunteer Assistant Junior High Coach
3. Adrian Portland as Boys' Tennis Coach for the 2024 - 2025 Season, stipend per contract.
4. Devon Sinkovich as Assistant Cheerleading Coach for the 2024 - 2025 Season, stipend as per contract.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Facilities and Grounds Committee, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Ciavarella, the Board approved the following:

1. The Change Orders #1 and #2 for the Wellness Room.
2. The quote from Miracle Ford for the purchase of a 2025 F-450 Chassis 4x4 SD Regular Cab 145" WB DRW XL (F4H) 6.7 Diesel - COSTARS Contract #13 Vendor #013-196: \$68,323.62
3. The quote from Mid Atlantic Municipal, LLC. Lancaster Truck Bodies for A- Gallon Godwin 133U-9 Stainless Steel dump body: \$42,887.00 and the add on of a Western Wide-out 8' to 10' Expandable plow: \$10,960.00.

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. The Leave Without Pay request per School Board Policy #334:
 - Employee # 947 - November 25, 26, 27, 2024
 - Employee # 1762 - October 9, 10, 11, 18, 21 and Oct 16 (1/2 day); Nov 1, 4, 13, 15, 19 (1/2 day), 22
 - Employee #1748 - November 18 - 27, 2024
 - Employee #25 - October 23, 2024

- Employee #1300 - November 22, 2024
- Employee #70 - November 6, 2024
- Employee #1702 - November 6, 2024

2. The following employees' request for Intermittent Family Medical Leave (FMLA):

- Employee #1378 - retroactive to October 9, 2024

3. Kathleen Hughes as a part-time Transportation Aide at the hourly rate of \$11.75, effective November 12, 2024.

4. Retroactively approval of Christine Kuperavage as part-time cafeteria aide at Pottsville Area High School at the hourly rate of \$11.50, effective November 4, 2024.

5. The resignation for the purposes of retirement from David Heinly, full-time Custodian at JSC Elementary, effective November 15, 2024. We wish him well in his retirement.

6. The resignation of Lee Ann Morgan from her position as Accounts Receivable Manager, effective December 13, 2024.

7. The resignation of Shane Derfler, part-time outdoor maintenance, retroactive to July 11, 2024.

8. Mrs. Ashley Fehr as an ESL Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2024-2025 School Year - Step 11 - Bachelor's + 15 - \$61,283, pending release from current employer.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and on motion of Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following:

1. The Agreement with the Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol Program for the PASD to receive grant funds for summer programming at DHHL Middle School with an amount not to exceed \$12,680.

2. The PHEAA ACH Authorization Agreement with respect to stipends for student teachers/interns.

No discussion, motion carried.

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

1. Congratulations to Ms. Zerbe, our cafeteria staff, and all of DHHL Lengel Middle School for receiving the Farm to School grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

2. The Induction of PAHS National Honor Society members was held in the auditorium on Wednesday, November 6th. The speaker, chosen by the members, was Mr. Rhoads. Congratulations to the top 5% of juniors (13 students) and the top 10% of seniors (21 students) for this prestigious honor!

3. Congratulations to PAHS Artist of the Month for November, Elizabeth Ortiz.

4. Thank you DHHL Middle School and Title I teachers for organizing the Trunk or Treat event that was held on October 25th. We appreciate the businesses, teachers & staff, students in clubs & athletics, and community members for their creative trunks as well as the hundreds of PASD families for attending!!

5. Congratulations to PAHS Students, Elizabeth Martinko and Carter Strouse, Rotary Students of the Month.

6. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month:

K - Stella Smink

1 - Kyrie Lee

2 - Dezick Leib

3 - Grace Brentari

4 - Mavis Alvarez

7. Congratulations to the choir members who auditioned and were accepted into the 2025 Schuylkill County Chorus! The Schuylkill County Chorus gathers singers from around the county for a high-level performance. This will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm at North Schuylkill High School.

Ava Androschick

Emma Bouffard

Charley Brode

Aliya Dean

Angel Diehl

Sage Dougherty

Maya Johnson

Lucas Kerby

Anna Luckenbill

Michael Prestileo

Jules Rascavage

Daniela Rodriguez Garcia

Robert Rulavage

Evrett Walters

8. Congratulations to the Tri-County Youth PMFL-A Football Team for winning the championship on November 10th.

9. Congratulations to Jace Manion and Robert Kasten for being selected as STC Students of the Month for September.

On the recommendation of the Technology Committee, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mr. Ciavarella, the Board approved the following:

1. The proposal from Active Internet Technologies, dba Finalsite - \$1500.

2. The quote from Garland Communication Systems - Contact SWEET! Standard Edition - \$5,306.00.

3. The quote from SchoolStatus for the purchase of Smore for Teams Subscription - \$1,360.00

No discussion, motion carried.

Under New Business, Junior Board Member announced the following:

November 27, 2024 - Holiday Early Dismissal
November 28 - December 2, 2024 - Thanksgiving Recess
December 5, 2024 - PAHS Holiday Choir Concert
December 7, 2024 - PAHS Winter Formal
December 12, 2024 - PAHS Holiday Band Concert

On the recommendation of **Mrs. Bevan**, Assistant Business Manager, on motion of **Mr. Thomas**, seconded by **Mr. Urban**, the Board approved the Use of Facilities requests as follows:

HS

1. Cafeteria
AID Tea
Retroactive to 11/3/2024 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

JSC

1. JSC Campus
Joy Through the Halls
Cafeteria, Hallways, Gymnasium, Library, Bathrooms
Martz Hall Parking Lot
12/13/24 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

No discussion, motion carried.


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

Reorganization/Board Meeting - Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

An Executive Session was held from 6:31 p.m. to 6:57 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

There being no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Motion by **Mr. Thomas**, seconded by **Mrs. Dewitt**. Motion carried.



Krista Bevan November 21, 2024
Board Secretary (Date)

