



**Wednesday, February 19, 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	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	1.2 Public Comment
Meeting	Feb 19, 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 PAHS Bocce Ball
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	2. PRESENTATION
Access	Public
Type	Information

Presentation by the PAHS Bocce Ball Team - PAHS Principal Mrs. Hummel, PAHS Special Education Supervisor Mrs. Nye, Coaches Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Withelder, and team members

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	3.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Feb 19, 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 January 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the January 22, 2025 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	Feb 19, 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 as of 01/31/2025 - \$10,222,853.86

Cafeteria Checking Balance as of 01/31/2025 - \$561,241.13

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

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Kevin Reid, ATTORNEY AT LAW

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	7.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

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:

Jamie Dawson - 3 Credits
John Guzick - 3 Credits
Jeffrey Hughes - 5 Credits
Melissa Scheetz - 6 Credits
Michael Walser - 12 Credits

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	7.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	7. 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 - \$1,548.00
Michel Germán - \$3,426.00
John Guzick - \$3,000.00
Michael Walser - \$3,096.00
Jake Wartella - \$300.00
Leah Zerbe - \$6,664.50

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	7.3 Calendar
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the 2025-2026 calendar be approved. The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 25, 2025, and tentatively the last day of school will be Tuesday, June 3, 2026. Tentative Teacher In-service days will be held August 19-21, 2025; October 13, 2025; November 10, 2025; and January 19, 2026. Early dismissals will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2025; Tuesday, December 23, 2025; Wednesday, April 1, 2026; Friday, May 22, 2026; and the last day of school.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

8. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	8.1 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	8. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

Informational:

Thank you Noble "Bud" Quandel for his extremely generous EITC donation to the Crimson Tide Foundation. We appreciate Mr. Quandel's support of our students, educators and community.

Subject	8.2 Federal Programs
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	8. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject	9.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. 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 following Track & Field Coaches for the 2024-2025 Season, pending completion of paperwork, stipend as per contract:

Anthony Kelly - Varsity Assistant Coach
 Jed Dunkel - Varsity Assistant Coach
 Michael Holobetz - Varsity Assistant Coach
 Katie Miller - Varsity Assistant Coach
 Mark Laubenstine - Jr. High Head Coach
 Josh Kalyan - Jr. High Assistant Coach
 Kevin Donton - Jr. High Assistant Coach

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Volunteer Varsity Track & Field Coaches for the 2024-2025 Season, pending clearances and completed coaching coursework:

Craig Lowthert
 Brad Miller

3. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation letter from Stephen Messina, JV Baseball Coach, effective February 14, 2025.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Jacob Kuperavage as the JV Baseball Coach, for the 2024-2025 Season, pending completion of paperwork, stipend as per contract.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	9.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. 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 approve the purchase of a 2013 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor from the Minersville Borough - \$5,800.00.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Houck Services, Inc. - time and materials not to exceed \$10,800.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from 911 Rapid Response, LLC (Costars: 013-E22-275) - \$1,250.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	9.3 Transportation - Mrs. Ashley DeWitt
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	9.4 Personnel - Mrs. Ashley Dewitt
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. 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 accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from the following PASDEA employees with effective dates:

~ Mrs. Beverly Dillow, Elementary School Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for 26 years, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year

~ Mrs. Deborah Lecker, Special Education Teacher at JSC Elementary Center for 20 years, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year

~ Mrs. Donna Mates, Science Teacher at DHHL Middle School for 40 years, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year

~ Mr. Scott Mattea, Business Teacher/Assistant Athletic Director at PAHS for 26 years, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year

~ Mr. Daniel Moyer, Social Studies/Digital Citizenship Teacher at DHHL Middle School for 31 years, effective December 31, 2025

~ Mr. Eric Rismiller, Social Studies Teacher/Athletic Director at PAHS for 27 years, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year

We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish them well in retirement.

2. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation for the purposes of retirement from the following employees:

~ Mrs. Kimberly Pekarik, Paraprofessional at PAHS, effective June 30, 2025

~ Mrs. Amy Ryan, Administrative Assistant at PAHS, effective June 30, 2025

~ Mrs. Carol McKeone, Custodian at PAHS, effective June 30, 2025

We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish them well in retirement.

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

Employee #1476 - 01/21 & 22, 2025

Employee #221 - 02/11/25 through 03/20/25

Employee #1764 - 02/07 through 02/11, and 02/14, 2025

Employee #1483 - 01/27/25

Employee #1483 - 02/21/25

Employee #1476 - 02/07/25
 Employee # 25 - 02/14/25
 Employee #476 - 02/03/25 through 02/10/25
 Employee #334 - 03/06/25 through TBD
 Employee #1089 - 02/03/25 through 05/02/25
 Employee #328 - 02/03/25 through 05/02/25
 Employee #1300 - 02/28/25

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Joelle Reed as a part-time Kindergarten Aide at the hourly rate of \$14.50, retroactive to February 3, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Jennifer Molina for the JSC Elementary Center and DHH Lengel Middle School After School Program funded through 21st Century Grant, Schuylkill County MHSDA, and/or Ready to Learn at an hourly rate of \$24.40 for the 2024-2025 school year.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Ima Alexander as a full-time Administrative Assistant at the hourly rate of \$17 effective February 24, 2025.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following part-time Paraprofessionals for JSC Elementary Center at the hourly rate of \$14.25:
 - Lorie Steranko retroactive to February 5, 2025
 - Lasandra Burgos retroactive to February 10, 2025
8. It is recommended that the Board approve cafeteria employees Aneht Gonzalez and Elizabeth Roberts as substitute custodians at the hourly rate of \$12.50 retroactive to January 28, 2025.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve Dilcia Diaz as a part-time Bus Driver at the hourly rate of \$19.00 retroactive to February 18, 2025.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	9.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. 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 Mrs. Stephanie Wood, Business Manager, to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Hershey, PA; March 11-14, 2025. Total cost of the conference is approximately \$1136.90.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Wave of Wellness for March for all PASD Staff, funded by the BSCA grant.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution between the Pottsville Area School District and Berkheimer, the duly appointed collector of local taxes for the district, effective February 19, 2025.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	9.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

1. Congratulations to the DHHL Middle School students who competed in the MathCounts competition at Penn State Schuylkill on February 1st. We are proud of 8th grader Najlaa Belkhouthout for earning first place and a trip to the MathCounts State competition! Shoutout also to Evan Halat for qualifying for the Countdown round and finishing in 6th place! Congratulations to the team comprised of Najlaa Belkhouthout, Anna Powers, Jordan Reedy, & Gracie Weiss for placing 2nd in the Team Competition!
2. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month, Madison Hennick and Kalie Olenick!
3. Congratulations to PAHS Artist of the Month, Geri Jordan!
4. Congratulations to JSC Students of the Month:
 - K - Elias Rivera
 - 1 - Liam Crarv
 - 2 - Fiona Prutzman
 - 3 - Adazha Alvarex Mejia
 - 4 - Edan Casanova
5. Congratulations to 6th grader Liam McShaw for placing first in the DHHL Middle School Spelling Bee held on February 11th! 7th graders Riley Jordan (2nd place) and Mattea Anthony (3rd place) will join Liam in the Schuylkill County Spelling Bee on March 8, 2025, which will be

held in the DHHL Auditorium and generously sponsored by NEPA MAEC and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29.

Subject 9.7 Technology - Mr. Jerome Urban

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Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 9.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action, Information

Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 9.9 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas

Meeting Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 9.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type	Action
Subject	9.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

It is recommended by the Labor Relations Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pottsville Area School District Education Association and the Pottsville Area School District for the purposes of Dual Enrollment.

Motion to approve as recommended.

10. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject	10.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports
Subject	10.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

It is recommended that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board appoint Mr. Bob Thomas to serve on the Schuylkill Technology Center Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

2. It is recommended that the Board appoint Mr. Jerome Urban to serve on the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 10.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

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Category 10. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 10.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Meeting Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 10. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

11. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 11.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board Member

Meeting Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 11. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

March 3-7, 2025 - Read Across America Week

March 8, 2025 - Schuylkill County Regional Spelling Bee at DHHL Auditorium

March 9, 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 15, 2025 - St. Patrick's Day Parade (Pottsville)

March 28-30, 2025 - PAHS Spring Musical

Subject 11.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	11. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Use of Facilities:

MS

1 – Auditorium and Cafeteria

Mr. Anthracite Body Building Competition

7/12/2025, 7:30am-5:30pm

2 – Martz Hall Upper Level

LVHN Walk with a Doc

9:30am-11:30am on the following dates:

2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21/2025

3 - Top of Martz Hall

Schuylkill County Sheriff's Office

Physical Readiness Exam

2/10/25, 3:00pm - 3:30pm

High School Track

Nativity B.V.M. High School - Times to be scheduled with the Athletic Director

Track and Field Season beginning March 2025 until the end of 2025 season for a total of \$500.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	11.3 Dates for Future Meetings - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
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Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
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Type	Information

Meetings for March 2025

Facilities Committee Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 9 AM in the Academic Center
Technology Committee Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6 PM in the Academic Center
Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Academic Center
Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Academic Center
Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7 PM in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	12.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

13. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	13.1 Adjourn
Meeting	Feb 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	13. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn