



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

Subject	1.2 Public Comment
Meeting	Mar 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 Presentation - DHHL ACHIEVE After School Program
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	2. PRESENTATION
Access	Public
Type	Information

Presentation - Ms. Leah Zerbe mentors DHHL students to successfully advocate for the Pottsville City Council to revise the Milkweed Ordinance.

3. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	3.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Mar 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 February 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes and the February 19, 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	Mar 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 February 28, 2025 - \$11,074,185.73

Cafeteria Checking Balance as of February 28, 2025 - \$579,044.54
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. Donations

Subject	6.1 Donations
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	6. Donations
Access	Public
Type	Information

Informational:

The following donations have been conditionally approved by Superintendent Dr. Yoder as per Policy 702. Final approval is dependent upon communication with District Administrators regarding placement and timeline.

1. Materials and labor from Bill Zeth for the purposes of improving the batting cages and bullpen at the Softball Field within the CACL Complex.
2. Materials and labor from the Tide Quarterback Club for the purposes of improving the PAHS Football locker room.
3. Donation of thirty-three (33) Lockers from the Schuylkill Haven Area School District to the PAHS Football locker room.
4. Materials and labor from Ty Steidle for the purposes of improving the press box at the Steidle Baseball Field within the CACL Complex.
5. Materials and labor from the Pottsville Track Boosters for the purposes of improving the long/triple jump pit at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

We are thankful for their generosity to benefit our students.

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

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	8.1 Pre-approval of Credits
Meeting	Mar 19, 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:

Krista Bevan - 3 Credits

Michael Brennan - 3 Credits

Stephen Horvath - Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Administration Certification

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	8.2 Credit Reimbursement
Meeting	Mar 19, 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:

Kimberly O'Brien - \$1,125.00

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	9.1 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	9. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Information

Informational:

Thank you to the following individuals and groups who donated to the Crimson Tide Foundation:

- Kiehner Memorial
- Ty Painter
- Tom Campion
- PASDEA
- Mid Penn Bank
- Kristen Barefield
- Rob Zuppert

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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject 10.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting	Mar 19, 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 Mia Bowers as Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach for the 2024-2025 season.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Joshua Muldowney as Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach, stipend to be prorated for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, as per contract.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Michael Holobetz as Assistant Track & Field Coach and approve him as a volunteer Track & Field Coach for the 2024-2025 season.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Carolyn Wasilewski to attend the 2025 Math Counts competition in Harrisburg (March 21 - 22, 2025).
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following coaches for the 2025-2026 season, stipend as per contract unless otherwise noted:

Varsity Football

Michael Brennan - Head Coach
 Kurt Eroh - Assistant
 Rick Painter - Assistant
 Ian Renninger - Assistant
 Tyler Heffner - Assistant
 Anthony Kelly - Assistant
 Open - Assistant
 Tony Barone - Equipment Manager
 Marty Palm - Volunteer Assistant

Junior High Football

Mark Laubenstine - Head Coach
 Josh Kalyan - Assistant
 Stephen Messina - Assistant

Brian Brennan - Volunteer Assistant
Steve Joachim - Volunteer Assistant

Golf

Tyler McCole - Head Coach

Girls' Volleyball

Maria Sherakas - Head Coach, stipend \$5,600
Kendra Boris - Assistant
Mike Puzauskie - Assistant

Cross Country

Lacey Timony - Head Coach

Girls' Tennis

Adrian Portland - Head Coach

Girls' Soccer

Robert Stock - Head Coach
Robert Evans - Assistant
Brian Spotts - Assistant
Eric Lord - Assistant
Dante McCoy - Assistant

Boys' Soccer

Zachary Reichert - Head Coach
Giuseppe Giuffre - Assistant
Mookpolo Wait - Assistant
Roberto Piccone - Assistant
Brandon Woollam - Assistant

Cheerleading

Jody Rutherford - Head Coach
Devon Sinkovich - Assistant
Crystal Reedy - Assistant

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended
Action

It is recommended by the Facilities and Grounds Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Miller Sports Construction (Costars Contract #: 014-E23-327) for track repairs - \$6,500.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.3 Transportation - Mrs. Ashley DeWitt
Meeting	Mar 19, 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	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Cynthia Gillis as a part-time Cafeteria staff member at DHHL Middle School at the hourly rate of \$11.50, retroactive to February 24, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Denise Rivera as a part-time Paraprofessional at JSC Elementary Center at the hourly rate of \$14.25, retroactive to March 10, 2025.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Luis Barrios as a part-time Paraprofessional at JSC Elementary Center at the hourly rate of \$14.25, retroactive to March 12, 2025.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Paige Bowers as a part-time Paraprofessional at JSC Elementary Center at the hourly rate of \$14.25, retroactive to March 10, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Jevin Reeve as a part-time Paraprofessional at DHHL Middle School at the hourly rate of \$14.25, effective March 25, 2025.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve David Steranko as a Bus Driver at the hourly rate of \$19.00, retroactive to March 3, 2025.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Tanner Detweiler as a full-time Custodian at the hourly rate of \$13.25, retroactive to March 3, 2025.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Abbey McGee as a School Psychologist Intern for the 2025-2026 school year at an intern salary of \$23,000.
9. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Kathleen Shipton, Paraprofessional at the DHHL Middle School, effective March 12, 2025. We are grateful for Mrs. Shipton's dedication and commitment to the students, families and community and wish her well in retirement.
10. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Abby Wertman, Art Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective March 28, 2025. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
11. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Haley Pappacena, Special Education Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. We wish her well in her new endeavors.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for a Director of Facilities.
13. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for a DHHL/PAHS Library Media Specialist.
14. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for a PAHS Physical Education Teacher.
15. It is recommended that the Board approve the following FMLA/LOA requests per policy #334:
 - Employee #107 - 04/3/25 - 04/11/25
 - Employee #538 - 03/03/25 - 03/07/25
 - Employee #1583 - 03/14/25 - 04/12/25
 - Employee #1058 - 02/26/25 - 04/09/25
 - Employee #815 - 03/03/25 - 03/14/25
 - Employee #245 - 02/14/25 - 05/14/25

Employee #103 - 03/03/25 - 06/03/25 (Intermittent)

Employee #1548 - 03/14/25

16. It is recommended that the Board approve the following list of after school tutors for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:

PAHS

Patricia Halko

DHHL

Jennifer Lutz

JSC

Gia Hannon

Beth Bauers

17. It is recommended that the Board approve the following list of professionals for the 2024 - 2025 Extended School Year (ESY):

Nurse

Carrie Selinko

Kendra Rooney

Teachers

JSC

Heather McDonald

Heather Martin

Haley Pappacena

DHHL

Paige Borrell

Stephanie Maroukis

Ashley Shappell

PAHS

Marissa Rhode

Megan Sirkot

Paraprofessionals

JSC

Lasandra Burgos

Lorie Steranko

Jodi Foulk

Mary Hooper

Sandy Paulshock

Jackie Stank

DHHL

Naomi Vigoda

Cynthia Flynn

Jennifer Molina

PAHS

Bridget Schwartz

Susan Griffin

Speech

Olivia Eagan

OT

Dr. Holly Naradko

18. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement with John Guzick as a School Psychologist at a salary of \$63,000 with a start date effective upon the completion of his internship with the PASD. Christine Schuebel will serve as Mr. Guzick's mentor.

19. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Operating Hours Calendar for 12 month personnel.

20. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Lynn Holden as a Non-PAESPA Administrative Assistant at PAHS at an hourly rate of \$19.00, effective July 1, 2025.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Mar 19, 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. Comparison Expense and Revenue Reports/Summary
2. Treasurer's Report
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Letter of Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the LERTA application for tax abatement - property 68-37-8(1) at 411 South Claude A. Lord Blvd, Pottsville.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Schuylkill Technology Center 2025-2026 Budget in the amount of \$6,808,750. Pottsville Area School District's contribution is \$935,974; an increase of \$44,352 from prior year. **Note: Each Director must sign the ballot indicating their vote on the above motion and return to the Board Secretary.**
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Intermediate Unit General Operating 2025-2026 Budget. Total Budget amount - \$3,053,967. **Note: Each Director must sign the ballot indicating their vote on the above motion and return to the Board Secretary.**
7. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to reinvest the February and March PSDLAF maturities with PSDLAF at the advertised rate on the upcoming maturity date of March 20, 2025.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	10.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

1. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month, Makenzie Reber and Connor McGowan.
2. Congratulations to PAHS Artist of the Month, Tessa Nelson.
3. Congratulations to the following DHHL Middle School students who earned spots in the top 20 after the essay round of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce's first annual National Civics Bee competition.
 - Genessa Harrison
 - Najlaa Belkhoutout
 - Heidi McGinley
 - Allisyn Goodman
 - Zaid Krim
 - Miles Kalyan
4. Congratulations to JSC Elementary Center Students of the Month:
 - K - Jake Wartella
 - 1 - Sarai Santiago
 - 2 - Norah Sherry
 - 3 - Leia Sunday
 - 4 - Paris-Ann Winds
5. Congratulations to DHHL Middle School Students, Riley Jordan on his runner up finish at the NEPA MAEC/Schuylkill IU 29 Regional Spelling Bee! 6th grader Liam McShaw also participated and 7th grader Jayden Jeune was Lengel's alternate.

Subject 10.7 Technology - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended
Action Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following proposals from KIT Communications:

- Middle School - Verkada TD52 Video Intercom and 5-year Verkada Cloud Intercom License - \$3,190.00.
- Middle School - Camera installation of seven cameras, relocation of one camera and 5-year Verkada Cloud Licensing for each camera - \$18,898.00.
- High School - Camera installation of six cameras, relocation of one camera, one access control, one card reader, and 5-year Verkada Cloud Licensing for each - \$26,786.00

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote for Cisco/Meraki MR Enterprise License, 3 YR - \$36,235.44, expectation is an 80% reduction once E-rate has been approved.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from VERO Networks for fiber connection from the JSC Elementary Center to the Academic Center - \$69,000 for five (5) years total, expectation is an 80% reduction once E-rate has been approved.

Subject 10.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Mar 19, 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 Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category	10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject 10.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields

Meeting Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Subject 10.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban

Meeting Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 11.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 11.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich

Meeting Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting

Category 11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject 11.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	11. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject 11.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Meeting	Mar 19, 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	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	12. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Information

March 21, 2025 - School Closed (Spring Break)

March 24, 2025 - Teachers' In-Service (No School for Students)

March 26, 2024 - End of 3rd Marking Period

March 27, 2025 - Start of 4th Marking Period

March 28-30, 2025 - Spring Musical (Man of La Mancha)

April 2, 2025 - Report Cards Upload to Skyward

April 17, 2025 - Holiday Early Dismissal

April 18 - 21, 2025 - Easter Recess

Subject	12.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	12. 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

Schuylkill County Tax Assessment Meeting - fee waived

3/26/2025 6:00 pm-9:00pm

2 – Martz Hall/ Concession Stand

Schuylkill County Career Fair - fee waived

Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council

April 9, 3:00 pm until set-up complete, April 10, 2025 7:00 am -2:00 pm

3 – Pool

Stoic Aquatics - \$75/day

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 5:00pm-7:00pm

May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 2025 6:00pm-8:00pm

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	12.3 Dates for Future Meetings - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	12. NEW BUSINESS

Access	Public
Type	Information

Meetings for April 2025

Facilities Committee Meeting on April 7, 9:00 am in the Academic Center
Cancelled - Technology Committee Meeting on April 7, 6:00 pm in Academic Center
Finance Committee Meeting on April 9, 5:30 pm in the Academic Center
Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 9, 6:00 pm in the Academic Center
Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm in the DHH Lengel Auditorium

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	13.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

14. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	14.1 Adjourn
Meeting	Mar 19, 2025 - Board Meeting
Category	14. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn