

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors	Present:	Mr. Ansbach, Mrs. Hobbs (Zoom),
Board Meeting		Mr. Ciavarella, Mrs. Dewitt,
January 22, 2025 – 7:00 PM		Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Mrs. Buchanan,
Board Room – Academic Center		Dr. Yoder, Superintendent; Mrs. Wood,
		Business Manager; Mrs. Bevan, Asst. Business
		Manager/ Board Secretary
		Dr. Yoder, Superintendent
	Absent:	Mr. Shields

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Lynda Wytovich .
Roll Call – 8 members present, 1 absent.

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

On motion of Mr. Ansbach, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the November 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes, the November 20, 2024 and December 4, 2024 and 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 Stephanie Wood, Business Manager, and on motion of Mr. Ansbach, seconded by Mr. Urban, the Board approved the following Financial Reports for the months of November and December 2024:

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

No discussion, motion carried.

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.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Mrs. Buchanan, 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 - 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

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:

Brianna Betz - \$3,096.00

Krista Bevan - \$1,713.00

Jamie Dawson \$1,605.00

Karrison Dubbs - \$1,548.00

Emily Earlley - \$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

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of Dr. Yoder, and on motion of Mr. Urban, seconded by Mrs. Hobbs, the following salary adjustments to be approved and made effective the 2025-2026 school year:

Samantha Gardner - Master's + 15

Megan Sirkot - Master's + 15

On the recommendation of Dr. Yoder, and on motion of Mr. Thomas seconded by Mrs. Hobbs, it was 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)

Crimson Tide Foundation 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.

On behalf of the Pottsville Area School District, Board President Ms. Linda Wytovich presented a plaque to John Liddle **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!

Public Content

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

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. 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. Ned Hampford retroactively as Assistant Swim Coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, stipend as per contract.
3. Jacey Miller as Head Varsity Track and Field Coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, stipend \$5,500.
4. Mike Brennan as an Assistant Varsity Track and Field Coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, stipend \$3,000.
5. Joe Bickleman as an Assistant Varsity Track and Field 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 Mrs. Hobbs, the Board approved the following:

1. The Agreement with Heim for HVAC Preventative Maintenance - \$140,506.00 through 10/31/2025.
2. The Professional Services Agreement with Levkukic Associates to provide services on an as-needed basis through December 31, 2025.
3. The Quote from Moyer Electric COSTARS #034-E24-219 Vendor #141235 to upgrade and replace the amplifiers in Martz Hall.
4. The decommission of the following vehicles to be salvaged at Naftzinger:
 - 1996 Ford F250
 - 1996 Jeep

- 1999 Ford Van

5. 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. 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

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the Board approved the following:

1. The following afterschool tutors:

Kayla Dean - PAHS
Aprile Goehring - JSC
Lauren Deibert - JSC

2. 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. The resignation of Arrianna Perez, IT intern, effective December 13, 2024.

4. The resignation of Nelcheska Henriquez, Paraprofessional at JSC Elementary, effective January 3, 2025.

5. The resignation of Elisha Coleman, Paraprofessional at PAHS, effective January 15, 2025.

6. Permission to advertise for an Autistic Support special education teaching position for the 2025-2026 School Year.

7. 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. Sage Noll as a full-time Accounts Receivable Coordinator, at the annual salary of \$47,452.00, retroactive to January 1, 2025.
9. Terri Moyer as a part-time Transportation Aide, at the hourly rate of \$11.75, retroactive to January 13, 2025.
10. Darlene Rose as a part-time Transportation Aide, at the hourly rate of \$11.75, effective January 27, 2025.
11. 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. 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 TBDEmployee #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. 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. 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.

No discussion, motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and on motion of Mrs. Dewitt, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, the Board approved the following:

1. The stipulation for Tax Parcels 68-28-127 and 68-28-133.
2. The NRG 12-month agreement for natural gas retroactive to January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

3. 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. The agreement with Hoffman & Hlavac retroactive to January 8, 2025.
5. 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. The acceptance of the PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT in the revised amount of \$110,000 for the purposes of door replacement.
7. The daily remote check deposit limit change from \$1MM to \$500K for Mid Penn Bank.
8. The 2024 - 2025 IDEA-B Agreement with the Schuylkill IU29.
9. The 2021 - 2022 School Based Access Program Billing Agreement with Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5.

No discussion, motion carried.

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

Public Content

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 Catasqua High School January 23-25, 2025.

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

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- 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.

No discussion, motion carried.

Under New Business, Junior Board Member announced the following:

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

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

Mrs. Bevan, Assistant Business Manager, read the upcoming February 2025 meeting dates and informational items:

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

An Executive Session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 6:56 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Bevan', is written over a horizontal line.

Krista Bevan
Board Secretary

January 28, 2024
(Date)