

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Board Room - Academic Center

Present: Mr. Ansbach, Mr. Shields, Mrs. Hobbs,
Mrs. Dewitt (over phone),
Mr. Urban, Ms. Wytovich, Mr. Thomas,
Mrs. Buchanan Dr. Yoder, Superintendent;
Mrs. Bevan, Asst. Business Manager/ Board Secretary
Absent: Mr. Ciavarella

Administration Present: Julie Saunders, Jeromy Guistwite, Jared Gerace, Kelly Brennan,
Caitlyn Mohl, Kerri Lubinsky, Donald Ditzler

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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.

The Superintendent recommended the following for approval at the April 16, 2025 meeting:

1. Approval of Credits

Krista Bevan - 3 Credits
Stephen Horvath - Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Administration Certification

2. Credit Reimbursements

Kimberly O'Brien - \$1,125.00

Recommendations by the Facilities and Grounds Committee for approval at the April 16, 2025 Board Meeting:

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

Use of Facilities Requests

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1 - Auditorium

Schuylkill County Tax Assessment Meeting - fee waived
3/26/2025 -- 6 - 9 PM

2 - Martz Hall/ ConcessionStand

Schuylkill County Career Fair - fee waived
Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council

4/9/25, 3 PM until set-up complete; 4/10/25 -- 7 AM - 2 PM

3 - Pool

Stoic Aquatics - \$75/day

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 -- 5 - 7 PM

May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 2025 -- 6 - 8 PM

Recommendations by the Finance Committee for approval at the April 16, 2025 Board Meeting:

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.


Recommendations by the Technology Committee for approval at the April 16, 2025 Board Meeting:

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
 - - Middle School - Camera installation of seven cameras, relocation of one camera and 5-year Verkada Cloud Licensing for each camera - \$18,898
 - - 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
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.

Discussion: Mr. Urban mentioned that the cameras are to cover areas where there were blind spots. David stated that the VERO Networks include a capacity upgrade from 1 gig to 10.

An Executive Session was held from 6:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

There being no further new business - Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ciavarella, seconded by Mr. Shields. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.



Krista Bevan
Board Secretary

February 28, 2025
Date

