Wednesday, June 18, 2025
June 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	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	**1.2 Public Comment**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
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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. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject	**2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the May 7, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes; May 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes; and the May 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD

Subject	**3.1 Approval of Financial Reports**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	3. 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 May 31, 2025 - $12,425,846.22

Cafeteria Checking Balance as of $590.986.22

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?

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Eric Filer, ATTORNEY AT LAW

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER

Subject	**6.1 Pre-approval of Credits**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	6. 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:

Michael Brennan - 2 Credits
Michel Germán - 3 Credits
Johanna Morrison - 6 Credits
Michael Roberts - 6 Credits
David J. Wartella - 3 Credits

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	**6.2 Credit Reimbursement**

Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	6. 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:

Karrison Dubbs - $1,548.00
Emily Earlley - $1,548.00
Stephen Horvath - $3,500.00
Michael Roberts - $1,548.00

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	**6.3 Salary Adjustment**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - DR. SARAH YODER
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the following salary adjustment be approved and made effective the 2025-2026 school year:

Brianna Betz - Bachelor's + 15
Kendra Boris - Master's Degree
Kimberly O'Brien - Master's Degree
Haley Wiscount - Bachelor's + 15

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject	**7.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields**

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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 agreement with Saint Clair Area School District for the Provision of Shared Athletics for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Thomas Mull from the Assistant Softball Coach position effective June 3, 2025. We are grateful for Coach Mull's dedication and commitment to our student-athletes and community.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Chuck Rinaldo from the Head Softball Coach position effective May 29, 2025. We are grateful for Coach Rinaldo's dedication and commitment to our student-athletes and community.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following coaches for the 2025-2026 Spring Season, stipend as per contract:

Baseball
Michael Welsh - Head Coach
Ben O'Brien - Assistant Coach
Ty Steidle - Head JV Coach
Jacob Kuperavage - Assistant JV Coach

Softball
Jeff Bowers - Head Coach
Michael Scanlan - Assistant Coach
Michael Kiehner - Head JV Coach
Serenity Allen - Assistant JV Coach
Bruce Heffner - Volunteer
Tom Mull - Volunteer
Mia Bowers - Volunteer
Raymond Yost - Volunteer
Rodney Snowell - Jr. High Head Coach

Boys Tennis
Adrian Portland - Head Coach

Track & Field
Jacey Miller - Head Coach
Michael Brennan - Assistant Coach
Jed Dunkel - Assistant Coach

Katie Miller - Assistant Coach
Brad Miller - Volunteer
Craig Lowthert - Volunteer

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	**7.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
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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 quote from Legend Fitness & Accessories for the Martz Hall Weight Room - $33,895.67.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve an additional $986.43 in payment to the City of Pottsville for the Tennis Courts. Previously approved on October 16, 2024 not to exceed $42,000. The new total is $42,986.43.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from PennStar for Concrete work at JSC Elementary Center with a 3% Bond at a total cost of $95,790.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	**7.3 Transportation - Dr. Ashley DeWitt**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	**7.4 Personnel - Dr. Ashley Dewitt**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	7. 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 the following employees for 2025 Summer Cleaning at the hourly rate of $13.25:

Nicole Lukach
Joanie Williams
Crystal Major
Kayla Neifert
Liz Roberts
Danielle Boris

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Jennifer Brant as School Counselor for Extended School Year (ESY) at DHHL Middle School for the Summer 2025, retroactive to June 4, 2025.

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

Employee #55 - May 30, 2025 - June 3, 2025

Employee #1606 - July 1, 2025 - August 19, 2025

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to plan and/or teach for the Pottsville Area High School Summer Tutoring Program/Summer School, at an hourly rate of $35.00 as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PASD and PASDEA.

Mike Brennan
Detrick Borden
Suzanne Fredericks
Tracy James
Jacey Miller
Meredith Pellish
Adrian Portland
David Sterner
Nicole Stiles

Kayla Watt

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

Angela Altemose
Tontiana Arthur
Paige Bauer
Jennifer Brant
Chloe Dronick
Abbey McGee
Gwen Rodgers
Denise Rivera
Danielle Sclafane

6. It is recommended that the Board approve Karen Bevan as a floating Administrative Assistant at the salary of $25,935, effective July 1, 2025.

7. It is recommended that the Board accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Riyuichi Narita, STEM Teacher, at JSC Elementary Center, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Scott Burcik as a School (Guidance) Counselor at JSC Elementary Center for the 2025-2026 School Year - Step 3 - Bachelor's - $46,500. Mrs. Cindy Stasulli will serve as a mentor for Mr. Burcik.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Ashley Rumpf as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at the JSC Elementary Center for the 2025-2026 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - $46,000.

10. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Gwen Rodgers as a Special Education Teacher (Autistic Support) at JSC Elementary Center for the 2025-2026 School Year - Step 3 - Bachelor's - $46,500. Mrs. Kimberly Steigerwalt will serve as a mentor for Mrs. Rodgers.

11. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Scott Forney as a Behavior Interventionist at JSC Elementary Center for the 2025-2026 School Year at a salary of $50,000.

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Teresa Glenn as a Special Education Teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2025-2026 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - $46,000. Miss Kimberly Edling will serve as a mentor for Ms. Glenn.

13. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Keara Ryan as a Speech and Language Pathologist at JSC Elementary Center for the 2025-2026 School Year - Step 1 - Master's + 15 - $56,700. Mrs. Samantha Gardner will serve as a mentor for Ms. Ryan. It is further recommended that Ms. Ryan is approved for the 2025 Extended School Year Program at an hourly rate of $35.00.

14. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Katherine Herring as 5th Grade teacher at DHHL Middle School for the 2025-2026 School Year - Step 4 - Master's + 15 - $57,200.

15. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Sherry Hushen as the Principal at the JSC Elementary Center at a salary of $95,000 (Act 93) with a July 1, 2025 start date.

16. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Kerri Lubinsky as an Administrator on Assignment at the JSC Elementary Center at her contracted salary, effective July 1, 2025 through Ms. Lubinsky's date of resignation of August 8, 2025 for the purposes of transition.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Mason Van Tries as a Social Studies Teacher at PAHS for the 2025-2026 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - $46,000. Mr. Robert Kempsey will serve as a mentor for Mr. Van Tries.

18. It is recommended that the Board approve Permission to Advertise for an Assistant Principal at DHHL Middle School.

19. It is recommended that the Board approve Permission to Advertise for an Emotional Support teacher at JSC Elementary for the 2025-2026 School Year.

21. It is recommended that the Board approve Permission to Advertise for a Life Skills Support teacher at JSC Elementary for the 2025-2026 School Year.

22. It is recommended that the Board approve Scott Mattea as Interim Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2025, through the Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and ESS Northeast, LLC.

22. It is recommended that the Board approve Denise Cresswell as an unpaid Social Work Intern for the 2025-2026 School Year through Kutztown University. We are grateful for the collaboration with Kutztown University.

23. It is recommended that the Board approve Nicole Lukach and Heather Heck for the Summer Meals Program at an hourly rate of $12.50, retroactive to June 10, 2025.

24. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of George Hegedus as Music Teacher at the DHHL Middle School, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	**7.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella**
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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 the contract with Apple Tree Educational Associates, LLC for a Contracted School Psychologist for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Progressive Pediatric Therapy, LLC for Occupational Therapy services for the 2025-2026 school year.

3. Subsequent to the final 2024-2025 audit, it is recommended that funds remaining above the PDE threshold be committed for the following anticipated purposes:

- Curriculum Renewal
- Increase in Cyber-Charter and Charter School costs
- Increase in Health Benefits and PSERS
- Increase in Transportation costs and fuel
- Increase in Utility costs
- Unexpected Maintenance costs

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Consulting Agreement and Contractual Provisions with Templeton Advantage, LLC - $15,000.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	**7.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**
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1. Congratulations to the PAHS Class of 2025 and the STC and PAHS Honor graduates.

2. Congratulations to DHHL Middle School students, Aurora Correll and Gwenyth Lieberman, whose short film "The Horror of Truth" was selected for the big screen at the Majestic Theater Festival on May 31st.

3. Congratulations to the DHHL Middle School Tide Tek for being recognized with Blaschak Coal at the WCSM Statewide Awards at the State Capitol.

4. Thank you JSC Elementary Center PTO for providing Fun Day to the JSC Students.

Subject	**7.7 Technology - Mr. Jerome Urban**

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Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve to Migrate IT Service ticket system to Master Library at a cost of $1,800.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the printer renewal agreement with Frasier at a cost of $3,815/month for 60 months.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Decommission of the following for sale or scrap:

Dell OptiPlex 7060 Desktop Computers - quantity 200 @ $100 each
Dell E2417H Flat Panel Monitors @ $20 each
Punch-style time clock

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	**7.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the five-year Internship Agreement with Kutztown University beginning July 1, 2025.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the two-year proposal from Lexia Learning Systems, LLC at a cost of $102,092.00 per year, funded through the Ready to Learn grant.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	**7.9 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas**

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Subject	**7.10 Food Services - Mr. Craig Shields**
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Access	Public
Type	Action

Subject	**7.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Jerome Urban**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

8. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject	**8.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
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Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject	**8.2 IU 29 Representative – Ms. Linda Wytovich**

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Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject	**8.3 St. Clair Committee – Mr. Harry Ciavarella**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	8. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject	**8.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
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Subject	**8.5 School Safety and Security Coordinator Act 44 Report – Mrs. Krista Bevan**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	8. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Informational Item:

The School Safety and Security Coordinator Act 44 Report was received for the 2024-2025 school year and will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Subject	**9.1 Upcoming Events - Krista Bevan**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	9. NEW BUSINESS

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Type	Information

June 16, 2025 - August 1, 2025 - USDA Summer Nutrition Program
June 17. 2025 - July 23, 2025 - Extended School Year Program
June 17, 2025 - July 22, 2025 - Summer School
June 17, 2025 - July 23, 2025 - Summer Program (formerly Achieve)
July 4, 2025 - Independence Day (Closed)

Subject	**9.2 Dates for Future Meetings - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
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Meetings for July 2025

Facilities Meeting - Academic Center - 9:00 am on July 7, 2025
Committee of the Whole - Academic Center - 6:00 pm on July 9, 2025
Board Meeting - DHHL Auditorium - 7:00 pm on July 16, 2025

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	**10.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

Executive Session was held for Personnel Matters on the following dates and times:

May 21, 2025 from 8:41 pm to 9:03 pm
June 11, 2025 from 6:56 pm to 8:00 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	**11.1 Adjourn**
Meeting	Jun 18, 2025 - June Board Meeting
Category	11. ADJOURNMENT