

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors
Special Board Meeting
May 7, 2025 – 6:00 PM
DHH Lengel Auditorium

Present: Kerry Ansbach, Rachel Hobbs, Ashley Dewitt;
Harry Ciavarella, Jerome Urban; Linda Wytovich;
Bob Thomas; Dr. Yoder, Superintendent;
Krista Bevan, Asst. Business Manager/ Board Secretary;
Stephanie Wood, Business Manager;
Stephanie Buchanan

Absent: Craig Shields

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Linda 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.

Recommendation by Board President Linda Wytovich that the Board approve the following:

The termination of Derrell Johnson-Koulianos as Director of Athletics and Student Activities at the recommendation of the Hearing Officer, effective May 7, 2025. Roll Call vote resulted in 8 aye's, motion passed without discussion.

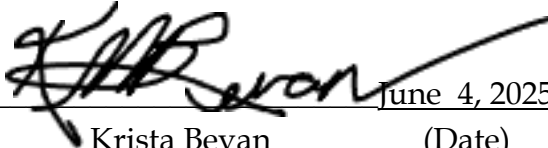
Board President Linda Wytovich said - Hearing Officer Attorney Marc Fisher presided over three (3) days of hearings held on January 15, 2025; March 4, 2025; and April 7, 2025. Attorney Fisher concurred with the District's recommendation that Mr. Johnson-Koulianos should be terminated stating in part, "The School District made inordinate efforts to help Mr. Johnson-Koulianos succeed. Mr. Johnson-Koulianos could not comport himself to comply with the requirements of his job, the directives issued to him, and the standards and conduct required of a person in his position. While any one of the grounds for termination, by itself, would warrant his dismissal, the combination of proven grounds for termination demonstrate that Mr. Johnson-Koulianos is incapable of properly performing in the school environment, and nothing short of termination would be appropriate."

The Board would like to thank Hearing Officer Attorney Fisher for his communication and diligence as well as KingSpry Attorney Sarah Modrick and the Pottsville Area School District Administration for their professionalism and fidelity in this matter.

On motion of Mr. Ansbach, seconded by Mr. Urban, it was recommended to Advertise the full-time position of Athletic Director and part-time position of Assistant Athletic Director. Motion passed without discussion.

An Executive Session was held on May 5, 2025 from 6:05 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Urban. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm and moved into executive session.



Krista Bevan June 4, 2025
Board Secretary (Date)

