

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center**

August 13, 2025

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District was held on **August 13, 2025** at 6:02 p.m. in the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Kerry Ansbach, Dr. Ashley Dewitt, Craig Shields, Bob Thomas, Jerome Urban, Linda Wytovich

Board Members Absent: Harry Ciavarella

Administration Present: Dr. Alan Lonoconus, Acting Superintendent; Stephanie Wood, Business Manager; Krista Bevan, Assistant Business Manager and Board Secretary

1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Opening – Ms. Linda Wytovich / Roll Call – Mrs. Krista Bevan

1.2 Public Comment

The Board of School Directors recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in the work of the Board. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board provides for a period of public participation at every open meeting of the Board.

A reminder was provided that the public comment period is not a question and answer session, but rather the opportunity for the public to submit comments to the Board. Members of the public must identify themselves with name and address. Comments must be made in person.

There were no public comments at this time.

2. General

2.1 Superintendent Report – Dr. Lonoconus

1. Approval of Credits
 - Karrison Dubbs – 3 Credits
 - Abbey McGee – 3 Credits
 - Gwen Rodgers – 3 Credits
 - Megan Sirkot – 3 Credits
 - Linda Tomicich – 3 Credits
 - Haley Wiscount – 3 Credits

- Anya Wood – 3 Credits
 - Leah Zerbe – 9 Credits
 - 2. Credit Reimbursements
 - Krista Bevan – \$1,764.00
 - Detrick Borden – \$4,644.00
 - Emily Earley – \$1,548.00
 - 3. Salary Adjustments
 - Detrick Borden – Bachelor’s + 15
 - Elizabeth Grow – Master’s + 15
 - Jennifer Brant – Master’s + 15
 - 4. 2025–2026 Organizational Flow Chart
 - 5. Student/Teacher Placement
 - Lindsey Deibert of Kutztown University with cooperating teachers, Christina Seiger (JSC Autistic Support) and Stephanie Maroukis (JSC Learning Support).
 - 6. Junior Board Member – Ava Orłowski
 - 7. It is recommended that the Board approve the Pottsville Area School District Emergency Operations Plan, plan date 07/07/25.
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2.2 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Craig Shields

None.

2.3 Facilities and Grounds – Mr. Jerome Urban

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Antz Energy Systems for the purchase and installation of a Condenser Coil at the DHH Lengel Middle School at a cost of \$7,678.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommissioning of the following items from JSC Elementary:
 - 4 Two-tier Metal Rolling Carts
 - Wooden Bench
 - Wooden Table
 - 3 Small 3 Tier AV Rolling Carts
 - Student Desk with Flip Top
 - Natatorium lift chair
3. It is recommended that the Board rescind the previously approved quote from Legend Fitness & Accessories for the Martz Hall Weight Room - \$33,895.67.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for Bids for fitness equipment for the weight room at DHH Lengel Middle School.

Use of Facilities Requests

- DHHL Natatorium – amend the July 16, 2025 approval of Stoic Aquatics start time from 7:30 p.m. to an 8:00 p.m. start on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning October 27, 2025.

Discussion:

Mr. Urban reported that the baseball field work is still underway behind the scenes with a study to determine needs. He suggested community outreach occur so residents near the field are prepared. The contractor will conduct seismic monitoring.

Regarding the natatorium, the project is still in progress. Mr. Urban added that the high school cafeteria floors require asbestos removal; while this occurs, the kitchen will undergo a feasibility study, with the goal for completion in summer 2026. President Wytovich added that these projects must be reflected on the five-year plan, which will be reviewed next month.

Mr. Urban also discussed the need for elevator modernization in all three school buildings and stated that a plan should be developed. He will reach out to Board Members to organize a walk-through of the buildings.

2.4 Finance – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

1. Comparison Expense and Revenue Reports/Summary
2. Treasurer’s Report
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for Medical Services with St. Luke’s Physician Group, retroactive to July 1, 2025, extending the term through June 30, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the General Service Agreement with Matrix Behavioral Solutions, LLC.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Roll Tide Level Electronic Advertising Sponsorships, effective September 1, 2025, for one year at a cost of \$2,000.00 each:
 - o Commonwealth University
 - o Weiner Iron & Metal Corp
6. It is recommended that the Board approve one-year Agreements for static signs at Veterans Memorial Stadium at a cost of \$500 each:
 - o Pine Grove Yamaha

2.5 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

Mr. Urban updated the Board on Parent Square, noting it will be available to staff next week. He suggested presenting it at a future board meeting.

2.6 Curriculum – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

1. It is recommended that the Board approve DHH Lengel Middle School's 2025–2026 CSI Title I School Plan and JSC Elementary Center's 2025–2026 Title I Schoolwide Plan.
 2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Pottsville Area School District Language Instruction Education Plan for the 2025–2026 school year.
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2.7 Food Service – Mr. Craig Shields

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following suppliers for food products for the 2025–2026 school year:
 - Hershey's Ice Cream
 - Guers Dairy
 - Moribito Baking Co.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following breakfast and lunch prices:

Lunch Prices:

- Elementary Student: \$3.05 (Second meal)
- Secondary Student: \$3.20 (Second meal)
- Adult: \$4.70
- Extra Milk: \$0.75

Breakfast Prices:

- Elementary Student: \$2.00 (Second meal)
 - Secondary Student: \$2.20 (Second meal)
 - Adult: \$2.90
 - Extra Milk: \$0.75
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2.8 Transportation – Dr. Dewitt

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025–2026 Contract for the Transportation of School Pupils with Schuylkill Technology Center, entered into on July 14, 2025.
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3. Executive Session

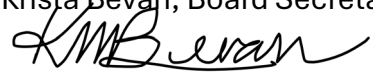
Executive Sessions for Personnel Matters were held at the following dates and times:

- July 23, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:49 p.m.
- July 24, 2025 – 6:04 p.m. to 9:24 p.m.
- August 4, 2025 – 5:31 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Krista Bevan, Board Secretary



Krista Bevan
