

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

August 28, 2025

7:00 p.m.

DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District was held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Linda Wytovich, Kerry Ansbach, Dr. Ashley Dewitt, Harry Ciavarella, Craig Shields, Robert Thomas, Jerome Urban, Stephanie Buchanan, Rachel Hobbs

Board Members Absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following statement was read:

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.

There were no public comments.

2. GENERAL

President Wytovich stated the following:

As you know, last spring we began the search for a new superintendent. To guide this process, we engaged Tom Templeton of Templeton Advantage, a professional recruiter specializing in superintendent searches. We were fortunate to receive 30 applications,

narrowed the pool to 14 interviews, and ultimately focused on a small group of highly qualified candidates before making our final selection.

Tom was an invaluable partner throughout this process. His ability to listen and understand the needs of our district, community, and staff was extraordinary. His thoughtful guidance, coupled with the strong pool of candidates he brought forward, made this important decision possible. We are deeply appreciative of his hard work and dedication.

We are now nearing the conclusion of this process with one final candidate: Dr. Guy Lowery.

Dr. Lowery currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of the Southeast Delco School District. He brings with him more than two decades of experience as an educator and leader. He began his career as a middle school science teacher before moving into special education leadership in Philadelphia. He then served as principal of one of Philadelphia's largest elementary schools, where he strengthened school culture and improved student outcomes. Later, he became Chief Academic Officer and then Assistant Superintendent in Southeast Delco, where he now oversees districtwide leadership and instructional programs that advanced student achievement.

In addition to his district leadership, Dr. Lowery teaches graduate courses in educational administration and special education at Holy Family University and Saint Joseph's University.

The Board was impressed not only by Dr. Lowery's breadth of experience, but also by his collaborative leadership style, tireless work ethic, and optimistic vision for our district. He has earned a reputation as a thoughtful listener and strong communicator who builds trust with staff, families, and the community.

After a thoughtful and deliberate search, we are confident that Dr. Lowery is the right candidate to lead Pottsville Area School District forward. His commitment to continuous improvement and his passion for collaboration will empower our students, staff, and families.

With that, I would like to move to the next portion of our meeting. I recommend that we appoint Dr. Guy Lowery....

2.1 Appointment of Superintendent

It is recommended that the Board appoint Dr. Guy Lowery as Superintendent of Pottsville Area School District, start date pending upon mutual agreement

between Dr. Guy Lowery and the District as well as completion of all required employment documentation at an annual salary of \$175,000.00 for a term of five (5) years.

Motion was made by Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DeWitt, to approve the appointment as recommended.

Roll Call Vote: All aye. Motion carried.

Board Secretary Bevan announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting, from 6:15 p.m. until 6:50 p.m., for legal matters.

3. ADJOURNMENT

3.1 Adjourn

Motion was made by Ms. Wytovich, seconded by Dr. DeWitt, to adjourn the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Bevan
Board Secretary