

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
6:00 p.m.

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject 1.1 Opening - Ms. Linda Wytovich / Roll Call - Mrs. Krista Bevan
The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Kerry Ansbach, Dr. Ashley DeWitt, Harry Ciavarella, Craig Shields,
Bob Thomas, Stephanie Buchanan

Board Members Absent: Rachel Hobbs, Jerome Urban, Linda Wytovich

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

Subject 1.2 Public Comment

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.

Are there any public comments at this time?

No public comments were offered.

2. GENERAL

Subject 2.1 Superintendent Report - Dr. Lonoconus

1. Approval of Credits

Samantha Brennan - 4 Credits

Christopher Davis - 6 Credits

Lauren Deibert - 3 Credits

Nicole Doran - 6 Credits

Paula Heffner - 3 Credits

Emma Libby - 9 Credits

Michael Roberts - 3 Credits

Kayla Watt - 3 Credits

2. Credit Reimbursements

Karrison Dubbs - \$1,548.00

McKayla Gilbert - \$1,548.00

Paula Heffner - \$1,605.00
Lisa Holobetz - \$1,548.00
Jeffrey Hughes - \$300.00
Kaitlin Leffler - \$3,096.00
Emma Libby - \$3,096.00
Johanna Morrison - \$1,548.00
Christian Selinko - \$300.00
David Wartella - \$300.00
Kayla Watt - \$750.00
Haley Wiscount - \$1,548.00

3. Salary Adjustments

Jeffrey Hughes - Master's + 15

4. Student teacher placements as a part of the District's collaboration with Kutztown University.

Madelyne Devine with cooperating teacher, Nicole Kutsmeda (Grade K)
Reese Temple with cooperating teacher, Casey Shoopack (Grade 1)
Olivia McCue with cooperating teacher, Kristyn Blum (Grade 2)
Kylie Schwab with cooperating teacher, Nikki Hozella (Grade 2)
Gwen Verbist with cooperating teacher, Stacie Cromyak (Grade 3)
Athena Braun with cooperating teacher, Jennifer Brindle (Grade 4)
Morgan Charn with cooperating teacher, Amanda Purcell (Grade 4)

Subject 2.2 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields
Discussion only.

Subject 2.3 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Jerome Urban

Facilities and Grounds Agenda
Use of Facilities Requests

JSC

1 - Library

Child Evangelical Fellowship of Schuylkill County, Good News Club

3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. on 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/8,
12/15, 2025.

DHHL

1 - Pool

Open Swim

September 4, 2025 - March 15, 2026

Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HS

1 - Auditorium

Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival

Practice 1/27/26 & 1/28/26, 5:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Pageant 1/31/26, 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

During discussion, Mr. Shields asked if the Perception Training Center could be told that they may not park in the lot by the alumni soccer field.

Subject 2.4 Finance – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Finance Committee Agenda

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the White Level Electronic Advertising Sponsorship with Bruce T. Hart Funeral Home, effective September 1, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Soli Feradoon Tavarria, MD, for the School-Based Access Program at \$8/IEP.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Pennsylvania Counseling Services (PCS) Agreement to provide mental health and drug and alcohol treatment services, retroactive to August 16, 2025.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Annual Athletic Sponsorship agreement for a Single Static Sign with Weiner Iron & Metal Corp.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the two (2) year agreement with Service Access & Management, Inc. (SAM), effective August 27, 2025.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding among the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, the Pottsville Area School District, and Assumption BVM School, effective September 9, 2025 through June 5, 2026 or when all allocated BSCA Grant funds are expended.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding among the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29, the Pottsville Area School District, and Nativity BVM High School, January 1, 2025 through June 5, 2026 or when all allocated BSCA Grant funds are expended.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Reschini Group for Affordable Care Act Employer Reporting.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Title I Amended Letter of Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit in effect from August 25, 2025 until May 29, 2026.

During discussion, Dr. DeWitt asked about item 2. Kelly Brennan, Director of Special Education, explained that a doctor needs to sign off on an IEP for MA to be reimbursed.

Subject 2.5 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Non-Appropriation Agreement and Acknowledgement with Frasier Advanced Info Systems.

Subject 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.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommissioning of the following:

Modern Biology- Approximately 200 books

Holt Chemistry – Approximately 75

Holt Environmental Science- Approximately 50

Campbell/Reece AP Biology – Approximately 25

Websters Dictionaries - 20

During discussion, Mrs. Buchanan asked about Parent Square. The Director of Technology reported it has not yet been made available to parents and that a letter will be generated to the public once all bugs are resolved. Mrs. Buchanan also suggested a survey of teachers regarding use of iPads versus textbooks.

Subject 2.7 Policy and Procedure - Mr. Bob Thomas

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbooks for the following schools:

John S. Clarke Elementary Center

D.H.H. Lengel Middle School

Pottsville Area High School

During discussion, Mr. Ciavarella asked if a policy was in place for Parent Square. Dr. Lonoconus stated that the District's policy covers appropriate communications.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject 3.1 Announcement of Executive Session - Krista Bevan

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 4.1 Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Bevan, Board Secretary