

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center  
Wednesday, October 8, 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: Linda Wytovich, Kerry Ansbach, Dr. Ashley DeWitt, Craig Shields, Stephanie Buchanan, Jerome Urban

Board Members Absent: Harry Ciavarella, Rachel Hobbs, Bob Thomas

Administration Present:

Dr. Alan Lonoconus, Acting Superintendent

Stephanie Wood, Business Manager

Krista Bevan, Board Secretary

David Gonzalez, Director of Technology

Additionally Present: Dr. Guy Lowery

Tiffany Hummel, High School Principal

Dr. Caitlin Mohl, Middle School Principal

Sherry Hushin, JSC Principal

Kelly Brennan, Director of Special Education

Michael Wertz, Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds

Additionally Present: Dr. Guy Lowery

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. PRESENTATIONS

Subject 2.1 Facilities Presentation

Dr. Lonoconus reviewed the SiteLogic information and introduced Melissa from SiteLogic, who attended via Zoom. Melissa presented the company background and reviewed the proposal. No questions were raised.

#### Subject 2.2 Schoolwide Plan Presentation

Sherry Hushin, JSC Principal, presented the elementary Schoolwide Plan. During discussion, Mrs. Buchanan asked whether K through 3 students who are failing reading would be required to attend the summer reading program.

Dr. Mohl presented the middle school plan.  
Tiffany Hummel presented the high school plan.

Subject 2.3 Solar Panel Presentation was cancelled

### 3. GENERAL

#### Subject 3.1 Superintendent Report – Dr. Lonoconus

1. Approval of Credits
  - Krista Bevan – 3 Credits
  - Scott Burcik – 6 Credits
  - William Rhoads – 3 Credits
  - Gwen Rodgers – 12 Credits
  - Melissa Scheetz – 3 Credits
  - David Wartella – 3 Credits
2. Credit Reimbursements
  - Scott Burcik – \$3,096.00
  - Gwen Rodgers – \$461.25

Dr. Lonoconus reported that the District's substitute teacher daily rate is very low compared to surrounding districts. Pottsville currently pays 115 dollars per day, while Mahanoy pays 150 dollars per day.

#### Subject 3.2 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Craig Shields

It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission of the following Physical Educational items:

35 Aluminum/Hard Plastic Hockey Sticks  
2 Sets of Plastic Goal

#### Subject 3.3 Facilities and Grounds – Mr. Jerome Urban

Solar Project Update

Mr. Urban reviewed the Solar Project Update Presentation, including projected and actual cash flow savings.

Projected Cash Flow Savings:

Year 1 – \$16,632

Year 2 – \$16,155

Year 3 – \$15,690

Year 4 – \$15,234

Year 5 – \$14,789

Year 6 (if District purchases solar array) – \$99,150

Actual Cash Flow Savings:

Year 1 – \$10,382 (lower savings due to decline in SREC pricing during COVID)

Year 2 – \$153,333 (higher due to electric price increases)

Year 3 – \$244,429 (higher due to electric price increases)

Year 4 – \$61,204 (higher due to electric price increases)

Year 5 (partial year) – \$54,035

No additional questions were raised.

Subject 3.4 Finance – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Finance Committee Agenda items were reviewed:

1. Comparison Expense and Revenue Reports/Summary
2. Treasurer's Report
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025–2026 linkage agreement between Keystone/Red Rock Job Corps and Pottsville Area School District. This agreement provides education and training appropriate to students' needs and educational objectives at no cost to the District.

Subject 3.5 Technology – Mr. Jerome Urban

Technology Committee Agenda items were reviewed:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote for replacement of time clocks.
2. Apple iPads – Sole Source

Director of Technology, David Gonzalez, reported the need to move forward with the new iPad lease so the devices can be set up and distributed before state testing.

Subject 3.6 Curriculum – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the TSI non-Title 1 School Plan for the 2025–2026 school year.

Subject 3.7 Policy and Procedure – Mr. Bob Thomas

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025–2026 Employee Handbook for the Pottsville Area School District.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025–2026 Faculty Handbooks for:  
John S. Clarke Elementary Center  
D.H.H. Lengel Middle School  
Pottsville Area High School

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krista Bevan, Board Secretary