



**Wednesday, January 21, 2026  
Board Meeting**

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DHH LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
7:00 p.m.**

**1. MEETING OPENING**

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**Subject**                    **1.1 Opening & Pledge - Mr. Harry Ciavarella**  
  
Meeting                    Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
  
Category                    1. MEETING OPENING  
  
Access                      Public  
  
Type                         Information

**Subject**                    **1.2 Roll Call - Mrs. Krista Bevan**  
  
Meeting                    Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
  
Category                    1. MEETING OPENING  
  
Access                      Public  
  
Type                         Information

**Subject**                    **1.3 Public Comment - Harry Ciavarella**  
  
Meeting                    Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
  
Category                    1. MEETING OPENING  
  
Access                      Public  
  
Type                         Information, Procedural

## Harry Ciavarella - 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. 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.

Are there any public comments at this time?

## **2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the November 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minute, November 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, the December 3, 2025 Reorganization Board Meeting Minutes, and the December 17, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

**Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

## **3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>3.1 Approval of Financial Reports</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category	3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2025 - \$9,263,346.83, Cafeteria Checking Balance as of December 31, 2025 - \$702,981.20.**
2. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Revenue Report
3. General Fund Condensed Board Summary Expenditure Report
4. Cafeteria Condensed Board Summary Report
5. Payment Summary - General Fund, Food Service
6. Budget Transfers

**Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Kevin Reid, ATTORNEY AT LAW**

**6. DONATIONS**

**7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>7.1 Federal Programs</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY
Access	Public
Type	Information

<b>Subject</b>	<b>7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY
Access	Public
Type	Information

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>8.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

**It is recommended by the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee that the Board approve the following:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the letter of resignation of Ty Steidle, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, effective December 9, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Winter Sports Coaches for the 2025 - 2026 Season:

Volunteers:

- Ty Steidle - Baseball Coach
- John Matulevich - Varsity Swim & Dive
- Tyler Merkert - Junior High Wrestling
- Joe Liptok - Football Strength & Conditioning

Coaches:

Jacey Miller - Girls Soccer Head Coach, stipend as per contract

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Serena Foulk as an Event Worker for the 2025 2026 Season.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Tate Clarke - Athletic Department Internship with Kutztown for Spring Semester.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Harry Ciavarella</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
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Access	Public
Type	Action



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Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

**It is recommended by the Personnel Committee that the Board approve the following:**

1. It is recommended that the Board ratify Doreen Stonelake as full time Custodian, at the hourly rate of \$13.50, effective December 15, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the Board ratify Kristen Vidal, part-time Cafeteria staff, at the hourly rate of \$11.50, effective December 10, 2025.
3. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of David Faust, part time Van Driver, effective November 20, 2025.
4. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation due to retirement of Joel Ebling, full-time Custodian, effective December 31, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following FMLA/LOA requests per policy #334:
  - Employee # 1803 - 2/24/26 to 4/20/26
  - Employee # 402 - 2/2/26 to 5/22/26
6. It is recommended that the Board ratify Jada Brant as full-time Paraprofessional at JSC Elementary Center, effective December 15, 2025, at her current hourly rate. She was previously part-time.
7. It is recommended that the Board ratify the termination of Joseph Tucci, full-time Custodian, effective December 19, 2025.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the pre-approval of credit hours indicated for the following professional employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the PASDEA:
  - Lauren Deibert - 3 Credits
  - Nicole Doran - 9 Credits
  - Karrison Dubbs - 3 Credits
  - Serena Foulk - 9 Credits
  - Teresa Glenn - 3 Credits
  - Abbey McGee - 3 Credits
  - Kimberly O'Brien - 3 Credits
  - William Rhoads - 3 Credits
  - Alycia Semanco - 3 Credits
  - Michael Walser - 6 Credits
  - D. Jake Wartella - 3 Credits

## Leah Zerbe - 3 Credits

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following professional employee(s) be reimbursed as indicated for the successful completion of pre-approved credit courses in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the PASD and PASDEA:

Krista Bevan - \$1,764.00  
 Paige Borrell - \$1,635.00  
 Christopher Davis - \$3,204.00  
 Lauren Deibert - \$1,602.00  
 Nicole Doran - \$1,548.00  
 Karrison Dubbs - \$1,602.00  
 Michel German - \$1,764.00  
 McKayla Gilbert - 1,548.00  
 Teresa Glenn - \$1,548.00  
 Paula Heffner - \$1,635.00  
 Kaitlin Leffler - \$1,602.00  
 Abbey McGee - \$2,775.00  
 Johanna Morrison - \$1,602.00  
 William Rhoads - \$1,764.00  
 Michael Roberts - \$1,602.00  
 Gwen Rodgers - \$922.50  
 Melissa Scheetz - \$1,548.00  
 Megan Sirkot - \$1,602.00  
 Jillian Strohecker - \$100.00  
 Lynda Tomicich - \$1,602.00  
 Michael Walser - \$5,340.00  
 D. Jake Wartella - \$300.00  
 Kayla Watt - \$750.00  
 Haley Wiscount - \$1,602.00  
 Lori Yost - \$2,205.00

10. It is recommended that the following salary adjustments be approved and made effective the 2026-2027 school year:

Kaitlin Leffler - Master's Degree  
 Johanna Morrison - Master's + 15

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the Affiliation Agreement with Widener University Teacher Education Program, effective January 22, 2026, pending Solicitor's review.

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the Addendum to the Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and ESS Northeast, LLC for the Services of Substitute Teachers and Staff, effective January 22, 2026, pending Solicitor's review.

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the trip to Niagara Falls, New York (May 16 - 18, 2026). The Tide Tek STEM Club will be visiting multiple educational sites near Niagara Falls. The field trip is for 8th grade club members who have remained highly active in club activities during their time at the DHHL Middle School. This will include approximately 12 to 18 members of the club making the trip along with 4 chaperones (pending clearances). The trip will be funded by club fundraisers.

14. It is recommended that the Board approve the request to attend LETRS Facilitator Training in Dallas, Texas for Elaina Prestileo, Casey Shoopack, and Brooke Wargo on July 14-July 17, 2026. The training, travel expenses, overnight stays, lodging, meals, fees, and other expenses (estimated cost of \$11,000.00) will be paid through Ready To Learn Funding.

15. It is recommended that the Board approve the job description and advertise for a new position: Seasonal Technology Specialist.

16. It is recommended that the Board approve Serena J. Foulk as the PASD After School Tutoring Coordinator at the hourly rate of \$35.00 per hour, effective January 22, 2026.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Joshua Price as a Fourth Grade Teacher at JSC Clarke Elementary Center, effective January 26, 2026 - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$46,000. Mrs. Jennifer Brindle will serve as a mentor for Mr. Price.

18. It is recommended that the Board approve Miss Ashley Rumpf as a Special Education Teacher (Life Skills) at JSC Elementary Center, effective January 22, 2026 - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$46,000. Mrs. Samantha Gardner will serve as a mentor for Miss Rumpf. Miss Rumpf was previously employed as the JSC Elementary Building Substitute.

19. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Doreen Stonelake, full-time Custodian, at the hourly rate of \$13.50, effective December 17, 2025.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>8.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

**It is recommended by the Finance Committee that the Board approve the following:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution for the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Stephanie Wood, Business Manager, to attend the PASBO Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA; March 23-27, 2026. Total cost of the conference is approximately \$1,932.40.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Surplus Purchasing Program Authorization for Pottsville Area School District for a period of three years to expire no later than January 20, 2029.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>8.6 Promotion, Public Relations &amp; Social Media - Mr. Kyle Crouse</b>
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1. Congratulations to PAHS Artists of the Month, Autumn Fermaintt and Cheyenne Koinski.
2. Congratulations to PAHS Rotary Students of the Month, William Davis and Justine Simunitis.
3. Thank you to Bob Valent, a 1998 PAHS Graduate, Army Veteran, and Head of Field Operations and Maintenance in the PA Department of Environmental Protections Air Quality Monitoring for visiting DHHL Middle School to discuss Air Quality.

**Subject 8.7 Technology - Mr. Bob Thomas**  
 Meeting Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
 Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Action  
 Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

**It is recommended by the Technology Committee that the Board approve the following:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the IU29 cooperative purchasing agreement for VMware Software Licensing at a cost of \$4,620.24.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject 8.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**  
 Meeting Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
 Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public  
 Type Action, Information  
 Recommended Action Motion to approve as recommended.

**Subject 8.9 Policy and Procedure - Mrs. Rachael Hobbs**

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 Type Action, Information

1. It is recommended that the board approve the 2025-2026 Pottsville Area School District Physician Standing orders.

**Motion to approve as recommended.**

**Subject 8.10 Food Services - Mr. Kerry Ansbach**

Meeting Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
 Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
 Access Public  
 Type Action

**Subject 8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Harry Ciavarella**

Meeting Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
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 Access Public  
 Type Information

**9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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**Subject 9.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

Meeting Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting  
 Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS  
 Access Public

Type Information, Reports

**Subject 9.2 IU 29 Representative - Mr Bob Thomas**

Meeting Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

1. It is recommended that the Board appoint Bob Thomas to fulfill the unexpired term of Jerome Urban on the Schuylkill Technology Center Board of Directors. The term expires on June 30, 2026.

2. It is recommended that the Board appoint Kerry Ansbach to fulfill the remainder of the term of Bob Thomas's on the AVTS Board of Directors. The term expires on June 30, 2026.

**Subject 9.3 St. Clair Committee – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

**Subject 9.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs**

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Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

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**Subject 10.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board Member**

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January 20, 2026 - End of 2nd Marking Period (tentative)

January 20, 2026 - 90th Day of School

January 27, 2026 - Report Cards Uploaded to Skyward (tentative)

February 16, 2026 - President's Day (School Closed)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>10.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	10. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following use of facilities:

**USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS**

**MS**

**Auditorium**

St Clare of Assisi Parish  
 Screw Tape Letters Lenten Performance  
 March 8, 2026 2:00pm-7:00pm

**Martz Hall Upper Level**

Lehigh Valley Health Network  
 Walk with a Doc  
 9:00am-11:00am on the following dates:  
 7/18/26, 8/15/26, 9/19/26, 10/17/26,  
 11/21/26, 12/19/26

**HS**

**Wellness Center**

ECTB Holdings LLC/Schuylkill County Breaker Boys

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5:30 pm - 7:30 pm on the following dates:

2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 2026

**Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>10.3 Dates for Future Meetings - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	10. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
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Meetings for February 2026:

- Facilities Committee Meeting - February 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Academic Center
- Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Academic Center
- Board Meeting - February 18th ay 7:00 p.m. in the DHH Lengel Auditorium

**11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>11.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

An Executive Session was held on January 14, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:42 p.m. for personnel and legal matters.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>12.1 Adjourn</b>
Meeting	Jan 21, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	12. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public

Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn