



**Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Board Meeting**

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

1. MEETING OPENING

Subject **1.1 Opening & Pledge - Mr. Harry Ciavarella**

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Information

Subject **1.2 Roll Call - Mrs. Krista Bevan**

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Information

Subject **1.3 Public Comment - Harry Ciavarella**

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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

Subject	2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Feb 18, 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 minutes from the January 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and the January 21, 2026 Board Meeting.

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD

Subject	3.1 Approval of Financial Reports
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	3. FINANCIAL REPORTS - MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of January 30, 2026 - \$6,666,181.57, Cafeteria Checking Balance as of January 30, 2026 - \$867,362.32.**
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

Subject	5.1 Discipline Waivers
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Kevin Reid, ATTORNEY AT LAW
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Discipline Waivers, effective February 18, 2026.

- 29-0110
- 28-0449

Motion to approve as recommended.

6. DONATIONS

7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY

Subject	7.1 Federal Programs
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY
Access	Public
Type	Information

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject	8.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields
Meeting	Feb 18, 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 accept the resignation from Serenity Allen as JV Softball Coach, effective February 19, 2026.
2. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation from Ava Bowers as Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach, effective February 19, 2026.
3. It is recommended Board accept the resignation from Mark Laubenstine as Head Junior High Track Coach, effective February 19, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Rachael Bowers as JV Assistant Softball Coach at a stipend of \$2,400, effective February 19, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Bryana Snowell as Junior High Softball Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,400, effective February 19, 2026.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Lacey Timony as Junior High Track Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$2,000, effective February 19, 2026.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Serenity Allen as Volunteer JV Softball Coach, effective February 19, 2026.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Pete Sanfilippo, Athletic Director, to attend the PSADA (Pennsylvania School Athletic Directors Association) Annual Conference in Hershey, PA; March 17-20, 2026. Approximate cost \$828.98.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Digital Scoreboards (CoStars #032-E22-O52) for the Alumni Field new digital scoreboard including the installation, removal and disposal of the existing scoreboard, funded through the St. Luke's Contract to total \$23,345, pending solicitor review.

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract renewal of NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations, pending solicitor review.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve Pete McDonald as Varsity Assistant Track & Field Coach for the 2025 2026 Season, at a stipend of \$2,200.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve Patrick McCord as Jr. High Track & Field Coach for the 2025 2026 Season, at a stipend of \$2,400.
13. It is recommended that the Board approve Damon Yost as a Game Worker for athletic events.
- Motion to approve as recommended.**

Subject	8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended

It is recommended by the Facilities and Grounds Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution in support of the District pursuing a Public School Facility Improvement Grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for renovations to the High School. Grant max is \$5,000,000; GF/CR - 25% match of awarded total.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Enrollment and Educational Space Study of all school buildings.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to seek bids to resurface the Veterans Memorial Stadium track.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to seek bids for the Steidle Field baseball and softball field backstop upgrades.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract extension with the Edwin L. Heim company for HVAC maintenance services, pending solicitor review.

2/1/2026 through 6/30/2026 for \$45,500
 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027 for \$145,493

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.3 Transportation - Dr. Ashley DeWitt
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

1. It is recommended that the Board ratify the three-year Transportation Procedures Agreement MOU and Transportation Plan between Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services, pending solicitor review.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.4 Personnel - Dr. Ashley Dewitt
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
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 approve the correction to the hourly rate for Kristen Vidal, part-time DHH Lengel Middle School Cafeteria Staff. Her hourly rate should be \$11.75.
2. It is recommended that the Board ratify Kasey Baldwin as part-time Paraprofessional in the John S. Clarke Elementary Center Autistic Support Classroom at the hourly rate of \$14.50, effective January 27, 2026.
3. It is recommended that the Board ratify Jeffrey Strunk as part-time Bus Driver at the hourly rate of \$19.25, effective January 23, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Christian Honicker as Seasonal Technology Specialist at the hourly rate of \$13, effective February 19, 2026 until September 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Carly Emery as Seasonal Technology Specialist at the hourly rate of \$13, effective February 19, 2026 until September 2026.
6. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Danielle Sclafane, full-time Paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective February 13, 2026.
7. It is recommended that the Board accept the letters of resignation for retirement purposes from the following Support Staff, effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school year or as otherwise noted:

- ~ Patricia Goodman, John S. Clarke Elementary Center Cafeteria Staff, effective April 3, 2026.
- ~ Kim Malis, John S. Clarke Elementary Center Cafeteria Receiver/Custodian, effective February 10, 2026
- ~ Rachelle Kemfort, Pottsville Area High School Cafeteria Staff, effective on the last day of the 2025-2026 school year.
- ~ Thomas Rokosky, Pottsville Area High School Custodial Staff, effective on the last day of the 2025-2026 school year.

8. It is recommended that the Board accept the letters of resignation for retirement purposes from the following PASDEA employees effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school year:

- ~ Mrs. Melissa Joyce, Kindergarten Teacher at John S. Clarke Elementary Center
- ~ Mrs. Christine Schuebel, School Psychologist at John S. Clarke Elementary Center
- ~ Mrs. Linda Smith, Special Education Teacher, at John S. Clarke Elementary Center
- ~ Mrs. Kimberly Steigerwalt, Special Education Teacher at John S. Clarke Elementary Center
- ~ Ms. Connie Yutko, School Nurse, at DHH Lengel Middle School
- ~ Mr. Craig Everly, Science Teacher at Pottsville Area High School
- ~ Mr. Brian McMullin, Mathematics Teacher at Pottsville Area High School
- ~ Ms. Rita Sponenburg, Mathematics Teacher at Pottsville Area High School
- ~ Mrs. Cynthia Stasulli, School Counselor at Pottsville Area High School
- ~ Mrs. Suzanne Sterner, English Teacher at Pottsville Area High School

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

- ~ Scott Burcik - Bachelor's + 15
- ~ Michel German - Master's Degree
- ~ Lynda Tomicich - Master's Degree

10. 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:

- ~ Scott Burcik - 3 Credits
- ~ Paula Heffner - 3 Credits
- ~ Amy Heinbach - 3 Credits
- ~ Kimberly O'Brien - 6 Credits
- ~ Joshua Pryce - 9 Credits
- ~ Megan Sirkot - 3 Credits
- ~ Anya Wood - 9 Credits

11. 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:

- ~ Scott Burcik - \$1,602.00
- ~ Serena Foulk - \$1,602.00
- ~ Christopher Nabholz - \$3,825.00
- ~ Gwen Rodgers - \$922.50
- ~ Lynda Tomicich - \$1,602.00

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following FMLA/LOA requests per policy #334:

Employee #1085 - 03/09/26 - 05/01/26

13. 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 the Business Office, effective February 19, 2026, pending solicitor review.

14. It is recommended that the Board approve the request from Michael Brennan, Pottsville Area High School Head Football Coach, to attend a Football Clinic at Clemson University (March 5-7, 2026). The Clinic will be at no cost to the district.

15. It is recommended that the 2025-2026 School Calendar be revised to reflect the snow make-up day as follows:

School Canceled: December 2, 2025

Make-Up Day: March 16, 2026

16. It is recommended that the 2026-2027 calendar be approved. The first day of school for students will be Monday, August 31, 2026, and tentatively the last day of school will be Monday, June 7, 2027. Tentative Teacher In-service days will be held August 25-27, 2026; November 9, 2026; January 18, 2027, and June 8, 2027. Half-day dismissals will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2026; Tuesday, December 23, 2026; Wednesday, March 24, 2027; and the last day of school.

17. It is recommended that the 2027-2028 calendar be approved. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 7, 2027, and tentatively the last day of school will be Thursday, June 8, 2028. Tentative Teacher In-service days will be held August 31-September 2, 2027; November 8, 2027; January 17, 2028, and June 9, 2028. Half-day dismissals will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2027; Thursday, December 23, 2027; Wednesday, April 12, 2028; and the last day of school.

18. Pursuant to Section 1108 of the School Code, having received a satisfactory rating for the second semester of the third year of teaching, it is recommended that the following professional employee be awarded a permanent contract and tenure.

Christopher Davis

19. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Jean Brennan as a Title I Math Interventionist at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective February 19, 2026 - Step 8 - Master's - \$57,100.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Feb 18, 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 Special Education Service Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill IU 29 for the 2025-2026 school year, totaling \$870,717, payable in four scheduled installments of \$217,679, pending solicitor review.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the filing of the Act 80 paperwork by Berkheimer at a cost of \$775.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Pennsylvania Trust, partnered with Conrad Siegel to provide the actuarial services for the Pottsville Area School District per GASB 75, effective July 1, 2026, pending solicitor review.

4. It is recommended that the Board, in exchange for the District's agreement to withdraw its objections to a private tax sale bid by Mordechai Rothernberg for the Property located at 417 Adams Street, Pottsville, PA, approve a settlement agreement in the amount of \$7500 with Mordechai Rothernberg for back taxes owed to the District for the Property.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mr. Kyle Crouse

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Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

1. Thank you to our John S. Clarke Elementary Center first graders who celebrated the 100th day of school in a very special way by giving back 100 new or gently used items to donate to the Hillside SPCA.

2. Congratulations to Pottsville Area High School students, Abby Heiser and Jaelyn Carter, for being named Artists of the Month.

3. Congratulations to the following DHH Lengel Middle School students for placing the Math Counts competition which was held at Penn Sate Schuylkill on February 7, 2026.

Sage Eckert
Blake Gaughan
Joshua Langan
Wyatt Moer
Liam Sandul

4. Pottsville Area School District wishes to thank Coach Bowers and his team for their efforts with cleaning and refreshing the softball office. We are thankful for your commitment to making the Pottsville softball program the best in the area!

5. Thank you to girls basketball coach Damian Fritz, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruni, for not only their time and talents during the season, but also for providing a team meal, which included the players' families.

6. Congratulations to the following DHH Lengel Middle School students for placing in the 5th Annual DHHL School BEE:

Rile Jordan - 1st place
Liam McShaw - 2nd place
Lila Porter - 3rd place

Subject	8.7 Technology - Mr. Bob Thomas
Meeting	Feb 18, 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 decommissioning of antiquated technology items as listed on the supporting documentation.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the sale of antiquated technology items as listed on the supporting documentation.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the disposal of antiquated technology items as listed on the supporting documentation.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Feb 18, 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
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information

It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board approve the first reading of the following revised policies:

- Policy 610 - Finances - Purchases Subject to Bid/Question (*First Reading)
- Policy 611 - Finances - Purchases Budgeted (*First Reading)
- Policy 626 - Finances - Procurement - Federal Programs Attachment (*First Reading)

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.10 Food Services - Mr. Kerry Ansbach

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Subject 8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 9.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.2 IU 29 Representative - Mr Bob Thomas

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.3 St. Clair Committee – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category	9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject 9.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

10. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 10.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board Member

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

March 2-6, 2026 - Read Across America Week

March 7, 2026 - Schuylkill County Regional Spelling Bee at DHHL Auditorium

March 8, 2026 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 14, 2026 - St. Patrick's Day Parade (Pottsville)

March 27-29, 2026 - PAHS Spring Musical

Subject 10.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

Meeting Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

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

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS

Could I please have a motion to approve as recommended?

Subject	10.3 Dates for Future Meetings - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	10. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Upcoming Meetings:

Facilities Committee, February 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Finance Committee Meeting, March 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Board Meeting, March 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject	11.1 Executive Session - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

An Executive Session was held on February 11, 2026 from 6:49 p.m. to 8:18 p.m. for personnel and legal matters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	12.1 Adjourn
Meeting	Feb 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	12. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended
Action

Motion to adjourn