



**Wednesday, March 11, 2026
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOWARD S. FERNSLER ACADEMIC CENTER
6:00 p.m.**

1. MEETING OPENING

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

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Access Public

Type Information, Procedural

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

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Subject **1.3 Public Comment**

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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?

2. GENERAL

Subject	2.1 Audit Presentation
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Mr. Rich Pitcavage, CPA, Jones and Co.

Audit Presentation

Subject	2.2 Superintendent Report - Dr. Guy Lowery
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Subject	2.3 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - Mr. Craig Shields
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1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Coaches for the 2025-2026 Spring Season, at an annual stipend as noted:

Baseball:

Michael Welsh - Head Coach, \$6,300

Ben O'Brien - Assistant, \$3,300

Jacob Kuperavage - JV Head Coach, \$2,400

Joshua Kalyan - JV Assistant, \$2,200

Softball:

Jeffrey Bowers - Head Coach, \$3,800

Michael Scanlan - Assistant, \$2,400

Michael Kiehner - JV Head Coach, \$2,400

Rachael Bowers - JV Assistant, \$2,200

Jr. High Softball:

Rodney Snowell - Head Coach, \$2,600

Bryana Snowell - Assistant, \$2,400

Track:

Jacey Miller - Head Coach, \$5,700

Michael Brennan - Assistant, \$3,200

Jed Dunkel - Assistant, \$2,700

Katie Miller - Assistant, \$2,200

Michael Stank - Assistant, \$2,000

Peter McDonald - Assistant, \$3,700

Jr. High Track:

Patrick McCord - Head Coach, \$2,400

Lacey Timony - Assistant, \$2,000

Olivia Eagan - Assistant, \$2,000

Boys Tennis:

Adrian Portland - Head Coach, \$3,300

Volunteer Coaches:

Bruce Heffner - Softball

Mia Bowers - Softball

Katie Deegan Burke - Softball

Brad Miller - Track

Craig Lowthert - Track

Subject	2.4 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
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Facilities and Grounds Agenda

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Conexus for the HVAC Building Automation System service agreement for the 4th quarter of 2025/26 and the 2026/27 school year at a total cost of \$27,725.00. (\$5,545 for the 4th quarter of 2025-2026 school year and \$22,180 for the 2026-2027 School Year), pending solicitor review.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Cumberland Analytical Laboratories, INC. to conduct a three-year AHERA re-inspection at the Pottsville Area High School, DHH Lengel Middle School and John S. Clarke Elementary School at a total cost of \$1,615, pending solicitor review.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract with Cumberland Analytical Laboratories, INC. to conduct a full AHERA inspection at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center for a total cost of \$600 plus \$20.50 per sample collected, not to exceed \$2,000, pending solicitor review.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to design and seek bids for the replacement of the walk-in freezer and refrigerator in the Pottsville Area High School kitchen.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract, with Cumberland Analytical Laboratories, INC. to provide Districtwide Lead in the Drinking Water testing and Indoor Air Quality testing at a total cost of \$2,320.00, pending solicitor review.

Use of Facilities Requests:

Subject	2.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
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Finance Committee Agenda

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds) - **General Fund Balance as of February 28, 2026 - \$10,299,117.86, Cafeteria Checking Balance as of February 28, 2026 - \$842,287.20.**
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
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the IDEA-Section 619 Pass Through Funds Use of Funds Agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and Pottsville Area School District for the project period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, pending solicitor review. The funds total \$9,408.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 IU General Operating Budget.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 STC Secondary Budget.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve the Single Audit for the year ending June 30, 2025.

Discussion:

Tentative 2026-2027 budget timeline:

The Business office is working on an Preliminary 2026-2027 District Budget, which will be presented to the Board in May. We would like to schedule a Special Board meeting immediately following the May 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting to present the Preliminary 2026-2027 District Budget for approval. This will allow for the required 30-day posting of the budget for public inspection. The Final 2026-2027 Budget will then be presented for adoption at the June 17, 2026 board meeting.

Subject	2.6 Technology - Mr. Bob Thomas
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1. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Advanced Communication Solutions (E-rate SPIN#143053975) for the supply and installation of network cabling in one classroom at DHH Lengel Middle School and four classrooms at the Pottsville Area High School, at a cost of \$24,840. This approval is contingent upon receiving partial funding (85%) from USAC, pending solicitor review.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with ePlus Technology Inc. (E-rate SPIN#143006553) for the supply and installation of 237 Cisco Meraki Wireless Access Points. 88 will be installed at the Pottsville Area High School, 74 at the DHH Lengel Middle School, 72 at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, and three at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center. Total cost is \$272,949.19, including 14 licenses for a three-year term. This approval is contingent upon receiving partial funding (85%) from USAC, pending solicitor review.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for a full-time Technology Specialist position, pending solicitor review.

Subject	2.7 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
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1. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Panorama Education Inc. to provide the Student Success platform, Solara platform, and related professional development for a three-year term at a cost not to exceed \$186,110, funded through Ready to Learn, pending solicitor review and approval.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2029 Pottsville Area School District Comprehensive plan and related state required reports (Induction, Professional Development, Gifted).

Subject	2.8 Transportation - Dr. Ashley DeWitt
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Subject 2.9 Policy & Procedure - Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

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It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the second reading of the following revised policies:
 - Policy 610 - Finances - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quote (*Second Reading)
 - Policy 611 - Finances - Purchases Budgeted (*Second Reading)
 - Policy 626 - Finances - Procurement - Federal Programs Attachment (*Second Reading)
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Letter of Agreement with Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) for Region 2 - Berks County Intermediate Unit.

Subject 2.10 Food Services - Mr. Kerry Ansbach

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1. It is recommended that the Board approve the request from Mrs. Lisa Schu, Food Service Director, to attend the PA School Breakfast Summit at Penn State University (April 29-30, 2026). Approximate cost of the Summit is \$331.00. Mrs. Schu received a \$300.00 stipend from the Summit to minimize the expense.

Subject 2.11 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mr. Kyle Crouse

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Subject 2.12 IU Representative - Mr. Bob Thomas

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3. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 3.1 Adjourn

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Recommended
Action Motion to adjourn