



**Wednesday, March 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	Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	1.2 Roll Call - Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	1. MEETING OPENING
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	1.3 Public Comment - Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Mar 18, 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

Subject	2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
Meeting	Mar 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 February 11, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and the February 18, 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	Mar 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 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

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

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

Subject	7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Mar 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	Mar 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 approve Joshua Kaylan as a JV Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2025-2026 Spring Season, at a stipend of \$2,200.00

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Mar 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 contract with Conexus for the HVAC Building Automation System service agreement for the 4th quarter of 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of \$27,725.00. (\$5,545.00 for the 4th quarter of 2025-2026 school year and \$22,180.00 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 Center at a total cost of \$1,615.00, 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 \$600.00 plus \$20.50 per sample collected, not to exceed \$2,000.00, 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 not to exceed \$4,000.00, pending solicitor review.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.3 Transportation - Dr. Ashley DeWitt
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Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.4 Personnel - Dr. Ashley Dewitt

Meeting	Mar 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 ratify Shawn Westwood as full-time 2nd shift Custodian at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, at the hourly rate of \$13.50 plus .40 cent shift differential, effective January 21, 2026.
2. It is recommended that the Board ratify Crystal Shoener as full-time 2nd shift Custodian at Pottsville Area High School, at the hourly rate of \$13.50, plus .40 cent shift differential, effective March 2, 2026.
3. It is recommended that the Board ratify Michael Gonzalez, as full-time 2nd shift Custodian at Pottsville Area High School, at the hourly rate of \$13.50, plus .40 cent shift differential, effective February 23, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board ratify Kimberly Pauley, as full-time Custodian at DHH Lengel Middle School, at the hourly rate of \$13.50, effective March 16, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Board ratify David Wynosky as full-time 2nd shift Custodian at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, at the hourly rate of \$13.50, plus .40 cent shift differential, effective March 2, 2026.
6. It is recommended that the Board ratify the start date of Ms. Jean Brennan, Title I Math Interventionist at John S. Clarke Elementary Center from February 19, 2026 to February 24, 2026.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Lynda Tomicich as an after-school tutor at John S. Clarke Elementary Center effective March 19, 2026.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Pamela Urban as full-time Payroll Specialist at the annual salary of \$52,000 effective April 13, 2026.
9. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Justin Herb, IT Intern, effective April 30, 2026.
10. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Sage Noll, as full-time Accounts Receivable Coordinator, effective March 13, 2026.
11. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Ms. Jean Brennan, Title I Math Interventionist at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective February 24, 2026.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following FMLA/LOA requests per policy #334:
- Employee #1866 - 02/12/26 - 03/12/26
- Employee #766 - 02/24/26 - 08/24/26 intermittent
- Employee # 103 - 02/23/26 - 05/23/26 intermittent
- Employee #1367 - 01/20/26 - 03/4/26
- Employee #1699 - 01/28/26 - TBD
- Employee #17 - 03/20/26 - 06/21/26
13. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Pottsville Area School District and the Pottsville Area School District Educational Association for step adjustment for Speech Language Pathologists effective August 1, 2025 through June 29, 2028 pending solicitor review and approval.
14. 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.

Bailey Ditzler
Brett Reed

15. 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:

Jamie Dawson - 6 Credits
Paula Heffner - 3 Credits
Taylor Sborz - 3 Credits
Alycia Semanco - 3 Credits
D. Jake Wartella - 3 Credits

16. It is recommended that the Board approve the pre-approval of credit hours indicated for the following Act 93 employee(s) be ratified in accordance with the negotiated agreement between PASD and the Act 93 Agreement:

Krista Bevan - 3 Credits

17. 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:

Samantha Brennan - \$2,640.00
Nicole Doran - \$1,548.00

William Rhoads - \$1,764.00

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

Melissa Scheetz - Master's Degree

19. It is recommended that the Board approve Sage Noll as a per diem Accounts Receivable Coordinator position from March 19, 2026 through July 31, 2026 at the daily rate of \$190.00, for 1-2 days per week as needed to assist with the transfer of his duties to a new Accounts Receivable Coordinator.

20. It is recommended that the Board approve the following individuals as Instructors for Red Cross Swim Lessons being held April 8, 2026 through May 6, 2026 at the DHH Lengel Natatorium:

Joanne Weres
Emma Seiger
JP Mohl
Killian Bressler
Paula Heffner

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Mar 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 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 \$9,408.00.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Intermediate Unit General Operating 2026-2027 Budget. Total Budget amount - \$3,258,077. **Note: Each Director must sign the ballot indicating their vote on the above motion and return to the Board Secretary.**
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Schuylkill Technology Center 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of \$7,426,553. Pottsville Area School District's contribution is \$1,021,809 ; an increase of \$85,835 from prior year. **Note: Each Director must sign the ballot indicating their vote on the above motion and return to the Board Secretary.**
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Single Audit for the year ending June 30, 2025.

Motion to approve as recommended.

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

Meeting Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 8.7 Technology - Mr. Bob Thomas

Meeting Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action**It is recommended by the Technology Committee that the Board approve the following:**

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 \$24,840.00. 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 the agreement with CDW-G E-Rate (SPIN# 143005588) for the supply of fifteen (15) HPE network switches. This approval is contingent upon receiving partial funding from USAC and is pending solicitor review.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for a full-time Technology Specialist position, pending solicitor review.

Motion to approve as recommended.**Subject 8.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan**

Meeting Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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 \$186,110.00, 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).

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.9 Policy and Procedure - Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
Meeting	Mar 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 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.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.10 Food Services - Mr. Kerry Ansbach
Meeting	Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
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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	8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Mar 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	Mar 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	Mar 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	Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
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Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject	9.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
Meeting	Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
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Access	Public
Type	Information

10. NEW BUSINESS

Subject 10.1 Upcoming Events - Junior Board Member

Meeting Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

March 25, 2026 - End of 3rd Marking Period

March 26, 2026 - Start of 4th Marking Period

April 1, 2026 - Report Cards Upload to Skyward

April 1, 2026 - Holiday Early Dismissal

April 2 - 7, 2026 - Easter Recess

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

Meeting Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended
Action Motion to approve as recommended.**Subject 10.3 Dates for Future Meetings - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan**

Meeting Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Finance Committee Meeting, April 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Board Meeting, April 15, 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	Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

An Executive Session was held on March 11, 2026 from 8:10 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. for personnel and legal matters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	12.1 Adjourn
Meeting	Mar 18, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	12. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn