



**Wednesday, April 15, 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 Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Information

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

Meeting Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Information

Subject **1.3 Public Comment - Harry Ciavarella**

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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	Apr 15, 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 March 11, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and the March 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	Apr 15, 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 March 31, 2026 - \$8,061,475.05, Cafeteria Checking Balance as of March 31, 2026 - \$976,905.18.**
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	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Apr 15, 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	Apr 15, 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 ratify the Pennsylvania MATHCOUNTS Trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which took place March 20–21, 2026. The trip included lodging for three (3) qualifying Mathletes and Coach Ms. Carolyn Wasilewski. Expenses were funded through the DHH Lengel Middle School Activity Fund (Total cost was \$618.43).
2. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Pottsville Area High School Swim/Dive Trip to Bucknell University for State Championships, which took place March 20-22, 2026. The trip included lodging for six (6) qualifying Swimmers and Divers and four (4) coaches. Expenses were funded through the Athletic Fund (Total cost was \$2,537.82).

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Apr 15, 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 Omnia Partners 60-month contract with Cintas for work uniforms, logo mats and custodial supplies effective July 1, 2026, pending solicitor review and approval. (The cooperative pricing represents a 41% savings over the current pricing).
2. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to seek proposals through Keystone Purchasing Network EZICQ program to design and provide renovation services to convert the locker rooms to educational space at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to have Levkolic Associates review the exterior door specifications and bid the Martz Hall exterior door replacement project.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.3 Transportation - Dr. Ashley DeWitt
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Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.4 Personnel - Dr. Ashley Dewitt

Meeting	Apr 15, 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 the job classification of Kaitlyn Brown from part-time to full-time Paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center in the Autistic Support Classroom, effective March 18, 2026.
2. It is recommended that the Board ratify the hire of Emma Seiger as part-time Paraprofessional at DHH Lengel Middle School in the Lifeskills Support Classroom, effective March 19, 2026, at the hourly rate of \$14.50.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Rylie Krise as part-time Paraprofessional in the John S. Clarke Elementary Center Autistic Support Classroom, at the hourly rate of \$14.50, effective May 18, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Lora Colletta, Teacher Aide at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective March 27, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Mary Colihan, Cafeteria Staff at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective March 9, 2026.
6. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Kasey Baldwin, Paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective March 9, 2026.
7. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Julianna Marcincak, Paraprofessional at the John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective April 1, 2026.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Ned Hampford, Boys' Swimming & Diving Head Coach, effective April 25, 2026.
9. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Erin McDonald, IT Intern, effective April 24, 2026.
10. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation due to retirement of Rose Doorly, John S. Clarke Administrative Assistant, effective July 31, 2026.
11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following FMLA/LOA requests per policy #334:
Employee #1794: 02/17/26 - 05/30/26
Employee #1085: 04/20/26 - 06/03/26
Employee #17: 03/17/26 - 04/17/26
Employee #1698: 09/08/26 - 12/23/26
12. 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:
- Detrick Borden - 6 Credits
Paige Borrell - 9 Credits
Samantha Brennan - 8 Credits
Katelynn Miller - 3 Credits
Johanna Morrison - 3 Credits
Chris Nabholz - 12 Credits
Gwen Rodgers - 12 Credits
13. 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:
- Jamie Dawson - \$1,635.00
Emma Libby - \$5,340.00
Kimberly O'Brien - \$300.00
Gwen Rodgers - \$461.25
Alycia Semanco - \$1,635.00
D. Jake Wartella - \$300.00
Leah Zerbe - \$3,111.00
14. It is recommended that the following salary adjustments be approved and made effective the 2026-2027 school year:
- Jamie Dawson - Master's + 15
Emma Libby - Bachelor's + 15
15. It is recommended that the Board approve the corrected stipend amount for Rachael Bowers as JV Assistant Softball Coach effective February 19, 2026. It was previously approved at \$2,400 but should have been \$2,200 as per the contract.
16. It is recommended that the Board approve the following ASL Swim Coaches for the Summer 2026 Season:

Paula Heffner - Head Coach
Kristyn Blum - Assistant Coach
Joshua Zelinsky - Assistant Coach
Jamison Walsh - Assistant Coach
Logan Strauss - Assistant Coach
Emma Seiger - Assistant Coach

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Apr 15, 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 renewal of the PA PROMISE Provider Agreement Enrollment Public School Application, effective April 15, 2026, pending solicitor review and approval. This is a five year renewal.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the one-year agreement for a static sign for Ark Rentals at Veterans Memorial Stadium at a cost of \$500.00.
3. It is recommended the Board approve the Letter of Intent (LOI) Fundraising and Purchase Commitment for the Luxedo Projection System for Martz Hall, pending solicitor review and approval.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the IDEA-B Agreement between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and Pottsville Area School District for the project period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 - estimated IDEA allocation is \$518,264.93.
5. It is recommended that the board approve the investment of \$12,000,000 in three collateralized certificates of deposit with PSDLAF, with staggered maturity dates from October 2026 through April 2027.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve a settlement agreement and release in the matter of *Kira Nagle, et al. v. Pottsville Area School District, et. al.*, docketed to 24-CV-01808.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.6 Promotion, Public Relations & Social Media - Mr. Kyle Crouse
Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	8.7 Technology - Mr. Bob Thomas
Meeting	Apr 15, 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 agreement with Second Life Mac for the sale of 1000 Gen 9 iPads, pending solicitor review and approval.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Apple Inc. for the purchase of 20 iPads with AppleCare+ and cases at a \$8,879.00.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to approve as recommended.

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

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of 250 Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus CE Graphing Calculators through the Keystone Purchasing Network at a cost not to exceed \$35,000 which will be funded through the Rural and Low Income Schools Grant.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Alvernia University for Professional Development at a cost of \$13,750 which will be funded through the Title IA School Improvement Set Aside Grant as part of the DHH Lengel Middle School CSI School Plan pending solicitor review and approval.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.9 Policy and Procedure - Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public

Type	Action, Information
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It is recommended by the Policy and Procedure Committee that the Board approve the following:

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.10 Food Services - Mr. Kerry Ansbach
Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action

It is recommended by the Food Service Committee that the Board approve the following:

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

It is recommended by the Labor Relations Committee that the Board approve the following:

Motion to approve as recommended.

9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject	9.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject	9.2 IU 29 Representative - Mr Bob Thomas
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Meeting Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.3 St. Clair Committee – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access Public
Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Meeting Apr 15, 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 Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category 10. NEW BUSINESS
Access Public
Type Information

April 20 - May 1, 2026 - PSSA Math, Science and Make-Ups

May 22, 2026 - Holiday Early Dismissal

May 25, 2025 - Memorial Day (Closed)

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

Meeting Apr 15, 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	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	10. NEW BUSINESS
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Upcoming Meetings:

Athletics Committee, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Facilities Committee, May 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Finance Committee Meeting, May 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Special Board Meeting, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.

Board Meeting, May 20, 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	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Access	Public
Type	Information

An Executive Session was held on April 8, 2026 from 6:31 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for personnel and legal matters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 12.1 Adjourn

Meeting	Apr 15, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	12. ADJOURNMENT

Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn