

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

DHH LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

7:00 p.m.

MEETING OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Subject 1.1 Opening & Pledge – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Subject 1.2 Roll Call – Mrs. Krista Bevan

All Board Members were present.

All Administration was present, as well as Kevin Reid, Solicitor.

Subject 1.3 Public Comment – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

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 minutes. The public comment segment of each Board meeting shall be a maximum of one hour per public meeting. Anyone who does not get the opportunity to speak because of the expiration of this one 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?

No public comments were offered.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Subject 2.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting Minutes – Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

It is recommended that the Board approve the November 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 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?

Motion: Mrs. Ansbach. Second: Mr. Thomas. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – MRS. STEPHANIE WOOD

Subject 3.1 Approval of Financial Reports

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?

Motion: Mr. Thomas. Second: Mrs. Buchanan. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Kevin Reid, ATTORNEY AT LAW

None.

DONATIONS

None.

INFORMATION – – SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY

Subject 7.1 Federal Programs

Dr. Lowery discussed the comprehensive plan and the intent to send surveys out to gather feedback. He also shared that another Crimson Conversation will be scheduled to allow for additional community input.

Mr. Harry Ciavarella recognized Ms. Linda Wytovich, former School Board President, and shared her resignation letter. Ms. Wytovich was not present at the meeting. Mr. Ciavarella noted that he will ensure she receives her plaque in recognition of six years of service to the District.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject 8.1 Athletics and Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Craig Shields

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.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Ciavarella abstained. All others aye. Motion carried.

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 and Dive

Tyler Merkert – Junior High Wrestling

Joe Liptok – Football Strength and Conditioning

Coaches:

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

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Ciavarella and Mr. Thomas abstained. All others aye. Motion carried.

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: Mr. Shields. Second: Mrs. Buchanan. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

Subject 8.2 Facilities and Grounds – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

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

1. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Proposal for Installation of Services from ANTZ Energy Systems Inc. for the IT Rooms HVAC Installation – \$21,500.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Keystone Purchasing Network contract with Hubert Co. to replace the Elementary Steamer at a cost of \$41,479.80.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission of the following antiquated items: two pianos, three desks, one credenza.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Bid for the Steidle Field Rock Scaling and Removal Project from Arthur Pat Aungst – \$113,000 based upon the recommendation of Levkolic Associates and pending final contract approval of the District Solicitor.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for bids for the High School Cafeteria Serving Line Upgrades and the Cafeteria Floor Replacement.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the Professional Service Agreement with SiteLogiq for an Investment Grade Audit, Facility Condition Assessment, and Grant Writing and Advocacy Services for DHH Lengel Middle School, JSC Elementary Center, and the Academic Center, including a one year technology subscription – \$23,000.

Motion: Mr. Ciavarella. Second: Mr. Thomas. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hobbs abstained from the ECTB Holdings vote. All others aye. Motion carried.

Subject 8.3 Transportation – Dr. Ashley DeWitt

None.

Subject 8.4 Personnel – Dr. Ashley DeWitt

Items 1 through 19 were presented as listed on the agenda.

Motion: Dr. DeWitt. Second: Bob Thomas. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

Subject 8.5 Finance – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

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: Mr. Ciavarella. Second: Mr. Ansbach. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

Subject 8.6 Promotion, Public Relations and Social Media – Mr. Kyle Crouse

Informational items were presented as listed on the agenda.

Subject 8.7 Technology – Mr. Bob Thomas

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: Mr. Thomas. Second: Mr. Ansbach. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

Subject 8.8 Curriculum – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

None.

Subject 8.9 Policy and Procedure – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025–2026 Pottsville Area School District Physician Standing Orders.

Motion: Mrs. Hobbs. Second: Mrs. Buchanan. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

Subject 8.10 Food Services – Mr. Kerry Ansbach

None.

Subject 8.11 Labor Relations – Mr. Harry Ciavarella

None.

INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 9.1 Legislation – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

None.

Subject 9.2 IU 29 Representative – Mr. Bob Thomas

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

Mr. Thomas abstained from Item 1. Mr. Ansbach abstained from Item 2.

Motion: Mrs. Hobbs. Second: Mr. Ciavarella. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

Subject 9.3 St. Clair Committee – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

None.

Subject 9.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Subject 10.1 Upcoming Events – Junior Board Member

January 20, 2026 – End of Second Marking Period

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

February 16, 2026 – President's Day, School Closed

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

It is recommended that the Board approve the following use of facilities as listed on the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Ciavarella. Second: Mr. Thomas. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

Subject 10.3 Dates for Future Meetings – Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

Facilities Committee Meeting – February 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Academic Center

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Academic Center

Board Meeting – February 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the DHH Lengel Auditorium

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject 11.1 Executive Session – Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan

An Executive Session was held on January 14, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:42 p.m. for personnel and legal matters. An additional Executive Session was held this evening from 6:00 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. for personnel and legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Subject 12.1 Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Thomas. Second: Mrs. Buchanan. Roll Call Vote: All aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Bevan
Board Secretary

