



**Wednesday, June 17, 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

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Category 1. MEETING OPENING

Access Public

Type Information

Subject 1.2 Roll Call - Mrs. Krista Bevan

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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	Jun 17, 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 May 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the May 13, 2026 Special Board Meeting, and the May 20, 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	Jun 17, 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 May 31, 2026 - \$6,944,039.34; Cafeteria Checking Balance as of May 31, 2026 - \$976,468.09.**
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 - \$6,421,593.64

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	Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	7. INFORMATION - SUPERINTENDENT DR. GUY LOWERY
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	7.2 Crimson Tide Foundation
Meeting	Jun 17, 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	Jun 17, 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 approve the following Coaches for the Fall 2026-2027 season:

FOOTBALL:

Michael Brennan – Head Football Coach – \$7,300
 Kurt Eroh – Assistant Football Coach – \$4,400
 Rick Painter – Assistant Football Coach – \$4,300
 Mark Laubenstein – Assistant Football Coach – \$3,800
 Tyler Heffner – Assistant Football Coach – \$3,400
 Michael Stank – Assistant Football Coach – \$2,800
 Raymond Yost – Assistant Football Coach – \$4,600
 Tony Barone – Football Equipment Manager – \$3,400
 Brad Miller – Assistant Football Coach (Volunteer)
 Brian Brennan – Assistant Football Coach (Volunteer)
 Joe Liptock – Assistant Football Coach (Volunteer)

Josh Kalyan – Head Junior High Football Coach – \$3,000
 Matt Raudenbush – Assistant Junior High Football Coach – \$2,600
 Stephen Messina – Assistant Junior High Football Coach – \$3,300
 Steve Joachim – Assistant Junior High Football Coach (Volunteer)

GOLF:

Tyler McCole – Head Golf Coach – \$3,200

VOLLEYBALL:

Maria Sherakas – Head Girls' Volleyball Coach – \$5,700
 Kendra Boris – Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach – \$2,800
 Mike Puzauskie – Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach (Volunteer)

Olivia Eagan – 8th Grade Junior High Volleyball Coach – \$2,500
 Kassandra Kuperavage – Junior High Volleyball Coach (Volunteer)

CROSS COUNTRY:

Lacey Timony – Head Cross Country Coach – \$2,900
Craig Lowthert – Assistant Cross Country Coach (Volunteer)

TENNIS:

Adrian Portland – Head Girls' Tennis Coach – \$3,400

SOCCER:

Jacey Miller – Head Girls' Soccer Coach – \$3,800
Annie Moran – Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach – \$2,200
Dante McCoy – Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach – \$2,200

Zachary Reichert – Head Boys' Soccer Coach – \$4,600
Giuseppe Giuffre – Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach – \$2,800
Tyler Valentine – Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach (Volunteer)
Carlos Daniel Espejo Osario – Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach (Volunteer)

Jody Rutherford – Head Cheerleading Coach – \$3,100
Devon Sinkovich – Assistant Cheerleading Coach – \$2,100
Crystal Reedy – Assistant Cheerleading Coach (Volunteer)

Shawn Snyder – Aquatics Co-Director – \$3,800
Paul Heffner – Aquatics Co-Director – \$3,800

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Coaches for the Winter 2026-2027 season:

BASKETBALL:

Tyler Heffner – Head Boys Basketball Coach – \$4,400
Patrick McCord – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (JV) – \$3,000
Tony Boris – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach – \$3,000
Tate Clarke – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer

Derrick McFarland – Head 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – \$2,700
Serenity Allen – Head 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – \$2,500

Damian Fritz – Head Girls Basketball Coach – \$5,100
Ashley Pleban – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (JV) – \$2,500
Tyler Fritz – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach – \$2,700

Heather Skripko – Head 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – \$2,700
Allison Parker – Head 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – \$2,900

WRESTLING:

Brad Leonard – Head Wrestling Coach – \$4,600
Joe Bickleman – Assistant Wrestling Coach – \$2,900
Parish McFarland – Assistant Wrestling Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer
Pat Brennan – Assistant Wrestling Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer

Tyson Parsons – Head Junior High Wrestling Coach – \$2,700
Michael Zawaski – Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach – \$2,400

BOCCE:

Amy Withelder – Bocce Co-Head Coach – \$1,800

Bo Rogers – Bocce Co-Head Coach – \$1,800

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Coaches for the Spring 2026-2027 season:

BASEBALL:

Michael Welsh – Head Baseball Coach – \$6,400

Ben O'Brien – Assistant Baseball Coach – \$3,400

Jacob Kuperavage – JV Head Baseball Coach – \$2,500

Joshua Kalyan – JV Assistant Baseball Coach – \$2,500

SOFTBALL:

Jeffrey Bowers – Head Softball Coach – \$3,900

Michael Scanlan – Assistant Softball Coach – \$2,500

Michael Kiehner – JV Head Softball Coach – \$2,500

Rachael Bowers – JV Assistant Softball Coach – \$2,300

Mia Bowers – Assistant Softball Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer

Katie Deegan Burke – Assistant Softball Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer

Serenity Allen – Assistant Softball Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer

Rodney Snowell – Head Junior High Softball Coach – \$2,700

Bryana Snowell – Assistant Junior High Softball Coach – \$2,500

TRACK & FIELD:

Jacey Miller – Head Track Coach – \$5,800

Michael Brennan – Assistant Track Coach – \$3,300

Jed Dunkel – Assistant Track Coach – \$2,800

Katie Miller – Assistant Track Coach – \$2,300

Michael Stank – Assistant Track Coach – \$2,100

Peter McDonald – Assistant Track Coach – \$3,800

Brad Miller – Assistant Track Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer

Craig Lowthert – Assistant Track Coach (Volunteer) – Volunteer

Patrick McCord – Head Junior High Track Coach – \$2,500

Lacey Timony – Assistant Junior High Track Coach – \$2,100

Olivia Eagan – Assistant Junior High Track Coach – \$2,100

Adrian Portland – Head Boys Tennis Coach – \$3,400

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Annual Athletic Sponsorship Agreement for Crimson Level (\$1000) - Electronic Advertising between the Pottsville Area School District and Commonwealth University, effective September 1, 2026 through August 30, 2027.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject

8.2 Facilities and Grounds - Mr. Harry Ciavarella

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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 ratify the Service Quote from James Pastore Pottery for the DHH Lengel Middle School and the Pottsville Area High School kilns, includes maintenance service labor in the fall and spring and 5 hours a month of phone support - \$2,463, pending solicitor review and approval.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engineering Services.
3. It is recommended that the Board ratify the agreement with the Heim Company to repair the Main Office Air Handler at DHH Lengel Middle School at a cost of \$7,645.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Americhem to provide new soap, paper towel and toilet paper dispensers districtwide in an exclusive agreement for 2 years.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission of the following items from the Academic Center:
 - Old desks (two wood, two glass top)
 - Wooden bookshelf
 - Wooden PC case
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of four office workstations (cubicles) for the Academic Center at a cost not to exceed \$13,200.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from McNulty's Building Supply, Inc. for the purchase and installation of carpet tiles, and heavy patching of the floor at the Academic Center - \$5,370.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.3 Transportation - Dr. Ashley DeWitt
Meeting	Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

Subject 8.4 Personnel - Dr. Ashley Dewitt

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Motion to approve as recommended.
Action

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

1. It is recommended that the Board ratify Serafino Breiner as an IT Intern, effective June 15, 2026, per the Memorandum of Understanding with Penn State Schuylkill.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve Sage Noll as permanent part-time Accounts Receivable Specialist, at a daily rate of \$200, effective July 1, 2026.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Candice Lewis as full-time Custodian at Pottsville Area High School at the hourly rate of \$13.50 effective June 22, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Gibsen Goodenough as an ELA Teacher at Pottsville Area High School for the 2026-2027 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$47,500. Mrs. Amy Babcock will serve as a mentor for Mr. Goodenough.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Brianna Weaver as a Science Teacher at Pottsville Area High School for the 2026-2027 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$47,500. Mr. Adrian Portland will serve as a mentor for Ms. Weaver.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Elizabeth Brensinger as a School Counselor at Pottsville Area High School for the 2026-2027 School Year - Step 6 - Master's + 15 - \$59,200. Ms. Dean will serve as a mentor for Ms. Brensinger.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve Ms. Athena Braun as a Fourth Grade Teacher at John S. Clarke Elementary Center for the 2026-2027 School Year - Step 1 - Bachelor's - \$47,500. Mrs. Jennifer Brindle will serve as a mentor for Ms. Braun.
8. It is recommended that the Board approve Tamara Dragna as full-time Accounts Receivable Specialist, at annual salary of \$45,000, effective July 1, 2026.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve Barb Zemantauski as part-time Cafeteria Staff at the Pottsville Area High School, at the hourly rate of \$13.00, effective August 31, 2026.

10. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of David Steranko, part-time Driver, effective May 26, 2026.

11. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Carrie Sunday, part-time Paraprofessional, effective March 24, 2026.

12. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Nancy Snyder, part-time Cafeteria Staff, effective June 3, 2026.

13. 11. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Mikaela Gavaletz, part-time Cafeteria Aide, effective June 5, 2026.

14. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Nicole Spalti, part-time Driver, effective May 29, 2026.

15. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Farrah Benart, part-time Paraprofessional, effective June 1, 2026.

16. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation due to retirement for Thomas Rokosky, Pottsville Area High School Custodial Staff, previously approved as the last day of the 2025-2026 school year. His last date will now be June 26, 2026.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve the following faculty for the 2025-2026 Extended School Year (ESY) at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per contract:

Laila Alvarez

18. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Transportation Aide for the 2025-2026 Extended School Year (ESY) at her normal hourly rate:

Kimberly Huffman

19. It is recommended that the Board revise the retirement date of Cynthia Stasulli, School Counselor, at Pottsville Area High School, from July 20, 2026 to July 31, 2026.

20. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Paraprofessionals for ESY for the 2025-2026 Extended School Year (ESY):

Jada Brant

Kaitlin Brown

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

Employee # 1058 - 5/18/26, 6/1 through 6/3/26

Employee # 1115 - 5/19/26 and 5/27/26

Employee # 1662 - 6/11/26

22. 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:

Nicole Doran - 12 Credits

Stephen Messina - 6 Credits

Kimberly O'Brien - 3 Credits

Joshua Pryce - 3 Credits

Michael Walser - 7 Credits

Lori Yost - 9 Credits

23. 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

24. 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:

Lauren Deibert - \$1,602.00

Karrison Dubbs - \$1,602.00

Serena Foulk - \$4,806.00

McKayla Gilbert - \$1,602.00

Paula Heffner - \$3,270.00

Amy Heinbach - \$1,602.00

Emma Libby - \$2,136.00

Johanna Morrison - \$1,602.00

Kimberly O'Brien - \$300.00

Katherine Patterson - \$300.00

Gwen Rodgers - \$461.25

Taylor Sborz - \$300.00

Alycia Semanco - \$1,635.00

Megan Sirkot - \$1,602.00

Michael Walser - \$1,602.00

Kayla Watt - \$750.00

Anya Wood - \$900.00

Lori Yost - \$2,205.00

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

Brianna Betz - Master's Degree

Karrison Dubbs - Bachelor's + 15

D. Jake Wartella - Master's + 15

26. It is recommended that the Board approve the Non-Categorical Compensation and Benefits Book term extension with subsequent salary adjustments effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 pending solicitor review and approval.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.5 Finance - Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Meeting	Jun 17, 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 amount approved at the Board's May 20, 2026 meeting, related to the Frontline Education Services Absence and Time Solution Agreement, be amended to accurately reflect the contract amount of \$19,216.14 which represents a (8% increase over prior year).
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Seltzer Group Partners Renewal for 2026-2027 school year:
 - Property/Liability/Auto/Crime/Educators Liability - \$206,682
 - Commercial Umbrella - \$20,187
 - Cyber Liability - \$8,243.00
 - Workers Comp - \$102,053.00

3. Subsequent to the final 2025-2026 audit, it is recommended that funds remaining above the PDE threshold be committed for the following anticipated purposes:

- Curriculum Renewal
- Increase in Cyber-Charter and Charter School costs
- Increase in Health Benefits and PSERS
- Increase in Transportation costs and fuel
- Increase in Utility costs
- Unexpected Maintenance costs

4. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Equalized Real Estate Tax Rate Following the County-Wide Reassessment

WHEREAS, the County of Schuylkill has conducted a county-wide reassessment, with new assessed values effective for the 2026 tax year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 53 Pa.C.S. § 8823(b), in the first year that any county implements a county-wide revision of assessments, a school district is required to reduce its tax rate and establish an equalized tax rate so that the total amount of taxes levied against real property does not exceed the total amount it levied on the properties in the preceding year: and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Pottsville Area School District intends to set an equalized tax rate that is intended to generate the same revenue as the prior year, excluding revenue from new construction, in accordance with 53 P.S. § 6926.327, based on the reassessed property values: and

WHEREAS, the total assessed valuation of taxable real estate within the Pottsville Area School District prior to reassessment was \$292,629,640, and the total assessed valuation following reassessment is \$1,462,938,548, which has been adjusted to exclude properties that were added post July 1, 2025, new construction or improvements, properties in county tax appeal, and any other reductions for comparability to July 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Pottsville Area School District hereby adopts an equalized real estate tax rate of 9.0819 mills for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The millage represents the reassessment-adjusted equivalent of 45.403 mills, which was previously established for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The adopted millage rate shall remain subject to the limitations set forth under Act 1 of 2006, including any applicable index or exceptions.

ADOPTED by the Board of School Directors of the Pottsville Area School District at a duly convened public meeting held on this 17th day of June, 2026.

5. The **Committee on Finance** reports that the tentative budget notice and the adoption of the budget this evening was published in the Republican Herald on May 15, 2026 stating that the budget for the fiscal year commencing the first day of July 1, 2026 would be adopted as of June 17, 2026. The budget herewith presented has been carefully considered by the Board of Directors and is now submitted by the Committee on Finance for action at this meeting. The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the following

budget resolution authorizing the expenditures of the amounts indicated in the various classifications for the general fund budget totaling **\$56,048,068** and appended to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting:

6. RESOLUTION 2026-2027 Annual Tax Levy Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Pottsville Area School District, that taxes are levied for school purposes for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law, as follows:

1. **Real estate tax.** Real estate tax of 9.1727 mills (or \$0.91727 per \$100 of assessment) the assessed value of all real property taxable for school purposes in this School District. Levied under School Code §§ 672 and 673.
2. **Per capita Tax.** A per capita tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person. Levied under Section 1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended. A per capita tax of five dollars (\$5.00) per person. Levied under the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.
3. **Occupation Tax.** An occupation tax of 365.9714 mills based on the occupational assessment as set by the County Assessor or a total of \$128.09. Levied under the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.
4. **Business Privilege Tax.** A business privilege tax of four and one-half (4 ½) mills on each dollar of the whole or gross volume of business transacted within the territorial limits of the school district except for wholesale dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one mill, and retail dealers or vendors, who will be taxed at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) mills. Levied under the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.
5. **Local Services Tax.** A local services tax at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00). Levied under the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.

The above taxes will be levied and collected in each of the following political subdivisions included in the Pottsville Area School District:

- City of Pottsville
- Borough of Port Carbon
- Borough of Mechanicsville
- Borough of Mount Carbon
- Borough of Pal Alto
- Township of Norwegian

6. Tax due date/delinquent status.

- a. The real estate tax is due and payable on July 1, 2026, and this will be the date of the notice issued to the owner for real estate tax. Unless installment payment has been elected under the Pottsville Area School District Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan, the real estate tax is delinquent if not paid in full within four (4) months after the date of the tax notice issued to the owner – by October 31, 2026.
- b. The occupation tax is due and payable on July 1, 2026, and this will be the date of the notice issued to the taxpayer. The occupation tax is delinquent if not paid in full within four months after the date of the tax notice issued to the taxpayer – by October 31, 2026.

7. **Discount and penalty.** All real estate and occupation taxpayers are entitled to a discount of two percent (2%) from the amount of the real estate tax or occupation tax by making payment of the entire tax amount within two (2) months after the date of the tax notice – August 31, 2026. Unless installment payment has been elected under the Pottsville Area School District Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan, a taxpayer will be charged a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the tax, which penalty will be added to the tax, if the tax is not paid in full within four (4) months after the date of the tax notice – by October 31, 2026. (Discount and penalty rules established under Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. § 5511.10.)
8. **Severability.** The provisions of this resolution are severable and, if any section, clause, sentence, part or provision is determined to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such determination will not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts or provisions of this resolution. It is declared to be the intent of this school district that this resolution would have been adopted even if any such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, part or provision had been included in this resolution.
9. **Continuation of other taxes.** The Board has previously imposed other taxes that do not require an annual levy. Without modifying or amending such taxes in any manner, the Board ratifies continuation of the following previously imposed taxes that do not require an annual levy:
 - a. **Real estate transfer tax.** Real estate transfer tax of 1.0%. Levied under Pennsylvania Real Estate Transfer Tax Act and the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.
 - b. **Earned income and net profits tax.** Earned income and net profits tax of .5%. Levied under the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

7. The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board authorize and direct the following to collect the amount due on the 2026 taxes, real estate and personal, in the respective political subdivisions indicated:

Pottsville City - Taryn Dragna

Port Carbon Borough - Mary Jo Ferraro

Mechanicsville Borough - Alicia Beach

Mount Carbon Borough - Linda Yeich/Sch. County Treasurer

Palo Alto Borough - Anna Cook

Norwegian Township - Krista Schaeffer

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE COLLECTION OF TAXES. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

8. The Committee on Finance recommends that the Board confirm the rates of compensation to tax collectors in the respective political subdivisions for the 2026 duplicates:

Pottsville City - School District's 1/3 share of tax office salaries, with the City of Pottsville and County of Schuylkill to pay the other two-thirds (\$3.00 per bill collected and paid to the District & \$1.00 per bill mailed) for the Boroughs of Port Carbon, Mechanicsville, Mount Carbon, Palo Alto, and Norwegian Township.

MOTION TO CONFIRM RATES OF COMPENSATION. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

9. RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Pottsville Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2026:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,227,553.21.

2. Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4,043.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 0.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,043.

3. Real estate tax reduction calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(a) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$1,227,553.21 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4,043 the maximum real estate. tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$304.02.

4. Homestead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$304.02 by the School District real estate tax rate of 9.1727, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$33,144 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$0.00.

5. Homestead/Farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall

reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$33,144. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$0.00. For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. §6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. VOTE BY ROLL CALL.

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. Congratulations to the PAHS senior class of 2026, as we celebrated our 93rd commencement on June 3rd. We wish you all the very best of success.
2. Special thanks to Dr. Alex Diamond, for speaking to our graduating seniors. Dr. Diamond was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Subject 8.7 Technology - Mr. Bob Thomas

Meeting Jun 17, 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 Amendment between Tyler Edulink, LLC and the Pottsville Area School District to add the Support Staff Module and 150 licenses - \$6,933, pending solicitor review and approval.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.8 Curriculum - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Meeting	Jun 17, 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 decommission the Houghton Mifflin Social Studies Series Grades K-8, copyright 2005.

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject	8.9 Policy and Procedure - Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
Meeting	Jun 17, 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 second reading of the following policy with attachments:

Policy 626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance
 Policy 626 Attachment - Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures (Federal Programs)
 Policy 626 Attachment - Allowability of Costs (Federal Programs)
 Policy 626 Attachment - Cash Management (Federal Programs)
 Policy 626 Attachment - Type of Costs, Financial Obligations and Property Management (Administration of Funds)

Motion to approve as recommended.

Subject 8.10 Food Services - Mr. Kerry Ansbach

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

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1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement for Participation in Child Nutrition Programs between the Pottsville Area School District, the Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency, and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Subject 8.11 Labor Relations - Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information

9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Subject 9.1 Legislation - Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.2 IU 29 Representative - Mr Bob Thomas

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

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Access Public

Type Information, Reports

Subject 9.3 St. Clair Committee – Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

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Access	Public
Type	Information, Reports

Subject	9.4 PSBA Representative – Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
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Meeting	Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	9.5 School Safety and Security Coordinator Act 44 Report – Mrs. Krista Bevan
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Meeting	Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	9. INFORMATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Informational Item:

The School Safety and Security Coordinator Act 44 Report was received for the 2025-2026 school year and will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Subject	10.1 Upcoming Events
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Meeting	Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	10. NEW BUSINESS
Access	Public
Type	Information

Subject	10.2 Use of Facilities - Board Secretary Mrs. Krista Bevan
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Meeting	Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting
Category	10. NEW BUSINESS
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Type	Action

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

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 10. NEW BUSINESS

Access Public

Type Information

Upcoming Meetings:

- Facilities Committee, June 25, 2026 at 10:30 a.m at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.
- Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center.
- Board Meeting, July 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 Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Access Public

Type Information

An Executive Session was held on June 10, 2026 from 6:50 p.m. to 8:16 p.m. for legal and personnel matters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 12.1 Adjourn

Meeting Jun 17, 2026 - Board Meeting

Category 12. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended
Action

Motion to adjourn