

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:30 p.m.

MEETING OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

Subject 1.1 Opening/Roll Call – Harry Ciavarella

Subject 1.2 Public Comment

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?

No public comments were offered.

GENERAL

Subject 2.1 Budget

Stephanie Wood provided a presentation regarding the proposed final 2026-2027 School District budget.

President Ciavarella requested a motion to amend the agenda to update the proposed final 2026-2027 School District budget amount to \$56,048,068.

Motion: Mr. Thomas. Second: Mr. Ansbach. Vote: All aye, motion passed.

Bob Thomas stated that he is against tax increases, but this 1% increase is about the minimum the District can do.

1. The Committee on Finance recommends adoption of the proposed final 2026-2027 School District budget of \$56,146,068. The Committee reports that this budget reflects personnel, instructional equipment, supplies, maintenance and operational expenditures necessary for educating students.
2. It is recommended that the Board authorize the School Board Secretary to have the required proposed final budget notice published once in the Republican Herald on Friday, May 15, 2026.
3. It is recommended that the Board set the date of June 17, 2026 at 7 PM for the Final Adoption of the 2026-2027 budget for the Pottsville Area School District.

Motion: Mr. Thomas. Second: Mr. Kelly. Vote: All aye, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Subject 3.1 Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Bevan
Board Secretary