

Agenda of September 16, 2026 Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Pottsville Area School District

A September 16, 2026 Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pottsville Area School District will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM Lengel Middle School Auditorium, 1541 West Laurel Boulevard, Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901.

1. **MEETING OPENING AND PLEDGE**

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Description:

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?

2. **ROLL CALL**

Speaker(s): Mrs. Krista Bevan

Description:

Mr. Ansbach

Mrs. Buchanan

Mr. Ciavarella
Mr. Crouse
Dr. DeWitt
Mrs. Hobbs
Mr. Kelly
Mr. Shields
Mr. Thomas

2.A. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Speaker(s): Mrs. Krista Bevan

Description: It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes from the August 12, 2026 Committee of the Whole, and the August 19, 2026 Board Meeting.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Speaker(s): Mrs. Stephanie Wood, Business Manager

Description:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds)

- General Fund Balance as of August 31, 2026: \$11,895,306.38
- Cafeteria Fund Balance as of August 31, 2026: \$940,809.37

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

6. Budget Transfers

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Speaker(s): Mr. Craig Shields

5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

6. DONATIONS

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Description:

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the donation from JRL Emergency Services to the Pottsville Area School District Wrestling Program.

2. It is recommended that the Board accept the donation of school supplies from Giant Food Stores.

3. It is recommended that the Board accept the donation of school supplies from Lowes RDC 961.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the request from Klutch Long to repaint the benches in the Ned Hampford Natatorium as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the donation of \$1,000 towards Pottsville Area School District Athletics made by Bob Weaver Chevrolet.

We'd like to thank them for their generosity to our students and district.

7. INFORMATION

Speaker(s): Mr. Bob Thomas

7.A. FEDERAL PROGRAMS

7.B. CRIMSON TIDE FOUNDATION

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Speaker(s): Dr. Ashley DeWitt

8.A. ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

Speaker(s): Mr. Craig Shields

8.B. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Speaker(s): Mr. Chris Kelly

Description: 1. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Pool Supply Unlimited for replacement filter parts - \$8,353.10.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Bob's Pools, Inc. for glass filter media - \$2,348.65

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the quotes from Next Day Access South Central PA for two Bruno Commercial Elite Stairlifts with installation - \$17,780. Emergency Report form with PDE per School Code 24 PS 7-751 is on file.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the quote from Hubert for a Convection Steamer for the High School. AEPA IFB#022.5C/Keystone Purchasing Coop - \$42,968.00.

8.C. TRANSPORTATION

Speaker(s): Dr. Ashley DeWitt

8.D. PERSONNEL

Speaker(s): Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Description: Agenda Item(s): All employment recommendations are contingent upon receipt and verification of all required

employment paperwork, certifications, licenses, and clearances.

1. It is recommended that the Board ratify Reeve Platt as Van Driver, at the hourly rate of \$16.50, effective August 31, 2026.
2. It is recommended that the Board ratify Leslie Barringer as part-time Cafeteria Aide, at the hourly rate of \$13.00, effective September 1, 2026.
3. It is recommended that the Board ratify John Schroeder as part-time Bus Driver, at the hourly rate of \$19.00, effective September 8, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board ratify Briana Walton as part-time Paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, at the hourly rate of \$14.50, effective August 25, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Board ratify Joseph Shaw, who is currently a part-time Van Driver and will remain as such, as a Substitute Bus Driver, at the hourly rate of \$19, effective August 22, 2026.
6. It is recommended that the Board ratify the following teachers as Supplemental Support at John S. Clarke Elementary Center at an hourly rate of \$35.00 as per contract, effective August 31, 2026:

Joshua Pryce
Brett Reed
7. It is recommended that the Board ratify Christine Johnson as an Elementary Teacher at John S. Clarke Elementary Center - Step 1 - Master's - \$56,100, effective August 25, 2026.
8. It is recommended that the Board ratify Marie Weikel as Cafeteria Staff Substitute, at the hourly rate of \$13.00, effective August 31, 2026.
9. It is recommended that the Board ratify Mira Bevan as Lifeguard, at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective August 31, 2026.
10. It is recommended that the Board ratify Jerome Urban as Lifeguard, at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective August 31, 2026.
11. It is recommended that the Board ratify Robert Russell's position

change from Transportation Aide to Van Driver at the hourly rate of \$16.50, effective August 31, 2026.

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Shaniya McShaw's position change from part-time to full-time Paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, at the hourly rate of \$15.00, effective September 16, 2026.

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the change of assignment for Cody Blankenhorn, from DHH Lengel Teacher to DHH Lengel SBIS/Teacher.

14. It is recommended that the Board approve the change of assignment of Krista Bevan from Assistant Business Manager / Board Secretary to Director of Talent and Recruitment at a prorated annual salary of \$93,000 effective October 1, 2026 for a three-year term pending solicitor contract review and approval.

15. It is recommended that the Board approve Casey Shoopack, as First Grade Lead Teacher, at John S. Clarke Elementary Center for the 2026-2027 school year.

16. It is recommended that the board approve Mr. Michael P. Stank as a part-time School Police Officer at an initial hourly rate of \$25.00. His hourly rate will increase to the rates based on thresholds previously Board approved for School Police Officers: \$28.00 per hour if/when Mr. Stank reaches 100 hours in a school year, and \$30.00 per hour if/when Mr. Stank reaches 300 hours in a school year. Mr. Stank's employment is conditional based upon the successful completion of the NASRO Basic SRO Training, or an equivalent course of instruction approved by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crimes and Delinquency and all other qualifications necessary to be appointed as a School Police Officer.

17. It is recommended that the Board approve the following employees to work at the Ned Hampford Natatorium during open swims and while the pool is in use by outside organizations, at the hourly rate of \$10.00:

Amy Ryan
Molly Bressler
Margaret Foight

18. It is recommended that the Board approve extending the Seasonal Technology Department staff Christian Honicker through December 31, 2026.

19. It is recommended that the Board approve extending the Seasonal Technology Department staff Carly Emery through December 31, 2026.

20. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Valerie Greene, Cafeteria Staff at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, letter dated August 21, 2026.

21. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Paige Bauer, part-time Paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, letter dated September 6, 2026.

22. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of John Rose, part-time Van Driver, effective August 13, 2026.

23. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Barbara Arner, part-time Cafeteria Aide, letter dated July 29, 2026.

24. It is recommended that the Board ratify the resignation of Bo Rogers as Bocce Ball Coach, letter dated August 25, 2026.

25. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Jessika Sadusky, Speech-Language Pathologist at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, letter dated August 25, 2026.

26. It is recommended that the Board rescind the approval of the hiring of Aneht Argueta de Gonzalez, part-time Van Driver, and ratify the approval as Cafeteria Substitute, effective September 8, 2026.

27. It is recommended that the Board approve the correction to the hourly rate of the following newly hired part-time Paraprofessionals, from \$13.00 to \$14.50, which is the previous standard starting rate for part-time Paraprofessionals:

- Kayla Schwartz
- Skylar Good
- Melanie Moyer
- Michael Allen
- Brenda Hargraves
- Emily Moyer
- Brianna Holder
- Tracy Morgan
- Madalyn Yackenchick

28. It is recommended that the Board approve the naming of Mindy

Zimerofsky as Secretary to the Pottsville Area School District Board of Directors effective October 1, 2026 with an annual stipend of \$10,000.

29. 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:

- Melissa Brennan - 3 Credits
- Emily Cooper - 3 Credits
- Margaret Foight - 3 Credits
- McKayla Gilbert - 3 Credits
- Paula Heffner - 3 Credits
- Rebecca Oakill - 3 Credits
- William Rhoads - 3 Credits
- Ashley Rumpf - 3 Credits
- Michelle Wade - 6 Credits

30. 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
- Nicole Doran - \$1,548.00
- Karrison Dubbs - \$1,602.00
- McKayla Gilbert - \$1,602.00
- Stephen Messina - \$300.00
- Katherine Williams - \$3,204.00
- Lori Yost - \$4,410.00

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

- Lori Yost - Bachelor's + 15

32. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Clinical Staffing Agreement between Homecare Therapies LLC and the Pottsville Area School District, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

33. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement between the Reschini Group and the Pottsville Area School District to complete the District's 2026 Affordable Care Act Employer Reporting - \$500 plus \$6.50 per 1095 Form.

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

Employee # 1583: 9/21 - 9/25/26
Employee # 1683: 1/11 - 1/25/27
Employee # 1601: 11/03 - 8/31/27
Employee # 1483: 9/9/26
Employee # 1462: 9/24 - 9/25/26

8.E. FINANCE

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Description:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the closing of the Technology Account with Burke & Herbert with funds to be transferred to the Technology Account with MidPenn Bank.
2. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Annual Athletic Sponsorship Agreement of White Level (\$500), entered into by and between the Pottsville Area School District and Bruce T. Hart Funeral Home, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.
3. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Annual Athletic Sponsorship Agreement of Roll Tide Level (\$2,000), entered into by and between the Pottsville Area School District and Weiner Iron & Metal Corp., effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.
4. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Annual Athletic Sponsorship Agreement of Crimson Level (\$1,000), entered into by and between the Pottsville Area School District and UFP Industries, Inc., effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.
5. It is recommended that the Board ratify the Agreement for the Sale of Commercial Real Estate and \$10,000.00 initial deposit for the property located at 2300 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville PA, between Pottsville Area School District and International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve the authorization of KingSpry Attorneys and Counselors to engage Environmental, Appraisal, and Building Inspection professional services for the property at 2300 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville PA, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

7. It is recommended that the Board approve accrued interest reductions for the following properties:

- Parcel 53-01-0026: \$380.50
- Parcel 68-35-0167: \$66.73

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the Onsite Clinic agreement between Redner's Pharmacy and the Pottsville Area School District, pending solicitor review and approval.

8.F. PROMOTION, PUBLIC RELATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA

Speaker(s): Mr. Kyle Crouse

8.G. TECHNOLOGY

Speaker(s): Mr. Bob Thomas

Description:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 3 year contract with Skyward Qmlativ for the Student Management Suite and Installation - \$13,448.

8.H. CURRICULUM

Speaker(s): Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Description:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed field trip locations for the 2026-2027 academic year as requested from school principals.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbooks for the Pottsville Area High School, DHH Lengel Middle School, and John S. Clarke Elementary Center.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing and the Pottsville Area School District regarding the Student Professional Nurse Learning Experience, effective 09/02/26 through 09/01/27.

8.I. POLICY & PROCEDURE

Speaker(s): Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Description:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the first reading of the proposed policy 137.2 - Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students.

8.J. FOOD SERVICE

Speaker(s): Mr. Kerry Ansbach

8.K. LABOR RELATIONS

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

9. INFORMATION AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Speaker(s): Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

9.A. LEGISLATION

Speaker(s): Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

9.B. IU REPRESENTATIVE

Speaker(s): Mr. Bob Thomas

9.C. SAINT CLAIR COMMITTEE

Speaker(s): Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

9.D. PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Speaker(s): Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

10. NEW BUSINESS

Speaker(s): Mr. Kerry Ansbach

10.A. APPOINTMENTS

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

10.B. UPCOMING EVENTS

Speaker(s): JR. Board Member

10.C. USE OF FACILITIES

Speaker(s): Mrs. Krista Bevan

Description: POTTSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

01/20, 21, 26 and 27th, 2027, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

01/28/27, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

01/31/27, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival

BOYS GYM

10/26/26 - 02/28/27, Mon. through Fri. 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Sat.
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pottsville Biddy Basketball (Boys & Girls)

DHH LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM

03/06 and 03/13/27, 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SCHUYLKILL TECHNOLOGY CENTER - STC MAEC Regional Spelling Bee

JOHN S. CLARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GYM

10/26/26 - 02/28/27, Mon. through Fri. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Sat.
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pottsville Biddy Basketball (Boys & Girls)

ALUMNI SOCCER FIELD

Youth Soccer - Playoffs: October 17, 18, 24, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to

9:00 p.m.

10.D. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Speaker(s): Mrs. Krista Bevan

11. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Speaker(s): Mrs. Krista Bevan

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella
