

Agenda of October 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole

The Board of Trustees Pottsville Area School District

An October 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees of Pottsville Area School District will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center, 1501 West Laurel Boulevard, Pottsville, PA 17901.

1. MEETING OPENING

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. Public comments will follow our public comment procedures which require members of the public to identify themselves by indicating name and address. If members of the public wish to make public comments, then they must do so in person. Are there any public comments at this time?

2. ROLL CALL

Speaker(s): Mrs. Mindy Zimerofsky

Description:

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

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Speaker(s): Dr. Guy Lowery

Description: Superintendent Report

4. ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Speaker(s): Mr. Craig Shields

5. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Description:

1. Approve the proposal and service agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Sciens Service Suite/Eastern Time Division, for Fire Alarm Only Monitoring and Fire Alarm Cell Dialer - \$3,500.00, pending solicitor review and approval.

2. Approve the quote from LMB Industrial Services, Inc. for a Boiler Rear Wall Door Header and a Burner Block, including install and demolition of old steel header - \$4,900.00.

3. Approve and ratify the September 18, 2026 quote from Arnold's Office Furniture for the purchase of office furniture - \$23,000.00.

4. Approve and ratify the September 15, 2026 quote from B&H Landscaping, LLC for repairs at the Girls' Softball Field - \$9,970.00.

Items for Discussion:

Solar Panels

McClure Company - Facilities Assessment

Natatorium

Electricity Renewal

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

DHH LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wrestling Room; 11/02/26 through 3/13/27 Monday through Friday 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.;

Martz Hall Gym; Sunday 02/28/27 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Coal Cracker League Championship

POTTSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Sundays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pottsville Youth Wrestling

JOHN S. CLARKE ELEMENTARY CENTER

Library; October 27, 2026 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Scouting America Hawk Mountain Council Sign Up Night

6. FINANCE

Speaker(s): Mr. Harry Ciavarella

Description:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds)

General Fund Balance as of September 30, 2026: **\$11,307,251.94**

Cafeteria Fund Balance as of September 30, 2026: **\$959,306.48**

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

7. Approve the sale of 351 Nichols Street, Pottsville, Parcel No. 68-14-0026.000, from the County Repository in the amount of \$2,500.00.
8. Approve the 2026-2027 Title I Letter of Agreement between Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Intermediate Unit in effect from August 24, 2026 until May 28, 2027, pending solicitor review and approval.
9. Approve and ratify the three-year Athletic Sponsorship Agreement for a Single Static Sign Advertising between the Pottsville Area School District and Alvernia University, effective September 1, 2026 through August 30, 2029.
10. Approve and ratify the three-year Athletic Sponsorship Agreement for a Single Static Sign Advertising between the Pottsville Area School District and Mid Penn Bank, effective September 1, 2026 through August 30, 2029.
11. Approve the First Amendment to the Plan Administration Agreement with U.S. OMNI & TSACG Compliance Services, Inc. for retirement plan administration services, including a revised investment provider fee schedule effective through June 30, 2028, and thereafter as outlined in the amendment, pending solicitor review and approval.
12. Approve a reimbursement to the Pottsville Area High School Girls' Basketball Booster Club for a coach bus rental in the amount of \$1,350.00.

Items for Discussion:

EITC - Science in Motion (Elizabethtown College)
EITC - SARCC (Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center)
EITC - Big Impact Group
EITC - YES Program

7. TECHNOLOGY

Speaker(s): Mr. Bob Thomas

Description:

1. Approve and ratify the agreement with PowerSchool for the one-year renewal of SchoolMessenger for the period of August 4, 2026, through August 3, 2027, at a cost of \$3,900.10, pending solicitor review and approval.

8. CURRICULUM

Speaker(s): Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Description:

1. Approve the decommissioning of the Drama Club items as listed in the supporting documentation.
2. Approve the updated proposed field trip locations for the 2026-2027 academic year as requested from school principals.
3. Approve and ratify the Homebound Instruction for Student 35-0065, effective October 12, 2026.

Items for Discussion:

Navigate360

9. TRANSPORTATION

Speaker(s): Dr. Ashley DeWitt

Description:

1. Approve and ratify the 2026-2027 Contract for the Transportation of School Pupils between the Pottsville Area School District and Schuylkill Technology Center, pending solicitor review and approval.
2. Approve the Student Assistance Program Agreement Limited Engagement between Pottsville Area High School and The R J Caron Foundation (DBA Caron Treatment Centers) for services to be provided (at no cost to the District), pending solicitor review and approval

Items for Discussion:

Bus Lease and Options

10. POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Speaker(s): Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

Description:

1. Approve the second reading and adoption of revised policy 137.2 - Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students.

11. FOOD SERVICE

Speaker(s): Mr. Kerry Ansbach

12. PROMOTION, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Speaker(s): Mr. Kyle Crouse

13. IU REPRESENTATIVE

Speaker(s): Mr. Bob Thomas

14. ADJOURNMENT