POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Howard S. Fernsler Academic Center
September 9, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

1. MEETING OPENING

Mr. Harry Ciavarella called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**

Public Comment

Jamie Guenosky, Troop Scout Master, addressed the Board and introduced **Clutch Long, Life Scout**, who presented his proposed Eagle Scout project. Mr. Craig Shields offered to purchase the paint needed for the project. The Board thanked Clutch for his presentation.

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2. ROLL CALL

Present:
Mr. Kerry Ansbach
Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
Mr. Harry Ciavarella
Mr. Kyle Crouse
Dr. Ashley DeWitt
Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
Mr. Chris Kelly
Mr. Craig Shields
Mr. Bob Thomas

All Board members were present.

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3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Guy Lowery

Dr. Lowery provided the Superintendent's Report.

Presentation by SiteLogiq

Representatives from SiteLogiq provided a presentation to the Board.

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4. ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mr. Craig Shields

The following athletic sponsorship agreements were originally listed under Athletics and Extracurricular Activities and were moved to the **Finance** section for consideration:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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5. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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.**

Use of Facilities Requests

Pottsville Area High School Auditorium

Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival:

- January 20, 21, 26 and 27, 2027, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- January 28, 2027, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- January 31, 2027, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pottsville Area High School Boys Gym

Pottsville Biddy Basketball (Boys & Girls):

October 26, 2026 through February 28, 2027, Monday through Friday, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium

Schuylkill Technology Center - STC MAEC Regional Spelling Bee:

March 6 and March 13, 2027, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

John S. Clarke Elementary School Gym

Pottsville Biddy Basketball (Boys & Girls):

October 26, 2026 through February 28, 2027, Monday through Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Alumni Soccer Field

Youth Soccer Playoffs:

October 17, 18 and 24, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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6. FINANCE

Mr. Harry Ciavarella

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
7. It is recommended that the Board approve the sale of 351 Nichols Street, Pottsville, Parcel No. 68-14-0026.000 from the County Repository.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. It is recommended that the Board approve Stephanie Wood, Business Manager and Krista Bevan, Assistant Business Manager, to attend the PASBO Bootcamp Conference in Harrisburg on October 6, 2026. Total cost with registration and hotel is approximately **$729.50.**
13. 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.

Discussion

Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan asked about the status of the District's elevator modernization project. It was explained that there has been difficulty obtaining the existing elevator drawings. The District is attempting to put the project out to bid for all three elevators and is awaiting specifications.

Mr. Shields asked whether there was a minimum bid for the sale of **351 Nichols Street**. It was noted that the minimum bid is **$10,000**, while the interested party is offering **$2,500**. The Board discussed that the minimum may need to be waived.

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7. TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Bob Thomas

No additional items or discussion were noted.

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8. CURRICULUM

Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan

Discussion

9. TRANSPORTATION

Dr. Ashley DeWitt

Item for Discussion: Transportation Bus & Van Lease Extension

Dr. DeWitt asked whether there had been any additional information regarding the busing contract. It was reported that discussions are continuing regarding buses equipped with air conditioning.

A Transportation Committee meeting will be scheduled.

An initial quote of approximately **$718,659 per year for three years** was discussed. The quote did not include air conditioning, and it was noted that adding air conditioning would change the cost.

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10. POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Mrs. Rachael Hobbs

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

It was also noted that the **handbooks should be added to the agenda.**

Mrs. Rachael Hobbs reported that a parent had approached her regarding whether a District Lice policy could be changed to at least allow parents to know the classroom that has lice.

No formal action was taken.

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11. FOOD SERVICE

Mr. Kerry Ansbach

No additional items or discussion were noted.

12. PROMOTION, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Mr. Kyle Crouse

No additional items or discussion were noted.

13. IU REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Bob Thomas

No additional items or discussion were noted.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at **7:21 p.m.**