# Agenda of Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees
## Pottsville Area School District

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A Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pottsville Area School District will be held Wednesday, November 18, 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 mzimerofsky@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. Mindy Zimerofsky
**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. Mindy Zimerofsky
**Description:**
It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes from the following:

October 13, 2026 - Special Board Meeting
October 14, 2026 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 21, 2026 - Board Meeting

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

3. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**
**Speaker(s):** Mr. Harry Ciavarella
**Description:**
It is recommended by the Finance Committee that the Board approve the following:

1. Treasurer's Report (All Funds)

- General Fund Balance as of October 31, 2026: $12,710,186.25
- Cafeteria Fund Balance as of October 31, 2026: $721,481.99

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

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
**Speaker(s):** Mr. Craig Shields
**Description:**

5. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**
**Speaker(s):** Kevin Reid, Solicitor
**Description:**

6. **DONATIONS**
**Speaker(s):** Mr. Bob Thomas
**Description:**

## 7. **INFORMATION**

**Speaker(s):** Mr. Bob Thomas
**Description:**

### 7.A. FEDERAL PROGRAMS

### 7.B. CRIMSON TIDE FOUNDATION

## 8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 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 agreement and quote with Pro Max Fence Systems, LLC for the installation of baseball and softball field backstops, netting system, and related fence repairs at a total cost of $66,412.44, pending solicitor review and approval.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the decommission of various antiquated items at the DHH Lengel Middle School as listed on the attachment.

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

### 8.C. TRANSPORTATION

**Speaker(s):** Dr. Ashley DeWitt
**Description:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve a three-year lease agreement with Rohrer School & Commercial Bus Sales, effective July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2030, at an annual cost of $690,346.85, pending solicitor review and approval.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the transportation services agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and Newhurst, LLC for transportation to the Vista School in Hershey, Pennsylvania, for the 2026-2027 school year, pending solicitor review and approval.

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

### 8.D. PERSONNEL

**Speaker(s):** Dr. Ashley DeWitt
**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 approve the following ratifications:

- Joshua Pryce to provide 5 hours per week of homebound instruction at the hourly rate of $35.00 as per contract, effective October 12, 2026.

- Lisa Phillip as part-time Van Driver at the hourly rate of $15.75, effective October 19, 2026.

- Jeffrey McClure as part-time Bus Driver at the hourly rate of $19.25, effective October 29, 2026.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Antonio Ford as a full-time Custodian at Pottsville Area High School at the hourly rate of $15.00, effective November 23, 2026.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Gregory Hoak as a Tutor and After School Program Teacher at the hourly rate of $35.00 as per contract.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Bocce Ball Coaches for the 2026-2027 season at a stipend of $1,600.00.

Bridget Burns
Tara Hess

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following volunteers for the 2026-2027 season.

- Phylicia Phillip - Winter Cheer Basketball
- Kristyn Blum - ASL Assistant Coach

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following ASL Coaches for the 2026-2027 season at the hourly rate of $12.00.

- Paula Heffner - Head Coach
- Breanne Ferdoucha - Assistant Coach
- Emma Seiger - Assistant Coach
- Jamison Walsh - Assistant Coach

7. It is recommended that the Board approve Catherine Mohl as part-time Lifeguard at the hourly rate of $11.00.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the position change for Nicole Frace from part-time Cafeteria Worker to part-time Cafeteria Aide at her current hourly rate.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve Renee Scharadin as Assistant Business Manager, at an annual salary of $71,000, effective December 1, 2026 (Act 93 - 12 Months).

10. It is recommended that the Board approve Glenn Weist as Director of Facilities, at an annual salary of $84,000, effective November 19, 2026 (Act 93 -

12 Months).

11. It is recommended that the Board approve and ratify the following resignations;

- Sage Noll, part-time Accounts Receivable Specialist, effective November 12, 2026.
- Chloe Sunday, part-time Paraprofessional at John S. Clarke Elementary Center, effective November 3, 2026.
- Robert Celani, full-time Custodian at DHH Lengel Middle School, effective November 1, 2026.
- Ashley Pleban, Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, effective November 15, 2026.

12. It is recommended that the Board approve to terminate employment of Employee No. 001886 for neglect of duty and other improper conduct based on the evidence obtained by the Administration and after all due process was afforded to the employee.

13. 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:

Cara Haws - 8 Credits
Chris Nabholz - 12 Credits
Lori Yost - 6 Credits

14. It is recommended that the Board approve the pre-approval for three (3) graduate credit hours for Krista Bevan, Director of Talent and Recruitment, pursuant to the provisions of her employment contract.

15. 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:

Paige Borrell - $1,683.00
Ashley Rumpf - $1764.00
Lynda Tomicich - $1,680.00
Jacey Williams - $3,450.00
Lori Yost - $2,205.00
Leah Zerbe - $300.00

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

Employee #1868 - 10/23/26
Employee #1483 - 10/16/26; 10/21/26
Employee #1939 - 10/27/26 - 10/30/26
Employee #0302 - 11/16/26; 11/17/26

17. It is recommended that the Board approve attendance of Stephanie Wood, Business Manager at the PASBO Annual Conference (March 9 - 12, 2027) in Hershey, PA. Total cost of the conference is approximately $1,225.00.

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

8.E. FINANCE

**Speaker(s):** Mr. Harry Ciavarella

**Description:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2027 Act 80 Comparison Service Transfer with Berkheimer Companies - $995.00.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve and ratify the New Story Schools Educational Services Agreement (August 1, 2026 - July 31, 2027), pending solicitor review and approval.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Addendum with ESS Northeast, LLC for Payroll Specialist services, pending solicitor review and approval.

4. It is recommended that the Board approve and ratify the one-year Agreement for a Crimson Level Electronic Advertising Athletic Sponsorship between the Pottsville Area School District and Providence Place of Pottsville, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

5. It is recommended that the Board approve a 17-month agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, LLC as the District's electricity supplier at an estimated fixed rate of $0.0973 per kWh, exclusive of Gross Receipts Tax, pending solicitor review and approval. The final rate shall be determined upon execution of the agreement.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve and ratify the Vista School Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year, pending solicitor review and approval.

7. It is recommended that the Board approve and ratify the educational placement at New Story School for Student 32-0211.

8. It is recommended that the Board approve permission to advertise for competitive bids for the purchase of 75 class sets of TI-84 graphing calculators.

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the Special Education Service Agreement between the Pottsville Area School District and the Schuylkill IU 29 for the 2026-2027 school year, totaling $1,020,610.00, payable in four scheduled installments of $255,152.00, pending solicitor review and approval.

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

## 8.F. PROMOTION, PUBLIC RELATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA

**Speaker(s):** Mr. Kyle Crouse

**Description:**

- Congratulations to Pottsville Area High School Rotary Students of the Month, Avery Zeroual and Jamison Walsh.
- Congratulations to Pottsville Area High School Artist of the Month, Hailey Brown.
- Congratulations to our Lady Tide Volleyball team, the 2026 Schuylkill League Champions.
- Congratulations to our Lady Tide Volleyball team athletes selected for the Schuylkill League Division 1 All Stars: Megan Yost and Anna Burke Co-Players of the Year, Ryhan Brennan and Ava Schwartz 1st team, and Ceira Kine Honorable Mention.
- Congratulations to senior Megan Yost who achieved an incredible milestone in volleyball on October 20th, with 3,000 assists and was also named Fanelli, Evans and Patel T102 Sports Now Athlete of the week.
- Congratulations to our softball girls who were finalists in the 16U division tournament on October 18th.
- Congratulations to Cheyenne Becker, Riley Jordan, Gloria Lisowski, Anna Luckenbill, and Daniela Rodriguez Garicia, who participated in the County and District Choir auditions at Parkland.
- Congratulations to DHH Lengel Middle School Students of the Month:

  Booker Hostetter - Grade 8
  Marwa Krim - Grade 7
  Sinseer Walker - Grade 6
  Blake Harrison - Grade 5

## 8.G. TECHNOLOGY

**Speaker(s):** Mr. Bob Thomas

**Description:**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Institutional Customer Agreement and Product Terms with Scholastic Inc. for access to Scholastic's licensed educational products, pending solicitor review and approval.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve and ratify the (3) three-year Google Workspace License Agreement at a total of $47,763.00, effective October 29, 2026, pending solicitor review and approval.

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

## 8.H. CURRICULUM

**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan
**Description:**
1. It is recommended that the Board approve the updated proposed field trip locations for the 2026-2027 academic year as requested from school principals.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve and ratify the Content License Agreement between Pottsville Area High School and Evans & Sutherland Computer Corporation (Cosm) for the exhibition of the planetarium program America the Beautiful from November 11, 2026 through November 25, 2026, at no cost to the District. All ticket sales from the event will benefit the Pottsville Area High School Planetarium.

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

8.I. POLICY & PROCEDURE
**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Rachael Hobbs
**Description:**
1. It is recommended that the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revised policy 113 - Special Education.

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

8.J. FOOD SERVICE
**Speaker(s):** Mr. Kerry Ansbach

8.K. LABOR RELATIONS
**Speaker(s):** Mr. Harry Ciavarella

## 9. INFORMATION AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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

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. Mindy Zimerofsky
**Description:**
POTTSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL
Pottsville Crimson Tide Youth Soccer Club
Training Sessions
Wellness Center
Sundays in January, February and March (10 AM - 3 PM)
Wednesdays in January, February and March (6 PM - 8 PM)

**May I please have a motion to approve as recommended?**

10.D. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Mindy Zimerofsky
**Description:**
Reorganization Meeting, December 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the DHH Lengel Middle School Auditorium.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**
**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Mindy Zimerofsky
**Description:**
An Executive Session was held on the following dates and times for personnel matters:

October 21, 2026 from 6:44 PM to 7:09 PM
November 11, 2026 from 7:04 PM to 7:44 PM

12. **ADJOURNMENT**
**Speaker(s):** Mr. Harry Ciavarella
**Description:**
**May I please have a motion to adjourn?**