



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2024**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, March 21, 2023 at 6:34 PM in the Conference Room of the Administration Building with President, Mrs. Katina Bearden, presiding. Upon roll call, the following members attended: Mr. John Armato, Mrs. Katina Bearden, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Phoebe Kancianic, Mrs. Laura Johnson (absent), Mr. Steve Kline, Mrs. Susan Lawrence and Mrs. Deborah Spence. Eight members present. Also attending were; Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez, Business Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Oakley; Director of Human Resources, Mr. Matthew Boyer; Solicitor, Mr. Kalis.

PRESENTATIONS

- Superintendent gave awards in recognition of State Level Athletic Competitions for Boys Basketball and Girls Wrestling.
- Dr. Barbara Moore Williams was our guest speaker who spoke about Culture Proficiency updates.

MINUTES

Mrs. Oakley presented the minutes from the Board meeting held on February 15, 2024 for Board approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Oakley presented the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of February 2024 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-066**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Oakley presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2024 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-067**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MR. KLINE

Policy/Personnel Committee met on March 7th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – MRS. LAWRENCE

Curriculum Committee met on March 7th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

FACILITIES/FINANCE COMMITTEE – MR. HYLTON

Facilities/Finance Committee met on March 14th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – MRS. JOHNSON

Public Relations/Community Engagement met on March 14th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE – MRS. JOHNSON (ABSENT)

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE – MRS. KANCIANIC

Remember to do your school board training. Advocacy day is on April 8th. Applications are opening if you want to be a presenter at the October School Board Conference deadline is June 17th. Also, a grant out on federal level for mental health services for partnerships who train school base mental health service providers application is May 18th.

MCIU REPRESENTATIVE – MRS. LAWRENCE

Wasn't at meeting but looked at the minutes and there wasn't anything that stood out to go over.

Student Representative – Ms. Adedeji, Ms. Phillips

High School Boys Basketball made it the first round of the playoffs. DECA nationals are coming up April 27th. Senior's had a senior sunrise day and took pictures. Across the district they had spring pictures and participated in Read Across America, and had Activity nights. Musical was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who took part in the musical. Celebrated student of the month with food and t-shirts. Barth Elementary did Mother Goose book give away in the Bright Hope Center.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Professional

Ratify Sharon Deloughery-Nihart, Teacher/Tutor, Middle School, resignation effective March 15, 2024; hire date October 20, 2021.

James Benfield, Teacher, High School, retirement effective June 10, 2024; hire date August 30, 2002.

Theodore Freese, Librarian, Lincoln/Rupert, retirement effective September 12, 2024; hire date September 4, 1990.

Athena Procsal, Art Teacher, Franklin/Rupert, resignation effective May 7, 2024; hire date November 11, 2011.

Classified

Ratify Genevieve Robinson, Paraprofessional, Franklin, resignation effective February 29, 2024; hire date December 4, 2023.

Ratify Korban Robinson, Paraprofessional, Middle School, resignation effective February 29, 2024; hire date October 25, 2023.

Ratify Ayana Singleton-Gray, Paraprofessional, Barth, resignation effective March 12, 2024; hire date August 28, 2023.

Sarah Bennett, Intervention Assistant, Franklin, resignation effective March 29, 2024; hire date August 26, 2015.

LEAVES

Administration

Theresa Baller, Director of Career & Technology, High School, request for leave of absence, covered by FMLA, effective May 1, 2024; end date TBD

Professional

Correction: Brooke Kitchen, Special Ed Teacher, High School, request for leave of absence, covered by FMLA, effective September 17, 2024; end date TBD (prior FMLA-Intermittent approved February 15, 2024)

Ratify Colleen Blute, Teacher, Barth, request for leave of absence, covered by FMLA, effective February 16, 2024; end date TBD.

Maura Clark, Teacher, Middle School, request for leave of absence, covered by FMLA, effective May 30, 2024; end date TBD.

Exempt

Ratify Patricia Calvario, Administrative Clerk-A/P & Payroll, Admin. Building, request for leave of absence, covered by FMLA, effective February 26, 2024; end date TBD.

Karley Bouchard, Pre-K Counts Teacher, High School, request for leave of absence, covered by FMLA, effective August 14, 2024; end date TBD.

Classified

Ratify Shawn Baker, Custodian I, North End/Franklin, request for leave of absence, covered by FMLA, effective February 23, 2024; end date TBD.

CHANGE IN POSITION/SALARY

Professional

Ratify Elizabeth Sandt, Long Term Building Substitute to ELA Teacher, High School, \$49,211/yr., effective February 15, 2024, Bach Step1; replacing J.Benfield.

Ratify Robert Decker, MTSS Coach to Math Support, High School, effective January 16, 2024.

Ratify Cal Benfield, ELA Teacher to ELA Support, High School, effective January 16, 2024; vacant contract.

Ratify Jeremy Lanza, Building Substitute to Special Ed Long Term Substitute, Edgewood, \$251/day, effective March 20, 2024; coverage E.Faust.

Rebecca Blanchard, Paraprofessional to Special Ed Long Term Substitute, Edgewood, \$251/day, effective March 22, 2024; replacing M.Cesmegi.

Classified

Ratify Jacob Moser, Summer Cleaner to Proctor/Paraprofessional, Barth, \$14/hr., effective February 20, 2024; replacing J.Sutton.

ELECTIONS

Professional

Ratify Lisa MacFarland, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Franklin, \$251/day, effective March 4, 2024; replacing A. Jessee.

Ratify Vanessa Wallace, Long Term Substitute Teacher, Rupert, \$251/day, effective March 11, 2024; replacing K. Pippert.

Ratify Christopher Mundiath, Long Term Substitute Teacher, High School, \$251/day, effective March 11, 2024; replacing E.Sandt.

Lauren Gatewood-Hicks, SE Teacher, Middle School, \$80,655/yr., effective April 22, 2024, master, step15; replacing K.Block.

Fred Dukes IV, Building Substitute Teacher, Edgewood, \$251/day, effective April 2, 2024, replacing J.Lanza.

Madison Mackewicz, SE Teacher, High School, \$61,438/yr., effective May 21, 2024, Masters, Step8; replacing J.Sebastian.

Exempt

Ratify Mary Harmer, Behavior Specialist - PreK, North End, \$70,000/yr., effective March 18, 2024; replacing S.Dunn.

Classified

Ratify Victor Cruz, Paraprofessional, Middle School, \$15.50/hr., effective February 27, 2024.

Ratify Marisel Gonzalez, Substitute Support Staff, Admin Building, hourly rate per schedule, effective February 21, 2024.

Dorothy Camacho, Head Custodian, Middle School, \$21.30/hr., effective April 2, 2024; replacing J.Schlener

CO-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS UPDATE

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the co-curricular as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-068**

HORIZONTAL SALARY MOVEMENTS

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Horizontal Salary Movements as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-069**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

Building	Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Expenses	Cost
Admin	Stephen Rodriguez	Annual Montgomery County Superintendent's Spring Conference	Philadelphia, PA	4/10/24-4/12/24	Dept Budget	\$845.00
Rupert	Matthew Moyer	United: The National Conference on School Leadership	Nashville, TN	7/14/24-7/17/24	Dept Budget	\$2,085.00

FIELD TRIP – Amended partial moved Wrestling trip to Non-Consent

# students	Conference	Conference Location	Date of Trip	Cost to Student	Cost to District-substitutes	Chaperone(s)
4	DECA ICDC Anaheim Convention Center	Anaheim, CA	4/27/24-5/1/24	\$1800 (gra	\$4,443.90	Ron Davenport & Katina Bearden
2	Skills USA State Competition	Hershey, PA	4/3/24-4/5/24	\$110	\$918.00	Mike Hewitt

SCHOOL CALENDARS: (CONSENT) – Amended moved to Non-Consent

POLICY

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve the Policy 011 as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-070**

- Policy 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership

CONTRACTS

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-071**

- Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit (2)
- E-Rate Contract (3)

MCIU JOINT PURCHASING BID AWARDS (CONSENT)

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the MCIU Joint Purchasing Bid Award as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-072**

URBAN TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT RECOMMENDATION FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT (CONSENT)

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Urban Tree Canopy Enhancement Recommendation for Landscape Architect as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-073**

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT RESOLUTION (CONSENT)

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Environmental Grant Resolution as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-074**

HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN (CONSENT)

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Health & Safety Plan as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-075**

RESOLUTION: IN OPPOSITION TO PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS (CONSENT) – Amended moved to Non-Consent

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (general and consent items) without items moved to

Non-Consent:

In-Person – None

Virtual – None

Written Public Comment: as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-076**

BOARD ACTION: Minutes, List of Bills & Treasure's Report

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mr. Armato that the Board approve the Reorganization minutes from February 2024 the list of Bills for February 2024 and the Treasurer's Report for February 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: CONSENT #8 thru #22 – Amended moved partial Item#14.1 Item#15 and Item#22

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the following consent items #8 to #21 – Without partial Item#14.1, Item#15 and Item#22 be approved in accordance with Policy 005, as recommended by the Board Treasurer:

Upon roll call vote, all present members voted aye for the above consent items: Mr. Armato; aye, Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mrs. Spence; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mr. Kline; aye, Mrs. Johnson; Absent, Mr. Hylton; aye, Mr. Heidel. Ayes: Eight. Nay: Zero. Absent: One. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIP – (NON-CONSENT) *Amended-moved from Consent Partial Item#14.1

# students	Conference	Conference Location	Date of Trip	Cost to Student	Cost to District-substitutes	Chaperone(s)
4	Girls Wrestling Hershey Giant Center	Hershey, PA	3/6/24-3/9/24	\$0.00	\$2,141.11	Shambuy Kala Kadima & Gianna Fazio

SCHOOL CALENDARS (NON-CONSENT) *Amended-moved from Consent Item#15

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the 2023/2024 & 2024/2025 School Calendars as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-077**

RESOLUTION: IN OPPOSITION TO PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS (CONSENT) – Amended moved from Consent Item#22

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Resolution: In Opposition to Private School Vouchers as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2023-2024-078**

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (limited to the non-consent items):

In-Person – None

Virtual - None

BOARD ACTION-NON-CONSENT: FIELD TRIP – *Amended-moved from Consent Partial Item#14.1

It was moved by Mr. Kline and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the Board approve the Field Trip as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Heidel; aye, Mr. Hylton; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mr. Kline; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Mrs. Spence; nay, Mr. Armato; aye, Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mrs. Johnson; Absent. Ayes: Seven. Nay: One. Absent: One. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION-NON-CONSENT: SCHOOL CALENDARS *Amended-moved from Consent Item#15

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mr. Hylton that the Board approve the School Calendars as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Hylton; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mr. Kline; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; nay, Mrs. Spence; aye, Mr. Armato; aye, Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mr. Heidel; nay, Mrs. Johnson; Absent. Ayes: Six. Nay: Two. Absent: One. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION-NON-CONSENT: RESOLUTION: IN OPPOSITION TO PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS *Amended-moved from Consent Item@22

It was moved by Mr. Armato and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the Board approve the Resolution as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Spence; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Mr. Kline; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mr. Hylton; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mr. Heidel; Absent, Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mrs. Johnson; Absent. Ayes: Seven. Nay: Zero. Absent: Two. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

- Monthly Meeting Notice: April
- Were successful in getting a grant - Awarded BSCA GRANT \$1,057,000 Geared to Whole Student Mental and Physical Health Safety to Support our Strive Program. Such as elementary counselors and mast security upgrade.

FEDERATION REMARKS – Sara Miller

Want to keep asking for the Middle School for 7th and 8th grade to hire a Music Teacher. Shared information how music does help with students with tools they need to strive. Next Monday some Students and teachers will be heading to Italy which is educational learning about history and art. Shout out to the Edgewood School Staff are Rockstar's. In April we will be selling Junior/Senior Prom tickets. Prom will be at Sunnybrook. Shared with us a group called the Fairy Godparents. They have for the past 6yrs helped our students with items that need to be purchased or paid to help students participate in activities.

ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Spence – Engaged with homeless task force called Montco Forward. Discussed how to help with homeless in the Pottstown area. Participated with Pottstown Commercial Corridor Business Association and discussed how to make Pottstown cleaner and safer. To Focus on small business owners. Attended Pottstown zoning meeting a developer wanted to bring two residential building a dispute with enough parking was discussed. Attended the musical and was amazed with the performance and how everyone gave their all.

Mrs. Kancianic – Come out and please support the Pottstown School Music Association Craft Vendor Fair on April 27 at the High School from 10am-2pm.

Mr. Armato – Gave a shout out to the Superintendent for his commitment to visiting all schools for academic awards. It takes a lot of effort and patience to do this. Announced that all elementary were at Souderton School District for Reading Olympics and Franklin did a great job. Went to my first ribbon cutting at Kingdom of Life Church.

Mr. Heidel – Him and his daughter are sad to see Art Teacher - Mrs. Procsal and Librarian - Mr. Freese retire, but wish them well in their retirement.

Mr. Hylton – No

Mrs. Lawrence – No

Mr. Kline – No

Mr. Rodriguez – Happy Women’s History month. Pottstown School District is preparing for a nice event for the solar eclipse by celebrating with special glasses, moon pie, and sun chips. It is also an honor and privilege to be represent at press conference. He will focus on the success we have had of improvement at every level.

Mrs. Bearden – Working on the things I need to work on which for one is to get Mental Health Certified. Culture support for more Pottstown residence to be hired and to get women salaries into the same level as where the men’s do.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence that the Board adjourn. All in favor. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.


Maureen Oakley-Board Secretary



**Pottstown School District
Personnel/Policy Committee
REPORT
March 7, 2024**

Committee Members: Steve Kline, Chair; John Armato, Susan Lawrence, Deborah Spence, Katina Bearden

POLICY

Policy 707, Use of School Facilities – decision made as a Committee as a Whole not to move to the March Board Meeting. Policy change to be revisited at the April Committee.

Policy 011, Principles for Governance and Leadership – Annual March review by School Board Directors was made. No changes except for some minor word clarification.

Policy 718, Naming Rights Committee Recommendation - the Committee as a whole recommends approval for the naming of the High School Basketball court "***Ken Davis Court***" for next year.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Jeffreys highlighted the need for a new position: Special Education Compliance/Testing Coordinator. This position is budget neutral, shifting existing staff duties. Position will act as a coaching model for teachers to raise compliance and decrease errors. Committee as a whole in agreement to move this request to the Board Agenda.

Informational Items

Mr. Rodriguez presented information on the **2023-2024/2024-2025** School Calendar (last day of 2023-2024 school year and first day of the 2024-2025 school year, Graduation date, snow days results and 2024-2025 parent teacher conferences). He also spoke on the benefits (lower fees, more benefits) of the Gear Up Grant, Next Cohort Norristown Partnership expected to launch next year.

Mr. Boyer gave an update on the **Proposal: Recruitment and Retention of Black Educators at Pottstown School District (#'s 16 - 22)**, with the recent hiring of three African American Special Education Teachers in the last month.

Mr. Armato highlighted the success of the **Girls Wrestling** team with two students competing for the first time in Hershey for the PIAA State Championship from March 6th - March 9th.

Mr. Rodriguez shared the review update on the Health and Safety Plan for Safety Recovery, with no recommended changes. Motion to move to the Committee as a Whole.

Next Meeting Date: April 4, 2024



Pottstown School District
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
REPORT
March 7, 2024

(immediately following Policy/Personnel Committee meeting)

Committee Members: Susan Lawrence – Chairperson, Steve Kline, Phoebe Kancianic, Thomas Hylton, Katina Bearden

Informational Items

Mr. Baker presented a slide show highlighting the PSD Winter Recap/Spring Co-Curricular Preview 2023-2024. Boys Basketball won the State playoffs and the Girls Wrestling made a historic first at the PIAA State Championship. As well, the new Boys and Girls Bowling Team was a success. DECA recognitions were awarded on various levels of competition. Other events included the High School Holiday Concert, MLK BB Showcase, Hoops for Hope and the Winter Trojans of Tomorrow. The High School presented the musical, “Beauty and the Beast” which was a box office success. Spring sports will start soon (featuring new Spring Sport of the Year, United Track).

Mr. Oxenford shared a 2nd Grade Foundations Implementation Video that showcased the three different Second Grade Teachers and their experience with Foundations. The effective instructional approach is evident in the students as they demonstrate a solid background knowledge of word building and phonic skills that they learned in Grade One. Instructional Coaches are a great resource in the classroom and provide a solid model of success that keeps students engaged.

Mr. Jeffreys presented the Special Education Plan that is assessed every 3 years (2024-2027). A Committee is formed that addresses a total of 16 indicators, including State compliance, transition services, graduation rate, planning, preparation and curriculum improvements, identifiers and EPP targets. A draft is then created and open for public comment for a period of 28 days at which time the Committee then addresses comments and makes appropriate revisions. A final draft is then presented for Board Approval. PDE approval covers the next 3 years.

Mr. Oxenford shared the PDE requirement for 2026-2027 High School graduates to take a **Personal Finance Class**. Mr. Oxenford acknowledged that this is already taught in the High School Gr. 9/10 curriculum (.5 credit) The course covers a wide variety of personal finance. Including, educating students on setting smart saving/spending goals, budgeting for the future, online banking, loans, credit reports/scores and understanding debt.

Mr. Oxenford also spoke on the **Science PSSA Transition Plan** which covers both ELA/Math, Gr. 4/8 (2 days each, NGSS, PA Steel standard approach to teaching Science. Field test establishes a ‘base line’ model for 2025/2026 5th grade standard assessment.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2024



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Facilities/Finance Committee
REPORT**

Thursday March 14, 2024
6:32 PM virtual

Members: Thomas Hylton- Chair; John Armato, Steve Kline, Kurt Heidel, Laura Johnson, Katina Bearden

FACILITIES – Mrs. Oakley/Mr. Willauer

Facility Update

- MCIU Joint Purchasing - 3yr Trash Disposal/Recycling Services (2024/2025 to 2026/2027)
Waste Management \$146,640.00
- LED Lighting Upgrade Opportunity Update - Dan Willauer
LED lights will replace lights at no cost to the District. Next several months maintenance will be hard at work replacing lights in all schools in the District.

Board comments:

Mrs. Johnson had a question about how the District is helping with recycling. Mr. Willauer is working on getting the District more involved in all types of recycling.

Board Approval Items:

- Contracts: Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, Bucks County Intermediate Unit (2)
- E-rate (85%-15%) Contrac - eight data drops at High School and three at Rupert. Switches to support the network and one-hundred, seventy indoor access points. Cost is \$526,694.80 total cost to District \$79,004.22.
- Environmental Grant Resolution - Act 34 of 2023 Program administered by DCED (Department of Community & Economic Development) facility improvement grant. Mrs. Oakley will submit a grant application requesting the maximum of \$5M, the grant requires a 25% district match. If successful the funds will be used to offset upcoming Roofing, Plumbing and HVAC projects scheduled for Summer 2024 . The grant application requires a resolution supporting the application which will be recorded in Board Minutes.

Board comments:

Mr. Hylton wanted to know when we would find out how much the Act 34 will give us. Mrs. Oakley is working on getting access online and will be able to give more information when she has access.

Business Office Update:

Information

- 2024-2025 First Look Budget
The first look at the budget for 2024/2025 had revenues (\$84,898,471) less than expenditures (\$85,027,097) by \$128,626. First Look Assumptions include expenditure increases in charter tuition, medical, energy, insurance; revenue funds inclusive of grants and a flat base for State Subsidy. A tax relief option was presented and an overview of the District's fund balance. Committee members expressed interest in exploring additional tax relief options in addition to piggybacking on the PA property tax relief program that benefits income qualifying homeowners and renters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting: April 11, 2024



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Public Relations & Community Engagement Committee
Report

March 14, 2024

Immediately following the Facilities/Finance Committee

Committee Members: Laura Johnson, (Chair); Katina Bearden (absent, Kurt Heidel (absent), Phoebe Kancianic

Guest Presenter

Joe Leiss of Boy Scouts of America presented on their working relationship with Pottstown School District. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is “to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law”. A video on Tuft’s University revealed members built strong character traits, a desire to help others and uphold high morals. Since 2015, girls can join the Boy Scouts. An After-School Program is operated to accommodate Pottstown families and their children. Activities that encourage team building include: a recycling project, Be Safe at Home program, Bird House building and participating in the Pinewood Derby. The Explore Club targets Middle School aged members with a career development program. Scout members are able to engage in discovering who they are and exploring future career paths they may have not been aware of (i.e. medical instrument testing, attorney and EMT/Police). Summer opportunities include an Outdoor Adventure Lab and both Day Camp and Day Trips (centered around STEM). These learning opportunities are open to both Scout and Non-Scout members. Find more information at beascout.org or contact Anna LoPiccolo at anna.lopiccolo@scouting.org.

Updates

Highlights from past month:

- Mrs. Johnson played a short Alumni Spotlight reel showcasing three PSD Alumni who shared their stories of returning and giving back to the city of Pottstown.
- Mr. Armato reviewed the success of the Girl’s Wrestling Team and a historic first in their participation in the PIPPA State Girls Wrestling Championships. Both Savannah Richards and Vida Torres performed exceptionally, with Richards winning first place in the State Championship.
- Mrs. Johnson shared that Middle and High School Choir Members performed in Harrisburg (as seen on Facebook) Elementary and Middle School: Impact Awards (celebrating improvement in Math and Reading), Read America video clip and Teachers and Principals making home visits and connections with both students and their families.
- Students, families and community members came out and enjoyed Pottstown High School Musical Production of Beauty and the Beast. It was a phenomenal success!

Advocacy

Resolution Update – Continued support of equitable funding and opposition to the voucher program.

PSBA- April 8th, Advocacy Day. Register on PSBA portal. An opportunity for School Board Directors, Business Managers and Superintendents to advocate for Educational Funding.

Upcoming Advocacy Days – April 26th, Legislative Breakfast in Montgomery County (registration closed) Update to follow.

PA Schools Work- May 8th. Equitable Funding and promoting the Governor’s Budget.

Other Meetings – Board Members encouraged to keep reaching out to State Senators and Representatives for Fair Funding. Cyber Charting Reform.

Next Meeting Date: April 11, 2024