



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2025**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Administration Building with President, Ms. Katina Bearden, presiding. Upon roll call, the following members attended: Mr. John Armato, Mrs. Katina Bearden, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton(late), Mrs. Phoebe Kancianic, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mr. Kline (absent), Mrs. Susan Lawrence. Eight members present, One member absent Mr. Kline. Also attending were; Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez, Business Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Oakley; Director of Human Resources, Mr. Matthew Boyer; Solicitor, Mr. Kalis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LITIGATION

MINUTES

Mrs. Oakley presented the minutes from the Board meeting held on December 5, 2024 & January 16, 2025 for Board approval.

LIST OF BILLS

Mrs. Johnson presented the list of bills paid from the various funds for the period of December 2024 & January 2025 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-050**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2024 & January 2025 to be approved as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-051**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – MRS. BEARDEN

Policy/Personnel Committee met on February 6th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – MRS. LAWRENCE

Curriculum Committee met on February 6th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

FACILITIES/FINANCE COMMITTEE – MR. HYLTON

Facilities/Finance Committee met on February 13th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – MRS. JOHNSON

Public Relations/Community Engagement met on February 13th. Committee report is attached to the Board minutes.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE – MRS. JOHNSON

Discussion that was being talked about was the federal state of things. What kind of programs are impacted by the federal funding, what it means and what it would necessarily mean for the department of education. Also discussed the governor budget and a collective advocacy project

PSBA REPRESENTATIVE – MRS. KANCIANIC

Spring Advocacy day is May 13th it will be in Harrisburg. You can register for it on the PSBA Portal. The portal also has some webinars that are interesting to watch some are already recorded and there are some you would need to pre-register for.

MCIU REPRESENTATIVE – MRS. LAWRENCE

No report

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Aliyas Hudson

Reported for Franklin, and the High School. High School had winter sports wrap up. Spring sports starting for preseason. Free spring sport physicals coming up. Chicago Musical show dates February 28th, March 1st, March 2nd, March 7th, and March 8th. Franklin had various fun activity dates for afterschool participation.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Spoke about our Student Board Representatives. They are really great examples in the school. Student Representatives passionately said they want to be a part of the advocacy campaign for this Spring. The recent changes to the immigration enforcement policy. Our priority remains for the safety and well-being of all of our students, families, staff and community. We are working diligently with legal counsel to fully understand the implications of this policy shift and determine the best way to support our students, their families as well as our staff. We take solace in our mission which is to prepare each student by name for Success at every level. We are a strong diverse and proud community. Recognized the exceptional service and unwavering support and commitment of our Long-Standing Pottstown Staff Members.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Professional

Deborah Wilson, Teacher, Middle School, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire September 4, 1990.

Laura Luzeski, Teacher, High School, retirement effective September 4, 2025; date of hire August 25, 2004.

Mary Lammey, Teacher, Barth, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire August 27, 1996.

Robert Decker, Teacher, High School, retirement effective June 6, 2025; date of hire August 25, 1997.

Theresa Spitko, Speech Pathologist, Franklin, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire September 1, 1992.

Heather Kurtz, Teacher, Lincoln, retirement effective July 5, 2025; date of hire September 14, 1993.

Amy Sellman, Speech Pathologist, Rupert, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire October 4, 1991.

Karen Seemann, Teacher, Lincoln, retirement effective September 8, 2025; date of hire September 4, 1990.

Jacinda Bartolucci, Teacher, Rupert, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire November 28, 1989.

Denise Leschak, MTSS Coach, Lincoln, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire June 17, 1999.

Nancy Mest, Teacher, Franklin, retirement effective June 3, 2025; date of hire March 5, 1999.

Thomas Marsden, School Counselor, Middle School, retirement effective August 1, 2025; date of hire August 25, 2000.

Ginger Angelo-DeRenzo, Teacher, Middle School, retirement effective August 8, 2025; date of hire August 26, 1996.

Lisa Stephenson-Horne, Teacher, Rupert, resignation effective April 8, 2025; date of hire August 21, 2008.

Exempt

Sherri Stagemyer, Occupational Therapist, Admin/Barth, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire August 17, 2006.

Classified

Levert Hughes, Student Service Coordinator, Middle School, retirement effective June 2, 2025; date of hire August 30, 1999.

Ratify Darlyn Nieves, Student Proctor, Franklin, resignation effective February 4, 2025; date of hire November 11, 2024.

Ratify Rosalie Colon, Paraprofessional, Franklin, resignation effective February 17, 2025; date of hire August 30, 2021.

LEAVES

Professional

Jennifer Palladino, Teacher, Franklin, request for leave of absence, covered FMLA, effective August 11, 2025; return date TBD.

CHANGE IN POSITION/SALARY

Classified

Ratify Dawn Hankins, Nurse, Rupert, rate change to \$34.36/hr., effective February 20, 2025.

ELECTIONS

Professional

Ratify Arlen Carnard, Building Substitute, Middle School, \$251/day, effective January 21, 2025; replacing D. Solomon.

Sadira Hueber, Certified School Nurse, Middle School, \$67,653/yr, effective March 21, 2025; masters, step10, rehire.

Classified

Ratify Isabel Lopez, Custodian I, High School, \$18.35/hr., effective January 21, 2025; replacing A. Rodriguez.

Ratify Katherine Coates, Nurse, Middle School, \$29.36/hr., effective February 16, 2025; replacing J.Malocu.

Ratify Shamika (Solis) Maldonado, Nurse, Barth, \$29.36/hr., effective February 16, 2025; replacing S.Hueber.

Ratify Shelby Sanders-Frederick, Nurse, Lincoln, \$35.78/hr., effective February 16, 2025; replacing M.Wynne.

Ratify Riley McKernan, Nurse, Edgewood, \$29.36/hr., effective February 16, 2025; replacing N.Diener.

Ratify Melissa Brown, Student Proctor, Middle School, \$15/hr., effective February 18, 2025.

2025 Musical Production Team Stipends *Exhibit

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the 2025 Musical Production Team Stipends as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-052**

CO-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS UPDATE

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Co-Curricular Assignments Update as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-053**

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 #2024-2025-054**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES

Building	Name	Conference Title	Conference Location	Dates to Attend	Expenses	Cost
Admin	Danielle McCoy	PA PreK Counts & HSSAP Grantee Meeting	Poconos, PA	4/29/25-5/2/25	Grant Funded	\$848.00
Admin	Stephanie Braccili	PA PreK Counts & HSSAP Grantee Meeting	Poconos, PA	4/29/25-5/2/25	Grant Funded	\$848.00
HS	Theresa Baller	PDE Data Summit	Hershey, PA	3/24/25-3/26/25	Grant Funded	\$797.00
Admin	Daniel Willauer	PASBO Annual Conference	Hershey, PA	3/11/25-3/14/25	Dept Budget	\$976.00
HS	Theresa Baller	Chapter 339 Approved Program Evaluation - Murrell Dobbins	Philadelphia, PA	3/5/25-3/7/25	n/a	\$0.00

FIELD TRIPS

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Field Trips as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-055**

POLICY

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve the Policy 216 as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-056**

- Policy 216 – Student Records - Update

POLICY

The Board Secretary recommends the Board nullify the 2024 Title IX Policy 103, 103.1, 103.2, 104, and 234 previously approved November 21, 2024 and approve to reenact the 2020 Title IX Policy 103, 103.1, 103.2, 104, and 234 as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-057**

- Policy 103 - Nondiscrimination in School & Classroom Practices
- Policy 103.1 - Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- Policy 103.2 - Non-Discrimination Based on Sex
- Policy 104 - Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
- Policy 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

CONTRACTS

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the contracts as presented and copies be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-058**

- Woods Services Inc. 24/25yr

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL AUDIT & ASSIGNMENT OF FUND BALANCE

General Fund Assigned for Capital Projects Fund Balance increase from 2023-2024 \$75,257. The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the School District Financial Audit & Assignment of Fund Balance as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-059**

REAL ESTATE TAX EXONERATION RESOLUTION

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Real Estate Tax Exoneration Resolution as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-060**

RESOLUTION: ACT 57 WAIVER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES TO REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Resolution: Act57 Waiver of Additional Charges to Real Estate Taxes as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-061**

RESOLUTION: ACT 55/Ready to Learn Block Grant Tax Equity Supplement 2024-2025

The Board Secretary recommends the Board approve/ratify the Resolution: Act55/Ready to Learn Block Grant Tax Equity Supplement 2024-2025 as presented and a copy be filed in the Secretary's office as **Addendum #2024-2025-062**

HEARINGS FROM PATRONS OF THE SCHOOLS (general and consent items):

In-Person – Doug Slick expressed his concern and reinforce that literally at every committee, community, neighborhood meeting that he recently attended spoke about the Spectra of ICE. Pleased that Mr. Rodriguez is already addressing this issue and making contingency plans.

Virtual – Mercedes Jackson wanted to weigh in a little bit on the student verse teacher event. If there's a way for parents to be able to come in and watch this event would be nice. For Black History Month would like for everyone to reach out and speak to someone and listen to their experience. Take the time to listen to kids' stories not all are lies and can be believable and serious. FAC on the 22nd, Pajama Jammie Jam hope people can come out to the event.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Kancianic and seconded by Mr. Armato that the Board approve the minutes from December 2024 & January 2025 the list of Bills for December 2024 & January 2025 and the Treasurer's Report for December 2024 & January 2025. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: CONSENT #8 thru #20

It was moved by Mr. Armato and seconded by Mr. Heidel that the following consent items #8 to #20 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. Hylton; aye, Mrs. Johnson; aye, Mr. Heidel; aye, Mr. Armato; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Mrs. Spence; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mrs. Bearden; aye. Mr. Kline; absent. Aye: Eight. Nay: Zero. Absent: One. Motion carried.

NON-CONSENT: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT #24

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

In-Person – None

Virtual – None

BOARD ACTION-NON-CONSENT: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion to approve Special Education award settlement as presented to the Board, pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the confidential settlement release agreement. The Board Secretary is further authorized to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the Board and a copy to be filed in the Secretary office as **Addendum #2024-2025-063**

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Kancianic that the Board approve the Settlement Agreement as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Bearden; aye, Mr. Heidel; aye, Mr. Armato; aye, Mr. Hylton; aye, Mrs. Kancianic; aye, Mrs. Spence; aye, Mrs. Lawrence; aye, Mrs. Johnson; aye, Mr. Kline; Absent. Ayes: Eight. Nay: None. Absent: One. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

- High School Musical
- Monthly Meeting Notice: March – Mrs. Oakley

FEDERATION REMARKS – Sara Miller - The High School had a faculty versus student basketball game it was received well, the students loved the break and just a fun afternoon. The Middle School celebrated their 6,000th book being checked out of the library. Fifth and Sixth grade celebrated academic excellence in growth areas at the Ringing Rocks Skating Rink. Wanted to mention we continue to have our own Facebook page that highlights what teachers are doing good in the classrooms and outside the classrooms.

ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Kancianic – Reminded everyone about the Chicago Musical.

Mrs. Spence – Spoke about unions and her feelings about them. Gave a shout out to Mr. Gibbs, it's a great thing he is doing for the young men. Having a league for elementary students so they can learn the fundamentals.

Mr. Heidel – None

Mr. Armato – Had the opportunity to be with the Middle School students involved with the Monco 360 program. They toured Universal concrete Corporation it was a great learning experience for them. Many employees from there were former Pottstown Students. Another reason to say proud to be from Pottstown. Our Career Technology Program from the High School were at the Middle School putting on a career fair for the Middle School students. Pottstown High School is one of the only 12 school in the entire state of PA that is a comprehensive school, meaning that our academic programs and our career technology programs are all housed in the same facility. Wanted to recognize Mr. Hylton for something that he has been doing for a number of years that shows his commitment to our school district and our community. Twice a week in the newspapers he funds (out of his own pocket) an area in the paper referred to as infomercials.

Mrs. Lawrence – None

Mrs. Johnson – Audit came out today from the state auditor general. Spoke about the items that he and his team had audited five different statewide cyber schools. The findings were mind blowing. Shared some of the numbers and massive fund balances. Which comes from the school districts that have to pay them tuition.

Mr. Hylton – None


Mr. Kline – Absent

Mr. Rodriguez – Met with our United States Representative Madeleine Dean and she asked what was happening in Pottstown. She was genuinely excited about some of the progress that I was able to tell her about Pottstown. Madeleine invited herself to come visit us in the Spring. Mr. Rodriguez was beaming with pride and excepted her invite.

Mrs. Bearden – Gave appreciation and thanks to Mr. Rodriguez for his commitment and focus on our student's education and safety. Gave Thanks to all the retirees for their several years of service. Enjoy time with family and whatever you choose to do in the future. Thanked Mrs. Oakley and the rest of her team for the rating "unremarkable" on the audit which is the highest rating. Wished the community a Happy Black History Month. Happy Ramadan as well celebrating on the 28th of this month. Thank NAACP-Johnny Corson and his president education Guild for continuous efforts we had to support our reading, supplying books and giving information to our students and families to help them. The churches who have all rallied to support our students and families with whatever need is possible.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Heidel and seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the Board adjourn. All in favor. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.


Maureen Oakley-Board Secretary



**Pottstown School District
Personnel/Policy Committee**

REPORT

Thursday February 6, 2025
6:30 PM virtual

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

Presentations

POLICY

Mr. Boyer provided an **update on 2024 Title IX Regulations** as they related to newly adopted policies:

School districts are now obligated to follow the 2020 Title IX regulations. Districts that have adopted policies consistent with the 2024 regulations should work with legal counsel to amend their policies to be consistent with the 2020 regulations. Schools with active investigations operating under the parameters of the 2024 regulations should evaluate them on a case-by-case basis and contact legal counsel for next steps. All Pennsylvania school districts must continue to abide by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.

Refer to:

[Court Strikes Down 2024 Title IX Regs](#)

Policy 216 - Student Records

Under **Personally Identifiable Information** and **Directory Information** strike/remove place of birth.

Motion made to move to the Committee as a whole.

PERSONNEL – none on this agenda

Informational Items

New Website: School Districts of Montgomery County

The School Districts of Montgomery County, PA (SDMC) is a recruitment consortium of Montgomery County Public School Districts located in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The SDMC is dedicated to the recruitment, selection, and employment of diverse, skilled, and talented individuals to work in our school.

Next Meeting Date: March 6, 2025



Pottstown School District
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
REPORT

February 6, 2025

(immediately following Policy/Personnel Committee meeting)

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

Informational Items

Student Services Update – Dr. White-Springfield shared a slide show presentation on Student Services: Mental Health Update covering Counselors and Mental Health Professionals Supports, RBT Technicians, School-Based Outpatient Services. Eastern University 5-year grant MHSP (Mental Health Service Professional) and VIP (Violence Intervention and Prevention) PCCD 3-year State Grant. Services and Supports were highlighted, as well as a new system, August Schools, which track encounters with Students and work as a team improving continuity of services. Out of 3,127 students, 1363 have been seen by a school counsellor. Dr. White also spoke about the Gear Up Program which is a vital component for academic support and enrichment, college preparedness and family engagement. Attendance Efforts were spoken on with remarks made on the success of the Home and School Visitors approach.

Comprehensive Plan Review – Mr. Oxenford presented on the New Comprehensive Plan due on 03/30/2025 with an agenda that covered, the why (PDE requirement, every 3 years, where the data came from (PA Future Ready Index and LinkIt Navigator Reports), ‘other’ plans (Academic Standards and Assessment Requirements (Ch. 4), Gifted Education Plan Assurances (Ch. 16), Student Services Assurances (Ch. 12), Induction Plan (Ch. 49) and Professional Development Plan (Act 48)) and what the timelines look like. Documents are accessible on the Pottstown School District Website (Our District>Comprehensive Plan).

Co-Curricular Update - Field Information at Facilities/Finance Meeting on February 13, 2025

Next Meeting: March 6, 2025



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

Thursday February 13, 2025
6:30 PM virtual

Members: Thomas Hylton- Chair; John Armato, Steve Kline(absent), Kurt Heidel, Laura Johnson, Katina Bearden, Deb Spence, Phoebe Kancianic, Sue Lawrence

PRESENTATION:

Herbein + Company 2023/2024 Single Audit Review - Mr. Bieber gave an overview of the June 30, 2024 single audit. The audit concluded with no deficiencies in internal controls or on compliance within financial reporting and major federal programs. The complete report was shared with the Board and Final Audit will be posted on the District's website

PRESENTATION:

EI Associates - Mr. Christman presented the Feasibility Study Update. Discussed the Benefits of a Feasibility Study. Shared a Feasibility Study Process - Option Comparison Cost. The Case for Solar & GEO - Thermal. Potential Solar Energy Generation - District Wide.

FACILITIES – Mr. Willauer

Building and Grounds Update:

- Barth had a gas leak yesterday (2/12/25) it was reported in the morning. Our crew was there and I was on the phone with PECO who were very quick to respond within forty-five minutes. Found two gas regulators that were outside leaking. There was no interior damage or any smell inside. PECO fixed both regulators in a timely manner and gave us the green light to get back in session.
- MS Flood Update (Insurance Claim) working with our insurance company regarding the flood at the Middle School. Making progress with getting all our quotes and estimates together to submit it and get all of our repairs scheduled.
- Tree Planting Update: All Seasons Landscaping is scheduled to start February 14, 2025 at the High School parking lots. Rupert will be late March. Once the weather breaks we will resume planting.
- MS Playground Spring Construction is back in the planning construction phase mode. Very Hopeful to have everything setup for Spring.

Athletic Field Update:

- Mrs. Oakley gave a recap on the Feasibility Study that was started in 2022 by ELA for the High School/Middle School campus. Administrative Recommendations were discussed for the Softball Field, Multi-Purpose Field, and Tennis Courts.

FINANCE – Mrs. Oakley

Board update/approval Items:

- Contracts: Woods Services, Inc. 24/25yr
- Resolution - Act 55/2024-2025 Ready-To-Learn Tax Equity Supplement - this is the same thing as the Act 55 Tax Equity Supplement Payment Resolution. Required by law to pass this resolution that provides for the payment of tax equity supplements by the Commonwealth for two school districts. The resolution outlines options on how to use the tax equity funds.

- Resolution - Real Estate Tax Exoneration- Exonerate the tax collector from collecting 2024 tax balances, certification of the delinquent amounts are provided to the County and Portnoff to collect.
- Resolution - Act 57 Waiver- annually waives fees and penalties for any properties that have been acquired in the past twelve (12) months if they are able to provide proof that didn't receive a copy of their tax bill due to transition of real estate from one person to another
- School District Financial Audit Approval - this was discussed in the beginning of the meeting by a presentation from Herbein + Company - Mr. Bieber but will be on The February agenda for Board acknowledgement.
- Review: Policy 622 - Capital Assets GASB Statement 34 - Mr. Boyer will put this policy through his committee next month. Our recommendation is to increase the federal capital asset limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000 which will align with the federal funding threshold.
- 2025-2026 First Look Budget - First Look Revenues and Expenditures are inclusive of Ready to Learn funds. To date the first look budget has a shortfall (approximately \$ 9,187,847). 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 summary of tax scenarios and tax relief options were presented and an overview of the District's fund balance totaling (\$27,800,719). Committee members expressed interest in exploring tax relief options in the 2025/2026 budget.

Information

Next meeting: March 13, 2025



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Public Relations & Community Engagement Committee
Report

February 13, 2025

Immediately following the Facilities/Finance Committee

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

Presentations

Black History Month- Laura Johnson provided an update on a few of the Black History Month Celebrations across the Pottstown School District:
Lincoln Elementary – Student’s hallway art displays with a theme of “Celebrate Our Differences” and ‘Love Comes in Different Colors’
Rupert Elementary – Black History book recommendations, ‘The Dream is Alive’
Franklin Elementary – “Sit Where You Want on the Bus”
Barth Elementary- “We Have a Dream”
PHS – Slides were shown depicting Ms. Bieber’s Showcase of Black American Environmentalists
NAACP/ Pottstown Community Arts- Art Contest

Social Media Report- Anthony Santiago provided a PowerPoint slide presentation of “1 Year of Analytics: 2024 Review -Social Media & PSD Website” A 2023 to 2024 comparison was provided between social media platforms of the PSD Website, Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly known as Twitter). According to this analysis, Facebook drew the greatest audience overall. The comparison looked at traffic, page visits, likes and post reaches (shares) as well as Age & Gender usage. Prom, Graduation and Father-Daughter Dances drew the greatest views and social interaction. From 2023 to 2024 there was a growth of 18,000 views on the PSD website. Devices used from 2023 to 2024 grew with student users accessing Chromebooks/laptops and Smart TV and Smart Boards (in the classroom).

Updates

Property Tax and Rent Rebate Outreach Ideas – A discussion was had on how to get the word out to the community on the existence of this available 75% Rebate. It was decided that further investigation on options were needed to raise public awareness of this savings offered by PSD.

Advocacy

Cyber Charter Reform – The Governor proposed a capped Tuition Rate of \$8,000/per student, per year for Regular Education, but removed the previous Cyber Fund. Nothing was proposed for Special Education, causing a great need for advocacy focus.

Governor Shapiro’s Budget Proposal – covered in Finance Meeting, more tax equity in Fair Funding if the Budget comes through.

Other Business

FAC Update – Pajama Jammy Jam Event – Pottstown High School – Saturday, February 22nd, 5:30pm -7:30pm

Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2025