

Pottersville Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Middle/High School Media Center
Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00pm
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Marciniak at 6:05 PM

2. Roll Call - Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss

Absent: Baker

3. Approval of Consent Agenda- Motion by Smalley to amend Consent Agenda to move 9D to 10C, Supported by Marciniak

Discussion - none

VOTE- Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss

Ayes: Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss **Nays:** **Motion Passed: Yes**

a. Minutes: [August 4, 2025](#)

b. [Disbursements](#); [Financial Statement](#)

c. Pay Summaries: [August 14, 2025](#) & [August 28, 2025](#)

d. [Personnel Action Report](#)

i. Resignations: [Kathlene Kloepper, MS/HS Library](#); [Taryn Almquist, Girls Varsity Track Coach](#); Juston Hoover, Varsity Golf Coach

ii. New Hires: Shannon Murphy, Paraprofessional; Mackenzie Smith, Childcare Assistant

iii. Current Postings: Middle School Science, GSRP Paraprofessional

4. Donations - All donors will receive thank you cards (Sarah Vandenboss)

a. Sycamore Creek Church - School Supplies Donation

b. Dane Long, PPS Community Member - District Admin Office Vinyl Mural

c. Sarah Vandenboss - \$2,500+ from the dunk tank (Special Education)

5. [Student Board of Education Member](#)(s)- Application information has been emailed to students grades 10-12. The Policy Committee will conduct interviews on **September 26**.

6. [Viking Valor Award](#) Recipients: Ryan Chambers, Elementary Teacher

7. Bond Project Update - Dave Carlson & Sarah Vandenboss

Carlson-

Series 2 - 3rd Party reviewing aux gym structural situation, punch list items

Series 3 - Out to bid 9/4/25, Details/Plans Series 3 Underway, Open bids on site

virtually

Vandenboss-

Dave & Team/Clark - punch lists

Chillers will need replacement soon

Next Meeting - Long term plans, needs, earmarked money to replace items

Will need to ask the community for sinking fund dollars again soon.

Building & Site - matures spring of 2027 roughly \$200,000.00.

Tech Sinking Fund- matures 2027-2028

8. Educational Presentation - School Improvement- District Student Test Scores (embargoed) October Meeting

9. Discussion -

a. [Board Committee Reports](#)

- Policy - M. Snider & K. Bussard - NEOLA vs Thrun Policy research- Transitioning to Thrun would need an investment of \$8,000 to purchase the policy system, as well as \$2,700 + each update and attorney fees for review of policies. Not personalized by district and would need 3-4 months of intense policy work to commit to the transition. Not the right time. Will also look into Miller Johnson for policy services.
- Finance - Sara McDonald - Estimated fund balance -\$500,000.00, ending fund balance actually closer to -\$250,000.00. Factors: More revenue from Athletics & Childcare. Utilities cost less than estimated due to deferred maintenance. Salary/benefit estimates for staff.
- Technology- Loren Smalley- No Updates.
- Facilities- Sarah Vandenboss- See above - 7 Bond Project Update

b. [Administrator Reports](#)

c. [Superintendent Update](#) - Enrollment down 3 (2024-2025 up 47)

d. Pilot Course - [Community Service Independent Study](#) - Bussard amend dual teacher of record to Mr. Leonard

e. Previous Board Resolutions: [#1a Superintendent's Time](#); [#2a Board Ethics](#)

f. SEAB Update - Sarah Vandenboss - MIFI Data showing an increase in dating violence. Lesson added in healthy relationships

10. For Action

a. [2025-2026 PESPA TA](#) [2025-2028 PESPA Agreement](#)

i. Motion by Bussard to support as presented, Supported by Smalley

Discussion - none

VOTE- Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss

Ayes: Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss **Nays:**

Motion Passed: Yes

b. Pilot Course - [Community Service Independent Study](#)

i. Motion by Bussard to approve as described with additional co-teacher of record Mr. Leonard, Supported by McDonald

Discussion - none

VOTE- Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss

Ayes: Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss **Nays:**

Motion Passed: Yes

c. Previous Board Resolutions: [#1a Superintendent's Time](#); [#2a Board Ethics](#)

1. #1a Superintendent's Time: Motion by Marciniak to rescind resolution, Supported by Bussard

Discussion - Read aloud by Vandenboss, Bussard shared synopsis.

VOTE- Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss

Ayes: Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss **Nays:**

Motion Passed: Yes

2. #2a Board Ethics: Motion by Smalley to rescind resolution, Supported by Marciniak

Discussion - Read aloud by Smalley, Apology from those who voted without full information provided. Bussard- Supports public education, charter & homeschool. All have First Amendment rights and she respects you even when you do not agree.

Vandenboss- Are there more policies out there like this? Need review of all policies.

VOTE- Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss

Ayes: Bussard; Marciniak; McDonald; Smalley; Snider; Vandenboss **Nays:**

Motion Passed: Yes

11. Public Input:

1. Jim Manning, Michigan Education Association

12. Board Member Comments

- a. Bussard - Appreciates this team and solutions
- b. McDonald- Thank you to the board, diversity is important and everyone is coming prepared
- c. Smalley - on a good track, functional meetings.

13. Call to Adjourn - President Marciniak

Motioned by Bussard to adjourn, meeting adjourned by President Marciniak at 7:25 PM