



**North Schuylkill School District
Board of School Director
Public Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Immediately following Committee Meetings
North Schuylkill Jr./Sr. High School
Ashland, PA**

**Mr. Roy Green
Board President**

**Dr. Robert Ackell
Superintendent**

1. Opening

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Invitation to Public to Speak on Agenda Items

2. Recognition of Guests

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion is requested to approve the minutes of the meetings referenced below:

- 3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.3 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.4 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.5 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.6 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.7 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.8 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.9 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – March 19, 2025
- 3.10 Minutes of the Special Meeting – March 26, 2025

4. Finance Committee Report (Mary Anne Woodward – Chairperson, Raymond Reichwein, Mike Kiehl)

- 4.1 A motion is requested to approve the financial reports and check registers as listed and included in Board packets.
 - 4.1.1 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – March 2025
 - 4.1.2 Expenditures – Check Register – 3/11/2025 through 4/2/2025

- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve the School District's "Proposed Final Budget" for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of \$39,079,725.00 in accordance with School Board Policy.
- 4.3 A motion is requested to establish the current local taxes and to set up real estate tax rates in accordance with School Board Policy as follows in support of the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
Real Estate – Schuylkill County	48.40 mills	48.40 mills
Real Estate – Columbia County	48.40 mills	48.40 mills
Occupational Assessment	\$218.50	\$218.50
Real Estate Transfer*	1.0%	1.0%
Earned Income Tax*	1.0%	1.0%
Local Services Tax	\$5.00	\$5.00
Per Capita 511 Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Per Capita 679 Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00

* 0.5% for school district; 0.5% for municipalities

- 4.4 A motion is requested to approve the following dates for Real Estate and Occupational Assessment Tax payments:

Discount Period – ends August 31, 2025

Regular (face amount) period – ends October 31, 2025

Tax installments no later than the following dates:

August 31, 2025
September 30, 2025
October 31, 2025

- 4.5 A motion is requested to approve the sale of the following property that has been placed in the "repository for unsold properties" and an offer received:

45-08-0058.000 – 311 West Main Street, Girardville Borough
Bidder: Michael J. Zangari and Tammy I. Zangari
Bid Amount: \$250.00

- 4.6 A motion is requested to approve the proposal from Keystone Sports Construction, Phoenixville, PA, COSTARS Contract # 14-E23-312, for lighting upgrades to the Spartan Stadium, the Robert Wetzel Field and the Dot Seidel Field at a total cost of \$1,466,853.16.

- 4.7 A motion is requested to approve the proposal from ATT Sports, Inc., Berlin, NJ, COSTARS Contract # 014-E23-325, for making any necessary repairs to the existing track surfacing at Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium at a total cost of \$241,975.00.
- 4.8 A motion is requested to approve the Bid Award for the Stadium Paving Project to Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc., Shoemakersville, PA, at a cost of \$304,131.35.

5. Communications

Correspondence:

North Schuylkill Trap Club

6. Other Committee Reports

6.1 Physical Facilities (Mike Kiehl – Chairperson, Raymond Reichwein, Glenn Weist)

- 6.1.1 A motion is requested to approve, as presented, the following Facility Use Applications, pending appropriate insurance and facility availability. All Facility Use Applications are contingent upon availability and cannot interfere with District activities or events. Fees will be applied where applicable.

6.1.1-1 The NS Soccer Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for Booster Meetings on October 20 and November 17, 2025, from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

6.1.1-2 The NS Cheer Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Fundraiser Pickup on April 29, 2025, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

6.1.1-3 The NS Football Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Spartan Football Player/Parent Mandatory Meeting on April 13, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

6.1.1-4 The NSE PTO to use the NSE Gym for the Annual Basket Raffle on April 29, 30, May 1, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; May 2, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; May 3 and 4, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

6.1.1-5 The Schuylkill County Special Olympics to use Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium for Special Olympic Track Practice on March 22 and 29, 2025; April 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2025 and May 3, 17, 24 and 31, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

6.1.1-6 The NS Cheer Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Fundraiser Pickup on May 15, 2025, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

6.1.1-7 The West Schuylkill FC to use the Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium for the West Schuylkill FC Practice on April 1, 2025, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-8 The NS Boys Basketball Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on April 6, 2025, from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

6.2 **Personnel** (Tom Fletcher, Chairperson; Doug Gressens, Mary Anne Woodward)

6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the following individuals as Extended School Year (ESY) Instructors at a rate of \$35/hour from June 17, 2025, through July 24, 2025:

Rachel Damiter – Speech and Language Therapist
Megan Rollenhagen – Social Worker

The following motion items are in accordance with the NSSD/NSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement and District policies and procedures:

6.2.2 A motion is requested to approve the following individual as a Mentor Teacher, at a rate of \$500.00/year for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Angela Potts	Melinda Towers

6.2.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Autumn Pedron as an Elementary Teacher at a starting salary of \$49,575.00, Step 5, Master's, effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

6.2.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Elizabeth Marquardt as an Elementary Teacher at a starting salary of \$71,125.00, Step 21, Master's, effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

The following motion items are in accordance with the NSSD/NSESBA Collective Bargaining Agreement and District policies and procedures.

6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve the transfer of assignment for Kathleen Farrone from Full-Time Aide Custodian to Part-Time Paraprofessional effective June 16, 2025.

6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the following individuals as Extended School Year (ESY) Paraprofessionals at the rates listed from June 17, 2025, through July 24, 2025:

		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
Kathy Farrone	-	\$13.00 per hour	\$14.50 per hour
Katelynn Himes	-	\$12.25 per hour	\$12.25 per hour
Dawnielle Shirey	-	\$12.75 per hour	\$14.25 per hour

6.2.7 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Barry Gilbert, Full-Time Second Shift/Weekend Custodian/Maintenance Worker effective June 6, 2025.

6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve the verbal resignation of Joanna Ortiz, Part-Time Paraprofessional effective February 19, 2025.

6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve the termination of Deanna Sieg, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker effective March 13, 2025, due to job abandonment.

6.2.10 Information Item

6.2.10 -1 A list of names of applicants for employment and a list of names of individuals who have submitted letters of interest but for whom no applications have been received to date.

6.3 **Curriculum and Instructional Programs** (Randy Lattis – Chairperson, Tom Fletcher, Mary Anne Woodward)

6.3.1 A motion is requested to amend item 6.3.1 from March 19, 2025, a Letter of Agreement between the North Schuylkill School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. (The 2027-2028 school year was included in proposal.)

6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar revision necessitated by a weather cancellation.

6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve the Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program Letter of Agreement with Region 2 - Berks County Intermediate Unit as presented to the Board.

6.4 **Food Service, Safety, Transportation** (Janine Simms – Chairperson, Doug Gressens, Glenn Weist)

6.4.1 A motion is requested to approve the Employer Immunization Clinic Program Agreement (Flu Vaccine Administration) with Rite Aid as presented to the Board.

6.4.2 A motion is requested to approve Metz Culinary Management, Dallas, PA, as the District's Food Service Provider for the 2025-2026 school year with a projected profit of \$128,977.93.

6.4.3 A motion is requested to approve a field trip request to the Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine, Ashland, PA, from the NSE PTO for 4th Grade Students, teachers and chaperones on May 12, 2025.

6.5 **Extracurricular Programs** (Doug Gressens – Chairperson, Raymond Reichwein, Randy Lattis)

- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve a trip request for the NS JSHS Chorus to Disney, Universal Studios, Orlando, Florida scheduled for June 10, 2026 to June 17, 2026 at no cost to the District.

6.6 **Policy/Legislative** (Glenn Weist – Chairperson, Janine Simms, Randy Lattis)

- 6.6.1 A motion is requested to approve the second reading of the following policies:

103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

7. **Old Business** (Reserved for prior agenda items)

8. **New Business** (Reserved for items for placement on next meeting agenda)

9. **Other Reports**

10. **Other Items for Consideration**

- 10.1 Invitation to Public to Speak

11. **Dates for Future Meetings**

Wednesday, May 14 Board of School Directors Committee of the Whole – 6:30 p.m.
Committee Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
Board of School Directors Regular Meeting – immediately
following Committee Meetings

12. **Adjournment**