



**North Schuylkill School District
Board of School Director
Public Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
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 – May 13, 2026
- 3.2 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – May 13, 2026
- 3.3 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – May 13, 2026
- 3.4 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – May 13, 2026
- 3.5 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – May 13, 2026
- 3.6 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – May 13, 2026
- 3.7 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – May 13, 2026
- 3.8 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – May 13, 2026
- 3.9 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – May 28, 2026

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 Financial Summary – Budget Comparison – May 2026
 - 4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – May 2026
 - 4.1.3 General Fund Cash Accounts – May 2026
 - 4.1.4 Athletic Fund Summary – May 2026
 - 4.1.5 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – May 2026
 - 4.1.6 Expenditures – Check Register – 5/6/2026 through 6/9/2026

- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve the School District’s Final Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year in the amount of \$42,136,965 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 2026-2027 fiscal year.

	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
Real Estate – Schuylkill County	8.9664 mills	9.29 mills
Real Estate – Columbia County	54.1419 mills	56.11 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, 2026

Regular (face amount) period – ends October 31, 2026

Tax installments no later than the following dates:

- August 31, 2026
- September 30, 2026
- October 31, 2026

- 4.5 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #04-05-0027.006, Schuylkill County, in accordance with tax exemption regulations specified in House Bill 1878, dated March 17, 1978.
- 4.6 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #61-04-0019.000, Schuylkill County, in accordance with tax exemption regulations specified in House Bill 1878, dated March 17, 1978.
- 4.7 A motion is requested to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to approve plans/use of funds due to time constraints of scheduled Board Meetings. Approvals by the Superintendent and Business Manager will be added to the next available agenda for ratification.

- 4.8 A motion is requested to designate PLGIT, PA INVEST, PSDLAF, M & T, Truist, Mid Penn Banks and Financial Northeastern Companies (FNC) as depositories for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 4.9 A motion is requested to approve The Seltzer Group, Schuylkill Haven, PA, as the Insurance Advisor and to secure coverage with the underwriter/carrier of Liberty Mutual for Property and Liability Insurance for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$118,156.00 for the annual premium.
- 4.10 A motion is requested to approve EHD, Lancaster, PA, as the Insurance Advisor and to secure coverage with the underwriter/carrier of MEMIC Indemnity Company for Workers Compensation Insurance for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$82,887.00 for the annual premium.
- 4.11 A motion is requested to approve The Seltzer Group, Schuylkill Haven, PA, as the Insurance Advisor and to secure coverage with the underwriter/carrier of ACE American Insurance Company for Cyber Liability Insurance for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$5,365.00 for the annual premium.
- 4.12 A motion is requested to ratify the purchase of two 2027 Ford Transit 250 Vans from Tri Star Motors, Blairsville, PA, COSTARS Vendor # 026-E23-215, at a total cost of \$122,400.00.
- 4.13 A motion is requested to disapprove the sale of the following property that has been placed in the “repository for unsold properties” and an offer received:
- 04-14-0007.000 – 337 Homesville Road, Butler Township
Bidder: Karina Rodriguez De Jesus
Bid Amount: \$5,000.00
- Note: Minimum bid of \$12,500.00 not met.
- 4.14 A motion is requested to disapprove the sale of the following property that has been placed in the “repository for unsold properties” and an offer received:
- 30-12-0020.000 – 0 Pattersonville, Union Township
Bidder: Daniel Reinhart
Bid Amount: \$5,000.00
- Note: Minimum bid of \$12,500.00 not met.
- 4.15 A motion is requested to rescind the motion from May 13, 2025 (Item 4.11) to not object to the “Private Tax Sale” of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-02-0260.000 – 1239 Centre Street, Ashland Borough
Bidder: Jonas & Heyden III, LLC
Bid Amount: \$2,000.00
- 4.16 A motion is requested to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to put the following unused equipment out for sealed bids:

2008 Chevy 2500 Truck
2013 Chevy Dump Truck
1995 Ford Bucket Truck
2014 JCB Backhoe
Plows — Western Plow Straight Blades 8 ft
1985 Bolens Diesel Tractor
2014 Gravely Zero-Turn Mower 460
2012 Gravely Zero-Turn Mower 460
Fresh Water Aquarium (Fish Tank)

5. Communications

Correspondence:

The Ackell Family
The Salukas Family

6. Other Committee Reports

6.1 **Physical Facilities** (Mike Kiehl – Chairperson, Bryan Slotcavage, Mike Kehler)

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 Ashland Black Diamonds to use Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium for the Ashland vs. Frackville Football Game on October 18, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

6.1.1-2 NSE PTO to use the NSE Cafeteria and Gym for the PTO 6th Grade Dance on May 26, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6.1.1-3 The Schuylkill YMCA to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for Swim Practices on Mondays through Saturdays from June 8, 2026, through July 31, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

6.1.2 A motion is requested to approve wiring and install a sub panel in the Weight/Cardio Room at the JSHS from S & S Project Solutions, Inc., Hamburg, PA, at a cost of \$10,980.00.

6.2 **Personnel** (Jennifer Kowalonek, Chairperson; Alex Trexler, Mary Anne Woodward)

6.2.1 A motion is requested to amend the Act 93 Management Plan, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028, to add under the Level II Nonsupervisory members the position of Accounting Specialist.

- 6.2.2 A motion is requested to grant authority to the Superintendent to fill vacancies and transfer and employ the essential personnel within the District with ratification at the next available 2026 Board Meeting.
- 6.2.3 A motion is requested to approve the Act 93 building assignments and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attachment.

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

- 6.2.4 A motion is requested to approve the issuance of permanent contracts, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Public School Code, to the following temporary professional employees who have completed three years of satisfactory service:

Paul Dean	Dylan Farranato
Carly Hoak	Karisa Kehler
Devann Malafarina	Shaylee Miller
Madison Reeder	Madeline Schuettler
Samantha Roshannon	Amanda Smith
Linsey Wesner	Steven Wolfgang
Nicole Kane	Brandy Sullivan

- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve the union professional employee positions, building assignments and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attachment.
- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve the following individual as a Mentor Teacher, at a rate of \$500.00/year for the 2026-2027 school year:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Jenna Dyszel	Heather Yarnitsky

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

- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to approve Dennis Puls as a Maintenance Specialist, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period and pending a passing evaluation after six months. His start date will be June 29, 2026. His salary will be \$49,000.00. Upon a passing evaluation after six months, his rate will increase \$.75/hour.
- 6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Dorice Derr, Part-Time Paraprofessional effective May 29, 2026.
- 6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve an FMLA Leave Request for Debra Hamlett, Full-Time Custodian.

- 6.2.10 A motion is requested to approve an Intermittent FMLA Leave Request for Debra Leedom, Full-Time Custodian.
- 6.2.11 A motion is requested to approve an FMLA Leave Request for Joann Krise, Full-Time Cafeteria/Custodian.
- 6.2.12 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the North Schuylkill Education Support Professional Association (NSESPEA) to remove the position of Accounting Specialist effective July 1, 2026, from the Association Bargaining Unit.
- 6.2.13 A motion is requested to approve the union classified employee positions, building assignments and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attachment.
- 6.2.14 Information Item
 - 6.2.14 -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, Alex Trexler, Jennifer Kowalonek)

- 6.3.1 A motion is requested to acknowledge the graduation of the Class of 2026 that took place on June 4, 2026. The attached list of students completed all requirements as attested by the principal and diplomas were awarded at the graduation exercises.
- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with NCS Pearson, Inc., as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve the Partnership Agreement with Keystone/Red Rock Job Corps as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.4 A motion is requested to approve the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Commitment to Fidelity Implementation Agreement for the North Schuylkill Jr/Sr High School with the Schuylkill IU 29 as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Commitment to Fidelity Implementation Agreement for the North Schuylkill Elementary School with the Schuylkill IU 29 as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.6 A motion is requested to approve a EdOptions renewal contract with edmentum for FSCA for the 2026-2027 school year.

- 6.4 **Food Service, Safety, Transportation** (Mike Kehler – Chairperson, Mary Ann Woodward, Mike Kiehl)
- 6.4.1 A motion is requested to approve a field trip request to Zoo America, Hershey, PA, from the NSE PTO for Kindergarten Students, teachers and chaperones on May 22, 2026.
 - 6.4.2 A motion is requested to approve the On-Site Vaccination Agreement with CVS Pharmacy, Inc., as presented to the Board.
 - 6.4.3 A motion is requested to authorize participation by the North Schuylkill School District in the Child Nutrition Programs between School Districts, Vo-Techs and Intermediate Units during the 2026-2027 school year.
 - 6.4.4 A motion is requested to approve an Agreement with County Security Police, LLC for Security Services for the 2026-2027 school year as presented to the Board.
- 6.5 **Extracurricular Programs** (Raymond Reichwein – Chairperson, Bryan Slotcavage, Randy Lattis)
- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Nick Brayford as Head Baseball Coach for the Spring 2027 Season at a salary of \$6,360.00.
 - 6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jack Flynn as Head Softball Coach for the Spring 2027 Season at a salary of \$3,802.50.
 - 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Kevin Keating as Head Track and Field Coach for the Spring 2027 Season at a salary of \$4,160.00.
 - 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Ed Tarantelli, as an Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$3,530.00.
 - 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Dane Tarantelli, as an Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,630.00.
 - 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Shane McGrath as an Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,830.00.
 - 6.5.7 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Scott Yagielniskie, as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.

- 6.5.8 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Tom Edwards as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jason Kessler, as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.10 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Mark Gates as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.11 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Auston Hummel as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.12 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Patrick Cooney as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.13 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Steve Ennis, as an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$3,560.00.
- 6.5.14 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Joe Himes, as an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,960.00.
- 6.5.15 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Joe Newhouser, as a Junior High Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$3,650.00.
- 6.5.16 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Sean Jones, as an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,950.00.
- 6.5.17 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Brett Ennis as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.18 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, John Chernewski as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.19 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Katelynn Himes as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.20 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Robert Van Horn as an Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,760.00.

- 6.5.21 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, John Toomey as an Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,960.00.
- 6.5.22 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Kelli McIntyre as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,650.00.
- 6.5.23 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Rob Houseknecht as the 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,750.00.
- 6.5.24 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Dante Agosti as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season.
- 6.5.25 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Elizabeth Andrewcavage as an Assistant Swim Coach for the 2026-2027 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,195.00.
- 6.5.26 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Autumn Montemuro as an Assistant Varsity/Junior High Cross Country Coach for the 2026 Season at a salary of \$1,600.00.
- 6.5.27 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Randy Sausser as an Assistant Varsity/Junior High Cross Country Coach for the 2026 Season at a salary of \$1,700.00.
- 6.5.28 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, John Meridionale as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach for the 2026 Fall Season.
- 6.5.29 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Amy Lapointe as a Volunteer Marching Band Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.5.30 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Katrina Schicatano as a Volunteer Marching Band Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.5.31 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Derek Seiger as a Volunteer Marching Band Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.5.32 A motion is requested to approve an Athletic Department Internship for Dante Agosti for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.5.33 A motion is requested to approve the following Supplemental Positions and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year:

Jamie Palmerio	Envirothon Assistant – JSBS	\$ 750.00
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6.6 **Policy/Legislative** (Alex Trexler – Chairperson, Randy Lattis, Jennifer Kowalonek)

6.6.1 A motion is requested to approve the PSBA Policy Services Member Agreement as presented to the Board.

6.6.2 A motion is requested to approve the North Schuylkill School District Organizational Chart for the 2026-2027 school year as presented to the Board.

6.6.3 A motion is requested to approve the first reading of the following policy:
716 – Integrated Pest Management

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

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

9. **Other Reports**

9.1 Information Item

9.1-1 Election of School Board Members to the IU Boards of Directors – Voting Ballots

10. **Other Items for Consideration**

10.1 Invitation to Public to Speak

11. **Dates for Future Meetings**

Wednesday, August 12

Committee Meetings – 7:00 p.m.

Board of School Directors Regular Meeting – immediately following Committee Meetings

12. **Adjournment**