



**North Schuylkill School District
Board of School Director
Public Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 16, 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 – August 12, 2026
- 3.2 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – August 12, 2026
- 3.3 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – August 12, 2026
- 3.4 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – August 12, 2026
- 3.5 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – August 12, 2026
- 3.6 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – August 12, 2026
- 3.7 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – August 12, 2026
- 3.8 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – August 12, 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 – July 2026
 - 4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – July 2026
 - 4.1.3 General Fund Cash Accounts – July 2026
 - 4.1.4 Athletic Fund Summary – July 2026
 - 4.1.5 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – July 2026
 - 4.1.6 Expenditures – Check Register – 8/4/2026 through 9/8/2026
 - 4.1.7 Financial Summary – Budget Comparison – August 2026

- 4.1.8 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – August 2026
- 4.1.9 General Fund Cash Accounts – August 2026
- 4.1.10 Athletic Fund Summary – August 2026
- 4.1.11 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – August 2026
- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #45-09-0062.001, Schuylkill County, in accordance with tax exemption regulations specified in House Bill 1878, dated March 17, 1978.
- 4.3 A motion is requested to approve the Stipulation to resolve the tax assessment appeal of Bart Bros and authorize the Solicitor to execute on behalf of the District.
- 4.4 A motion is requested to approve the agreement with Coal Region Consulting, LLC for Armed School Security Services beginning on or about October 1, 2027.
- 4.5 A motion is requested to approve the purchase and installation of a baseball scoreboard from Bartush Signs, Orwigsburg, PA, Costars Contract # 032-E22-054 at a cost of \$46,358.90.
- 4.6 A motion is requested to approve the Scenario Learning, LLC d/b/a Vector Solutions Order Form/Client Agreement effective October 1, 2026, for 21 months with automatic renewal.
- 4.7 A motion is requested to approve the Grant of Right-of-Way with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation as presented to the Board.
- 4.8 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #38-03-0392.000, Schuylkill County, in accordance with tax exemption regulations specified in House Bill 1878, dated March 17, 1978.

5. **Communications**

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 North Schuylkill Elementary Wrestling Program to use the Rick Edwards Wrestling Room for Elementary Wrestling Practices on Mondays through Fridays for the month of February 2027 and December 30, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - 6.1.1-2 Nebius to use the JSBS Cafeteria for a Town Hall Community Open House on August 6, 2026, from 3:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6.1.1-3 The NS Junior Spartans Biddy Basketball Program to use the NSE Gymnasium for Junior Spartans Biddy Basketball Practices starting September 28, 2026, for the remainder of September and the months of October, November, December 2026 and January and February 2027 on selected days with varying times of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

6.1.1-4 The NS Junior Spartans Biddy Basketball Program to use the NSE Gymnasium for Junior Spartans Biddy Basketball Games on October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026 and November 7, 14 and 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

6.1.1-5 The ASL Winter Swim League to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for ASL Winter Swim Practices starting November 30, 2026, and on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays for the months of December 2026 and January and February 2027 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Final pool schedule subject to approval by administration and the Varsity Swim Coaches.

6.1.1-6 The Schuylkill YMCA to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for Swim Practices from September 2026 through February 2027 on selected days with varying times from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Final pool schedule subject to approval by administration and the Varsity Swim Coaches.

6.1.1-7 The North Schuylkill Elementary Wrestling Program to use the Cesari – Hope Gymnasium for the Coal Cracker Team Duals on February 20, 2027, for set up from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and February 21, 2027, for the meet from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

6.1.1-8 The NS Cheerleading Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on September 15, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve a Professional Internship for Jennifer Fritz with the NSSD School Psychologists from September 3, 2026, through the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

6.2.2 A motion is requested to approve a Principal Internship for Samantha Roshannon with Janel Babatsky, Elementary Principal for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

6.2.3 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Mary Weist, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective as soon as released from the District.

- 6.2.4 A motion is requested to approve an FMLA Leave Request for Mary Lou Leibensperger, Elementary Special Education Teacher.

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

- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve a stipend of \$1,000.00 to Karla Olguin Sanchez for interpreter for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.
- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Colby Huben, Full-Time Second Shift/Weekend Custodian/Maintenance Worker effective August 27, 2026.
- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Sarah Stepanchick as a Full-Time Second Shift/Weekend Custodian, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, retroactive to September 9, 2026.
- 6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Joseph Piekarsky as a Full-Time Second Shift/Weekend Custodian, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, retroactive to September 9, 2026.
- 6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Paul Olson as the Spartan Academy Classroom Monitor (Part-Time Paraprofessional) at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective September 16, 2026.
- 6.2.10 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Theresa Powell as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$14.95 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, retroactive to September 14, 2026.
- 6.2.11 Information Item
- 6.2.11 -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 approve the Agreement to Participate in Next Day Data Project with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) effective August 17, 2026

- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the agreement with River Rock Academy LLC for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve the agreement with River Rock Academy for Secondary Student Services and Elementary Services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.3.4 A motion is requested to approve a Contract for Services with Schuylkill Pediatric Physical Therapy LLC for Physical Therapy Services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve the donation of a class set of 15 Fender Squier Bullet Strat Electric Guitars in an orange sunburst finish to Nativity BVM High School. The guitars are worn out and do not work from years of high use.
- 6.3.6 A motion is requested to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Karah Molesevich, Psycho-Educational Evaluations and Translations, LLC to provide special education evaluations in Spanish and English for students not proficient in English.
- 6.3.7 A motion is requested to approve a Confidential Compensatory Education Settlement and Release Agreement for a student.
- 6.3.8 A motion is requested to approve the agreement with the Schuylkill IU 29 to provide Blended Nursing Services as presented to the Board.

6.4 **Food Service, Safety, Transportation** (Mike Kehler – Chairperson, Mary Ann Woodward, Mike Kiehl)

- 6.4.1 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, adding the following individual to the roster of School Bus Drivers/Van Drivers/Aides for the 2026-2027 school year:

Omar Casillas Ortiz
Joseph Michalik
Kelly Price

John Schur
Traci Cunningham-Jweid
Gerald Campomizzi

- 6.4.2 A motion is requested to approve the 2026-2027 Contract for the Transportation of School Pupils with the Schuylkill Technology Center.
- 6.4.3 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services Transportation Procedures Agreement to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth.

- 6.4.4 A motion is requested to approve the Transportation Plan with the Schuylkill County Children and Youth Services Transportation Procedures to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth.

6.5 **Extracurricular Programs** (Raymond Reichwein – Chairperson, Bryan Slotcavage, Randy Lattis)

- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve the FBLA Team to stay overnight and attend the PA FBLA State Leadership Workshop on November 1 and 2, 2026, to be held at the Kalahari Resort, Pocono Mountains, PA. There is no cost to District.

- 6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Megan Osilka as a Volunteer Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2026 Fall Season.

- 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jaden Leiby as a Volunteer Football Coach for the 2026 Fall Season.

- 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the following Volunteers with the Theater Arts Production for the 2026-2027 school year:

Paula Hornberger – Assistant Director
Zach Chernewski – Stage Manager
Lynn Minalda – Stage Crew
John Cuthie – Stage Crew
Jacob Kline – Lights and Sounds
Brian Clauser – Assistant Construction
Tom Towers – Assistant Construction
Donna Spotts – Seamstress
Erin Umphrey – Choreographer
Brianna Ryan – Choreographer
Eliza Kline – Choreographer
Maria Spotts – Spotlights
Nevaida Rau – Vocal Assistant

- 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Itasia Walton as a Volunteer Cheerleading Coach for the 2026 Football Season.

- 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the North Schuylkill Education Association for adding the supplemental position of Elementary Yearbook Advisor.

- 6.5.7 A motion is requested to approve the following Supplemental Position and salary for the 2026-2027 school year:

Katrina Cara	Elementary Yearbook Advisor	\$1,000.00
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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 first reading of the following policies:

- 102 – Academic Standards
- 105 – Curriculum
- 204.1 – Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks
- 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings
- 246 – School Wellness
- 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
- 704 – Maintenance
- 803 – School Calendar
- 805.2 – School Security Personnel
- 822 – Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

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 A motion is requested to approve the 2027 Slate of Candidates for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association as voted for each office:

2027 President - Elect

- 1. Matt Vannoy (Sharon City School District)

2027 Vice President

- 1. Kristy Bolte (Northwestern School District)

2027 – 2029 Treasurer

- 1. David Hein (Parkland School District)

2027 Eastern Zone Representative (one-year term)

- 1. Jason Mell (Exeter Township School District)

9.2 A motion is requested to approve the PSBA Insurance Trustee Position as listed below. (There are currently two seats open and two candidates. You can vote for up to two individuals.)

Trustee – Term Ends December 31, 2029

- 1. Marianne L. Neel
- 2. Dr. Michael Faccinetto

10. Other Items for Consideration

10.1 Invitation to Public to Speak

11. Dates for Future Meetings

Wednesday, October 21	Committee Meetings – 7:00 p.m. Board of School Directors Regular Meeting – immediately following Committee Meetings
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12. Adjournment