North Schuylkill School District
Board of School Director
Public Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Immediately following Committee Meetings
North Schuylkill Jr./Sr. High School
Ashland, PA

Mr. Roy Green	**Dr. Robert Ackell**
Board President	**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 – September 16, 2026
3.2 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.3 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.4 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.5 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.6 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.7 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.8 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.9 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – September 16, 2026
3.10 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – October 6, 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 – September 2026
4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – September 2026
4.1.3 General Fund Cash Accounts – September 2026
4.1.4 Athletic Fund Summary – September 2026

4.1.5 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – September 2026

4.1.6 Expenditures – Check Register – 9/8/2026 through 10/13/2026

4.2 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #04-09-0018.001, 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 Addendum to the Agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC, effective October 6, 2026, regarding positions and rates for Paraprofessional and Bus Aides.

4.4 A motion is requested to authorize the annual donation to the Public Libraries as follows:

Ashland Public Library	$5,740.00
Frackville Public Library	$6,580.00
Ringtown Area Library	$1,680.00

4.5 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #38-03-0391.000, 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 West Schuylkill FC to use the Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium for the West Schuylkill FC Training on November 4 and 11, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

6.1.1-2 The Spartan Wrestling Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on September 21, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-3 The NS Junior Spartans Biddy Basketball Program to use the Cardinal Brennan Field House for a Junior Spartans 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament on February 26, 2027, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and February 27 and 28, 2027 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6.1.1-4 The NS Junior Spartans Biddy Basketball Program to use the Cardinal Brennan Field House for a Junior Spartans 3rd & 4th Grade Basketball Tournament on March 5, 2027, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and March 6 and 7, 2027, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6.1.4-5 The Saint Joseph the Worker Parish and The Charles Borromeo Parish Volunteers to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Community Thanksgiving Dinner (set up, serving and clean up) on November 29, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

6.1.2 A motion is requested to approve the Grass Cutting and Mowing Services Agreement with Cloverleaf Maintenance, LLC, Girardville, PA, effective April 15, 2027, through October 31, 2028, with the option for renewal annually at the discretion of the District, at a cost of $1,150.00 Per Cut (includes mowing, trimming, cleanup).

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

6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve an Intermittent FMLA Leave Request for Christine Burns, School 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, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Alijah Hollenbach as an Elementary Autistic Support Teacher at a starting salary of $50,650.00, Step 3, Bachelor's plus 24 credits, effective beginning October 29, 2026.

6.2.3 A motion is requested to approve a childbearing/childrearing leave request for Kelsey VanderMeer, Elementary Teacher, effective on or about December 23, 2026, until on or about March 1, 2027. She will use all of her sick and personal days and will then be on an unpaid FMLA Leave.

6.2.4 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the North Schuylkill Education Association for a salary adjustment for Bachelor's Degree plus credits.

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, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Amy Weikel as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of $14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective October 29, 2026.

6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Amanda Dillman as a Substitute Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of $14.50 per hour.

6.2.7 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Brittany Marsden as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of $15.70 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective October 19, 2026.

6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Alyssa Placek as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of $14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective October 19, 2026.

6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve a rate adjustment for Charles Dillman, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker with an increase of $1.45 per hour retroactive to the start of the school year.

6.2.10 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Amy Weikel, Part-Time Paraprofessional effective October 10, 2026.

6.2.11 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Katelynn Himes, Part-Time Paraprofessional effective November 6, 2026.

6.2.12 Information Item

6.2.12 -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)

6.4 **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 individuals to the roster of School Bus Drivers/Van Drivers/Aides for the 2026-2027 school year:

Justine Fetterolf Audrey Ahner
Quintin Neidlinger

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

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

Leah Wallace	Math Counts Advisor	$750.00

(Note: Ms. Wallace is replacing Jennifer Rex for this position.)

6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve a field trip request to Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, Highmount, New York, for NS Ski Club Members and chaperones on February 11, 2027, with no costs to the District.

6.6 **Policy/Legislative** (Alex Trexler – Chairperson, Randy Lattis, Jennifer Kowalonek

6.6.1 A motion is requested to approve the second 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

10. Other Items for Consideration

10.1 Invitation to Public to Speak

11. Dates for Future Meetings

Wednesday, November 18	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