



**North Schuylkill School District  
Board of School Director  
Public Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

**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 – June 19, 2024
- 3.2 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – June 19, 2024
- 3.3 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – June 19, 2024
- 3.4 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – June 19, 2024
- 3.5 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – June 19, 2024
- 3.6 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – June 19, 2024
- 3.7 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – June 19, 2024
- 3.8 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – June 19, 2024
- 3.9 Minutes of the Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee Meeting – July 9, 2024
- 3.10 Minutes of the Extracurricular Committee Meeting – July 9, 2024

**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 General Fund Cash Accounts – June 2024
  - 4.1.2 Athletic Fund Summary – June 2024
  - 4.1.3 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – June 2024
  - 4.1.4 Food Service Operating Statement – June 2024
  - 4.1.5 Expenditures – Check Register – 6/10/2024 through 8/2/2024
  - 4.1.6 General Fund Cash Accounts – July 2024
  - 4.1.7 Athletic Fund Summary – July 2024
  - 4.1.8 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – July 2024
- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #38-09-0107.005, 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 sale of the following property that has been placed in the “repository for unsold properties” and an offer received:
  - 45-3-0048.000 – 627 East Mahanoy Avenue, Girardville Borough
  - Bidder: Fanelli, Evans & Patel, P.C.
  - Bid Amount: \$1.00
- 4.4 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:
  - 45-8-0083.000 – 231 West Main Street, Girardville Borough
  - Bidder: Fanelli, Evans & Patel, P.C.
  - Bid Amount: \$1.00
- 4.5 A motion is requested to approve the Consent for Compromise of Taxes on the following property:
  - 129 West Main Street, Girardville
- 4.6 A motion is requested to approve the quote from Moyer Electric Supply Company, Inc., Pottsville, PA, Co-Stars Contract # 034-E24-219 for sound system upgrades to the Home Side of Spartan Stadium at an approximate cost of \$29,106.00.
- 4.7 A motion is requested to approve the quote from Moyer Electric Supply Company, Inc., Pottsville, PA, Co-Stars Contract # 034-E24-219 for sound system upgrades to the Robert Wetzel Field at an approximate cost of \$11,989.00.
- 4.8 A motion is requested to approve the quote from Moyer Electric Supply Company, Inc., Pottsville, PA, Co-Stars Contract # 034-E24-219 for sound system upgrades to the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium at an approximate cost of \$24,297.00.
- 4.9 A motion is requested to approve the scrapping of the following vehicles at SOS Metals, Inc., Mount Carmel, PA:

2006 Ford F250 Truck  
2008 Ford F350 Dump Truck  
2000 Dodge Van

## 5. **Communications**

Correspondence:

Dave Heyer, President, Ashland Black Diamond Football Organization

## 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 ASL Winter Swim League to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for the ASL Summer Swim League on August 25, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

6.1.1-2 The Junior Spartans Basketball Program to use the NSE Gymnasium for Basketball Games on Saturdays and Sundays in October, November, December, January, February and the first full week of March 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

6.1.1-3 The Junior Spartans Basketball Program to use the NSE Gymnasium for Basketball Practices on Mondays through Fridays starting with September 30, 2024 and ending March 7, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6.1.1-4 The Junior Spartans Basketball Program to use the Cardinal Brennan Field House Gyms and Concession Stand for Junior Spartans Basketball Tournaments on February 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2025; February 27, 28, March 1 and 2, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

6.1.1-5 The NS Boys Basketball Boosters to use the JSBS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on August 6, 2024 from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

6.1.1-6 The NS Boys Basketball Boosters to use the NSE Gymnasium and the Cesari-Hope Gymnasium for a Youth Basketball Camp on June 6, 7 and 8, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

6.1.1-7 The NS Cheerleading Boosters to use the JSBS LGI Room for a Fundraiser Pick Up on August 13, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

6.1.1-8 The NS Cheerleading Boosters to use the JSBS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on August 6, 2024 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-9 The NS Cheerleading Boosters to use the Cardinal Brennan Field House for Varsity/Competition and JH/JV Cheer Practices on Mondays through Fridays from June 17, 2024 through August 16, 2024 from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

6.1.1-10 The Schuylkill YMCA to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for Swim Practices on August 5, 7, 12 and 14, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; September and October 2024 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; November and December 2024, January, February and March 2025 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

6.1.1-11 The NS Spartan Baseball Boosters to use the Robert Wetzel Field for the RCS Warpath Baseball Tryout on July 24, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-12 The West Schuylkill FC to use the Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium for the West Schuylkill FC Training on November 6, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

6.1.2 A motion is requested to approve the proposal from Ultra-Seal, Ashland, PA, for sealing the elementary school bus loop at a cost of \$7,746.00.

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

6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve Kimberly Reese Mentusky to provide Occupational Therapy Services, up to 40 hours per month, at a rate of \$51.47/hour, for the 2024-2025 school year.

6.2.2 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 18, 2024 through July 25, 2024:

Kristine Russell (School Nurse)  
Brandy Sullivan (School Nurse)

**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 acknowledge the transfer/change of assignment for the following individuals beginning with the 2024-2025 school year:

Stacie Green – Grade 3 Math/Science to Title I Reading  
Madeline Schuettler – Title I Reading to Grade 3 Math/Science

6.2.4 A motion is requested to approve the salary adjustment to the Grade Level Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:

Title I	Danielle Adams	\$ 800.00
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- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Taia Carpency, Science Teacher effective August 31, 2024.
- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Marc Wislosky, Social Studies Teacher effective August 9, 2024.
- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Morgan Bretz, Science Teacher effective August 2, 2024.
- 6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jack Kempsey as a Science Teacher at a starting salary of \$44,500.00, Step 1, Bachelor's, effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Cody Wetzal as a Social Studies Teacher at a starting salary of \$46,150.00, Step 2, Master's, effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.2.10 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Dane Tarantelli as a Social Studies Teacher at a starting salary of \$47,025.00, Step 5, Bachelor's, effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.2.11 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Talia Lewis as a Secondary Math Teacher at a starting salary of \$44,850.00, Step 2, Bachelor's, effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.2.12 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Lindsey Petritsch as a Special Education Teacher at a starting salary of \$44,500.00, Step 1, Bachelor's, effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.2.13 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Madison Rhode as a Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$44,500.00, Step 1, with benefits, effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year until the end of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.2.14 A motion is requested to approve the following individuals as Mentor Teachers, at a rate of \$500.00/year for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Karla Herring	Madeline Schuettler
Victoria Hornberger	John Kempsey
Peter Stanakis	Cody Wetzal
Siobhan White	Dane Tarantelli
Michelle Kaminski	Talia Lewis
Amy Maziekas	Lindsey Petritsch

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

- 6.2.15 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Wendy Miller, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker effective June 21, 2024.
- 6.2.16 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Barry Kukuk as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 7, 2024.
- 6.2.17 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Eileen Matern as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 7, 2024.
- 6.2.18 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Alicia Bickowski as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 7, 2024.
- 6.2.19 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Kathy Kriesher as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 2, 2024.
- 6.2.20 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Cindy Wolfgang as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 7, 2024.
- 6.2.21 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Susan Yashin as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 7, 2024.
- 6.2.22 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Barry Gilbert as a Full-Time Second Shift/Weekend Custodian/Maintenance Worker, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period.
- 6.2.23 Information Item
  - 6.2.23-1 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 approve all Community Based Instruction Activities for Life Skills and Multi-Disability Students included in student IEP’s, conducted off site, and approved by the Supervisor of Special Education and School Principal for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the adoption of the textbooks as listed below. This is in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code, Article VII, Section 803.

<u>Text and Materials</u>	<u>ISBN</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
<i>Superkids 2017 Grade K, Semester 1, Meet the Superkids Student Books Set (165)</i>	9781614368687	Zaner-Bloser
<i>Superkids 2017 Grade K, Semester 2, Superkids’ Club Student Books Set (170)</i>	9781614368694	Zaner-Bloser
<i>Superkids Grade K, Journal (165)</i>	9781598338751	Zaner-Bloser
<b>Subtotal Cost = \$6,100.00</b>		
<i>Superkids 2017 Grade 1, Semester 1, Adventures of the Superkids Practice Pages (165)</i>	9781614365136	Zaner-Bloser
<i>Superkids 2017 Grade 1, Semester 1, Adventures of the Superkids Word Work Books (165)</i>	9781614368984	Zaner-Bloser
<i>Superkids Grade 1 Ice Cream Journal Paper, 500 sheets (8)</i>	9781598333169	Zaner-Bloser
<b>Subtotal Cost = \$3,556.00</b>		
<i>Superkids 2017 Grade 2, Semester 1, The Superkids Hit Second Grade Backpack Pages (120)</i>	9781614365211	Zaner-Bloser
<i>Superkids 2017 Grade 2, Semester 2, The Superkids Take Off Word Work Books (76)</i>	9781614365365	Zaner-Bloser
<i>Superkids Cursive Desktop Name Strips (12)</i>	9781598337198	Zaner-Bloser
<b>Subtotal Cost = \$2,168.00</b>		

*Superkids - Multigrade*  
Ice Cream Paper, 500 sheets (15) 9781598339789 Zaner-Bloser

*Superkids 2017*  
Manuscript Desktop Name Strips (9) 9781614368458 Zaner-Bloser

**Subtotal Cost = \$684.75**

Handwriting 2020 Grade 2C  
Student Edition (152) 9781453119303 Zaner-Bloser

**Subtotal Cost = \$2,135.60**

Handwriting 2020 Grade 3  
Student Edition (190) 9781453119310 Zaner-Bloser

**Subtotal Cost = \$2,669.50**

Handwriting 2020 Grade 4  
Student Edition (170) 9781453119327 Zaner-Bloser

**Subtotal Cost = \$2,669.50**

**Subtotal Cost = \$19,702.35**

**Shipping & Handling (estimated) = \$1,970.24**

**Total Cost = \$21,672.59**

- 6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve a post pay renewal contract with edmentum for FSCA for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve a Business Associate Agreement and a Letter of Agreement between Safety Net Counseling, Inc. and the North Schuylkill School District for the provision of Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) effective July 1, 2024.
- 6.3.6 A motion is requested to approve the Intent to Participate Agreement for the 2024-2025 Title III: Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students with the Schuylkill IU 29.
- 6.3.7 A motion is requested to approve the Language Instruction Education Program (LIEP) Service Agreement with the Schuylkill IU 29 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.3.8 A motion is requested to approve a two-year Linkage Letter/Referral Agreement with Concern.



6.3.9 A motion is requested to approve the proposal from Inspired Instruction, LLC for professional development at NSE.

6.3.10 A motion is requested to approve the following handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year:

Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook  
North Schuylkill Elementary Student Handbook  
District Staff Handbook  
Special Education Handbook  
Gifted Education Handbook  
Special Education (ESY) Extended School Year Handbook  
504 Handbook  
Paraprofessional Handbook

6.3.11 A motion is requested to approve the following documents for the 2024-2025 school year as presented to the Board:

Third Party Guidelines  
Third Party Confidentiality Agreement

6.3.12 A motion is requested to approve the NSE PBIS Manual for the 2024-2025 school year 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, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, new transportation drivers and aides, veteran transportation drivers and aides and transportation contractors for the 2024-2025 school year, as per the attachment.

6.4.2 A motion is requested to approve the 2024-2025 transportation routes and stops, and authorize the Business Manager to make changes in transportation stops and routes in response to emerging beginning-of-the-year situations.

6.4.3 A motion is requested to approve the updated Health and Safety Plan as presented to the Board.

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

6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve the adjustments to the following Supplemental Positions and salaries:

Michelle Schwartz	Choral Director – JSBS Assistant	\$ 900.00
	2024-2025 School Year	(Corrected Salary)

Michelle Schwartz	Choral Director – JSHS Assistant 2023-2024 School Year	\$ 800.00 (Corrected Salary)
Michelle Schwartz	Choral Director – JSHS Assistant 2022-2023 School Year	\$ 700.00 (Corrected Salary)
Douglas Cole	Band Director Assistant 2024-2025 School Year	\$2,050.00 (Corrected Salary)

- 6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Katie Halko as a Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach for the 2024 Season. (Ms. Halko was recently approved as a paid assistant coach but will change to a volunteer coach.)
- 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, William Lindenmuth as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2024 Fall Season.
- 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jack Flynn as Head Softball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$3,275.00.
- 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Samantha James as a Volunteer Marching Band Assistant for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the North Schuylkill Education Association for the creation of the supplemental position of Summer Weight Room Supervisor.
- 6.5.7 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the North Schuylkill Education Association to increase the current stipends of each varsity head coach and cheerleading advisor by ten percent.
- 6.5.8 A motion is requested to approve the following Supplemental Positions and salaries for the 2024-2025 school year:

Amy Maziekas	Class Advisor, Seniors	\$1,200.00
Wally Hall	Summer Weight Room Supervisor (July, August 2024 & June 2025)	\$1,500.00

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

- 6.6.1 A motion is requested to approve the North Schuylkill School District Organizational Chart for the 2024-2025 school year as presented to the Board.

6.6.2 A motion is requested to approve the Resolution in Support of HB 1983 – to Separate Boundary vs Non-Boundary Schools Competing in Team Sports Championships as presented to the Board.

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

- 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
- 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
- 351 – Controlled Substance Abuse
- 707 – Use of School Facilities
- 815.2 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education
- 146.1 – Trauma-Informed Approach
- 218 – Student Discipline
- 218.1 – Weapons
- 218.2 – Terroristic Threats
- 801 – Public Records
- 803 – School Calendar
- 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- 805.2 – School Security Personnel
- 806 – Child Abuse
- 904 – Public Attendance at School Events
- 909 – Municipal Government Relations

6.6.4 A motion is requested to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 237 – Electronic Devices
- 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
- 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
- 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
- 247 – Hazing
- 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
- 252 – Dating Violence
- 317.1 – Educator Misconduct
- 336 – Personal Necessity Leave
- 339 – Uncompensated Leave
- 807 – Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
- 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

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, September 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 – 7:30 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**