



**North Schuylkill School District  
Board of School Director  
Public Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, October 16, 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 – September 18, 2024
- 3.2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 18, 2024
- 3.3 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – September 18, 2024
- 3.4 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – September 18, 2024
- 3.5 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – September 18, 2024
- 3.6 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – September 18, 2024
- 3.7 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – September 18, 2024
- 3.8 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – September 18, 2024
- 3.9 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – September 18, 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 Financial Summary – Budget Comparison – September 2024
  - 4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – September 2024
  - 4.1.3 General Fund Cash Accounts – September 2024
  - 4.1.4 Athletic Fund Summary – September 2024
  - 4.1.5 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – September 2024
  - 4.1.6 Expenditures – Check Register – 9/10/2024 through 10/9/2024

4.2 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

4.3 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:

38-6-0219.000 – 1321 Spruce Street, Ashland Borough  
Bidder: Ashland Borough  
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:

45-3-0023.000 – 344 East Mahanoy Avenue, Girardville Borough  
Bidder: Girardville Borough  
Bid Amount: \$1.00

4.5 A motion is requested to approve the agreement with Coal Region Consulting, LLC for Armed School Security Services. It will be effective when the PCCD Grant is approved.

4.6 A motion is requested to approve the proposal from Coal Region Consulting and Investigations LLC for Armed SRO/Security Services as presented to the Board.

4.7 A motion is requested to approve the Consent for Compromise of Taxes on the following property:

445 West Pine Street, Frackville

4.8 A motion is requested to authorize the Solicitor to intervene/defend the tax assessment appeal by Geisinger Clinic in Butler Township.

## 5. **Communications**

## 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 Swim Practices on December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, 2024; January 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29; February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26; March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 and March 2, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-2 The ASL Winter Swim League to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for a Swim Practice Meeting on October 20, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-3 The Junior Spartans Basketball Program to use the NSE Gym for Basketball Games on December 7, 8, 14, 15, 2024; January 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26; February 1, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

6.1.1-4 The Junior Spartans Basketball Program to use the NSE Gym for Bidy Basketball Practices October 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31; November 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6.1.1-5 The North Schuylkill Elementary Wrestling to use the Cesari-Hope Gymnasium for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Brawl Tournament on December 28, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6.1.1-6 The NS Soccer Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for the Mens and Ladies Soccer Playoff Dinner on October 6, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

6.1.1-7 The NS Cheerleading Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on October 15, 2024, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-8 The NS Half Time Club to use the JSHS Cafeteria for Football Dinners on September 26, October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

6.1.1-9 The NS Half Time club to use the JSHS Cafeteria for Half Time Club Dinners on September 19, October 3, 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

6.1.1-10 The Spartan Wrestling Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for Booster Meetings on September 25 and October 7, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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

6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve the following individuals as teachers for the Schuylkill ACHIEVE After School Program:

Joe Wyatt	Frank Briggs
Lercy Antalosky	Kelly Boyer
Leah Briggs	Samantha White
Siobhan White	Tyler Mutchler

**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 Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding with the North Schuylkill Education Association for a Shared Physics Teacher with the Shenandoah Valley School District as presented to the Board.

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

- 6.2.3 A motion is requested to adjust the rate increase for the substitute paraprofessional hourly rate to \$12.25.
- 6.2.4 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Kayla Derr, Full-Time Secretary effective October 11, 2024.
- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve the termination of Alicia Bickowski, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker effective September 17, 2024, due to job abandonment.
- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve the transfer of assignment for Karen Wasilus from Full-Time Secretary at NSE to a Full-Time Secretary (PIMS Secretary) at the JSHS, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a one-month probationary period, effective October 14, 2024. She will receive a \$2,500.00 increase for the 2024-2025 school year only.
- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Joanna Ortiz 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 October 7, 2024. She will also receive a stipend of \$1,000.00 for interpreter.
- 6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Ashley Griffiths as a Full-Time Secretary assigned to NSE at a rate of \$15.25, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective October 14, 2025.
- 6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Monica Rusnock as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker.
- 6.2.10 Information Item
  - 6.2.910 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 the 2024-2025 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Special Education Service Agreement for a total tentative amount of \$452,206.00 (subject to final review and audit) and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the agreement.
- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the 2024-2025 Title I Letter of Agreement between the North Schuylkill School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit for North Schuylkill children attending non-public schools.
- 6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve the Community and School-Based Behavioral Health Program Commitment to Fidelity Implementation Agreement: School District Attestation as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.4 A motion is requested to approve an agreement with the Schuylkill Haven Area School District to provide Occupational Therapy Services for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve the PA Student Teacher Support Program Participation Agreement with PHEAA.

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, adding the following individuals to the roster of School Bus Drivers/Van Drivers/Aides for the 2024-2025 school year:

George Kreisher  
Alesha Duffy  
Anthony Maurer

Joan Muscolini  
Christian Geten

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

- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve a trip for North Schuylkill Students to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland from June 16 to June 26, 2027, at no cost to the District.
- 6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve a field trip request to Greek Peak Ski Resort, Cortland, New York, for NS Ski Club Members and chaperones on February 13, 2025, with no costs to the District.
- 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve Cody Wetzel as advisor for the newly formed pilot club, Dungeons and Dragons, for the 2024-2025 school year.

- 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Ed Kronkowsky as an Assistant Boys Basketball coach effective immediately.
- 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Kenford Lynch as an Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (9<sup>th</sup> Grade) for the 2024-2025 Winter Season at a salary of \$2,050.00.
- 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve the formation of a Girls Wrestling Program beginning with the 2025-2026 season. The Program would be officially recognized as a PIAA sponsored sport.

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

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

- 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- 113.2 – Behavior Support
- 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 236.1 – Threat Assessment
- 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- 607 – Tuition Income
- 805.2 – School Security Personnel

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 20 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**