



**North Schuylkill School District
Board of School Director
Public Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
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 Reorganization Meeting – December 4, 2024
- 3.2 Minutes of Regular Meeting – December 4, 2024
- 3.3 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – December 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 Financial Summary – Budget Comparison – November 2024
 - 4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – November 2024
 - 4.1.3 General Fund Cash Accounts – November 2024
 - 4.1.4 Athletic Fund Summary – November 2024
 - 4.1.5 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – November 2024
 - 4.1.6 Athletic Fund Summary – December 2024
 - 4.1.7 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – December 2024
 - 4.1.8 Expenditures – Check Register – 11/12/2024 through 1/7/2025
 - 4.1.9 Tax Collectors Summary through December 31, 2024

- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve the Act 1 Resolution, which establishes the State-assigned Act 1 Index of 6% for the North Schuylkill School District as the maximum tax rate increase for 2025-2026.
- 4.3 A motion is requested to approve the Appointment of Delegate Resolution for the Tax Collection Committee (TCC) in accordance with Section 505(b) of Act 32 appointing the following individuals to serve as North Schuylkill's voting delegates:

Primary Delegate – Business Manager
First Alternate – Superintendent
Second Alternate – Board Secretary or
Mahanoy Area School District Business Manager

Note: The Resolution is for 2025.

- 4.4 A motion is requested to approve the 2024 Real Estate Tax Reports and authorize the Business Manager to submit delinquent taxes to the Tax Claim Bureaus of Schuylkill County and Columbia County for collection.
- 4.5 A motion is requested to retroactively award the Environmental Remediation Project to Sargent Enterprises, Inc., Jim Thorpe, PA, as follows: Total Cost for Base A - \$66,750.00; Total Cost for Base B - \$7,945.00 and Total Cost for Option A - \$824.00 per classroom.
- 4.6 A motion is requested to approve CM3 Building Solutions to perform preliminary site testing for Energy Conservation Services.
- 4.7 A motion is requested to authorize the Solicitor to sign the Stipulation regarding the Borough of Frackville Petition to Compromise Delinquent Taxes, Penalties, Interest and Costs on parcel 43-03-0017.000.

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 Schuylkill YMCA to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for Swim Practices on February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14 and 21, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024; January 3 and 10, 2025 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-2 The ASL Winter Swim League to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for Swim Practices on December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024; January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, and 20, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

6.1.1-3 The Friendship Fire Company to use the JSHS Auditorium and Lower Lobby for a County Firefighters Convention Training Night on August 11, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6.1.1-4 The Schuylkill United Way to use the Ghosh Orthodontics Field at Spartan Stadium for the 8th Annual High School Football Challenge on June 17, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

6.1.1-5 The Spartan Cheer Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on January 7, 2025, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-6 The North Schuylkill Elementary Wrestling Program to use the Cesari-Hope Gymnasium to set up mats and concessions for a tournament on December 27, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6.1.1-7 The Spartan Wrestling Boosters to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Booster Meeting on January 6, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

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

6.2.1 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Alexandra Harren, Secondary Math Teacher effective February 10, 2025.

6.2.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jacob Balkiewicz as a Secondary Math Teacher at a starting salary of \$51,125.00, Step 7, Master's, pro-rated, effective as soon as released from his current district.

6.2.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Kali Antalosky as a Secondary English Teacher at a starting salary of \$50,225.00, Step 6, Master's, effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

6.2.4 A motion is requested to acknowledge the additional assignment for the following individuals for the 2024-2025 school year:

Leah Briggs – Gifted Teacher
Amy Maziekas – Cooperative Education Teacher
Nick Brayford – Cooperative Education Teacher

- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Lynda Tomicich as a Long-Term Substitute Business, Computer and Technology Teacher at a salary of \$44,500.00, Step 1, pro-rated, with benefits, effective January 15, 2025, until the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve the following individual as a Mentor Teacher, at a rate of \$500.00/year, pro-rated, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year:

Mentor
Jennifer Rex

Inductee
Jacob Balkiewicz

- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to accept the retirement notice from Angela Potts, Elementary Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

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

- 6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve the transfer of assignment for Nicole Wehry from Full-Time Cafeteria/Custodian to Full-Time Cafeteria (10-month position) effective July 1, 2025.
- 6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jan Schreffler 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, retroactive to January 6, 2025.
- 6.2.10 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Sophie Horbach as a Part-Time Custodian at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, retroactive to January 6, 2025.
- 6.2.11 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Susan Yashin as a Full-Time 12-Month Cafeterian/Custodian, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, retroactive to January 13, 2025. Her rate will remain the same.
- 6.2.12 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Melisa Metcalf 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 January 6, 2025.
- 6.2.13 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Peter Kleeman as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker.
- 6.2.14 A motion is requested to approve an FMLA Leave Request for Daniel O'Connell, Full-Time Custodian.

6.2.15 Information Item

- 6.2.15 -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 the revised 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar revision necessitated by a weather cancellation.
- 6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve the Indepth (Intervention for Nicotine Dependence: Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health) Program Agreement with the Lehigh Valley Hospital – Schuylkill for services provided by LVH to address nicotine related issues as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.4 A motion is requested to approve the updated PDE Afterschool Programming Grant Data Sharing Agreement and School District Letter of Agreement with the Schuylkill IU 29.
- Note: The agreements did not change. They need to be updated due to the change in the IU 29 Executive Director.
- 6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve the IDEA – Section 619 Pass Through Funds Use of Funds Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 6.3.6 A motion is requested to approve the IDEA B Sub-Recipient Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year.

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:

Robert McConnell

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

- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Chris Glessner as an Assistant Baseball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$3,250.00.

- 6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Steve Ennis as an Assistant Baseball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$3,230.00.
- 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Kieran Connors as an Assistant Baseball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$3,850.00.
- 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Robert Yesalusky as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jaden Leiby as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Heath Leiby as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.7 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Brandon McGaw as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.8 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jamie Palmerio as an Assistant Softball Coach (JV) for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$2,730.00.
- 6.5.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Shane McGrath as an Assistant Softball Coach (JH) for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$2,190.00.
- 6.5.10 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Emma Sacco as an Assistant Softball Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$1,990.00.
- 6.5.11 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Bob Moyer as an Assistant Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$6,688.00.
- 6.5.12 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Tony Chatkiewicz as an Assistant Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$4,200.00.
- 6.5.13 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Matt Klingerman as an Assistant Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$1,775.00.
- 6.5.14 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Dylan Farronato as an Assistant Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$1,575.00.

- 6.5.15 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Nicole Kane as an Assistant Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$1,975.00.
- 6.5.16 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Khristian Onuschak as an Assistant Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season at a salary of \$1,675.00.
- 6.5.17 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Corey Mentzer as a Volunteer Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.18 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jeff Dunkel as a Volunteer Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.19 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Greg Lavas as a Volunteer Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.20 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Aaron Lynn as a Volunteer Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.
- 6.5.21 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Tara Mentzer as a Volunteer Track Coach for the Spring 2025 Season.

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

- 6.6.1 A motion is requested to approve the second reading of the following policies:
 - 005 – Organization
 - 308 – Employment Contract/Board Resolution
 - 823 – Opioid Antagonist
- 6.6.2 A motion is requested to approve the Committee Assignments for 2025.
- 6.6.3 Information Item
 - 6.6.3 -1 The bid and quotation threshold amounts were updated in the following policies:
 - 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - 611 – Purchases Budgeted

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 acknowledge the donation of four poly benches from Andes Nursery, Numidia, PA (see attachment).

10. Other Items for Consideration

- 10.1 Invitation to Public to Speak

11. Dates for Future Meetings

- Wednesday, February 19 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