



**North Schuylkill School District
Board of School Director
Public Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.
North Schuylkill Jr./Sr. High School
Ashland, PA**

**Mr. Charles Hepler
Board President**

**Dr. Robert Ackell
Superintendent**

1. Opening

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United State of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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 16, 2023
- 3.2 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – September 13, 2023
- 3.3 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – September 13, 2023
- 3.4 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – September 13, 2023
- 3.5 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – September 13, 2023
- 3.6 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – September 13, 2023
- 3.7 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – September 13, 2023
- 3.8 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – September 13, 2023

4. Finance Committee Report (Mike Kiehl – Chairperson, Glenn Weist, Doug Gressens)

- 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 2023
 - 4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – July 2023
 - 4.1.3 Financial Summary – Budget Comparison – August 2023
 - 4.1.4 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – August 2023
 - 4.1.5 General Fund Cash Accounts – August 2023
 - 4.1.6 Athletic Fund Summary – July 2023
 - 4.1.7 Athletic Fund Summary – August 2023
 - 4.1.8 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – August 2023
 - 4.1.9 Food Service Operating Statement – August 2023
 - 4.1.10 Expenditures – Check Register – 8/14/2023 through 9/15/2023
- 4.2 A motion is requested to not object to the “Private Tax Sale” of the following property that has an offer received:
- 04-16-0019.000 – One Woodland Park, Ashland
Bidder: Rutherford Xavier Nolasco Cruz
Bid Amount: \$2,784.00
- 4.3 A motion is requested to not object to the “Private Tax Sale” of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-02-0036.001 – 1038 Vine Street, Ashland
Bidder: Felicia Molina Minaya
Bid Amount: \$5,382.00
- 4.4 A motion is requested to not object to the “Private Tax Sale” of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-02-0062.000 – 1018 Race Street, Ashland
Bidder: Katy Perez-Zaya
Bid Amount: \$11,201.43
- 4.5 A motion is requested to not object to the “Private Tax Sale” of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-02-0081.000 – 1125 Market Street, Ashland
Bidder: Mayeline Betances
Bid Amount: \$11,765.83
- 4.6 A motion is requested to not object to the “Private Tax Sale” of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-02-0176.000 – 1504 Market Street, Ashland
Bidder: Felicia Molina Minaya
Bid Amount: \$8,765.00

- 4.7 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

38-02-0184.000 – 1422 Market Street, Ashland
Bidder: Katy Perez-Zaya
Bid Amount: \$11,127.41

- 4.8 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

38-02-0218.000 – 1038 Market Street, Ashland
Bidder: Ramiro Mendez
Bid Amount: \$11,891.00

- 4.9 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

38-02-0260.000 – 1239 Centre Street, Ashland
Bidder: Katy Perez-Zaya
Bid Amount: \$18,249.19

- 4.10 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

38-03-0116.000 – 920 Market Street, Ashland
Bidder: Katy Perez-Zaya
Bid Amount: \$9,795.33

- 4.11 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

38-03-0335.000 – 929 RR Walnut Street, Ashland
Bidder: YHVH Homes, LLC
Bid Amount: \$6,040.93

- 4.12 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

38-03-0437.000 – 119 Walnut Street, Ashland
Bidder: Isabel Moreno
Bid Amount: \$6,953.00

- 4.13 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

38-03-0438.000 – 117 Walnut Street, Ashland
Bidder: Isabel Moreno
Bid Amount: \$5,843.00

- 4.14 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-03-0501.000 –620 Walnut Street, Ashland
Bidder: Ramiro Mendez
Bid Amount: \$11,270.00
- 4.15 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-04-0037.000 – 448 Oakland Avenue, Ashland
Bidder: Rosalba Alicia De La Cruz Duran
Bid Amount: \$5,315.00
- 4.16 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-04-0040.000 – 466 Oakland Avenue, Ashland
Bidder: Silia Garcia & Salomon Beltre Brito
Bid Amount: \$14,738.00
- 4.17 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-06-0059.000 – 1904 Centre Street, Ashland
Bidder: Felicia Molina Minaya
Bid Amount: \$7,391.00
- 4.18 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-06-0208.000 – 1231 Spruce Street, Ashland
Bidder: Katy Perez-Zaya
Bid Amount: \$9,239.43
- 4.19 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-07-0044.000 – 1009 Brock Street, Ashland
Bidder: Freddy A. Camacho Delgado
Bid Amount: \$6,500.00
- 4.20 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-07-0046.000 – 1017 Brock Street, Ashland
Bidder: Victor Henriquez
Bid Amount: \$11,427.00

- 4.21 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 38-07-0048.000 – 1025 Brock Street, Ashland
Bidder: Freddy A. Camacho Delgado
Bid Amount: \$15,766.00
- 4.22 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 43-03-0017.001 – 445 West Pine Street, Frackville
Bidder: Lisis Margarita Feliciano De Mercedes
Bid Amount: \$18,519.00
- 4.23 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 43-04-0139.000 – 36 RR North Lehigh Avenue, Frackville
Bidder: Frank Francisco Rosario
Bid Amount: \$4,505.00
- 4.24 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 43-04-0139.001 – 36 North Lehigh Avenue, Frackville
Bidder: Frank Francisco Rosario
Bid Amount: \$11,551.00
- 4.25 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 43-04-0490.000 – 15 North Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville
Bidder: Andri Cabrera Brazoban
Bid Amount: \$26,757.74
- 4.26 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 45-00-0006.000 – Two Railroad Street, Girardville
Bidder: Diana Santiago
Bid Amount: \$5,517.42
- 4.27 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:
- 45-03-0046.000 – 634 East Mahanoy Avenue, Girardville
Bidder: Blue Real Investments, LLC
Bid Amount: \$8,243.49

- 4.28 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

45-05-0002.000 – 386 West Mahanoy Avenue, Girardville
Bidder: Andri Cabrera Brazoban
Bid Amount: \$6,663.65

- 4.29 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

45-06-0023.000 – 246 North Second Street, Girardville
Bidder: Blue Real Investments, LLC
Bid Amount: \$4,760.73

- 4.30 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

45-06-0025.000 – 242 North Second Street, Girardville
Bidder: Sandra Cabrera
Bid Amount: \$5,575.66

- 4.31 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

45-06-0029.000 – 245 North Second Street, Girardville
Bidder: Pedro Jose Mercado
Bid Amount: \$1,839.02

- 4.32 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

45-08-0055.000 – 317 West Main Street, Girardville
Bidder: Michael J. Zangari
Bid Amount: \$10,000.00

- 4.33 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

45-08-0108.000 – 249 West Preston Avenue, Girardville
Bidder: Margarita Rubio Adames
Bid Amount: \$7,651.00

- 4.34 A motion is requested to not object to the "Private Tax Sale" of the following property that has an offer received:

45-09-0005.000 – 148 Preston Avenue, Girardville
Bidder: Jeannette Ortiz
Bid Amount: \$4,473.00

- 4.35 A motion is requested to approve Proposal #2023-087 from Rick’s Refrigeration & Heating, Inc., for installing stainless steel floor angle around the walk-in cooler panels at NSE at a cost of \$1,700.00.
- 4.36 A motion is requested to approve Proposal #2023-088 from Rick’s Refrigeration & Heating, Inc., for removing and capping of panels on common wall to increase size of walk-in freezer at NSE at a cost of \$3,050.00.
- 4.37 A motion is requested to approve Proposal #2023-089 from Rick’s Refrigeration & Heating, Inc., for installing new walk-in cooler at NSE at a cost of \$15,898.00.
- 4.38 A motion is requested to approve Proposal #2023-090 from Rick’s Refrigeration & Heating, Inc., for converting existing walk-in cooler to a walk-in freezer at NSE at a cost of \$15,380.00.

5. Communications

Correspondence:

Beth Huntsinger
Carolee Zimmerman

6. Other Committee Reports

6.1 Physical Facilities (Roy Green – Chairperson, Doug Gressens, Janine Simms)

- 6.1.1 A motion is requested to approve, as presented, the **attached** Facility Use Applications Report, 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.
- 6.1.2 A motion is requested to approve the quote from ATT Sports, Inc., Berlin, NJ, COSTARS Contract #014-E23-325, for Javelin Surfacing at a total cost of \$52,290.00.
- 6.1.3 A motion is requested to approve the revised Facility Use Fee Schedule effective for the 2023-2024 as presented to the Board.

Personnel (Randy Lattis – Chairperson, Mike Kiehl, Janine Simms)

- 6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve the following individuals as Coordinators for the Schuylkill ACHIEVE After School Program Cohort 11:
Steven Wolfgang Shaylee Miller

(The rate will be \$26.00/hour. The rate is subject to change based on the program grant.)

- 6.2.2 A motion is requested to approve the following individuals as teachers for the Schuylkill ACHIEVE After School Program Cohort 11:

Marcie Ackell	Rachel Damiter
Lori Corinchock	

(The rate will be \$24.40/hour. The rate is subject to change based on the program grant.)

- 6.2.3 A motion is requested to raise the Lifeguard and/or Swim Instructor hourly rate from \$8.50 to \$11.50.

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

- 6.2.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jacilyn Paulukonis as an English Teacher at a starting salary of \$56,925.00, Step 10, Master's, pro-rated, effective August 15, 2023.

- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve the following individual as a Mentor Teacher, at a rate of \$500.00/year for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>
Melanie Fowler	Jacilyn Paulukonis

- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve the following Department Chairperson for the 2023-2024 school year as listed:

English	Jamie Wagner	\$1,000.00
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(Note: Mr. Wagner is replacing Melanie Fowler since she had a change of assignment to a different department.)

- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to approve a salary adjustment for Rachael Damiter, Speech and Language Pathologist who is currently at \$45,575.00, Step 3, Master's. The salary should be \$46,075.00, Step 3, Master's + 15.

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, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jessica Harris as a Full-Time Day Shift Custodian at the rate of \$14.00/hour effective September 18, 2023.

- 6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Nicole Wehry as a Full-Time Cafeteria/Custodian, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective September 11, 2023. Her rate will remain the same.

- 6.2.10 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Sharon Yeager as a Full-Time Cafeteria/Custodian, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective October 2, 2023. Her rate will remain the same.
- 6.2.11 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Kerry Snyder as a Full-Time Aide Custodian, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective October 2, 2023. Her rate will remain the same.
- 6.2.12 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Amber Barlow 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 28, 2023.
- 6.2.13 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Wendy Miller 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 September 11, 2023.
- 6.2.14 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Kaitlynn Medina 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 September 14, 2023.
- 6.2.15 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Deanna Henningsen 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.
- 6.2.16 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Carley Tutko 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.
- 6.2.17 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jennifer Conti as a Full-Time Aide Custodian at a rate of \$12.25 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective September 18, 2023.
- 6.2.18 A motion is requested to accept the notice of retirement for Lorie Smith, Full-Time Secretary, effective December 31, 2023.
- 6.2.19 Information Item
- 6.2.19-1 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** (Janine Simms – Chairperson, Glenn Weist, Mike Kiehl)

- 6.3.1 A motion is requested to approve an agreement with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital, Pittsburgh, for educational services as outlined in the agreement.
- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve a two year Coordination Agreement with SAM (Service Access & Management, Inc.) for blended case management services effective August 22, 2023.
- 6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve designating James Boris as a Truancy Officer for the North Schuylkill School District.
- 6.3.4 A motion is requested to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Acorns to Oaks Consulting, LLC to provide additional School Psychologist Services.
- 6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve a contract with Gym-Jam Therapeutics, Inc. to provide ABA/Behavioral Services.
- 6.3.6 A motion is requested to approve the 2023-2024 Title III Consortium Memorandum of Understanding with the Schuylkill IU 29 as presented to the Board.

6.4 **Food Service, Safety, Transportation** (Doug Gressens – Chairperson, Randy Lattis, Mary Anne Woodward)

- 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 2023-2024 school year:

Scott Allan	Thomas Hanlon
Stacy Martin	Mildred Rizzo-Prieto
Theresa McDonald	

- 6.4.2 A motion is requested to approve a field trip request to Lake Tobias, Halifax, PA, from the NSE PTO for 3rd grade students, teachers, aides and chaperones on October 20, 2023, with no costs to the District.

6.5 **Extracurricular Programs** (Mary Anne Woodward – Chairperson, Roy Green, Randy Lattis)

- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Samantha White as the Spelling Bee Coordinator effective August 16, 2023.
- 6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jamie Palmerio, as an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2023 Fall Season at a salary of \$1,775.00.

- 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Avari Richards as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach for the 2023 Fall Season.
- 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Khristian Onuschak as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach for the 2023 Fall Season.
- 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve a field trip request to Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, from Jacob Shoener for the NS JSHS Band Members and chaperones on Saturday, May 4, 2024.
- 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve the following Supplemental Positions and salaries for the 2023-2024 school year:

Gene Lapointe	Spelling Bee Coordinator	\$ 250.00
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6.6 **Policy/Legislative** (Glenn Weist, Roy Green, Mary Anne Woodward)

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

- 251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability
- 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
- 006 – Meetings

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 2024 Slate of Candidates for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association as voted for each office:

2024 President-Elect

- 1. Allison Mathis (North Hills School District)

2024 Vice President

- 1. Sabrina Backer (Franklin Area School District)

2024 – 2026 PSBA Treasurer

1. Karen Beck Pooley (Bethlehem Area School District)

- 9.2 A motion is requested to approve the PSBA Insurance Trustee Positions 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, 2026

1. Marianne Neel
2. Michael Faccinnetto

10. Other Items for Consideration

- 10.1 Invitation to Public to Speak

11. Dates for Future Meetings

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| Wednesday, October 11 | Committee Meetings – 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 18 | Board of School Directors Committee of the Whole – 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 18 | Board of School Directors Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |

12. Adjournment