



**North Schuylkill School District  
Board of School Director  
Public Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, March 18, 2026  
*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 Regular Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.3 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.4 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.5 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.6 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.7 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.8 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – February 18, 2026
- 3.9 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – February 18, 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 – February 2026
  - 4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – February 2026
  - 4.1.3 General Fund Cash Accounts – February 2026

- 4.1.4 Athletic Fund Summary – February 2026
- 4.1.5 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – February 2026
- 4.1.6 Expenditures – Check Register – 2/12/2026 through 3/10/2026
- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve the annual contract for District Data Management Services with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for the 2026-2027 school year as per the attachment.
- 4.3 A motion is requested to approve the proposal from Silvertip Inc., Lewisburg, PA, for the purchase and installation of pumps at NSE at a total cost of \$87,100.00 as presented to the Board.
- 4.4 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #04-21-0059.000, 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 Ashland Little League to use the Patrick Kempsey Sports Complex for Baseball Practices on Sundays through Saturdays beginning March 4, 2026, through June 26, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
    - 6.1.1-2 ASL Winter Swim League to use the Donald Bricker Natatorium for Swim League Practice on March 29, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
    - 6.1.1-3 The NS Track and Field Boosters to use the JSBS Cafeteria for a Fundraiser Pickup on March 24, 2026, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
    - 6.1.1-4 The NS Cheer Boosters to use the JSBS Cafeteria for Fundraiser Pickup on March 24 and 25, 2026, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and on April 16 and May 14, 2026, from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
    - 6.1.1-5 The NS Cheer Boosters to use the JSBS Cafeteria for Booster Meetings on March 18 and April 14, 2026, from 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
    - 6.1.1-6 The NS Junior Spartans Basketball Program to use the Cardinal Brennan Field House for an End of Year Party on March 13, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

6.1.1-7 The Scouting America Hawk Mountain Council to use the NSE Cafeteria for a Scout Join Night on March 11, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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

6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve the following individuals as Homebound Teachers for the 2025-2026 school year at the rate of \$35.00 per hour:

Amy Maziekas  
Rachel Damiter

Patrick Cooney

6.2.2 A motion is requested to approve an Intermittent FMLA Leave Request for Melanie Fowler, Secondary Business, Computer, Information Technology Teacher.

6.2.3 A motion is requested to approve an Intermittent FMLA Leave Request for Jacob Price, Secondary Art Teacher.

6.2.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Heather Yarnitsky as an Elementary Guidance Counselor at a starting salary of \$71,625.00, Step 18, Master's, effective beginning July 1, 2026.

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6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Kathy Kriesher, Part-Time Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve a Leave Without Pay Request for Holly Ewing, Part-Time Cafeteria Worker from February 16, 2026, through March 2, 2026.

6.2.7 A motion is requested to accept the retirement notice from Karen Wasilus, Full-Time Secretary, effective June 30, 2026.

6.2.8 A motion is requested to ratify the North Schuylkill School District Board of Education contract agreement with the North Schuylkill Educational Support Professional Association, ESPA/PSEA/NEA, as presented to the Board, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve the transfer of assignment for Sharon Yeager, Full-Time Cafeteria/Custodian to Full-Time Head Cook – NSE/Custodian retroactive to March 16, 2026. Her rate will remain the same.

6.2.10 Information Item

- 6.2.9 -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)

- 6.3.1 A motion is requested to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar revision necessitated by a weather cancellation.
- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the IDEA – Section 619 Pass Through Funds Use of Funds Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve the IDEA B Sub-Recipient Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6.3.4 A motion is requested to approve the 2026-2027 Junior/Senior High School Course Information Guide – Grades 7 through 8 as presented to the Board.
- 6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve the 2026-2027 Junior/Senior High School Course Selection Guide – Grades 9 through 12 as presented to the Board.

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 individual to the roster of School Bus Drivers/Van Drivers/Aides for the 2025-2026 school year:

James Morgan

- 6.4.2 A motion is requested to approve the proposal from The Critical Response Group, Hamilton Township, NJ, for Collaborative Response Graphics mapping at a cost of \$11,150.00. The costs will be covered in the Safety Grant.

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

- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the North Schuylkill Education Association for adding an additional Trap Club Advisor as presented to the Board.

- 6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve the NS Robotics Team to stay overnight and attend the Vex Robotics State Championships on March 14 and 15, 2026, to be held at the Norristown High School in Norristown, PA.
- 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Hannah Bruce as a Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach for the 2026 Season.
- 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Joe Kane as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2026 Fall Season.
- 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Al Robbins as a Volunteer Junior High Assistant Football Coach for the 2026 Fall Season.
- 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Sean Smith as a Volunteer Junior High Assistant Football Coach for the 2026 Fall Season.
- 6.5.7 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Ian Recla as an Assistant Trap Club Advisor for the 2025-2026 school year. The salary will be \$375.00.
- 6.5.8 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Brady Simms as an Assistant Trap Club Advisor for the 2025-2026 school year. The salary will be \$375.00.
- 6.5.9 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, James Buhay as a Volunteer with the NS Trap Club for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6.5.10 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Vincent Bartusik as a Volunteer with the NS Trap Club for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6.5.11 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Derrick Hendricks as a Volunteer with the NS Trap Club for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6.5.12 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jesse Bright as a Volunteer with the NS Trap Club for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6.5.13 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Rick Recla as a Volunteer with the NS Trap Club for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 6.5.14 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Joseph Recla as a Volunteer with the NS Trap Club for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.5.15 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Justin Sharp as a Volunteer with the NS Trap Club for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

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

140 – Charter School  
221 – Dress and Grooming  
236.1 – Threat Assessment  
325 – Dress and Grooming  
332 – Working Periods  
619 – District Audit  
810 - Transportation

6.6.2 Information Item –

The Board has reviewed the following policies:

200's – Pupils

If any changes are made, the policies will go through the first and second reading process.

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 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Program Budget as presented and that the Board Secretary be directed to notify the proper authorities of the decision made by the Board of Education concerning this action. North Schuylkill's share of the IU Program Budget for 2026-2027 is \$0.00. [North Schuylkill's share for the 2025-2026 school year was \$0.00.]

9.2 A motion is requested to approve the Schuylkill Technology Center Budget as presented and that the Secretary be directed to notify the proper authorities of the decision made by the Board of Education concerning this action. North Schuylkill's share of the Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget for 2026-2027 is \$948,071.00. (North Schuylkill's share for 2025-2026 was \$816,683.00.)

- 9.3 A motion is requested to approve the Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds with the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29.
- 9.4 A motion is requested to approve the appointment of Jennifer Kowalonek as the North Schuylkill Representative on the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 and Alexandra Trexler on the Schuylkill Technology Center Boards of Directors. The term runs from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

**10. Other Items for Consideration**

- 10.1 Invitation to Public to Speak

**11. Dates for Future Meetings**

Wednesday, April 15      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**