



**North Schuylkill School District
Board of School Director
Public Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 12, 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 – June 17, 2026
- 3.2 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – June 17, 2026
- 3.3 Minutes of the Physical Facilities Committee Meeting – June 17, 2026
- 3.4 Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting – June 17, 2026
- 3.5 Minutes of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting – June 17, 2026
- 3.6 Minutes of the Food Service, Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting – June 17, 2026
- 3.7 Minutes of the Extracurricular Programs Committee Meeting – June 17, 2026
- 3.8 Minutes of the Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting – June 17, 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 – June 2026
 - 4.1.2 Financial Summary – Prior Year Comparison – June 2026
 - 4.1.3 General Fund Cash Accounts – June 2026
 - 4.1.4 Athletic Fund Summary – June 2026
 - 4.1.5 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – June 2026
 - 4.1.6 Expenditures – Check Register – 6/10/2026 through 8/3/2026

- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #38-07-0007.000, 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 a Real Estate Tax Exemption for a Disabled Veteran for parcel #61-03-0050.000, Schuylkill County, in accordance with tax exemption regulations specified in House Bill 1878, dated March 17, 1978.
- 4.4 A motion is requested to approve the three year agreement with Finalsité for mass notifications effective July 1, 2026.
- 4.5 A motion is requested to ratify the Resolution designating the Superintendent and Business Manager as officials to execute all documents to facilitate in obtaining the Multimodal Transportation Grant.
- 4.6 A motion is requested to approve the Snow Removal Services Contract with Brad Dudash d/ b/ a Dudash Excavating and Hauling for an initial two-year term, with an option to extend the contract for a third year.
- 4.7 A motion is requested to approve the quotation from If It's Water, Inc., Downingtown, PA, for acid washing the swimming pool at a cost of \$6,501.46.
- 4.8 A motion is requested to approve the quotation from If It's Water, Inc., Downingtown, PA, for removal of existing lift and installation and assembly of new ADA Compliant lift in the Donald Bricker Natatorium at a cost of \$8,401.48.
- 4.9 A motion is requested to approve the quotation from If It's Water, Inc., Downingtown, PA, for caulking and prepping surface area around pool gutter in the swimming pool at a cost of \$8,100.00.
- 4.10 A motion is requested to award the bid for the 2008 Chevy 2500 Truck with Plow to Dennis Puls in the amount of \$2,500.01.
- 4.11 A motion is requested to award the bid for the 2014 JCB Backhoe to Delano Township in the amount of \$30,000.00.
- 4.12 A motion is requested to award the bid for the 1995 Ford Bucket Truck to Lavelle Motors in the amount of \$5,375.97.
- 4.13 A motion is requested to award the bid for the 2013 Chevy Dump Truck to Lavelle Motors in the amount of \$6,875.89.
- 4.14 A motion is requested to award the bid for the 2012 Gravely Zero-Turn Mower 460 (Model 992235) to Valley View Park Association in the amount of \$4,525.00.
- 4.15 A motion is requested to award the bid for the 2014 Gravely Zero-Turn Mower 460 (Model 992275) to Julie Towers in the amount of \$5,500.00.
- 4.16 A motion is requested to award the bid for the 1985 Bolens Diesel Tractor (Model 004870) to Robert Yutko in the amount of \$500.00.

- 4.17 A motion is requested to approve the Second Amendment to the School Sports Medicine Services Agreement with Saint Luke's Hospital of Bethlehem, PA, as presented to the Board.
- 4.18 A motion is requested to approve waiving the minimum bid of \$12,500.00 on the repository sale property # 34-04-0038.000 due to the condition of the property.
- 4.19 A motion is requested to approve the donation of old weight room equipment (five weight benches) to the Shenandoah Valley School District.

5. Communications

Correspondence:

Jim Gross
Kim B. W. Kaufman

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 The NS Elementary Wrestling to use the Rick Edwards Wrestling Room for Elementary Practices on December 30, 2026, and January 29, 2027, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.1.1-2 Nebius to use the JSHS Cafeteria for a Town Hall Community Open House on August 6, 2026, from 3:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 6.1.2 A motion is requested to approve wiring and install a sub panel in the Weight/Cardio Room at the JSHS from S & S Project Solutions, Inc., Hamburg, PA, at a cost of \$10,980.00.

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

- 6.2.1 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Roobhenn Smith, Assistant Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2026.
- 6.2.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Nora Lorady as an Assistant Elementary Principal at a starting salary of \$78,000, pro-rated, and pending a 120 calendar day probationary period, effective as soon as released from her current school district.

- 6.2.3 A motion is requested to appoint Dr. Rob Thurich, Ashland, as the School Doctor for the North Schuylkill School District for the 2026-2027 school year at the following rates:

Non-Athletic Physical Exams: \$8.00 per child (same since 2011-2012)

IEP Reviews: \$8.00 per child (same since 2011-2012)

- 6.2.4 A motion is requested to appoint Dr. Desiree Eltringham, Frackville, as the School Dentist for the North Schuylkill School District at the rate of \$3.00 per child examined for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve a change of assignment for the 2026-2027 school year for Deneen Reese to Administrator on Assignment with a stipend yet to be determined.

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

- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve the issuance of a permanent contract, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Public School Code, to the following temporary professional employee who has completed three years of satisfactory service:

Rachael Damiter

- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jaden Leiby as an Elementary Special Education Teacher at a starting salary of \$48,500.00, Step 1, Bachelor's, effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.2.8 A motion is requested to approve the following individual as a Mentor Teacher, at a rate of \$500.00/year for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years:

Mentor
Kristen Weinreich

Inductee
Jaden Leiby

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

- 6.2.9 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Yasmin Vasconi, Part-Time Paraprofessional effective July 22, 2026.
- 6.2.10 A motion is requested to approve the resignation of Monica Jones, Part-Time Paraprofessional effective August 10, 2026.
- 6.2.11 A motion is requested to approve the change of assignment for Patricia Alsvan, from Part-Time Paraprofessional to Part-Time Paraprofessional Substitute, effective August 12, 2026.

- 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 \$15.20 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 10, 2026.
- 6.2.13 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Kelly Rakus as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 10, 2026.
- 6.2.14 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Jessica Kimmel as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 10, 2026.
- 6.2.15 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Sarah (Marlow) Maurer as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 10, 2026.
- 6.2.16 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Madison Palmer as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$14.95 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 10, 2026.
- 6.2.17 A motion is requested to approve an Intermittent FMLA Leave Request for Sandra Wilson, Full-Time Aide Custodian.
- 6.2.18 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Charles Dillman as a Part-Time Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 17, 2026.
- 6.2.19 A motion is requested to approve the employment agreement with Will Walter and the change of assignment from Full-Time Custodial Maintenance to Full-Time Second Shift Custodian with a change of rate to \$19.10/hour effective July 29, 2026.
- 6.2.20 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Vanessa Allison as a Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, pending a written satisfactory evaluation after a 90-day probationary period, effective August 17, 2026.
- 6.2.21 Information Item
- 6.2.21-1 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 following handbooks and documents for the 2026-2027 school year:

Employee Procedural Handbook and Code of Conduct
Junior/Senior High School Student Handbook
North Schuylkill Elementary Student Handbook
Parent and Student Athlete Handbook
Athletic/Extracurricular Code of Conduct
Clubs – Extracurricular Activities – Societies – Competitions – Athletic Guide
PBIS Manual
Special Education Handbook
Gifted Education Handbook
Special Education (ESY) Extended School Year Handbook
504 Handbook
Differentiated Supervision Plan (DSP)
Student Performance Measure (SPM)
Equity Plan
Language Instruction & Preparation Program (LIEP)
Teacher Induction & Preparation for Service (TIPS) Manual
Third Party Conduct Guidelines
Third Party Confidentiality Agreement
Independent Evaluation Procedures
Surrogate Paren Procedures
Flexible Instruction Day

6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the Chromebook Damage Repair Plan.

6.3.3 A motion is requested to approve a Linkage Letter/Referral Agreement with Child and Family Support Services, Inc., to facilitate continuity of care, aftercare, follow-up and timely transfer of patients and records.

6.3.4 A motion is requested to approve the Letter of Agreement for the Provision of Student Assistance Program Services (SAP) between the North Schuylkill School District and Child and Family Support Services, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year.

6.3.5 A motion is requested to approve the Letter of Agreement for Individual Student Elementary Student Assistance Program Assessments (ESAP) between the North Schuylkill School District and Child and Family Support Services, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year.

- 6.3.6 A motion is requested to approve the Letter of Agreement for Outpatient Treatment Services between the North Schuylkill School District and Child and Family Support Services, Inc. effective August 1, 2026, and not to exceed 12 months.
- 6.3.7 A motion is requested to approve the Lebanon Valley College Health Science Departments Clinical and Practicum Experience Agreement.
- 6.3.8 A motion is requested to approve the Intermediate Unit 1/Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network Subrecipient Agreement.
- 6.3.9 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, 2026.
- 6.3.10 A motion is requested to approve the Health Care Staffing Agreement for School Services with Interim Healthcare Services, Inc.
- 6.3.11 A motion is requested to approve the Language Instruction Education Program (LIEP) Service Agreement with the Schuylkill IU 29 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- 6.3.12 A motion is requested to approve the Service Agreement with the Schuylkill IU 29 for the PDE Developing Future Special Educators Grant.
- 6.3.13 A motion is requested to approve the Intent to Participate Agreement for the 2026-2027 Title III: Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students with the Schuylkill IU 29.
- 6.3.14 A motion is requested to approve the 2026-2027 Title I Letter of Agreement between the North Schuylkill School District and the Schuylkill IU 29 for North Schuylkill children attending non-public schools effective August 24, 2026, through May 28, 2027.
- 6.3.15 A motion is requested to approve the 21st CCLC Data Sharing Agreement for 2026-2027 with the Schuylkill IU 29 for the Junior/Senior High School.
- 6.3.16 A motion is requested to approve the 21st CCLC Data Sharing Agreement for 2026-2027 with the Schuylkill IU 29 for the Elementary School.
- 6.3.17 A motion is requested to approve the New Story Schools Services Agreement with New Story Schools, Berwick, PA to provide educational and related services for certain identified pupils in the District.

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, new transportation drivers and aides, veteran transportation drivers and aides and transportation contractors for the 2026-2027 school year, as per the attachment.
- 6.4.2 A motion is requested to approve the 2026-2027 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, 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:

Madison Reeder

- 6.4.4 A motion is requested to approve the appointment of Dr. Robert Ackell as the School Safety and Security Coordinator.

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

- 6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve the following Supplemental Positions and salaries for the 2026-2027 school year:

Ian Recla	Trap Club Advisor	\$ 750.00
Brady Simms	Trap Club Advisor	\$ 750.00
Jenna Dyszel	Youth Summit Advisor	\$ 250.00

- 6.5.2 A motion is requested to rescind the motion on agenda Item 6.5.2 – Jack Flynn, Head Softball Coach from June 17, 2026.
- 6.5.3 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Jack Flynn as Head Softball Coach for the Spring 2027 Season at a salary of \$3,802.50.
- 6.5.4 A motion is requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the North Schuylkill Education Association for adding the position of Junior High Volleyball Coach.
- 6.5.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Ryliegh Sinko as Head Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2026 Fall Season at a salary of \$1,900.00.
- 6.5.6 A motion is requested to approve free admission to all regular season North Schuylkill School District home sporting events for North Schuylkill Students who present a valid school-issued Student ID Card effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

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

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

716 – Integrated Pest Management

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 16 Committee Meetings – 7:00 p.m.
Board of School Directors Regular Meeting – immediately
following Committee Meetings

12. **Adjournment**