



**North Schuylkill School District  
Board of School Director  
Public Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
Immediately Following Reorganization Meeting  
North Schuylkill Jr./Sr. High School  
Ashland, PA**

**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**

Schuylkill County Autism Group – \$10,000.00 Donation to Spartan Games

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion is requested to approve the minutes of the meetings referenced below:

- 3.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 15, 2023
- 3.2 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 15, 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 Capital Reserve & Capital Project Funds Financial Summary – November 2023
  - 4.1.2 Expenditures – Check Register – 11/13/2023 through 12/1/2023
- 4.2 A motion is requested to approve a minimum bid for a repository sale of any improved property (with a residential structure thereon) in the North Schuylkill School District at \$12,500.00. However, should an adjoining residential homeowner bidder wish to advise the Board of any particular issue or special circumstance about a specific property which the bidder wishes the Board to consider, such as dilapidated conditions and need for demolition or need for immediate repair to avoid collapse onto or damage to the homeowner's property, as an exception from the bidding threshold, an adjoining homeowner bidder is encouraged to attend a regularly scheduled Committee Meeting to provide such information to the Board for deliberation and consideration AFTER the neighboring homeowner bidder has sought prior approval of the local municipality if the bid is below the School District's

minimum threshold for which the Board may vote on at the next Regular Board Meeting.

The Commonwealth (and its departments) and the local municipality (borough and/or township) shall be exempted from this bidding threshold for the health, safety and/or welfare of the community (including demolition) or otherwise for public use of the property; furthermore upon specific written request for exemption or presentation at a Board Meeting, an interested county agency or the Schuylkill County Land Bank may also be exempted from the minimum bidding requirement upon majority vote of the Board.

- 4.3 A motion is requested to approve not opposing the appeal of Crossfire Youth Ministries for tax assessment and thereby waiving property taxes to the District.

**5. Communications**

Correspondence:

Ashland Public Library

**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 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 Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from December 4, 2023 to March 28, 2024 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- 6.1.1-2 The Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533 to use the NSE Gymnasium for the Frackville Elks Hoop Shoot “Free Throw” Contest on November 26, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- 6.2 **Personnel** (Mike Kiehl, Janine Simms)

- 6.2.1 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Maya Barnett as a lifeguard and/or swim instructor at the Donald Bricker Natatorium at a rate of \$11.50 per hour.

**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 accept the notice of intent to retire from Aileen McCabe, Elementary Special Education Teacher effective May 30, 2024.

- 6.2.3 A motion is requested to approve a childbearing/childrearing leave request for Sara Rivera, Secondary Health and Physical Education Teacher, effective on or about March 6, 2024, until on or about May 29, 2024. She will use all available sick and personal days and will then be on an unpaid FMLA Leave.

**The following motion items are in accordance with the NSSD/NSESPA 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 Patricia Alsvan 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 retroactive to November 28, 2023.
- 6.2.5 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Dawnielle Shirey 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 retroactive to November 28, 2023.
- 6.2.6 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the employment of Michael Stokes 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 January 2, 2024.
- 6.2.7 A motion is requested to accept the resignation of Felicia Kennedy, Part-Time Paraprofessional effective December 8, 2023.

6.3 **Curriculum and Instructional Programs** (Janine Simms – Chairperson, Glenn Weist, Mike Kiehl)

- 6.3.1 A motion is requested to approve the Comprehensive Plan – July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027 as presented to the Board.  
Note: The Comprehensive Plan was placed on public display, including the District Web Site on November 1, 2023.
- 6.3.2 A motion is requested to approve the PA Chapter 339 K-12 School Guidance Plan for the 2023-2024 school year as presented to the Board.

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

- 6.4.1 A motion is requested to approve the revised Health and Safety Plan as presented to the Board.

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

6.5.1 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, the following Volunteers with the Theatre Arts Production for the 2023-2024 school year:

Paula Hornberger – Production Assistant  
Lynn Minalda – Production Assistant  
John Cuthie – Production Assistant  
Donna Spotts – Seamstress  
Brian Clauser – Set Building Assistant  
Paul Spotts – Set Building Assistant  
William Lennox – Sound Booth  
Jacob Kline – Light Booth  
Erin Umphrey – Choreographer  
Brianna Ryan – Choreographer  
Eliza Kline - Choreographer  
Maria Spotts – Stage Assistant

6.5.2 A motion is requested to approve, upon receipt of all appropriate documentation, Brandon McNulty as Volunteer Junior High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 Winter Season.

6.6 **Policy/Legislative** (Glenn Weist – Chairperson, Roy Green, Mary Anne Woodward)

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

815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources  
819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

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
- 10.2 A motion is requested to approve the appointment of Randy Lattis to fill the two-year term vacancy for the North Schuylkill School Board of Directors. The vacancy occurred because Michael C. Kiehl won both two-year and four-year terms and declined the two-year term and chose the School Board Director four-year term.
- 10.3 The Honorable Edward Tarantelli will administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board member, Randy Lattis.

**11. Dates for Future Meetings**

See listing from the Reorganization Meeting

**12. Adjournment**