

**NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Agenda for November 14, 2023**

**Opening**

1. Call to order
2. Pledge to Flag and Prayer. (Led by Mike Cottle)
3. Roll Call of Board Members – 7 MEMBERS PRESENT WITH CHAD MICKLE AND RALPH SCOTT ABSENT
4. Review of the agenda by Superintendent Beatty.

**Public Comment and Reports**

5. Public Comment
6. Communications:
7. Student representative report was given by Ava Whisker.

The following items were included in the student representative report. The middle school is working on practicing their play to be shown on December 9th. Musical callbacks got pushed back a week and will take place this Thursday. Soccer ended in Semi finals against Conemaugh Township. Volleyball made it to quarter finals against Everett but ended up losing 3 out of the 4 sets causing them to lose the game. Chorus took 7 kids to district chorus auditions and 6 made it. NHS ceremony took place on November 8th and they accepted 9 new members. The Veterans Day assembly was a success. Chorus and band performed, and several students were involved and had speaking parts during the assembly. We hosted junior high and senior high county chorus and had 45 students from NBC participate. NBC FBLA took 13 kids to the State Leadership Workshop to participate in different activities to enhance their leadership skills. The FFA also plans to set up a display at the Southern Cove Power Reunion's Christmas Light Display. FFA will be holding it annual Pig Roast and Awards Banquet on Thursday November 16th at the high school. Several members of the Northern Bedford FFA attended the National FFA Convention last week which had over 70,000 members and advisors in attendance-a new record. They attended convention sessions and the Career Expo and also took in tours of agricultural businesses. While there, Lauren Over received the American FFA Degree, the highest degree that can be earned in the FFA, at a ceremony on Saturday. SADD held spirit days over Red Ribbon Week and a door decorating contest for the middle school home rooms. PRIDE held a dodge ball tournament on October 27th and raised over \$300. PRIDE is also planning a Friendsgiving for students during lunch. PRIDE went to the Student Submit at Juanita and presented on the various activities we do at the school. Yearbooks are on sale at [Jostensyearbooks.com](http://Jostensyearbooks.com).

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8. Announcements: The December board re-organization meeting will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6 pm in Room 136 of the high school.
9. Approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023 board meeting. JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY
10. Recognition of School Board Members Ending Service

**Personnel – CONSENT MOTION 11, 12, 14-15 – CHRIS CRONRATH JOHN ESHELMAN**

11. Approve to hire Elizabeth Klahre as Elementary Teacher at Step 1 of Bachelors, pro-rated with November 28, 2023 start date in the amount of \$44,023.
12. Approve to hire Rob Gates as 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Elementary Custodial at \$15/hour with a start date of November 28, 2023.
- ~~13. Approve to hire Beverly Brumbaugh, retired educator, to work in Secondary After School Program effective immediately at rates as determined by After School Grants, pending paperwork.~~
14. Approve the following as Volunteers for Winter Sports for the 2023/24 season:

Matt Aungst	Elementary Boys Wrestling Volunteer Coach
Ronald Snider	Elementary Girls Wrestling Volunteer Coach
Joey Smith	Varsity, Junior High and Elementary Basketball Volunteer Coach
Jennifer McCoy	Elementary Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach
Andrew Lazor	Junior High Boys Baseball Volunteer Coach
Zane Lamens	Elementary Boys Wrestling Volunteer Coach

15. Approve the following as bona fide volunteers for the positions listed at the nominal payment for 2023/24 as recommended by the Administration. The classification may be subject to further clarification upon solicitor's recommendations.

Zachary Clark	Head Girls Wrestling Coach	\$2,280
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**Approvals – CONSENT MOTION 16-23 – ANDREA POTEAT STEVE COTTLE**

16. Approve a Cooperative Academic Agreement with Allegany College of Maryland for the 2023/24 school year.
17. Acknowledge the 2023/24 Transportation Contracts per the terms outlined for year 1 of the 1-year contract adopted June of 2023. The van rate mileage is \$1.80/mile for alternative education and non-public students. The fuel adjustment chart begins \$4.44/gallon for 2023/24 contract. The rate for late bus/van for Athletics, After School and Activity runs is

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\$2.30/mile plus layover at \$12/hour. Vans will be paid as incurred and the bus contract for Leidy Transportation LLCC is \$331,016.98. This amount from October, 2023 motion did not reflect the 105% over state contract calculation on bus routes.

18. Approve Brian Frederick to offer an Adult Cabinetmaking course to be offered Monday and Wednesdays beginning January 8, 2024 and ending February 28, 2024 from 6 pm until 9 pm each evening. A fee of \$185 for the class will be charged plus an additional fee for the purchase of their wood supplies. Class size is limited to 13 on a first come first serve basis.

19. Approve the following policies on second and final reading:

- Policy 006 Meetings
- Policy 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records
- Policy 800 Records Management
- Policy 830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification
- Policy 831.1 Data Governance – Storage/Security

20. Approve the retirement of the following policies:

Retiring Policy	Replacement Policy
248/348 Unlawful Harassment	103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
448/548 Unlawful Harassment	104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff

21. Approve Justin Lewis to attend the PETE & C conference February 4 – 7, 2024 at Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA. Total cost \$1,000 for registration, meals and lodging. This is a budgeted request.

22. Approve Todd Beatty to attend the Standard Aligned System (SAS) Institute at Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA to be held December 11-13, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$350. This is within budgeted amounts.

23. Approve additional costs to Greenhouse Floor Heat and Concrete project in the amount of \$1,900 to Reighard Construction LLC. \$19,425 was approved for this project on May 9, 2023.

24. Approve to install a 4 foot high 290 LF of chain link fence for the NBC Community Stadium at a cost of \$8,805 to be paid from Capital Projects fund. ANDREA POTEAT JOHN ESHELMAN 3-4 CONFIRMED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE WITH MIKE COTTLE, STEVE COTTLE, ANDREA POTEAT, RANDY WIAND VOTING "NO"

25. Approve for updates to CTE building for fire alarm controls at a cost of \$3,845 to be paid from Capital Projects fund. JEN MCCOY MIKE COTTLE

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26. Approve the Superintendent to purchase a school van for less than the budgeted amount of \$67,600. The board will be notified prior to purchase of the details and pricing attained. JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY
27. Approve a sealed bid advertisement and sale on the 2005 Ford van. MIKE COTTLE ANDREA POTEAT
28. Approve an increase to the bid from South Central Systems LLC for the speaker wiring in the High School and Elementary gyms by \$850 for a total of \$4,750. This was originally approved in August in the amount of \$3,900. CHRIS CRONRATH JEN MCCOY
29. Approve the Wellness Building bid as presented by sole respondent, Corle Construction, at a cost of \$1,121,991. The cost may increase as per the exceptions listed in the bid. MIKE COTTLE JEN MCCOY 5-1-1 WITH JOHN ESHELMAN VOTING "NO" AND MIKE COTTLE ABSTAINING.
30. Approve the final withdrawal of \$1,366,000 from the Somerset Trust Line of Credit to be placed in a non-interest bearing account at Somerset Trust for draws. Interest will begin to be paid on the full amount of the line beginning November 15, 2023. MIKE COTTLE CHRIS CRONRATH

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**Administrative Reports MIKE COTTLE JOHN ESHELMAN**

31. Approve the following reports and invoices
  - Administrative Reports
  - Federal Programs Report
  - Athletic Report
  - Financial Reports, Budgetary Transfers and Annual Payroll Certification Report
  - Approve payment of invoices
  
32. Discussion
  
33. Adjournment – John Eshelman Chris Cronrath 7:45 pm

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Room 136 of the high school building in Loysburg, PA.

The following board members were present: Steve Cottle, Mike Cottle, Chris Cronrath, John Eshelman, Jenn McCoy, Chad Mickle, Andrea Poteat, Ralph Scott and Randy Wiand.

Also present were Mr. Todd B. Beatty, Superintendent; Mr. Trevor Replogle, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Kendra Pritchett, Middle School Principal; Mr. Shawn Cerully, High School Principal; Mrs. Lindsay Cherry, Special Education Supervisor. Miss Teri Biddle, Board Secretary/Business Manager. Jared Mellott, Maintenance Supervisor; Tom Schmit from Morrisons Cove Herald and Erica Burkholder from Bedford Gazette.

1. Randy Wiand called the meeting to order.
2. Prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Steve Cottle.
3. Roll call was held with all members present.
4. There was no public comment given at the meeting.
5. Communication items included resignation of Lindsay Ewart, Elementary Teacher and resignation of Sharon Mowry as Instructional Aide.
6. Savannah Hershberger gave the student representative report as follows: the Building construction, ag and horticulture students helped with pouring concrete for the greenhouse and this is now completed. The Select Choir has started practicing. SADD is starting to re-create and rebuild what the group does. They have decided to split the months into different categories. October and November are dedicated to "Be one team stay drug-free." "See You at the Pole" was held on September 27, 2023 with approximately 100 people. The Reading competition is underway with 20 students joining. Because of the high number of participants, there will be two teams representing Northern Bedford on November 16, at the Bellwood High School. The NBC Interact Club voted new officers with Rachel Bithell as President, Tyler Spina as Vice President, Ebbie Berry as Treasurer and Bree Akers as Secretary. The Club formed subcommittees on various projects and hopes to volunteer with Safe Haven in Bedford in the near future. About 200 students attended Homecoming and Brock Beach and Dani Imler were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. The car and tractor show will be held October 15 by the NBC Auto Club.
7. It was announced that the November board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6 pm in Room 136 of the high school.
8. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Chris Cronrath, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023 board meeting. All members present voted "yes".
9. Steve Cottle moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to approve the corrected minutes from June 15, 2021 board meeting. All members present voted "yes".
10. The school board voted for PSBA election of officers.
11. Review by Shawn Cerully on recent professional development activities.
12. Mike Cottle moved, seconded by Chad Mickle, to approve the following items as a consent motion with all members present voting "yes".

- Accept the resignation of Lindsay Ewart as elementary teacher effective November 22, 2023.
- Accept the resignation of Sharon Mowry as Instructional Aide effective immediately.
- Approve the tenure of the following professional staff:

Marin Carder  
Vesta Nave

- Approve the following as Support Substitutes:

Sabine Debski          Secretarial

- Approve the following as Substitutes:

Sue Wagner          K-12

- Approve the following as bona fide volunteers for the positions listed at the nominal payment for 2023/24 as recommended by the Administration. The classification may be subject to further clarification upon solicitor's recommendations.

Brian Dutchcot	Head Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$4,360.00
Shawn Claar	Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$3,670.00
Andrew Sollenberger	Head Jr High Wrestling Coach	\$3,110.00
Ben Sollenberger	Assistant Jr High Wrestling Coach	\$1,370.00
Andrew Weyant	Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	\$3,680.00
Todd Eckenroad	Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	\$2,780.00
Todd England	Head Jr High Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,040.00
Jesse Love	Assistant Jr High Boys Basketball Coach	\$1,310.00
Jonathan Ewart	Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach	\$4,010.00
Barry Crawford	Assistant Girls JV/Varsity Basketball Coach	\$3,640.00
Scott Bollman	Head Jr High Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,870.00
Allie Snider	Assistant Jr High Girls Basketball Coach	\$1,310.00
Lindsay Cherry	Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$1,490.00

- Approve the following as volunteers for 2023/24 Winter Sports Season:

Mandi Cottle	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Ryan Dietle	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Tim Drenning	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Trevor Eichelberger	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Nate Hershberger	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Shaun Robison	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Jan Snider	Volunteer Elementary Boys & Girls Basketball Coach

Andrew Barton	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Landon Barton	Volunteer Elementary Girls Basketball Coach
Becky Lazor	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Lucas Miller	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Emma Eckenroad	Volunteer Girls Varsity/JH Basketball Coach
David McILnay	Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Mark Anderson	Volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Ryan Cherry	Volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Ethan Boyd	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Onjoli Boyd	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Kevin Brennan	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Michael Brode	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Michael Cottle	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Keith Dick	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Jared Mellott	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Brody Reininger	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Justin Smith	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Brandon Snider	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach

13. Steve Cottle moved, seconded by Chris Cronrath, to retroactively approve the purchase of a used lawn mower for use at Replogle Baseball field in the amount of \$10,500. This was a non-budgeted item and needs to be transferred from budgetary reserve. All members present voted "yes".
14. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to approve the position of girls wrestling coach per the ratification of Girls Wrestling being approved by the PIAA. All members present voted "yes".
15. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to approve a budgetary transfer of \$3,250 to the Girls Wrestling program for the 2023/24 school year from budgetary reserve. All members present voted "yes".
16. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Chris Cronrath, to acknowledge the 2023/24 Transportation Contracts per the terms outlined for year 1 of the 3-year contract adopted June of 2023. The van rate mileage is \$1.80/mile for alternative education and non-public students. The fuel adjustment chart begins \$4.44/gallon for 2023/24 contract. The rate for late bus/van for Athletics, After School and Activity runs is \$2.30/mile plus layover at \$12/hour. Vans will be paid as incurred and the bus contract for Carbaugh Transportation LLC is \$205,457.05. All members present voted "yes".
17. Mike Cottle moved, seconded by John Eshelman, to the 2023/24 Transportation Contracts per the terms outlined for year 1 of the 1-year contract adopted June of 2023. The van rate mileage is \$1.80/mile for alternative education and non-public students. The fuel adjustment chart begins \$4.44/gallon for 2023/24 contract. The rate for late bus/van for Athletics, After School and Activity runs is \$2.30/mile plus layover at \$12/hour. Vans will be paid as incurred and the bus contract for Leidy Transportation LLCC is \$315,254.27. All members present voted "yes".



18. Steve Cottle moved, seconded by John Eshelman to approve the following policies on a first reading with all members present voting "yes":

Policy 006 Meetings

Policy 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records

Policy 800 Records Management

Policy 830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification

Policy 831.1 Data Governance – Storage/Security

19. Chad Mickle moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, approved the retirement of Policy 255 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care which was merged in Policy 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability. All members present voted "yes".
20. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy to approve the reports and invoices including: Administrative Reports; Federal Programs Report; Athletic Report; Financial Reports, Budgetary Transfers; Approve payment of invoices. All members present voted "yes".
21. Discussion was held by the board including the review of remaining capital projects, and January board retreat.
22. Executive Session was held for reasons of Personnel with the board not returning for any further action.
23. John Eshleman moved for adjournment at 7:53 pm.

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Administrative Reports

Superintendent Administrative Report

Todd Beatty  
Superintendent

Elementary School Report

Trevor Replogle  
Elementary Principal

Middle School Report

Kendra Pritchett  
Middle School Principal

High School Report

Shawn Cerully  
High School Principal

# **SUPERINTENDENT**

## **BEF COMMISSION**

Last Thursday was the final hearing to study the Basic Education Funding (BEF) formula and make recommendations how to make it more equitable. Here is a list of those appointed to serve on this commission.

### **House of Representatives**

Rep. Mike Sturla (**Chair**) (D-Lancaster, IU 13)  
Rep. Pete Schweyer (D-Lehigh, IU 21): *Education Chair*  
Rep. Mary Isaacson (D-Philadelphia –IU 26): *Education Committee*  
Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford/Fulton -IU 8/IU 11): *Education Chair*  
Rep. Jason Ortity (R-Allegheny/Washington -IU 3/IU 1): *Education Committee*  
Rep. Ryan Warner (R- Fayette -IU 1): *Appropriations Committee*

### **Senate**

Sen. Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny -IU 3): *Education Chair*  
Sen. Vince Hughes (D-Montgomery/Philadelphia -IU 23/IU 26): *Appropriations Chair*  
Sen. Nick Miller (D-Lehigh/Northampton -IU 21/IU 20): *Appropriations Committee*  
Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (**Chair**) (R-York, IU 12): *Appropriations Committee*  
Sen. David Argall (R-Schuylkill/Luzerne/Carbon – IU 29/IU 18/IU 21): *Education Chair*  
Sen. Greg Rothman (R- (Cumberland/Dauphin/Perry -IU 15): *Appropriations Committee*

### **Shapiro Administration**

Marcus Delgado, Deputy Secretary, PDE's Office of Administration  
Angela Fitterer, PDE Executive Deputy Secretary  
Natalie Krug, Director of the Bureau of Budget Analysis, Governor's Budget Office

As I listened to the testimony provided and responses, I have a difficult time believing that anything will be accomplished in any representative's single term of office. My thoughts were solidified when one representative made the comment that these things take time. I have concluded that if it impacts a politician's insurance, income, or electability, there is never a time issue. Issues, like education, that are not applicable to those three areas do indeed take time—years of time. I believe a simple way to

## **SUPERINTENDENT (CONT'D)**

### **BEF COMMISSION (CONT'D)**

make this a crisis for politicians is for all public schools in PA to eliminate their in-house online programs. Those students can then go to an actual cyber school adding millions more to the billion-dollar scheme. Very few districts could absorb the cost forcing them to close doors. How long would it take for hardworking parents to find their local politicians and demand action?

Two witnesses talked about how much sharing occurs between schools, IUs, and school districts only to have closure on the hearing by a representative grandstanding about lack of sharing a service that was only 5 minutes away not counties and/or states. Was he listening to the witnesses?

There was communication on the issues of special education funding and cyber/charter funding even though this hearing was on BEF. I believe separating out cyber schools from charter schools and then passing the proposed bill with a state tuition of \$8,000 dollars for cyber school students would be a start to begin to balance things out.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

As part of our professional development in October, the staff watched the Social Dilemma Documentary and then had discussions on how social media impacts students and staff in the educational environment. We have long realized that commercials on television are attempting to get you to buy their product. With social media platforms you are the product. The money is made by the platforms keeping your eyes in the screen. Every time you download a free app, you are the product.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

We are working on the remaining projects on our list. The good news is that we are close to the end of identified projects.

### **THANKS TO OUT GOING BOARD MEMBERS**

I want to offer many thanks and much gratitude to Chad Mickle and Chris Cronrath as they move on from school board. I very much appreciated their input and guidance throughout the years. Chad is leaving with 8 years of board service and Chris has 13 years of board service.

## **ELEMENTARY**

### **Report Cards**

Report cards for the first marking period were sent home with students on November 2.

### **Thanksgiving Meal**

We held our annual Thanksgiving meal for the elementary school on Wednesday, November 8. This is always a well-received event for our school, and we're excited to host lunch again this year. The cafeteria staff, custodians, high school helpers and lunch supervisors always do a fantastic job providing an enjoyable experience for our students and guests.

### **Veterans Day**

This year's Veterans Day assembly was held on Thursday, November 9. Our Little Panthers celebrated the dedicated service and contributions that the members of our armed forces make for our country. We are always proud to host many Veterans and their families for this program. Numerous students and staff had a part in this program to honor our local Veterans. Mr. Mark Bollman was our guest speaker for this year's program.

### **Grade 2 Musical**

Our grade 2 students will be performing their annual musical at 7:00 PM on November 14 in the MPR of the elementary school. Mrs. Jones, elementary school music teacher, will be directing the musical with the assistance of the second-grade teachers – Ms. Miller, Mrs. Hutzell, Mrs. Carder, and Mr. Corle.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 21 from 1:30 to 8:00 PM and Wednesday, November 22 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. Information regarding these conferences went out to parents on November 6.

## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT**

### **Participation Letters**

It is hard to believe that we are officially working on items for next school year when the first marking period is just being completed. A requirement of the Title Programs is to invite the non-public schools that have eligible private school children to participate in the Title programs. Each year we must send letters to the directors of these schools to participate in Title for the 2024-25 school year.

# **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **Students of the Month**

Students of the Month are nominated each month based on school pride, citizenship, and work ethic. Faculty and staff then have the opportunity to vote on students who are demonstrating our Panther PRIDE traits by being Positive, Respectful, Involved, Dependable, and Excellent.

### **NBC Middle School November Students of the Month:**

Grade 6	Alexandra Snider	Jan & Lainie Snider
	Aiden Hershberger	Nathan & Stephanie Hershberger
Grade 7	Macklyn Steele	David & Elizabeth Steele
	Kollin Brennan	Kevin & Ashley Brennan
Grade 8	Nevaeh Clapper	Carissa & Zachary Yohn & Keith Clapper
	Kyan Baas	Andrew & Onieka Baas

## **Academic Review - Reading**

I'd like to highlight another academic area this month in the middle school. As you may know, our teachers utilize the Scholastic Scope periodical in our middle school reading classes.

Recently, I had the privilege of witnessing students read through a play together. The teacher first reviewed vocabulary terms by utilizing definitions, pictures, and videos, and by making the terms relevant to her students. Students then showed excitement and enthusiasm as they delved into their parts reading through the play as a class. Witnessing students having fun in Reading class...now that is something that brings a smile to an administrator's face!

## **Red Ribbon Week**

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated across the district during the week of October 23rd. Middle school students and staff participated in fun theme days including the following: Wear Red Day, Dress Your Best, Costume Day, Biker vs. Surfer Day, and Team Jersey Day. Students received daily tips on avoiding drugs and alcohol and making other safe and healthy choices. A door decorating contest also brought about some friendly competition between homerooms!

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)**

### **Annual Security Drill**

Secondary students and staff participated in this year's school security drill on Monday, November 6th. We focused on a building-wide evacuation. All secondary students and staff were in the elementary gymnasium and accounted for within 15 minutes from the time we initiated the drill. All K-12 students boarded the buses at the elementary. This was a good opportunity to test our efficiency with accountability and to see how things worked if we ever need all students (including drivers, parent pick-ups, etc.) transported to an off-campus evacuation site.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Tuesday, November 21st from 1:30-8:00pm and Wednesday, November 22nd from 8:30-11:30am. Information was sent home with students along with the Term 1 report cards. Information is also posted on the middle school's webpage.

### **Middle School Upcoming Events**

Nov. 21st	2 Hour Early Dismissal - PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 22nd	No School - AM - Parent/Teacher Conferences Nov.
23rd & 24th	No School - Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 27th	No School - Buck Season
Dec. 5th	Midpoint of MP2
Dec. 7th	Interim Reports
Dec. 9th	Middle School Musical "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." - Note date change as compared to original date announced.
Dec. 21st	2 Hour Early Dismissal
Dec. 22nd - 29th	No School - Christmas Break
Jan. 1st	No School - New Year's Jan.
15th	Teacher In-Service (Act 80)

# **HIGH SCHOOL**

## **CTE Update/OAC Meeting Summary**

The semiannual Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) meeting was held on Tuesday, October 17th. The focus of the fall OAC meeting was facilities, equipment and supplies. Each of the four CTE departments collaborated with industry experts from the community in their program to evaluate the current state of our program's facilities, equipment and supplies. In addition, the four committees identified future program needs which are reflected in the committee minutes.

## **Counselor Report**

**Bedford Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase** - All grade 9 and 10 students attended this career fair, held at the Bedford County Airport on 10/25/23. Students had the opportunity to informally interact with over 35 employers from our community to learn about industries and job options within our county. This annual event has proven to be a fun and valuable introduction to a wide variety of careers with varying post-secondary education requirements (i.e. on-the-job training, career-technical school training, associate/bachelor/master+ degree training).

**Students of the Month** - Every year, NBCHS is asked to select "students of the month" for the Morrisons Cove Rotary Club. NBCHS Staff votes on students based on criteria set by the Rotary (senior, 93% or above GPA, demonstrated leadership and service, and solid character), and awardees are formally recognized by the Rotary at a breakfast in May. Students selected for the first four months of the school year include Chase Imes (September), Elizabeth Berry (October), Leah Swanseen (November) and Ava Whisker (December). These students, as well as students from the second half of the year, are also referred as nominees to the Bedford Gazette's "Teen of the Week" program, which is a Bedford County-wide program that utilizes similar selection criteria.

**National Honor Society** - Nine NBC sophomores, juniors, and seniors were be inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The NHS considers not only academics, but also community service, leadership, and character as qualifiers for membership. Current members include Seniors Elizabeth Berry, Rachel Bithell, Kara Dietz, Benjamin Gable, Reagan Grimes, Mariah Hall, Chase Imes, Lydia Koontz, Zachary Lawton, Leah Swanseen, Aiden Wadel, and Ava Whisker; Juniors Avery Aungst, Aleah Loose, and Jaylyn Resh. New inductees include: Senior Dani Imler; Juniors Wesley Horsh and Addison Love; and Sophomores Adam Berry, Kaylee Ebersole, Sarah Helsel, Kasey McElgin, Makenna Showalter, and Alyssa Yeatts.



## **HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)**

**Early College Update** - Allegany College of Maryland visited this morning and assisted students with spring semester course registration through their school. This fall we have 33 seniors taking "in-house" English and/or Sociology early college courses via ACM - 9 of those students are also taking 1-2 additional online college courses through ACM. Approximately 25 Juniors and Seniors are also taking year-long courses via Penn Highlands Community College, Saint Francis University, and/or Mount Aloysius College to earn additional dual enrollment credits. Based on current estimates, individual seniors will have earned anywhere from 3-35 transferrable college credits by the end of this school year, and the junior/senior classes will collectively have earned over 650 college credits by the end of the school year.

**Financial Aid Night** - November 21, 2023 - Julie Fontana, our financial aid liaison from PHEAA, will present financial aid information to parents on Wednesday, 11/21/23 at 6:30pm. Multiple changes regarding the FAFSA and other financial aid components are going into effect with the 2024-25 school year, so she will not only highlight the typical financial aid process, but also the changes to/impact of the FAFSA form that has yet to be released to families (typically opens on 10/1 of each year, this year it is "sometime in December"). Ms. Fontana will return to NBC in February to provide in-person assistance to any family in completing the FAFSA once it is available online.

**ASVAB** - Any junior or senior who wishes to take the "Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery" (ASVAB) for military enlistment or career exploration purposes will have the opportunity to test here at NBC on Thursday, November 30, 2023.

### **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Update**

SADD is comprised of 18 student members. This year, we have separated the school year into 5 topics. Each topic gets 2 months during which SADD focuses on that specific topic. August and September are Suicide Prevention. October and November are Drugs and Alcohol (included in October is Red Ribbon Week). Peer Pressure is in December and January. Teen Dating is in February and March (to go over Valentine's Day). Drinking and Driving is in April and May (around the time of Prom and Prom Promise). Each topic includes a video that is shown the first week of the month, weekly Instagram posts on our newly added Instagram account, a slide for the ViewSonic boards, and we hope to do activities every other week.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 21 from 3:30 to 8:00 PM and Wednesday, November 22 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. The high school conferences will be run via "open house" and may be conducted in person, via teleconference, or zoom. The conference provides a valuable bridge between parent and school relations.

## **HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)**

### **Veterans Day Assembly**

On Thursday, November 9th, the middle school and high school students paid tribute to our military veterans at our annual Veterans Day Assembly. Each year, powerful messages are delivered to our students that emphasize our calling to continually support and honor our veterans. Mr. Gable does an excellent job each year organizing the Veterans Day Assembly and we sincerely appreciate his efforts.

### **FCCLA Food Drive**

The FCCLA and Interact Clubs are joining together to collect non-perishable food items to distribute to multiple community members and their families. The families will be given food items to prepare a Thanksgiving meal along with extra, much-needed pantry staples. The clubs will also collect monetary donations to purchase Walmart gift cards, in hopes of providing turkey for the Thanksgiving holiday. Families will pick up the donations on Tuesday, November 21st at scheduled times.

### **NBC PRIDE Activity**

On Tuesday, November 21st, the PRIDE team is hosting a "Friendsgiving" where students will have the opportunity to eat lunch with their friends and utilize the courtyard during their lunch/6<sup>th</sup> period class. In the courtyard, students will be able to participate in yard games and, weather permitting, roast marshmallows at a fire pit.

### **Special Recognition:**

The 2023 Fall Foliage Court members Avery Aungst (first runner-up) and Addison Love (second runner-up) along with last year's winner Reagan Grimes were invited to the Women in Business Conference at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort on November 2, 2023 with adviser Abby Martin. This conference was a great experience that involved keynote speakers, leadership workshops, and a networking luncheon.

Student leadership continues to be a theme in the high school. Earlier this month, a group of students showed up for chorus practice without knowing it had been canceled. Instead of sitting around on their phones, the students decided to run practice without their teacher. They practiced in the district lobby and their voices were heard by students and staff who were arriving to start their day. This is another great example of student initiative and involvement at NBC.

# **ATHLETIC REPORT**

## **Fall Team Records**

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Jr. HIGH</u>
Football	11-0	6-1	5-3
Volleyball	15-5	9-8	3-15
Boys' Soccer	5-13		7-9-1
Girls' Soccer	13-7		
Golf	2-15		

## **Playoffs:**

Football: The #1 seed Black Panthers defeated the #4 seed Meyersdale Red Raiders in the District 5A semi-final at Panther Community Stadium on Friday, November 3rd.

The varsity football team joins 3 other teams (1973, 1975, 2010) as the only groups to complete a regular season with no losses.

Girls Soccer: In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of playoff action on October 25<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> seeded Lady Panthers soccer team defeated the 5<sup>th</sup> seeded Rockwood Rockets to advance to the District 5A semi-final round with the #1 seed Conemaugh Township Indians on October 30<sup>th</sup>, where they fell with a score of 5-0.

Volleyball: In the quarterfinal round of playoff action on October 26<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> seeded Lady Panthers lost to #4 seed Everett Lady Warriors 3 games to 1.

## **Accolades:**

September 21<sup>st</sup> - Senior Alaina Sipes had her 500<sup>th</sup> dig versus Everett.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Junior Savannah Hershberger was crowned girls Inter-County Conference Champion (20:16)

October 17<sup>th</sup> - Senior Lacy McIlnay surpassed the 500 career assists milestone and the 100 career aces against Everett.

October 18<sup>th</sup> - Senior Halle Lingenfelter had her 100<sup>th</sup> career ace against Southern Huntingdon.

October 24<sup>h</sup> - Savannah Hershberger captured the District 5A title on the Somerset course. Junior Dhylan Miller(7<sup>th</sup> place) and senior Chase Imes(13<sup>th</sup> place) qualified for the Hershey State meet.

October 26<sup>th</sup> - Junior Madison Miller had her 200<sup>th</sup> career block versus Everett during the 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff game.

November 4<sup>th</sup> - At the State Cross Country meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Savannah finished the course in 37<sup>th</sup>. In the boys race, Dhylan was 202<sup>nd</sup> and Chase 252<sup>nd</sup>.

## **ATHLETIC REPORT (cont'd)**

### **Winter Sports**

Winter sports practice officially begins on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for all winter athletes.

### **Scrimmages**

Boys' Varsity Basketball - Thursday, 11/28 @ Bellwood 4:00pm (JH included)

Girls' Varsity Basketball - Friday, 11/24 @ Windber 6:00 pm  
Thursday, 11/28 Home with Bedford 6:00 pm

### **Season Openers**

- Boys' Varsity Basketball—Monday, December 4 Home with Fannett-Metal (6:00 pm)
- Boys' Jr. High Basketball—Monday, December 4 Home with Fannett-Metal (4:45 pm)
- Girls' Varsity Basketball—Monday, December 4 @ Fannett-Metal (6:00 pm)
- Girls' Jr. High Basketball—Monday, December 4 @ Fannett-Metal (4:45 pm)
- Varsity Wrestling—Tuesday, December 5 @ Claysburg (6:30 pm)
- Jr. High Wrestling—Tuesday, December 5 @ Claysburg (6:00 pm)