

**NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Agenda for January 16, 2024**

Opening

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge and Prayer led by Jen McCoy.
3. Roll Call
4. Review of the Agenda by the Superintendent.

Public Comment and Reports

5. Recognition of Citizens who wish to address the board.
Brittany Hall, Bill Imler and Kassi Leidy addressed the board the transportation contract for Leidy Transportation.
6. Report from Student Board Representative Savannah Hershberger.
 - The student council blood drive has been moved to February 1st.
 - Student Council is bringing the Coffee Coop to school on the 22nd for the students. Students preordered what they want before Christmas break.
 - NBC Interact Club had four members ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Traditions restaurant.
 - Interact club also made homemade Christmas cards and delivered them to the VA in Altoona, and made cookie trays for the local fire companies.
 - The Prom Committee has chosen Diamond Lane as the venue for this year's Prom.
 - Band took 33 student to County band at Bedford.
 - FBLA Regionals are coming up on the 24th.
 - 6 students are going to District Chorus and while they are there, they will also audition for Regional Choir where the top 12 seats go.
 - 11th Grade Student, Jackie Clevenger was selected to participate in the PMEA District 6 Jazz/Vocal Evolutions festival at Tussey. Jackie is one of a total of 20 students selected, and will represent NBC in a contemporary acapella vocal ensemble.
 - Practices for Matilda will be starting this month.
7. Communications: Holly & Paul Keller; Ross & Yvonne Hershberger and Kimberly Pepple request for participation of students in State meet for gymnastics; Resignation of Ryan Cherry as Assistant Football Coach; Resignation of Larry Corle as Assistant Football Coach.
8. Announcements: February board meeting will be held February 13, 2024. Board Appreciation Dinner followed by Board Retreat to be held January 23, 2024 beginning at 5:00 pm.

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9. Approve the minutes from the December 5, 2023 board meeting. JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY
10. Recognize that New Certificates of Election and Acknowledgements and Oath of Office were provided correcting the name of the school district for each of the following elected board members: Kelly B. Steele; Steve Cottle; John L. Eshelman, Jack H. Briggs Sr., Andrea Poteat and Ralph R. Scott.
11. Audit report given by Jeff Koontz of Ritchey Ritchey & Koontz.

Personnel -- CONSENT APPROVAL 12-19 – MIKE COTTLE KELLY STEELE

12. Retroactively approve a sick bank donation for Jennifer Morrow with all groups eligible to participate.
13. Retroactively approve Joey Smith and Jeff Batzel as Assistant Boys Basketball Coaches for December 12, 2023 thru January 16, 2024 of the 2023/24 season at a cost not to exceed \$500.
14. Approve Gary Steele as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach effective January 17, 2024 through the end of the 2023/24 regular season at a stipend of \$820 (1/3 of season).
15. Approve the following as substitute teachers:

Gary Steele	K-12
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16. Approve the following as volunteer coaches:

Kyler States	Elementary Wrestling Volunteer Coach
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17. Approve Jennifer Aungst as a volunteer FBLA Advisor.
18. Approve the resignation of Ryan Cherry as Assistant Football Coach.
19. Approve the resignation of Larry Corle as Assistant Football Coach.
20. Approve the Athletic Director job description. – JOHN ESHELMAN STEVE COTTLE
21. Approve Ryan Cherry as Athletic Director effective January 1, 2025 at a salary of \$25,000 which will be pro-rated to the start date in the 2024/25 school year. RALPH SCOTT MIKE COTTLE

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Approvals – CONSENT MOTION 26-32 – RALPH SCOTT STEVE COTTLE

22. Approve a five year transportation contract for Leidy Transportation LLC effective 2024/25 thru 2028/29 school years with the buses at 104% above State Contract pricing along with a fuel adjustment with the baseline for the price chart as it is on the 1st day of school for that school year. The first \$.02 will be paid when the monthly average cost of diesel fuel surpasses the \$.25 from the baseline price as established. Van contracted pricing and Activity/Athletic runs are as follows: -- JOHN ESHELMAN JENN MCCOY – 8 YES 1 NO BY RANDY WIAND

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Activity Runs	\$2.30/mile	\$2.30/mile	\$2.42/mile	\$2.57/mile	\$2.65/mile
Van Runs	\$1.80/mile	\$1.80/mile	\$1.85/mile	\$1.85/mile	\$1.90/mile
Layover	\$14/hour	\$14/hour	\$14/hour	\$14.50/hour	\$14.50/hour
Minimum Van Run	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35

23. Retroactively approve Snyder Transportation for a handicapped accessible van run beginning January 2, 2024 which was previously being provided by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08. Rate will be \$1.55/mile with 75 mile minimum. RALPH SCOTT ANDREA POTEAT

24. Approve Snyder Transportation van drivers as follows: ANDREA POTEAT JEN MCCOY

Corey Snyder
Jen Snyder
Selena Hinish
Toby Holley
Clyde Snyder
Greg Dick
Tom Plummer
Ken Shimer
Tessa Shimer

25. Retroactively approve the Resolution Not to Raise Taxes above the Index for 2024/25 budget as per attached resolution as of the December 5, 2023 meeting. Submission of the resolution needed submitted to Pennsylvania Department of Education by January 4, 2024. – MIKE COTTLE ANDREA POTEAT
26. Approve the first reading of the 2024/25 School Calendar as attached.

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27. Approve the following students to attend the Pennsylvania Classic State meet for gymnastics and represent Northern Bedford County School District. Their parents are responsible for all transportation to and from meets as well as all entry fees and expenses incurred because of their participation.

Savannah Hershberger
Araya Keller
Aaliyah Pepple

28. Approve Ebbie Berry to participate in PMEA District 4 and 6 Orchestra at Richland High School. Parents to cover registration and travel costs.
29. Approve Jim Over and 5 students to attend FFA ACES Conference in Hershey PA on January 27-28, 2024. Transportation is only cost to the district with all other costs covered by the FFA.
30. Approve Zachary Clark and 6 students to attend Coal Cracker Wrestling Tournament to be held January 20-21, 2024 at Jim Thorpe, PA. Overnight accommodations to be paid by the boosters while transportation will be covered by the school district.
31. Retroactively approve the repairs of the High School water pumps located under the high school band room per Mervac in the amount of \$9,700. This will require a budgetary transfer from budgetary reserve.
32. Approve High School Band to do a trip to Buffalo, New York on May 18-19, 2024. All costs to be covered by Student Activity and Band Booster accounts.

Administrative Reports

33. Approve the following reports and invoices JOHN ESHELMAN ANDREA POTEAT

Administrative Reports
Federal Programs Report
Athletic Report
Financial Reports, Budgetary Transfers
Approve payment of invoices

34. Adjournment ANDREA POTEAT JEN MCCOY

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Room 136 of the high school building in Loysburg, PA.

The board reorganization was held by a roll call of Held Over and Elected board members. The following board members were present: Jack Briggs, Steve Cottle, Mike Cottle, John Eshelman, Jenn McCoy, Andrea Poteat, Kelly Steele and Randy Wiand. Steve Cottle nominated Jen McCoy as temporary President and seconded by Mike Cottle. The certificates of election for newly elected and re-elected school directors were ready by the secretary. The following oath was ministered to newly elected and re-elected school directors. "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge with duties of my office with fidelity." Election for School Board President to serve for a period of one year as provided by Section 404 of the School code was held with John Eshelman nominating Randy Wiand. Nominations were closed and a vote of 9-0 to confirm Randy Wiand as President. Election for Vice-President for a period of one year as provided by Section 404 of the School Code. Steve Cottle was nominated by John Eshelman and the nominations were closed. Vote of 9-0 confirmed Steve Cottle as Vice President. Election for Treasurer to service in accordance with Sections 404 and 434. Andrea Poteat was nominated by Steve Cottle and was confirmed with a 9-0 vote.

Also present were Mr. Todd B. Beatty, Superintendent; Mr. Trevor Replogle, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Lindsay Cherry, Special Education Supervisor. Miss Teri Biddle, Board Secretary/Business Manager. Ava Whisker, 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 John Eshelman.
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. The student representative report was given by Ava Whisker as follows:
 - The MS was able to hold their Friendsgiving in the courtyard got to make smores and have hot chocolate. Since the weather didn't cooperate, the HS's Friendsgiving was held in the gym. The HS students still got to have hot chocolate and smore while playing some games in the gym.
 - The PRIDE team is starting the Chuck-a-duck fundraiser to raise money for dance-a-thon.
 - The NBC Classic Tractor Enthusiast members have been working together to set up a light display at the Southern Cove Power Reunion grounds for the community drive-thru light show. In the fall, several of them had volunteered to

help at the annual Southern Cove Power Reunion tractor show. In appreciation of their time, this local club donated \$250 to the Classic Tractor Enthusiasts.

- FCA will hold a 4th period event after the wrestling match on December 21st.
- SADDs theme for December is Peer Pressure and a video made by SADD was shown in homeroom on Monday.
- Choir will be going multiple places to sing over December including Homewood, UPMC in Altoona, and Faith United Methodist Church
- Auditions for new members of Jazz Band have started and practices will start soon.
- Band took 7 kids to audition for District Band and 6 of them made it.
- Last Saturday faculty and many of the members of the girls volleyball team competed against each other to collect non-perishable food donations for local families in need within our district. Spectators were also invited to participate in spirit building games such as relays between volleyball sets.

7. Communications included: It was announced that the 2023 Honda Odyssey were purchased in the amount of \$39,649.65 as per the motion from November 2023 from Blue Knob Auto; Request from Panther Youth Soccer Association, Todd Eckenroad, Resignation of Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach; Resignation of Jeffrey Kittle as Elementary Custodian.
8. It was announced that the January board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6 pm in Room 136 of the high school. Board appreciation dinner followed by a Board Retreat will be held January 23, 2024.
9. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 board meeting. All members present voted "yes".
35. Mike Cottle moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, with all members present voting "yes" to approve monthly meeting dates for 2024 as follows:
2nd Tuesday of each Month for January – November with the exception of June which
will be June 18, 2024 and no meeting in July
December re-organization and Regular Monthly Meeting -- December 5, 2024
6:00 pm – Board Meeting
36. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by John Eshelman to approve the yearly board meeting schedule to be advertised in local papers in January of 2024. The school website calendar also has monthly meetings posted. All members present voted "yes".
37. Jack Briggs was appointed to serve as legislative chairperson.
38. The following were appointed to board committees: BUDGET – Andrea Poteat, Jack Briggs, Jen McCoy. ACT 93 – Mike Cottle, John Eshelman, Ralph Scott.
39. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by John Eshelman, to do the following items as a consent motion with all members present voting "yes":
 - Approve the resignation, with regret, of Todd Eckenroad as Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately.

- Accept the resignation of Jeff Kittle as Elementary Custodian effective October 16, 2023.
- Approve the following Volunteers for Winter Sports

Dennis Douglas	Volunteer JH Wrestling Coach
Andrew Gartland	Volunteer Varsity Wrestling Coach
Nevin Sloan	Volunteer Varsity Wrestling Coach
Ron Snider	Volunteer Girls Varsity Wrestling Coach
Beth Pyles	Volunteer Girls Varsity Wrestling Coach

- Approve the transfer of 19.5 ill days for Zachary Clark from previous school district as allowed by school code.
- Approve Panther Youth Soccer Association to use the soccer fields beginning the week of March 25, 2024 through June 9, 2024. This includes the soccer fields in front of the Elementary and the soccer field along route 36 in a diagonal direction behind the softball field. Also are requesting to hang sponsor banners on the fence that surrounds a portion of the elementary soccer field.

40. Mike Cottle moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to do the following items on a consent motion, with all members present voting "yes".

- Approve the selling of the 2005 Ford Van to Weaver Bussing, Everett, PA 15537, in the amount of \$4,999. This was the only bid that met the threshold of a minimum of \$4,500.
- Approve Jared Mellott to attend the Pennsylvania School Business Officials (PASBO) Conference to be held in Hershey Convention Center, Hershey PA on March 5-8, 2023. This is at no cost to the district except transportation.

41. Jen McCoy moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to approve the following reports and invoices: Financial Reports and Budgetary Transfers and approve the payment of invoices. All members present voted "yes".

42. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by a motion of Mike Cottle and John Eshelman seconding.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the "Taxpayer Relief Act" (hereinafter "Act 1");

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education or a court of common pleas a certain referendum exception;

WHEREAS, Act 1 does, however, allow a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Act 1 index for the 2024/25 fiscal year is 7.3%

WHEREAS, the Northern Bedford County School District Board of Directors has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the budget for the 2024/25 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 5th day of December, 2023, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Northern Bedford County School District (thereinafter "District") Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board") the following:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2024/25 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (hereinafter "School Code"), 24 P.S. 6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.
3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget of the 2024/25 fiscal year.
4. The Administration of the District will submit the District's information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2024/25 fiscal year.
7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however;
 - (a) The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed increase in the rate of the tax with the index.
 - (b) Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax increase is less than or equal to the index.
 - (c) If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Loysburg, Pennsylvania

By: _____

President

Date

ATTEST:

Secretary

Date

NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS



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

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION

With this month being board recognition month, it is important for the public to know that the people that make up a local school board have a significant impact on school operations running smoothly. The members of this board take their position very seriously and work collectively with each other and the superintendent to provide our students with quality opportunities in education, school activities, and career information while remaining fiscally conscious. I applaud the various committees and the board as a whole for the time and dedication they provide to the district to ensure the best decisions are made.

On January 23, 2023, there will be a board recognition meal provided by Mrs. Aungst's class followed by a board retreat. The purpose of the retreat is to review and reiterate the Essentials of School Board Service.

2022/23 AUDIT

The local auditor has completed the audit for the 22-23 school year. Over the past few years, Northern Bedford has been very conservative in the budgeting process to save money for future expenditures. The 22-23 budget year closed at approximately \$180,000 in the black. Over the years, this number has gradually been reduced. Unfortunately, our state legislative body continues to fail public brick and mortar schools because they have not been able to pass common sense legislation that would fix the cyber school cost debacle. As a result, the cyber school cost to the NBC community increased 30% this year. There is a simple solution that our politicians in Harrisburg have refused to pursue.

2024/25 BUDGET

Given the financial circumstances, it will be difficult for the board to not strongly consider some level of increase in taxes to compensate for the additional expenses. Not only have cyber costs increased by 30%, but special education costs continue to increase as does material, equipment, shipping, etc. We have all seen tremendous cost increases over the past year. Although, NBC has many external forces for which we cannot control, we will continue to provide those items vital to the education of our students; we will also strive to keep the programs we have in place as we can all recognize the value they have for our students.

NEWS BULLETIN

The Winter District Newsletter will be published online this month. It will show many activities that have been occurring along with informational items.

ELEMENTARY

Math Training

Math teachers from the elementary and middle school attended three math training courses at the IU in Altoona presented by Dr. Paul Riccomini from Penn State University. The staff gained excellent information on ways to improve student retention for math concepts. Some of these strategies are currently being utilized in the classrooms.

Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII)

Elementary School students will be taking Acadience literacy and math assessments during the week of January 8. The RtII meetings will be held the week of January 15. The current assessments of students who are struggling with the core reading and/or math curricula are discussed by the RtII team. The team includes the school psychologist, reading specialist, math specialist, principal, special education supervisor, and the classroom teachers. The team reviews students' progress to determine if interventions are necessary, to revise the current interventions, or to exit students from the support interventions.

End of Marking Period

January 15 is the end of the second marking period. Kindergarten through grade 5 report cards will be distributed and sent home on January 22.

Character Kids

The elementary school recognizes a Character Kid of the month based on the Character Traits of Responsibility, Citizenship, Caring, Respect, Trustworthiness, Fairness, and Kindness. Students receive a certificate and a picture is placed on the school Facebook page. The November and December Character Kids are listed below.

November

PK – Paislee Granato, K – Eliza Taylor, 1 – Audrey Steele, 2 – Harper Seville, 3 – Gabby Verdiglione, 4 – Mackenzie Dively, 5 – Henry Sarvey.

December

PK – Deegan Hann, K – Lindsay Weist, 1 – Sammy Verdiglione, 2 – Keegan Foor, 3 – Katy Baker, 4 – Levi Steele, 5 – Ada Loose.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT

Title I

Title I, II, and IV Title Certifications were completed and filed. Title I and II student performance goal data was uploaded.

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	Sophia Weitzel	Samantha Weitzel & Benjamin Weitzel
	Braylan Barton	Jason & Bonnie Barton
Grade 7	Emily Hinkle	Brian & Ashley Hinkle
	Waylon Fluke	Torin & Brittani Fluke
Grade 8	Tiffany Scott	Kecia Scott
	Brett Cottle	Michael & Ashley Cottle

Congratulations to Mr. England for being honored as our November Staff Member of the Month!

NBC Middle School December Students of the Month:

Grade 6	Adaya Brockus	James & Staci Brockus
	John Frye	Tim & Amy Frye
Grade 7	Brynn Miller	Lucas & Jennie Miller
	Slayden Martin	Daniel & Bobbi Martin
Grade 8	Alexia Helsel	Keith Helsel & Cara Warner
	Leland Wheeler	Candi Hinson

Congratulations to Mrs. Musselman for being honored as our December Staff Member of the Month!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

Academic Review - Math

Math is a subject that can be difficult for some and easy for others. Some like to say certain people have a "math mind." Math is one area that teachers strive to make meaningful life connections with. When students see how they may use certain skills in the "real world," they tend to pay attention a bit more and develop a better understanding of the concept. Recently, we discovered a resource that brought this idea to life in regards to proportional relationships. Mrs. Mowery and her eighth graders compared given hot sauce ratings to perceived hotness and determined how the two related to each other in various data comparisons. This relatable lesson gave students a topic of interest while gaining an understanding of proportional relationships.

MS Music Department

Bedford County Choir

The Bedford County Junior and Senior High Choir Festival was hosted by the Northern Bedford County School District on November 14th and 15th. The festival included both a junior high(grades 6-8) and senior high (grades 9-12) choir from schools across Bedford County. All day rehearsals on both days culminated with a concert on the evening of the 15th. Approximately 40 students represented NBC within both of the ensembles. Middle School students included Annika Camenga, Kaylee Barton, Annabelle Hoffman, Selena Garlick, Andria Thomas, Kynslee Lynn, Madison Duvall, Charlotte Snyder, Sophia Kensinger, Braylan Barton, Ryen Pepple, Lake Troutman, Wyatt Sweinhart, Caden Imler, Maggie Lynn, Nevaeh Berkheimer, Lylah Yorke, Lucy Lynn, Leah Steele, Breanna Bollman, Emily Hinkle, Ashlynn Detwiler, Molli Stepisianos, Lilly Barnes, Emilee Beach, Karma Zelanko, Ava Gutchall, Maclyn Steele, and Jaylin Airhart.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

On Saturday, December 9th, the Northern Bedford County Middle School presented its very first middle school theatrical performance. This production utilized students solely from the NBC Middle School and was open to any students in grades 6-8. Opportunities in performance, design, and technical elements of theater were available. Additionally, NBC high school students worked alongside our middle school students serving in roles as coaches and mentors, as students gained valuable educational opportunities in theater and leadership. This endeavor was led by Mr. Brett Keith, who is excited to share additional theatrical opportunities to all of our students, as well as expand the performance arts offered to our students and community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (cont'd)

Additionally, on Tuesday, December 19th, the Northern Bedford County Middle School celebrated their production with encore performances for the elementary school faculty and students, as well as the middle school faculty and students. There was a lot of excitement in the air during this day of celebration, as it also featured hallway and pre-show performances by the NBC High School and Panther Select Choirs, as well as the NBC Jazz Band, *The Jazz Cats*. It was a great day to celebrate our school efforts as a community! Plans are already underway for next year's production!

MS/HS Christmas Concert

The annual band and choir Christmas concert was held on Sunday, December 17th. The middle school and high school bands, choirs, NBC Select Choir, and The Jazz Cats performed for an almost full auditorium of family, friends, and community members. This event showcases our students' musical talents and provides them with an opportunity to shine while celebrating Christmas together.

Spelling Bee

Thirty-seven middle school students participated in the annual middle school spelling bee on Wednesday, December 20th. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 stood in front of three judges as they individually spelled the words provided. Kyan Baas placed first, while Myha Dixon came in second, and Molli Stepisianos took third.

Following the student spelling bee, our middle school teachers participated in an impromptu spelling bee and provided a bit of entertainment for our student body. Our teachers were good sports as they were faced with some uncommon words from a former National Scripps Spelling Bee List. Mrs. Musselman placed first, and Mrs. Laird came in second.

MS Social

The Middle School Student Council organized and sponsored a Middle School Social that took place on Thursday, December 21st. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 enjoyed time together as they danced, ate snacks, socialized, and played games. Several teachers even joined our middle school dancing fun!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

A Panther Christmas

The Christmas Spirit was evident throughout the building during the month of December. Thanks to the student PRIDE teams and various faculty and staff, decorations for the holidays were seen in the hallways, classrooms, and courtyard.

Fun events such as theme-dressed days provided students and staff some excitement that served as community-building activities and morale boosters. Celebrating like a true family, the district faculty and staff enjoyed a Christmas celebration where they spent time together, ate some snacks, and played games, such as Family Feud. Middle school students wore pajamas, dressed like Winter characters, held a "color war," and adorned themselves in ugly holiday sweaters during the week of Christmas. Middle school and high school students also used their imaginations to create some amazing door decorations. The PRIDE team sponsored the door decorating contest.

Our annual holiday assembly was also enjoyed by all secondary students and staff. The assembly consisted of Christmas stories, games, music, and videos all put together by our NBC students and staff members. The assembly concluded with a past video of our dear Mr. Little playing his "fan favorite," *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*.

Middle School Upcoming Events

Jan. 8th	iSideline Cancer Basketball Event @ Claysburg Jan.
10th	iSideline Cancer Basketball Event & Ski Club
Jan. 15th	No School - Teacher In-Service (Act 80) & End of MP2
Jan. 17th	Ski Club
Jan. 18th	Documentary - "The Social Dilemma" Jan.
19th	NBC Unplugged Day
Jan. 25th	Ski Club
Feb. 15th	Midpoint of MP3
Feb. 16th	No School - Make-up Day #1
Feb. 19th	No School - Presidents' Day - Make-up Day #

HIGH SCHOOL

Guidance News

ACM Early College Registration: Students who are enrolled in Allegany College of Maryland's Early College courses this fall completed registration for their Spring 2023 courses on November 14, 2023. Dr. Barb Zuchelli and Ms. Tina Kravitz from ACM were present to assist the 35 participating students in completing their paperwork. ACM's spring semester will begin on January 16, 2024.

ASVAB Testing: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) that was scheduled for 11/30/23 was canceled due to low numbers (a minimum of 10 students is required for the ASVAB program to send a test proctor to a site). The students who were interested in testing will be offered a seat at Bedford HS's March administration. Military recruiters from all branches continue to interact with high school students throughout the year via monthly lunch visits.

ACT 158: Starting last year, PDE now requires all high school students to demonstrate "readiness for postsecondary success" as part of their state-level graduation requirements. As outlined in Act 158, students must meet criteria in one of five pathways: Keystone Proficiency, Keystone Composite, CTE Concentrator, Alternative Assessment, or Evidence Based. This is in addition to their local high school credit requirements and other PDE-mandated career requirements. We are happy to report that as of November 2023, 100% of the Class of 2024 have met this Act 158 requirement (30 Keystone Proficiency, 24 Keystone Composite, 10 CTE Concentrator, 1 Alternative Assessment, 0 Evidence Based).

Senior Projects

Students in the class of 2024 are finishing their senior projects. Students that did not meet the requirements at the end of the first marking period will be re-presenting at the end of the second marking period. The majority of the class have already presented and passed. The junior class is in the planning stages to begin their projects. The deadline for juniors to submit their project proposals is the end of the third marking period.

County Band

On January 3-4, 33 students, in grades 7-12, participated in the Bedford County JR and SR High Band Ensembles to be held at Bedford High School. Both ensembles are made up of musicians from throughout the county. The two day festival culminated with a concert at Bedford High School on January 4th at 7pm.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

District 6 Band

7 Students auditioned for the District Band festival back in November. Ebbie Berry, Adam Berry, Jackie Clevenger, Nick Clevenger, Anna Beckett, and Leah Beckett all successfully auditioned into the ensemble to be held at Greater Johnstown on January 10th-12th. Those students will then have an opportunity to audition for the Region III Band festival to be held in February.

Bedford County Junior and Senior High Choir

November 14-15 2023: The Bedford County Junior and Senior High Choir Festival was hosted by the Northern Bedford County School District. The Festival included both a Jr High (grades 6-8) and Sr High (grades 9-12) Choirs from schools across Bedford County. All day rehearsals on both days culminated with a concert at on the evening of the November 15, 2023.

Approximately 40 students representing our school within both of the ensembles (HS Students: Clara Hoffman, Anna Beckett, Ava Whisker, Elizabeth Berry, Justina Thomas, Rachel Miller, Katelyn Snyder, Miranda Mellott, Nick Clevenger, Aaron Shawley, Isaac Dibert, Addison Reasy, Chloe Wiedemann, Aleah Loose, Bella Gable, and Jackie Clevenger.)

Select Choir Public Performances

The NBC Panther Select Choir was busy during the month of December. The ensemble traveled for 3 performances, Homewood (Martinsburg), Faith United Methodist Church in Woodbury, and UPMC Altoona for performances in the Atrium and Cafeteria for the hospital employees and guests. All performances were well received and shared the holiday spirit with those in attendance.

PMEA District 6 Choir

On January 24-26, 2024, 6 Northern Bedford County High School Choir members will participate in the PMEA District 6 Choir Festival from their successful auditions in October 2023. The event will feature rehearsals with approximately 160 students from the four surrounding counties under Guest Conductor Dr. Corey Everly (Boston Conservatory, Berklee). The festival will be hosted by Westmont Hilltop High School. Please help us congratulate the following Northern Bedford County High School Students: Jackie Clevenger, Ava Whisker, Ebbie Berry, Wyatt Steele, Nick Clevenger, and Aaron Shawley.

PMEA District 6 Vocal Evolutions

Congratulations to 11th Grade Student, Jackie Clevenger on being selected to participate in the PMEA District 6 Jazz/Vocal Evolutions festival. Jackie is one of a total of 20 students selected, and will represent NBC in a contemporary acapella vocal ensemble. The festival will be hosted by Tussey Mountain High School, and will be held January 18-19, 2024. A public concert will feature two Jazz bands, a modern band, and the Vocal Evolutions ensemble.

HIGH SCHOOL - (CONT'D)

High School Musical

The Northern Bedford County Choral Department is now in full preparation for this year's Spring Musical "Roald Dahl's MATILDA" based on the popular children's novel. The musical is the captivating masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare Company that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs and an unforgettable turn for student performers, Matilda is a joyous romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination. The production will showcase a cast of 50 students from the Middle and High School, colorful scenic elements, and a live, professional orchestra of 12 musicians. Performance dates are March 14-16, 2024. Tickets will be on sale in the very near future by visiting <https://nbcasd.booktix.com>.

Ski Club

Ski club has 44 members this year. We will be going to Blue Knob on January 3, 10, 17 and 25. We will depart around 3:00 and return to school around 8:50.

Prom

Mrs. Martin and Mr. Cerully toured Diamond Lane Farm, a new location for our 2024 Prom. This facility provides both indoor and outdoor space that includes tables and chairs, a dance floor, corn hole boards, and a fire pit. We look forward to providing this unique prom experience to our students.

Master Schedule Update

Mrs. Pritchett, Mr. Cerully, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Swanseen, and Miss Patton have worked to develop some tweaks to our master schedule that allows for most high school students to have remediation during the last period of the day. Additionally, the new schedule also allows for each of the High School core subject teachers to share a prep period - providing time for teachers to collaborate if needed. We plan to run student requests through the tweaked schedule in March to see if it will be feasible to move forward with the process. If it works, we would not look to implement the schedule until the 2025 - 2026 school year.

ISidelineCancer

This year's ISideline Cancer game will take place on Wednesday, January 10th. Proceeds from the shirt sale benefit NBC students TJ Helsel and Quinton Marrow.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Winter Sports Team Records

	Varsity	Junior Varsity	Jr. High
Boys' Basketball	1-8	2-6	4-3
Girls' Basketball	5-4	3-2	5-4
Wrestling	6-1		3-4

Tournaments

On December 9th, the Junior High wrestling team participated in the 17 team Huntingdon Bearcat Junior High Wrestling Classic finishing with a 9th place finish. The team had 4 finalists. Weston Baker (Gr. 7/80) and Brett Cottle (Gr. 8/115) earned 3rd place finishes. 4th place finisher was Alan Coble (Gr. 9/250) and 6th place to Gavin Jessee (Gr. 9/210).

On December 1st & 2nd, the Varsity Wrestling team competed in the ICC Tournament at Claysburg-Kimmel. The team finished 4th with 6 place winners. Aidan Pittman (Gr. 11/152) took 4th place. Kace Clapper (Gr. 10/114) and Brock Beach (Gr. 12/285) placed 3rd. Wrestling their way to the finals with 2nd place was Aiden Replogle (Gr. 11/107), Eion Snider (Gr. 12/189) and 1st place winner was Wyatt Clouse (Gr. 11/121).

On December 15th & 16th, the Varsity Wrestling team competed in the Panther Holiday Classic at Mt. Aloysius. The team finished with 3 place winners: Junior Wyatt Clouse with 6th place, Senior Eion Snider with 7th place, Senior Brock Beach with 8th place.

Upcoming Tournaments

- January 13th – Girls Varsity Wrestlers at the Mid-Winter Mayhem Tournament @ IUP
- January 13th – Varsity Wrestlers at the Claysburg Pizza Duals
- January 13th – Junior High Wrestlers at the Meyersdale Duals
- January 26th & 27th - Varsity Wrestlers at the Thomas Chevrolet Tournament at Bedford High School
- January 27th – Junior High Wrestlers at the Tussey Mt. Duals
- February 3rd - Junior High Wrestlers at the ICC Conference Tournament, Claysburg-Kimmel..
- February 9th & 10th – Junior High Wrestlers at the Mountain Conference Tournament at Bedford.

ATHLETIC REPORT (cont'd)

Post Season Accolades

- Varsity Football named ICC South Division Champions
- Varsity Volleyball named ICC South Division Co-Champions
- In Class A 2023 Pennsylvania Football News All-State team, junior Aidan Pittman was named first-team kick & punt returner. Junior Aaron Bowers was named second-team wide receiver. This is his 3rd consecutive nomination in 3 different positions.
- Named to the PA Football Writers' All-State team were seniors Jake Bowser (Offensive Lineman) and Eion Snider (Athlete).

<u>BEDFORD GAZETTE FIRST TEAM ALL - STARS</u>		
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>
12	Noah Baker	Football
12	Brock Beach	Football
11	Aaron Bowers	Football
12	Josiah Bowser (Gazette Lineman of the Year)	Football
12	Mason Brumbaugh	Football
12	Ashton Detterline	Football
12	Rece Dibert	Football
12	Ben Gable	Football
12	Keyan Guyer	Football
12	Mariah Hall	Soccer
11	Savannah Hershberger	Cross Country
12	Adam Johnson	Football
12	Lydia Koontz	Soccer
11	Madison Miller	Volleyball
12	Logan Pepple	Football
11	Aidan Pittman (Gazette Co-Special Teams Player of the Year)	Football
12	Alaina Sipes	Volleyball
12	Eion Snider (Gazette Offensive Player of the Year)	Football
10	Alyssa Yeatts	Soccer
Garry Black – Bedford Gazette Football Coach of the Year		

<u>ALTOONA-MIRROR FALL ALL-STARS</u>		
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>
12	Josiah Bowser	Football – Offensive Guard
12	Ben Gable	Football – Defensive Back
12	Adam Johnson	Football – Running Back
11	Madison Miller	Volleyball
12	Eion Snider	Football – Defensive Back

<u>INTER-COUNTY CONFERENCE FALL ALL - STARS</u>		
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>
12	Brock Beach	Football
11	Aaron Bowers	Football
12	Josiah Bowser	Football
12	Ashton Detterline	Football
12	Rece Dibert	Football
12	Ben Gable	Football
12	Mariah Hall	Soccer
11	Savannah Hershberger	Cross Country
12	Chase Imes	Soccer
12	Adam Johnson	Football
12	Lydia Koontz	Soccer
12	Madison Miller	Volleyball
9	Mylee Mitchell	Soccer
12	Alaina Sipes	Volleyball
12	Eion Snider	Football
12	Aiden Wadel	Soccer