Committee of the Whole

June 5, 2024

Academic Affairs and Mental Health

U.S. News & World Report



All Rankings

- **#1,559** in **National Rankings**
- **#56** in **Pennsylvania High Schools**
- **#1** in **Bloomsburg, PA Metro Area High Schools**
- **#145** in **STEM High Schools**

SCORECARD	91.17
Took at Least One AP® Exam	44%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	34%
Mathematics Proficiency	85%
Reading Proficiency	87%
Science Proficiency	70%
Graduation Rate	93%

24-25 Assessment Calendar

2024-2025 Assessment Calendar Draft

23-24 End-of-Year Norm-Referenced Assessment Data

Mathematics			
Grade	On or Above Grade Level	One Grade Below	Two or More Grade Levels Below
Kindergarten	70%	30%	N/A
1st Grade	73%	26%	1%
2nd Grade	63%	31%	6%
3rd Grade	54%	37%	9%
4th Grade	40%	35%	25%
5th Grade	63%	29%	8%
6th Grade	65%	20%	15%
7th Grade	60%	19%	21%
8th Grade	55%	14%	31%

23-24 End-of-Year Norm-Referenced Assessment Data

Reading			
Grade	On or Above Grade Level	One Grade Below	Two or More Levels Below
Kindergarten	76%	16%	9%
1st Grade	76%	11%	13%
2nd Grade	61%	20%	19%
3rd Grade	45%	36%	19%
4th Grade	45%	36%	19%
5th Grade	46%	36%	18%
6th Grade	51%	17%	32%
7th Grade	47%	18%	36%
8th Grade	56%	18%	26%

Future of State Testing - PSSAs and Keystones

Governor Shapiro and PDE announced that they are taking action to reduce the reliance on standardized testing, addressing concerns raised by students, parents, and teachers about its burden. Despite the necessity of maintaining statewide assessments to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act and avoid losing significant federal funding, the Shapiro Administration is implementing key changes to the PSSA and Keystone Exams to lessen their impact. These reforms include:

- Reduction in Testing Time
- Introduction of Online Testing: Starting with a phased plan for 2026, PSSA and Keystone tests will shift to online formats:
    - Offering a more engaging testing interface.
    - Streamlining accommodations without removing students from their classrooms.
    - Reducing logistical burdens such as handling and managing secure materials, and expediting result reporting.
- Innovative Question Types: ex: drag-and-drop and graphic manipulation
- Development of a Benchmark Assessment Tool: PDE plans to develop and pilot a free, Pennsylvania-specific benchmark assessment tool by Winter 2024, designed to align closely with state exams and provide actionable insights into student progress.

Act 56

- Historically PA school districts had to have 180 days of school and 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.
- Now, per Act 56, school districts can have 180 days of instruction OR the necessary hours of instruction
    - A 6.5 hour school day for 180 days of instruction provides a student with 1,170 hours of instruction
- It would require board approval to change our calendar and consideration of collective bargaining contract if the district were to change the current 180 day model.



Finance

Audit Update

- The June 30, 2022 Audit has been completed and will be on the Agenda for Approval. There were no findings with revenues exceeding expenditures for the General Fund by $ 1,537,710. Operating revenues exceeded expenditures by $ 709,868, and the additional recognized revenue was contributed by the bond refinancing.

Year-End Budget Transfers

- Request for approval on June 12th to permit the Business Manager make the necessary Budget Transfers to close the fiscal year 6/30/24. Additional information will be provided on the transfers.

Revenues

- Earlier this spring revenues projected to be $45,764,107
- Now increasing that projection to be $45,846,768 representing an increase of $82,661, related to higher anticipated interest earnings

Expenditures

- Earlier this spring there was a projected deficit of $789,157
- Cuts in proposed expenses
  - DPS - reduced $3,250 for new equipment and guidance
  - Outside services in buildings and grounds reduced by $125,000
  - Reduction in buildings and grounds supplies of $50,000
  - $1500 for food removed from board services
  - Student tuition reduction of $20,000 for a particular student placement that should not exist next year
- Total reductions of $202,967
- Now projected deficit of $586,190

Capital Reserve

- We have an opportunity to place the $202,967 of savings in expenditures into capital reserve
- Currently have 4.6 million in reserve
- A capital reserve fund is a commitment by a school board to set aside money for facilities needs
  - Capital improvements
  - Deferred maintenance
  - Debt service payments

Act 1 Index Implications

Approximate Costs to the Median Household Per Month for Montour and Northumberland County/Total Increased Revenue Per Percentage								
Rate Increase	1%	2%	2.5%	3%	3.5%	4%	5%	6%
Average Monthly Increase								
Montour	$1.29	$2.58	$3.22	$3.86	$4.50	$5.15	$6.44	$7.73
Northumberland	$1.22	$2.44	$3.04	$3.65	$4.26	$4.87	$6.09	$7.31
Overall Increase in Revenue								
	$147,934	$295,868	$369,835	$443,802	$517,769	$591,737	$739,671	$887,605

Median Restated Assessed Values: $ 128,738 Montour County $ 121,758 Northumberland County

(Source - Homestead/Farmstead County File)

Homestead/Farmstead Funding

- Funding increased by $ 145,902 from the prior year. This equates to an additional $ 32 credit for those approved Homestead / Farmstead properties at the proposed final tax rate of 12.4218 mills.

Tuition Rates 24-25

- Request approval of the Tuition Rates for the 24-25 school year for those students attending Danville from outside school districts using PDE approved May 2024 rates.

Elementary	$ 12,466.49
Secondary	$ 12,413.67

General Liability Insurance

- Request approval for our liability, worker's compensation, and cyber insurance policy renewals with Utica National, Amtrust, and Travelers Insurance through our broker The Seltzer Group.

Transportation

- The lowest bid to provide transportation for Athletics for the 24-25, and 25-26 school years is W.L. Myers & Son, LLC.

- The lowest bid to provide band and field trip transportation for the 24-25 and school years is Fishing Creek Transportation.

Food Service - Adult Breakfast Price

- This was just received after the agenda was created and our Adult Breakfast Price that was approved at our April 2024 meeting for 2024-25 will need to be adjusted from $ 2.50 to $ 2.85. The minimum rates are set by the USDA and noticed when we were completing our site application for 2024-25.

- We will be recommending this adjusted rate of $ 2.85 for Adult Breakfast for the 2024-25 school year.

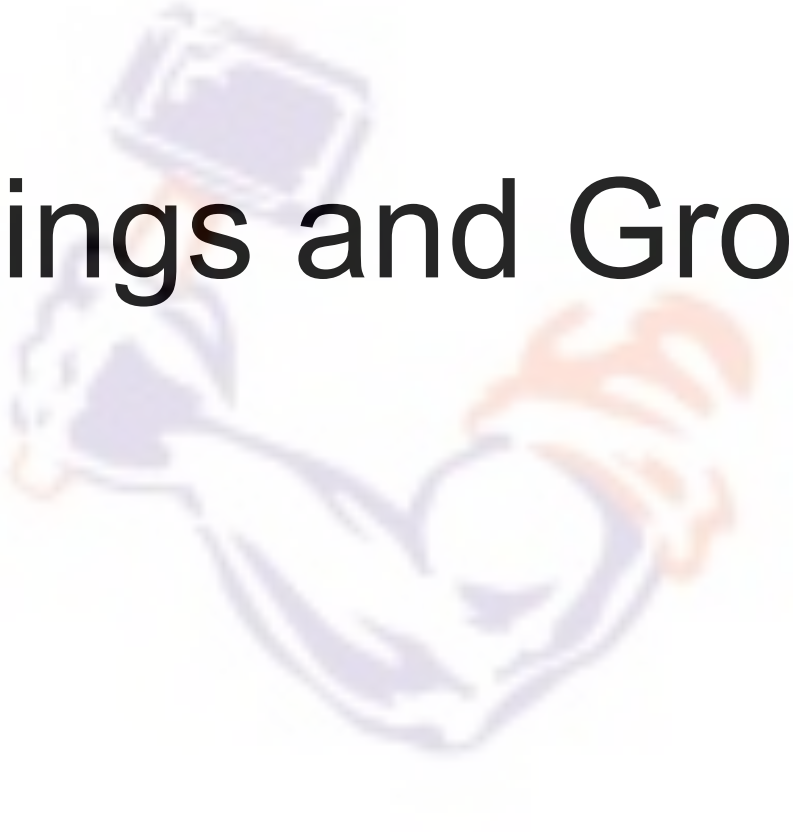
Long-Range Planning



RFP Update

- Meeting held on May 28, 2024 to review four proposals
- June 12, 2024 Presentations
  - Marotta / Main
  - Alloy 5

Buildings and Grounds



Path to DACC

- There is a safe clear path for students to travel from the high school to the DACC through the stadium. Students can go down the steps of the stadium, across the stadium, and through the back gate onto McCarty Lane. That will allow students to cross on McCarty Lane away from the traffic at the DACC driving entrance.
- We will work on signage for students this summer.

Ag Room Update

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Storm Damage Update

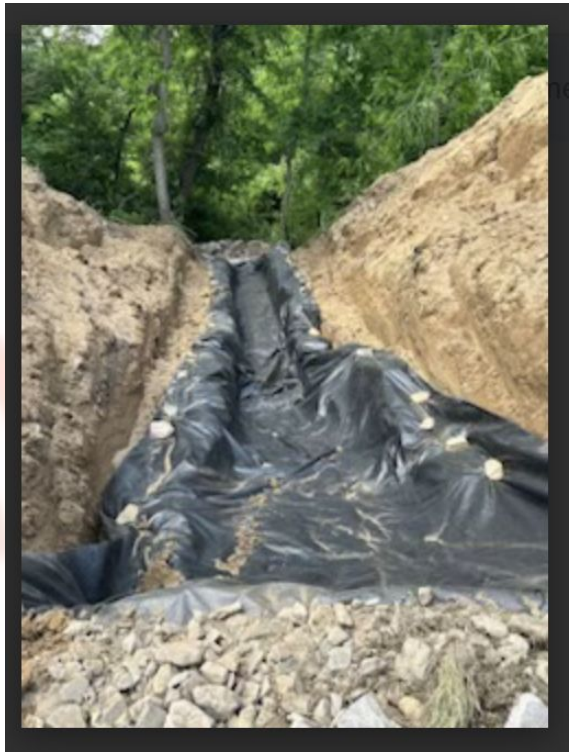












Athletics & Extracurriculars



Scoreboard

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Athletic Hall of Fame

- At this time, we will be recommending another new HOF Committee member next week



2024-2025 Drama

- DHS
  - Winter Musical “Anything Goes” - approved last month
  - Fall Play “The Play that Goes Wrong: High School Edition”
- DMS
  - Fall Play - “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”
  - Spring Play - “Persephone”

Personnel



Positions for Approval at the June 2024 Meeting

- Two English / Social Studies certified middle school teachers
  - 16 English applicants / 6 interviewed
  - 14 Social Studies applicants / 6 interviewed
  - 4 dual certifications
  - Selection committee of Dave Snover, Tom Hiravi, Gianna Earp, Lisa McCarthy, Ashley Reidinger, Jason Moser, and Molly Nied
- Two special education teachers
  - 8 applicants / 6 interviewed
  - Selection committee of Gianna Earp, Lee Gump, Dave Snover, Heaven Reinard, Sarah Kline, Jason Moser, and Molly Nied
- Two high school secretaries
  - 4 applicants / all 4 interviewed
  - Selection committee of Lee Gump and Bobby Varholak