

**NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Agenda for August 13, 2024**

Opening

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge and Prayer led by Mike Cottle.
3. Roll Call—All present but Mrs. Poteat
4. Review of the Agenda by the Superintendent.

Public Comment and Reports

5. Recognition of Citizens who wish to address the board.
6. Communications: Resignation of Jennifer Morrow as PCA; Resignation of Bill Bell as part time Elementary custodian; Resignation of Hannah Hutzell as Elementary Teacher.
7. Announcements: The September board meeting will be held September 10, 2024 in Room 136 of the High School.
8. Approve the minutes from the June 18, 2024 board meeting. JOHN ESHELMAN
KELLY STEELE
9. Review the Health and Safety Plan for 2024/25 school year.
10. Update of Ransomware Infection in the Network.

Personnel – CONSENT MOTION 11-18 EXCEPT 17 MIKE COTTLE JEN MCCOY

11. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Morrow as Personal Care Aide.
12. Accept the resignation of Bill Bell as Part Time Elementary Custodian.
13. Accept the resignation of Hannah Hutzell as Elementary Teacher effective July 17, 2024.
14. Approve the following as bona fide volunteers, pending clearance submissions, for the positions listed at the nominal payment for 2024/25 as recommended by the administration. The classification may be subject to further clarification upon solicitor’s recommendations:

Mike Brode	Golf Coordinator	not to exceed \$1,000
Andrew Foor	Assistant Junior High Football Coach	\$640
Kevin Brennan	Assistant Junior High Football Coach	\$640
15. Approve the following as volunteer coaches for the 2024/25 school year.

Kyler States Volunteer Varsity Football Coach

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16. Approve the transfer of 9 ill days for Emma Price from a previous school per the PA School Code.
17. Approve to hire Onjoli Boyd as Elementary Grade 2 teacher at Step 1 Bachelors, \$44,750, effective with the start of the 2024/25 school year, pending final certifications. RALPH SCOTT JEN MCOY 6 YES 2 NO WITH MIKE COTTLE AND STEVE COTTLE VOTING NO
18. Approve the following mentors for the 2024/25 school year:

Emma Price	Vesta Nave
Sarah Smith	Abby Martin
Onjoli Boyd	Larry Corle

APPROVALS – CONSENT MOTION 19-37 – JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY

19. Approve Title I School Wide plan.
20. Approve agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 to participate in the substitute teacher consortium for the 2024/25 school year at a cost of \$500.
21. Approve agreement with Juniata College for the Science in Motion program for the 2024/25 school year in the amount of \$2,000 as budgeted.
22. Approve the Head Start program with Bedford/Fulton Head Start for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years. This services eligible preschool children.
23. Approve the bus and van drivers as attached.
24. Approve the bus routes for the 2024/25 school year.
25. Approve Dr. Kurtz as school dentist.
26. Approve Dr. Duane Dilling as school physician.
27. Approve the application for emergency permits (for day-to-day and long-term substitute) for qualified individuals.
28. Approve staff assignments for the 2024/25 school year as attached.
Administration
Elementary professional staff assignments
Middle/Senior High School professional staff assignments
Support Staff assignments
Elementary and Middle/Senior High School Paid Advisory Positions

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- 29. Approve revisions to Coaches Handbook for the 2024/25 school year.
- 30. Approve the appointment of the Senior High Student Council President, Savannah Hershberger as a non-voting student representative to the school board.
- 31. Approve the Athletic Event gate prices and Senior Resident pass for the 2024/25 school year as attached.
- 32. Approve the attached list of Field Trips for the 2024/25 school year.
- 33. Approve the attached list of Fundraisers for the 2024/25 school year.
- 34. Approve the memorandum of understanding agreement with Nulton Diagnostic & Treatment Center for the partial hospitalization program for the 2024/25 academic year.
- 35. Approve an agreement with Soaring Heights School for the 2024/25 school year for educational services.
- 36. Approve the Cooperative Agreement with Allegany College of Maryland for the 2024/25 school year.
- 37. Approve an educational services agreement with Southwood Children’s Behavioral Healthcare for the 2024/25 school year.
- 38. Approve on first and final reading the following policy: JEN MCCOY JOHN ESHELMAN 7 YES 1 NO WITH STEVE COTTLE VOTING “NO”

Policy 114
Policy 140
Policy 140.1
Policy 146
Policy 206
Policy 207
Policy 707

Gifted Education
Charter Schools
Extracurricular Participation
Student Services
Assignment within District
Confidential Communications
Facility Use

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39. Retroactively approve to retain Mullen Coughlin LLC for legal work in regard to a cyber breach and ransomware infection to the network as an unbudgeted expenditure. MIKE COTTLE STEVE COTTLE
40. Retroactively approve an agreement with Arete for forensic analysis and network restoration involved in the cyber breach and ransomware infection to the network. JEN MCCOY MIKE COTTLE
41. Approve to pay Arete in the amount of \$55,141.75 for costs incurred to date as an unbudgeted expenditure. JOHN ESHELMAN STEVE COTTLE
42. Approve the agreement of Experian for Identityworks Products and Services as a client of Mullen Coughlin LLC in the amount of \$4,846.32 as unbudgeted expenditure. RALPH SCOTT JACK BRIGGS
43. Approve United Datacom Networks Inc. to assist with network configuration on an hourly basis of \$125/hour as an unbudgeted expenditure. JEN MCCOY MIKE COTTLE
44. Approve the purchase of PC System with Software upgrades for the Boiler control system with AFS Energy Systems at a cost of \$7,916 as an unbudgeted expenditure. JOHN ESHELMAN STEVE COTTLE
45. Approve the payment to Mervac Plumbing for the replacement of water pumps at the Elementary building in the amount of \$8,400 as an unbudgeted expenditure to be paid from the budgetary reserve. RALPH SCOTT JEN MCCOY
46. Approve Change Order #1 for Corle Construction Inc. for the erection of an additional door and wall into the Wellness Building in the amount of \$15,844 per quote # 10975 to be paid from Capital Reserve fund. KELLY STEELE STEVE COTTLE 7 YES AND 1 NO WITH JOHN ESHELMAN VOTING
47. Approve Marc-Service Inc. for cleaning of hot water coils in the air handlers and testing and balance of air handlers in Elementary building in the amount of \$6,000 to be paid from budgetary reserve. MIKE COTTLE JOHN ESHELMAN

Administrative Reports – STEVE COTTLE JEN MCCOY

48. Approve the following reports and invoices

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

49. Adjournment – 7:26 PM JOHN ESHELMAN MIKE COTTLE

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Room 136 of the high school building in Loysburg, PA.

The following board members were present: Jack Briggs, Steve Cottle, John Eshelman, Jenn McCoy, Andrea Poteat, Ralph Scott, Kelly Steele and Randy Wiand. Absent Mike Cottle

Also present Mr. Todd B. Beatty, Superintendent; Mr. Shawn Cerully, High School Principal; Mrs. Kendra Pritchett, Middle School Principal, Mr. Trevor Replogle, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Lindsay Cherry, Special Education Supervisor. Miss Teri Biddle, Board Secretary/Business Manager. Members of the public included: Thomas Schmidt representing the Morrisons Cove Herald, Erika Burkholder representing the Bedford Gazette and Aaron Reynolds.

1. Randy Wiand called the meeting to order.
2. Prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Jen McCoy.
3. Roll call was held with all members present except Mike Cottle.
4. There were no citizens who wished to address the board.
5. Communications included: Panther Youth Football request for use of facilities.
6. It was announced that there would be no July board meeting. The August board meeting will be held August 13, 2024 in Room 136 of the High School.
7. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Ralph Scott to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2024 board meeting. All members present voted "yes".
8. The Final 2024/25 General Fund Budget presentation was given by Mr. Beatty.
9. Presentation by Mr. Cerully regarding course offerings for 2025/26 school year.
10. John Eshleman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to adopt the 2024/25 General Fund Budget. Vote 7-1 with Ralph Scott voting "no".

Revenues 2024/25	Expenditures 2024/25	Deficit 2024/25
\$15,692,251	\$16,482,065	-\$789,814

Local revenue from real estate tax of \$3,289,204 is anticipated at 94 percent collection rate by the imposition of a real estate tax levy of not less than 9.62 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation as certified by the Bedford County tax assessor.

Other local levies and anticipated revenues are re-enacted as follows:

\$5 per capita (Section 579 of the School Code)	\$22,210
\$5 per capita (Local Tax Enabling Act 511)	\$14,800
One half of one percent (.5%) earned income/net profit	\$700,000
Emergency Municipal Services Tax	\$18,000
\$10 flat rate occupation	\$29,500
Realty Transfer at .5%	\$65,000
Amusement Tax	\$10,000
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$148,488
Estimated carryover from unreserved fund balance	-\$789,814

11. Jen McCoy moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to recommend adoption of a resolution to allow taxpayers with homestead/farmstead property approved pursuant to Section 341 of Act 1 to be eligible to pay school property taxes in installments and to receive a homestead/farmstead exemption for property tax relief money received from the State Commonwealth. This resolution sets the exclusion amount for 1,805 qualified homesteads and 113 farmsteads at \$254.31. This sets the exclusion amount of assessed value at \$26,078 per qualified parcel. All members present voted "yes"
12. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by John Eshelman as per the requirements of the GASB 54 effective July 1, 2021 for the 2024/25 fiscal year's PDE 2028 Budget submission, the PSERS Stabilization fund is an Assigned fund balance totaling \$2,145,495. These funds are assigned for the payment of PSER payments. The following chart shows a breakdown of Committed Fund Balances of \$2,200,000. Total Committed and Assigned fund balance is \$4,345,495. The breakdown of this fund balance is as follows: All members present voted "yes".

Committed Fund Balance for Accumulated Sick Leaves	\$500,000
Committed Fund Balance for Capital Projects	\$1,000,000
Committed Technology Plan	\$700,000
Total Committed Fund Balance	\$2,200,000
Total Assigned Fund Balance	\$2,145,495
Total Committed and Assigned	\$4,345,495

13. Jack Briggs moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat to approve the proficient evaluation for Superintendent Todd Beatty for the 2023/24 school year. All members present voted "yes".
14. Jen McCoy moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to approve the following the consent motion with all members present voting "yes" with Ralph Scott abstaining on the approval of Shalonne Sipes as Head Varsity Volleyball Coach with the payment of \$2,700.
 - Approve a one year leave of absence for Barry Crawford as Head Junior High Football Coach.

- Approve the following as bona fide volunteers, pending clearance submissions, for the positions listed at the nominal payment for 2024/25 as recommended by the administration. The classification may be subject to further clarification upon solicitor's recommendations:

Garry Black	Head Varsity Football Coach	\$4,910.00
Michael Cottle	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	WAIVED
Michael Wiand	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$2,470.00
Kevin Gable	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$3,090.00
Andrew Weyant	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$2,340.00
TBD	Head Junior High Football Coach	
Jason Free	Assistant Junior High Football Coach	\$1,430.00
Tom Foor	Assistant Junior High Football Coach	\$1,950.00
Lindsay Cherry	Head Football Cheerleader Coach	\$1,570.00
Teresa Crawford	Assistant Football Cheerleader Coach	\$1,420.00
Jennifer Davis	Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$1,600.00
Betsy Francke	Head Junior High Volleyball Coach	\$1,250.00
Deidra Mellott	Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach	\$1,000.00
Whitley Mellott	Co-Head JH/V Cross Country Coach	\$685.00
Stuart Crocker	Co-Head Varsity Cross Country	\$400.00
Lucas Miller	Co-Head JH Cross Country	\$300.00
Dan Oberman	Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	\$2,330.00
Damian Corle	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach	\$1,340.00
Marcus Yeatts	Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	\$4,150.00
Logan Corle	Co-Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	\$685.00
Sacia Smith	Co-Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	\$655.00
Brandon Horton	Head Co-ED MS Soccer Coach	\$1,630.00
Jason Barton	Assistant Co-ED MS Soccer Coach	\$1,120.00
Alexis Mock	Band Front Advisor	\$1,122.00
Garret Evans	Band Camp	\$400.00
Brett Leavelle	Band Camp	\$400.00
Jordan Canner	Band Camp	\$400.00
Richard Kane	Band Camp	\$400.00
Emily Canner	Band Camp	\$400.00

- Approve the following as bona fide volunteers, pending clearance submissions, for the positions listed at the nominal payment for 2024/25 as recommended by the administration. The classification may be subject to further clarification upon solicitor's recommendations with Ralph Scott abstaining.

Shalonne Sipes	Head Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$2,700
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- Approve the following as volunteer coaches for the 2024/25 school year.

Tina Detterline	Volunteer Cross Country Coach
Diane Berkheimer	Volunteer Elementary/JH Volleyball Coach
Emily Swanseen	Volunteer JH Football Cheer Coach
Bryan Imler	Volunteer Varsity Football Coach
Andy Barton	Volunteer Junior High Football Coach
Andrew Foor	Volunteer Junior High Football Coach
Kevin Brennan	Volunteer Junior High Football Coach
Todd Eckenroad	Volunteer Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
Madison Johnson	Volunteer Volleyball Coach

- Approve Josh Pritchett as a volunteer advisor for the Middle/High School Classic Tractor Enthusiasts.
- Approve Julie Grine as Elementary Head Cook beginning with the 2024/25 school year.
- Approve Brandi Dibert as Middle/High School Head Cook beginning with the 2024/25 school year.
- Approve Marissa Graindas as a greater than 30 hour Middle High School Food Service Employee beginning with the 2024/25 school year.
- Approve the transfer of 25 ill days for Christopher Perry from a previous school per the PA School Code.
- Approve the job description for the following position:

Elementary Principal Secretary

15. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Ralph Scott, to approve the following the consent motion with all members present voting "yes".

- Approve Administration to fill vacant positions as necessary during the summer months and to make recommendations for approval at the August board meeting.
- Approve the attached list of students to attend Bedford County Career and Tech Center in the 2024/25 school year.
- Request approval to submit the following federal and state project applications for the 2024/25 school year. These are the budgeted amounts.

Title I	\$230,702
Title II, Part A	\$35,672
Title IV	\$17,578

- Approve Panther Youth Football Association to use school facilities for the 2024 football season beginning July 30, 2024 thru October 30, 2024 with a football rodeo to be held July 30 -August 2, 2024.
- Approve to renew the copier lease agreement for 4 year period (48 months) ending in the 2027/28 school year with Queen City Business for 7 district wide Canon copiers at a per month rate of \$2,252.00. Black and white copies are \$.004/page and color copies are \$.035/page and a limit of 3,000,000 copies per year across the district. Will include the Uniflo software for user management.
- Approve the attached resolution with submission of the PA DCED Public Facility grant in the amount of \$777,261. This grant requires a 25% local match. It was submitted for replacement of the slip line of the sewer line from the Elementary building to the South Woodbury Township main line and replacement of the Elementary windows and blinds.
- Approve the following handbooks: (hard copies available upon request). A summary of changes is included in the agenda packet.

Substitute Teacher Coaches Handbook
 Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) Handbook
 Elementary Faculty & Student Handbook
 Middle School & Student Faculty Handbook
 High School & Student Faculty Handbook

- Approve the Course Catalogs for the Middle and High School as attached.
- Approve the following vendors for food service for the 2024/25 school year.

Milk	Ritchey's Dairy	Middle/Senior & Elementary
Bread Products	Pacifico Bakery	Middle/Senior & Elementary

- Approve to advertise for wood chip suppliers for 2024/25.
- Authorize payment of all necessary bills and execution of necessary transfers to close out the 2023/24 general fund budget.
- Approve the following policies as second and final approval:

Policy 903

Public Comment in Board Meetings

- Approve the change in numbering of the following policy:

Policy 815.1 Email change to Policy 815.2 Email

- Approve the following policies as first and final approval:

Policy 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products
 Policy 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
 Policy 3236 Tobacco and Vaping Products
 Policy 325 Dress and Grooming
 Policy 351 Controlled Substance Abuse
 Policy 815.1 Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education
 Policy 913 Non School Organizations/Groups/Individuals

- Approve the following Substitute rates effective with the 2024/25 school year:

Substitute Teacher (days 1-19)	\$100/day
Substitute Teacher (days 20-89)	\$120/day
Support Staff Substitute	\$11/hour

- Approve Garry Black and Jen Aungst to take students to National FBLA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia June 26, 2024 – July 2, 2024 at a cost of approximately \$7,000 the school district. \$2,000 of this is unbudgeted expenditures.
 - Approve an Agreement for School-age Education Services with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 beginning with the 2024/25 school year.
 - Approve the field trip for Middle/High School Classic Tractor Enthusiast for Friday, August 16 to the 76th Annual Threshermen’s Reunion in Kinzers, PA. All associated costs to be paid by the club.
16. Ralph Scott, seconded by Steve Cottle, to approve the following reports and invoices: Administrative Reports, Federal Programs Report, Athletic Report, Financial Reports and Budgetary Transfers and approve the payment of invoices. All members present voted "yes".
17. Steve Cottle, seconded by Jen McCoy to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm.

Teri L. Biddle
 Business Manager/Board Secretary

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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

NEW NBC EMPLOYEES

NBC welcomes our new employees:

Onjoli Boyd—Elementary

Christopher Perry—Elementary

Emma Price—Elementary Special Education

Sarah Smith—High School Math

SUMMER PROJECTS

Our projects for the summer are almost completed. The wellness building is on schedule and slated to be completed by mid-November. The maintenance/custodial staff worked very hard getting the school and grounds ready for school. I had a compliment on how well the campus looks this year.

CYBER

Starting with our new fiscal year on July 1st we became aware of some bad news. Our network had a ransomware infection. This drastically affected our approved budget before it even started. Needless to say, the month of July was dedicated to addressing this situation as quickly as possible. The district engaged with a 3rd party organization to work through the process of bringing servers, computers, etc. back online. We were days short of upgrading our network to a more secure level.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the first two days of in-service, the district will be providing training on the state require trainings. A few examples include professional ethics, culturally relevant and sustaining education, childline requirements, structured literacy, etc. We will also use time for teachers to look at curriculum as a department. The intent along with the theoretical discussion is to have some discussion and planning on the best way to ensure communication between grade levels.

ELEMENTARY

Orientations

Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientations for students and parents will be held on August 14. Pre-Kindergarten AM will meet at 9:00 AM, Pre-Kindergarten PM and Head Start will meet at 10:00 AM, and Kindergarten will meet at 11:00 AM.

Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet the teachers, tour classrooms, and students will take a short ride on a school bus. Important school information about food service, health services, transportation, administrative services, and guidance services is explained to parents.

Meet and Greet

The Elementary Meet and Greet night is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27 from 6:00-7:30 PM for students and parents in grades 1-5. Kindergarten and K4 parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher during the summer orientation.

Building Preparations

The office and maintenance staff have been working diligently to prepare the elementary school for the opening of the school year. The school is being cleaned and prepared to welcome students and staff for the upcoming school year. Technology equipment and programs are being installed. New school supplies are being inventoried and delivered to classrooms. All student records and files have been updated and reorganized to reflect the new class rosters. We thank everyone that has worked so tirelessly to prepare our school for the upcoming school year.

Enrollments

To date the elementary enrollment is as follows:

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Fifth Grade	57	66	71	60
Fourth Grade	69	64	67	67
Third Grade	74	67	62	67
Second Grade	51	78	67	57
First Grade	58	57	75	66
Kindergarten	48	59	53	66
K-4	53	37	49	39
TOTAL	410	428	444	422

FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT

Schoolwide Title 1 Plan submission due September 1.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Enrollment

The middle school is preparing to welcome 203 students for the start of the 2024-25 school year. Individual grade level enrollments and enrollment history are below.

Grade Level	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
8th Grade	68	60	66	52
7th Grade	71	69	56	68
6th Grade	64	74	63	58
Total Enrollment	203	203	185	178

Bedford County Truancy Round Table

Bedford County principals had an opportunity in June to meet with a representative from Bedford County Children and Youth. This meeting was designed to give us an opportunity to share our processes and procedures with one another, identify and address any attendance concerns, and to review the truancy rules and regulations. This marks the third year for such a meeting. This has opened the lines of communication regarding attendance among Bedford County schools and the CYF truancy office.

Preparing for the New Year

The custodial, maintenance, office staff, and teachers have been busily preparing for the start of a new school year. The amount of work that goes into preparing our district for each school year is incredible. When it comes to the summer, there is a lot to be done to wrap up the previous year and prepare for the upcoming one. A few things that get accomplished over the summer months include student scheduling, teacher scheduling, curriculum changes, facilities cleaning, facilities projects, reorganizing, planning for events, teacher and administrator trainings, reviewing student data, updating/revamping procedures, preparing new technology devices for students and teachers, and enrolling/withdrawing students.

Students will be welcomed back to school with 6th Grade Orientation and 7th and 8th Grade Open House on the evening of August 14th. Sixth graders and their parents will be meeting in the auditorium for a presentation following a brief visit to their homerooms. Teachers and staff are looking forward to the start of another great school year!

PRIDE (Positive, Respectful, Involved, Dependable, Excellent) Team

The middle school and high school PRIDE team met in June to review our procedures and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) handbook. We also worked through scheduling our special events and activities for the year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

Data Days

Middle school teachers attended their respective data day in July. Three different days were scheduled to focus on student data and subject specific standards for ELA, Math, and Science. This provided teachers with an opportunity to review PSSA data, to create plans to strengthen instruction in areas of demonstrated weakness, and discuss what current instructional practices are successful based on our students' demonstrated strengths.

This year's Data Days resulted in a few adjustments to the make-up of Math classes, revisions to how we utilize our supplemental Math resources, and a couple of schedule adjustments.

STEM Day

Mr. Bollman, Mr. Corle, and Mr. Weyant spent a day together in June reviewing our newly adopted PA Technology and Engineering Standards. These standards are a portion of the STEELS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability) standards. We are working on transitioning to the STEELS standards through our STEM and Science classes. The state expects a full transition to these standards by the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

Mathia vs. eMath

Mathia is a program that supplements our current math curriculum. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are scheduled for Mathia one period for 2 out of the 6 day cycle. As a result of our Math Data Day, we have decided to revamp this class and name it "eMath." We have several programs that have differing functions but support our students in their Math learning progression. This period will now be utilized for Mathia, IXL, and MathStream.

Middle School Upcoming Events

August 14th 6:00pm 7th/8th Grade Open House
August 14th 7:00pm 6th Grade Orientation
August 15th New Teacher Induction & Bus Driver Meeting
August 16th Classic Tractor Enthusiast Field Trip to Kinzers, Pa
August 19th & 20th Teacher In-Service
August 20th Ministerium Prayer Walk
August 21st First Student Day
August 27th Bus Evacuation Drill
August 28th Workplace Safety Meeting
September 2nd Labor Day - No School
September 9th After 3 Begins
September 10th 6:00pm School Board Meeting

HIGH SCHOOL

Preparations for School

Work continues in preparation for the 2024-25 school year. Student and teacher schedules have been made available online and mailed, respectively. The maintenance staff, office staff, and Mrs. Swanseen have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year and their efforts are much appreciated.

The High School held several summer professional development sessions including meetings with our PBIS team and our respective representatives from Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8, a science curriculum review of the new STEELS Standards, and training on a new supplemental math program called Math Nation.

Enrollment

Currently, the high school enrollment is 241 students. Individual class enrollments are as follows:

Class	24-25	23-24	22-23	21-22
Seniors	65	65	61	67
Juniors	52	66	64	64
Sophomores	63	55	68	65
Freshman	61	65	57	74
Total Enrollment	241	251	250	270

New Staff

The NBC High School is excited to welcome Mr. Logan Corle and Mrs. Sarah Smith to our NBC High School family. In addition to bringing additional excitement to our building, both Mr. Corle and Mrs. Smith are NBC graduates who are excited to continue to contribute to our school community.

2023-24 PSSA AND KEYSTONE RESULTS

The PA Department of Education has released the PSSA and Keystone test results from spring of 2024. PSSA results have been mailed to grade 9 students who took the exam last spring. The Keystone results will be mailed when they are available.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

FBLA Nationals

This summer, 25 Northern Bedford students along with Garry Black and Jen Aungst, made the trip to Orlando for the National Leadership Conference. Five groups were finalists in their events and three teams came back to Loysburg with Top 10 finishes.

The American Enterprise Project team of Avery Aungst, Myah Douglas, and Aiden Wadel placed first in the nation! Several minutes later, Aungst found out she won a second national championship of the night. The Business Ethics team comprised of Aungst, Aleah Loose, and Jaylyn Resh won gold in their event. This trio also won a National Championship as freshmen and placed in the top 10 as sophomores. The Local Chapter Annual Business Report team of Aleah Loose, Jaylyn Resh, and Lydia Koontz placed seventh in their event.

While in Orlando, the students also got to go to Sea World, Magic Kingdom, Aquatica, and Discovery Cove. The trip was an amazing experience and showcased our students at the highest level of competition in FBLA.

Automotive Supplemental Curriculum

I met with representatives from Ford to discuss a supplemental component to our Automotive Curriculum. The representatives are interested in having students complete some of their coursework through the Ford ACE's (Automotive Career Exploration) Program. The content in this program is already part of the Automotive Program of Study. However, by using this platform, the students will be able to bypass the need to retake certain certifications if hired in the industry. These certifications are required for all major automotive dealers which ultimately will allow students to be more employable upon graduation.

FFA Summer Activities

The Northern Bedford FFA remained very active over the summer.

In June, they attended the Pennsylvania FFA State Convention. In addition to attending multiple state sessions, our students competed in events such as Livestock Evaluation, Ag Mechanics, Floriculture, Farm and Agri Business Management, Wildlife, and FFA Knowledge.

In July, the NBC FFA participated in a community service project by going to the Bedford Fair Grounds to paint the exterior of the restrooms for the upcoming 150th Great Bedford County Fair. Then many of our members participated in the Bedford Fair by showing their livestock. Several students won first in their classes and advanced to grand champion shows during the week.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

FFA Summer Activities (cont'd)

In August, several NBC FFA students participated in the Morrisons Cove Dairy Show. Bella Gable, Blaire Gable, and Isaiah Baker represented NBC in the Guernsey breed shows while Savanna Hershberger represented NBC in the Holstein breed shows. Several other 4-H members from NBC school district also were showing dairy at the show and entered other entries such as baked goods.

Finally, Mr. Over and Mrs. Kensinger have been working with Northern Bedford FFA Alumni and supporters to set up the FFA Alumni Chapter throughout the summer. The Alumni Chapter will be helping to raise funds for the students to help alleviate the financial strain on the FFA members so that they can continue to attend educational workshops, conferences, and contests.

Building Updates

The Wellness Center construction seems to be coming along well. The structure and walls are up and they are currently working on the interior portion of the building.

The CTE Building looks great with the completion of the painting and roof project. Mrs. Kensinger has purchased plants for the exterior landscape and will work with our students to finish the landscape once school begins.

Progress continues to be made on our Middle School/ High School courtyard. Both Mrs. Pritchett and I worked with maintenance and our student workers this summer to remove some of the plants, stumps, and prep portions of the patio for pavers. Additionally, the outdoor furniture has arrived. Once school begins, Mrs. Kensinger and her students will work on installing the pavers so the top of the courtyard will be available for our school community.

Furniture upgrades have been made to the High School Conference Room/ High School Office and the Physics Room. This furniture will help to enhance productivity and create a better learning environment for students. My goal is to continue to upgrade classroom furniture one or two rooms a year until completion.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Fall Practices - Fall sport practices are to begin on Monday August 12th. Mr. Batzel and Mr. Cherry are coordinating the practice schedules to avoid conflicts between sports as well as with other extra-curricular activities. Many sports will be participating in pre-season conditioning and scrimmages.

Varsity Football and Cheerleaders Black & White Night – August 15th
Soccer Meet the Team – August 21st at 6:00pm

Season Openers—Listed below are the openers for the respective sports.

SPORT	DATE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	TIME
Varsity Golf	Wed Aug 21	Home	Multiple	3:00
Varsity Football	Fri Aug 23	Home	Southern Huntingdon	7:00
Middle School Soccer	Mon Aug 26	Home	Southern Huntingdon	3:30
Girls' Soccer	Mon Aug 26	Home	Southern Huntingdon	7:00
Boys' Soccer	Mon Aug 26	Home	Southern Huntingdon	5:00
Cross Country	Wed Aug 28	Away	FCA	4:30
JV Football	Mon Aug 26	Away	Southern Huntingdon	6:00
Varsity Volleyball	Tues Aug 27	Away	Williamsburg	6:00
JH Volleyball	Thu Aug 29	Home	Fannett-Metal	5:30
Middle School Football	Wed Sept 4	Away	Claysburg	5:00

NFHS Network (Live Game Broadcast)

Two fully automated Pixellot cameras have been installed in the HS gymnasium and Panther Community Stadium that will enable the athletic department to live broadcast all home events in both venues. Parents will need to subscribe to the NFHS network with an Annual Pass (\$79.99) or Monthly Pass (\$11.99). A subscription gives parents access to all archived games as well as any other HS in the nation who also uses the NFHS network. Currently, several schools in District 5 have installed the NFHS Network. Specific information will be provided to students and parents interested in subscribing.

ATHLETIC REPORT (cont'd)

Mandated Coaching Requirements (for all paid and volunteer coaches at the Varsity and JH levels) –

Annual (12 month) Requirements:

- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act
- Concussion Training Course (Safety in Youth Sports Act)

60 Month Requirement (submitted prior to coaching eligibility and must be kept current)

- PDE Mandated Background Clearances
 - FBI Clearance (Act 114)
 - PA State Police Clearance (Act 34)
 - PA Child Abuse (Act 151)
 - PA Mandated Child Abuse Recognition Training (Act 126)

One Time Requirement (2-year grace period for new coaches)

- PIAA Coaching Education Requirements
 - Fundamentals of Coaching
 - First Aid, Health and Safety

One Time Coaching Education Requirement - first time coaches hired at any PIAA school after July 1, 2016, will have two years from their date of hire to complete this requirement.

Weight Room –

The weight room schedule was a success last year with great student-athlete attendance. Attendance reports were collected to monitor the schedule's effectiveness in accommodating all student-athletes. Mr. Batzel, Mr. Cherry and all coaches have done an excellent job supervising the weight room and monitoring its effectiveness. The fall weight room schedule is listed below.

Fall Schedule: T/Th 6:45-7:45 AM and Sat 9-10:30 AM (begins Aug. 21st)

Annual Coaches Meeting –

The annual coaches meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2:30-3:00. The purpose of the meeting is to review the athletic handbook, student-athlete expectations, coaching expectations and to address any questions or concerns leading into the 2024-25 athletic seasons.

<u>BEDFORD GAZETTE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR</u>	
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>
12	Mariah Hall
12	Eion Snider (Gazette Scholar Athlete)