

**NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Agenda for November 12, 2024**

Opening

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge and Prayer led by Jack Briggs.
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.
6. Student Representative Report by Savannah Hershberger.
7. Middle School Student report.
8. Communications: Resignation of Jill Frederick from High School teaching position;
Resignation of Jeff Batzel as Athletic Director
9. Announcements: The December board meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2024
in Room 136 of the High School. Please note that this is the first Thursday due to Board
re-organization.
10. Approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 board meeting.
11. Announce that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wellness Building was held prior to the
start of the meeting this evening.
12. Announce that PA State Senator Pat Stefano was present prior to the board meeting for
informational purposes.

Personnel

13. Approve Allison Ritchey be hired as Elementary Teacher at Bachelors Step 2, \$45,343.69 to
be pro-rated with a start date of November 14, 2024.
14. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jill Frederick as High School Mathematics Teacher,
to be held 60 days effective January 5, 2025.

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15. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jeff Batzel as Athletic Director effective December 31, 2024.
16. Approve Jeff Batzel as Assistant Athletic Director beginning January 1, 2025 with a stipend of \$300.
17. 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:

Allie Hileman	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,310
Randy Meck	Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach	\$1,730

18. Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2024/25 Winter Sports Season:

Bryan Gartland	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Kelly Steele	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Danis Miller	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach	
Mandi Cottle	Volunteer Elementary Girls Basketball Coach	
Shalonne Sipes	Volunteer Elementary Girls Basketball Coach	
Jenn Davis	Volunteer Elementary Girls Basketball Coach	
Benjamin Leberfinger	Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Shawn Musselman	Elementary Wrestling Coach – Pending paperwork completion	
Kristin Snider	Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach – Pending paperwork completion	

APPROVALS

19. Approve the following policies on 1st and Final Reading:

Policy 146.1	Trauma-Informed Approach
Policy 218	Student Discipline
Policy 218.1	Weapons
Policy 218.2	Terroristic Threats
Policy 801	Public Records
Policy 803	School Calendar
Policy 805	Emergency Preparedness and Response
Policy 805.1	Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
Policy 805.2	School Security Personnel
Policy 806	Child Abuse
Policy 828	Fraud
Policy 904 with Attachment	Public Attendance at School Events
20. Approve Justin Lewis to attend PETE & C 2025 at the Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA February 10-12, 2025. Approximate cost to the district \$850 as a budgeted expenditure.

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21. Approve Allison Brooks as a student teacher with Matt Wasilko for the Spring Semester of the 2024/25 school year.
22. Approve Sabine Debski as student teacher with Michaela Gartland for the Spring Semester of the 2024/25 school year.
23. Approve a fundraiser for NBC Music called "Coat of Many Colors" to be held during December, 2024.
24. Approve the final invoice from Mullen Coughlin in the amount of \$1,049.50 that was unbudgeted towards the cyber security attack.
25. Approve the results of a sealed bid for a John Deere Z2997R Diesel with a John Deere 14 Bushel dump to include trade in of 2010 John Deere 997; 1995 John Deere 870; 1990 John Deere 430; 1984 John Deere JD-850. This is awarded to West Central Equipment, who was the sole bidder, including the trade in value of the above equipment at a cost of \$17,413.03.
26. Approve the acceptance of the DCED Public Facility Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be used in conjunction with the Elementary Window replacement project and to slip line approximately 1,511 feet of the terracotta sewer line. This grant will require bidding on each respective project as well as a 25% local match currently estimated at \$194,315.

Administrative Reports

27. Approve the following reports and invoices

Administrative Reports
Federal Programs Report
Athletic Report
Financial Reports and Budgetary Transfer
Approve payment of invoices

28. Executive Session for reasons of School Safety and the board will not be returning for any further voting action.
29. Adjournment

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Room 136 of the high school building in Loysburg, PA.

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

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: Savannah Hershberger, Sarah Smith, Mary Ann Whited, Tom Schmit with the Morrisons Cove Herald and Erica Burkholder with Bedford Gazette.

1. Randy Wiand called the meeting to order.
2. Prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Mike Cottle.
3. Roll call was held with all members present with the exception of Jack Briggs
4. There were no citizens who wished to address the board.
5. Savannah Hershberger gave the student representative report which included the following items: Homecoming was held on October 6th this past Saturday. The king and queen were crowned at the homecoming football game where they were played Meyersdale and won! The 2024 homecoming king and queen are Vaughn Schlenkofer and Avery Aungst. Runners up were Jaylyn Resh and Logan Dilling. During the homecoming game the band held a special half time performance with alumni in the community. During the pep rally on Friday our very own high school principal made an appearance during the boys spirit dance competition. The sophomore team gave a stunning performance with Mr. Cerully as the star of the show ultimately winning the competition
6. Communications included: Resignation of Marin Carder, Elementary Teacher; Thank you letter received from Gavin Jessee; Request for FMLA Leave Stephanie Perry
7. It was announced that the November board meeting will be held November 12, 2024 in Room 136 of the High School.
8. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024 board meeting. All members present voted "yes".
9. Introduction of new teacher, Sarah Smith, for the 2024/25 school year.
10. Presentation was given by Mary Ann Whited from the NBC Alumni.
11. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by Mike Cottle to do the following items as a consent motion with all members present voting "yes".
 - Approve an FMLA request for Stephanie Perry beginning on or around December 10, 2024 thru January 27, 2025.
 - Accept the resignation of Marin Carder, Elementary teacher, effective 60 days after intent to resign was received September 16, 2024.
 - Accept the request, with regret, from Barry Crawford to step down as assistant varsity girls basketball coach and remain as a volunteer 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:

AJ Weyant	Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,800
Jesse Love	Assistant Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,310
Todd England	Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,140
Joey Smith	Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach	\$1,250
Jon Ewart	Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$4,130
TBD	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	
Scott Bollman	Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,970
Allie Snider-Hileman	Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach	\$1,370
Brian Dutchcott	Head Varsity Boys Wrestling Coach	\$4,480
Shawn Claar	Assistant Varsity Boys Wrestling Coach	\$3,790
Andy Sollenberger	Head Junior High Boys Wrestling Coach	\$3,210
Ben Sollenberger	Assistant Junior High Boys Wrestling Coach	\$1,430
Zachary Clark	Head Girls Varsity Wrestling	\$2,360
Lindsay Cherry	Head Varsity Cheerleading	\$1,570

- Approve the following volunteer coaches for the 2024/25 Winter Sports Season:

Jan Snider	Volunteer Elementary Boys & Girls Basketball Coach
Tim Drenning	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Trevor Eichelberger	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Shaun Robison	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Matt Aungst	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Michael Brode	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Ethan Boyd	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Michael Cottle	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Zane Lemens	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Jared Mellott	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Brody Reininger	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Justin Smith	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Kyler States	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach
Kevin Brennan	Volunteer JH Wrestling Coach
Mandi Cottle	Volunteer Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
Andrew Barton	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Ashley Brennan	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Becky Lazor	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Jen McCoy	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Lucas Miller	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach
Amanda Replogle	Volunteer Girls Elementary Basketball Coach

Beth Pyles	Volunteer Girls Varsity Wrestling Coach
Barry Crawford	Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Ron Snider	Volunteer Girls Varsity Wrestling Coach
Mikayla Hall	Volunteer JH Girls Basketball Coach
Dennis Douglas	Volunteer JH Wrestling Coach
Jim Lloyd	Volunteer JH-V Boys Basketball
Mark Anderson	Volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball
Ryan Cherry	Volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball
Andrew Gartland	Volunteer Varsity Wrestling Coach
Nevin Sloan	Volunteer Varsity Wrestling Coach

•Approve the following as substitute teachers:

Luke Bowser	K-12
Leslie Reed	K-12

12. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Steve Cottle to do the following items on a consent motion with all members voting "yes".

- Acknowledge the 2024/25 Transportation Contracts per the terms outlined for year 2 of the 3-year contract adopted June of 2024. The van rate mileage is \$1.85/mile for alternative education and non-public students. The fuel adjustment chart begins \$4.23/gallon for 2024/25 contract. The rate for late bus/van for Athletics, After School and Activity runs is \$2.35/mile plus layover at \$12/hour. Vans will be paid as incurred and the bus contract for Carbaugh Transportation LLC is \$215,336.50
- Acknowledge the 2024/25 Transportation Contracts per the terms outlined for year 1 of the 5-year contract adopted January of 2024. The van rate mileage is \$2.30/mile for alternative education and non-public students. The fuel adjustment chart begins \$4.23/gallon for 2024/25 contract. The rate for late bus/van for Athletics, After School and Activity runs is \$2.30/mile plus layover at \$14/hour. Vans will be paid as incurred and the bus contract for Leidy Transportation LLCC is a base \$345,358.03 with 4% of State Contract price for additional \$13,884.98 for a total of \$359,172.35.
- Approve to pay Mullen Coughlin LLC for legal work in regard to a cyber breach and ransomware infection to the network in the amount of \$12,279.50 as an unbudgeted expenditure.
- Approve the unbudgeted purchase of Google Classroom Education bundle from Gov.Connection in the amount of \$4,117.63 for the 2024/25 school year.
- Approve attached Memorandum of Understanding with the NBC Soccer Boosters for the placement of a storage shed on the campus.

- Approve the following field trips:

NBC Music Department

Pigeon Forge, TN to Dollywood
May 16, 2025 – May 18, 2025

- Approve the following fundraisers:

NBC Music Department Claysburg Pizza/Cinnamon Rolls/Soft Pretzels
October 9-31, 2024

NBC Music Department Bedford Candies
December 16, 2024 – January 27, 2025

- Approve for sealed bid advertisement of the existing weight room equipment.
- Approve Varsity Girls Wrestling to attend tournament at University of Delaware on December 19 – December 20, 2024. District is responsible for the tournament fee, which is budgeted and transportation via school van.
- Approve the transfer of \$300,000 from Budgetary Reserve to Charter School and Tuition accounts for the 2024/25 school year.

13. Kelly Steele, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to approve the following reports and invoices: Administrative Reports, Federal Programs Report, Athletic Report, Financial Reports and Budgetary Transfers and Salary wage Listing Report and approve the payment of invoices. All members present voted "yes".
14. Andrea Poteat, seconded by Jen McCoy, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 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

WELLNESS BUILDING

Tonight was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wellness Building and tomorrow, it will be available for use for students and staff. We look forward to the building being used and beneficial to our students and staff.

VETERANS DAY

Yesterday was Veteran's Day. NBC always has excellent assemblies recognizing veterans and the sacrifices that they have made.

LAURETTA WOODSON RECIPIENTS

I want to recognize Teri Biddle and Ashley Snyder for receiving the Laretta Woodson award for great contributions to the education of children.

ELEMENTARY

Report Cards

Report cards for the first marking period were sent home with students on October 3.

Thanksgiving Meal

We will hold our annual Thanksgiving meal for the elementary school on Thursday, November 14. 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 Friday, November 8. 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. We had 44 veterans attend this year's program. Numerous students and staff had a part in this program to honor our local veterans. Mrs. Danelle Pepple 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 19 in the MPR of the elementary school. This year's show is titled "It's Showtime". Mrs. Jones, elementary school music teacher, will be directing the musical along with the assistance of the second-grade teachers.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 from 1:30 to 8:00 PM and Wednesday, November 27 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. Information regarding these conferences will go out to parents on November 13.

Safety Drill

The elementary school students and staff will be participating in a required safety/security drill on Friday, November 15. The Southern Cove Volunteer Fire Department and EMS will be participating in this drill as well.

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 2025-26 school year.

Comparability Report/Assurance

Another requirement of the Title Program is to ensure all students have equal access to the benefits provided through the Title Program funds. This can be a concern for districts that have multiple buildings housing same grade students within each building. (i.e. A district that has multiple elementary schools.) This is not a concern for us. Having just one building, our students do have equal access to these benefits.

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	Katherine Davis	Seth & Jennifer Davis
	Daniel Wiest	Brian Wiest
Grade 7	Madison Morningstar	Mark & Melissa Morningstar
	Jaidyn Shaulis	John & Rosemarie Shaulis
Grade 8	Bella McCoy	Brian & Jennifer McCoy
	Wyatt Sweinhart	Bonnie Casey & Eric Sweinhart

Hunter Trapper Education

Sixth grade students participated in Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) on Thursday, October 10th. This program is offered to our students annually by NBC staff who are trained HTE instructors. Mr. Hileman, Mr. Barton, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ewart, Mr. Beatty, Mrs. Mowery, and Mrs. Pritchett work together to educate our students on hunter safety and gun safety during this full day program. Students who pass the comprehensive exam at the conclusion of the program earn their Hunter Trapper Education Safety cards.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated across the district during the week of October 21st. Middle school students and staff participated in fun theme days including the following: Wear Red Day, Camo Day, Twin Day, Crazy Socks Day, and Team Jersey Day. Students received 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! Mrs. Musselman's door was the winner this year!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

Annual Security Drill

Secondary students and staff participated in the annual school security drill on Monday, November 4th. We focused on practicing a lockdown. Teachers reviewed procedures and expectations.

We also teach our secondary students the concept of Run, Hide, Fight each year. Drills and lessons such as these provide our students with the knowledge and confidence needed to make difficult decisions quickly in the event of an emergency.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Tuesday, November 26th from 3:30-8:00pm and Wednesday, November 27th from 8:00-11:15am. Information was sent home with students along with the Term 1 report cards. Information is also posted on the middle school's webpage.

Math Update

Danielle Marshall, a school partnership manager from Carnegie Learning, spent the day with the middle school math department on October 16th. She is available for consultation this year due to a state grant. This same grant covered the implementation of a digital supplemental resource, Math Stream. This program is utilized in the middle school, along with Mathia and IXL.

Amanda Williamson, a math specialist from IU8, has met with the middle school math department on two occasions this year. She spent time with us during the week of November 11th as we reviewed our current math resources and instructional approaches. Amanda will be visiting again in December and then for an in-service in January.

Middle School Upcoming Events

- Nov. 19-20 Bedford County Jr/Sr High Chorus – C. Ridge
- Nov. 21 Gr. 8 Healing Patch Presentation
Last day of After 3 program before Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 26 Two Hour Early Dismissal – PM – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 27 NO SCHOOL – AM – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 28-29 NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2 NO SCHOOL – Buck Season
- Dec. 3 Midpoint of 2nd MP
- Dec. 6-7 MS Musical - A Charlie Brown Christmas, 7:00 PM (nbcasd.booktix.com)
- Dec. 15 MS/HS Christmas Concert, 2:30 PM
- Dec. 19 Last day of After 3 program before Christmas break
- Dec. 20 Two Hour Early Dismissal
- Dec. 23-31 NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break

HIGH SCHOOL

Bedford Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase

Grade 9 students attended this career fair, held at the Bedford County Airport on 10/24/24. Students had the opportunity to informally interact with over 35 employers from our community to learn about industries and job options within our county.

Students of the Month

NBCHS is asked to select "Students of the Month" for the Morrisons Cove Rotary Club based on Rotary's criteria and staff voting. Seniors selected for the first three months of the school year include Jaylyn Resh (September), Avery Aungst (October) and Benjamin Pritchett (November). These students, as well as students from upcoming months, 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.

NHS

Eleven NBC sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. The NHS considers not only academics, but also community service, leadership, and character as qualifiers for membership. Current members include Seniors Avery Aungst, Wesley Horsh, Aleah Loose, Addison Love, and Jaylyn Resh and Juniors Adam Berry, Kaylee Ebersole, Sarah Helsel, Kasey McElgin, Makenna Showalter, and Alyssa Yeatts. New inductees include: Seniors Aaron Bowers, Jacqueline Clevenger, Raegan Snider, and Katelyn Snyder; Junior Shelby Dively; and Sophomores Grace Dainty, Amberly Detterline, Audrey Frye, Callie Miller, Mylee Mitchell, and Mayleigh Ritchey.

Women in Business

The Bedford Co. Chamber sponsored four female students to attend the Women in Business Conference at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort on November 6, 2024. This conference was a great experience that involved keynote speakers, leadership workshops, and a networking luncheon. Juniors Emalee Bowser, Shelby Dively, Olivia Helsel, and Alyssa Yeatts attended.

Early College Update

Allegany College of Maryland visited 11/12 and assisted students with spring semester course registration through their school. 25 students are participating in early college courses via ACM either in-house or online. 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.

ASVAB

Any junior or senior who wishes to take the "Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery" (ASVAB) for military enlistment or career exploration purposes may sign up this month to test at NBC in early December.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

Red Ribbon Week

Our NBC SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) coordinated our Red Ribbon Week events at NBC to raise awareness of the danger of drug use. Students showed their support by participating in a themed spirit week. The high school Pride team distributed tickets to students in which they could give to any teacher or staff member demonstrating PRIDE. A drawing was held with Mrs. Musselman and Mrs. Frederick winning Bingenheimer cookies while Mr. Keith and Mrs. Over were winners of Amazon gift cards. Finally, the Grim Reaper made an appearance to represent the daily lives lost to drugs and alcohol.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 26 from 3:30 to 8:00 PM and Wednesday, November 27 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.

Veterans Day Assembly

On Friday, November 8th, 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 is collecting 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 club 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 26th at scheduled times.

NBC PRIDE Activity

On Tuesday, November 26th, 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/6th period class. In the courtyard, students will be able to participate in yard games and, weather permitting, roast marshmallows at a fire pit.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

Current Issues Field Trips

On 10/29 Current Issues attended a small campaign rally in Johnstown to hear Bill Clinton speak on behalf of the Harris campaign. Every student on the trip was able to meet the former president and shake his hand after he was finished speaking. On 10/30, students traveled to the Bedford County Airport to hear Senator Vance speak. Students arrived at 12 and worked the event for 5 hours before heading in to hear Senator Vance and Tulsi Gabbard deliver their remarks (feel free to insert any of my complaints here if you see fit). Thanks to Mr. Frederick for driving the other van that day.

Mr. Barton and his class would like to thank everyone that made these unique and unplanned trips possible. There is no better way to get kids excited about the electoral process than having them experience these events first hand.

Wellness Curriculum

I have been meeting with Mrs. Clouse and Mr. Clark regarding how we can best utilize the new wellness center into our physical education curriculum. We are currently working towards restructuring the curriculum maps for all high school courses to include a wellness unit at the beginning of the year that provides students with a thorough training of proper use of equipment along with proper cleaning and most importantly, safe use. We have also been discussing how to implement use of the wellness center into other units so that continual use is consistent throughout the year.

Unique Opportunities

In October, I was invited to participate in Mr. Gable's Sociology Class discussion around "coffee culture". This was a great experience for me to teach students about various methods for making coffee and some of the history behind this popular drink. The class discussion around the recent cultural changes in societies was interesting and it was exciting to hear student's perspectives on how something as simple as coffee can impact our society.

Also in October, Mrs. Kensinger and Mr. Over invited me and my family to attend the FFA campfire. This was a great experience for all who participated and I appreciated the opportunity to spend time with our students in a different setting. Additionally, my children greatly appreciated the smores.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Fall Team Records

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Jr. HIGH</u>
Football	9-2	6-2	7-1
Volleyball	7-12	0-15	2-14
Boys' Soccer	3-15		12-3-1
Girls' Soccer	11-8-1		
Golf	6-9		

Playoffs:

Football: The #2 seed Black Panthers defeated the #3 seed Meyersdale Red Raiders in the District 5A semi-final at Panther Community Stadium on Friday, November 1st. District 5A Championship to be played on Saturday, November 8th at Somerset versus #1 seed Windber Ramblers.

Girls Soccer: In the 1st round of playoff action on October 23rd, the 5th seeded Lady Panthers soccer team defeated the 4th seeded Everett Lady Warriors to advance to the District 5A semi-final round with the #1 seed McConnellsburg Lady Spartans on October 28th, where they fell with a score of 3-1.

Volleyball: In the first round of playoff action on October 24th, the 8th seeded Lady Panthers lost to #1 seed Berlin Lady Mountaineers.

Cross Country: At the State Cross Country meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Senior Savannah finished the course in 44^h.

Winter Sports

Winter sports practice officially begins on Friday, November 15th for all winter athletes.

Scrimmages

Boys' Varsity Basketball - Monday, 11/25 Home with Bellwood 4:00pm
(JH included, elem gym)

Girls' Varsity Basketball - Wednesday, 11/27 @ Central 12:30 pm

Season Openers

- Boys' Varsity Basketball—Friday, November 29 Tip-Off Tournament @ Chestnut Ridge (6:00 pm)
- Boys' Jr. High Basketball—Monday, December 9 @ Southern Huntingdon (5:30 pm)
- Girls' Varsity Basketball—Tuesday, December 3 @ Berlin (6:15 pm)
- Girls' Jr. High Basketball—Tuesday, December 3 @ Berlin (5:00 pm)
- Boys' Varsity Wrestling—Tuesday, December 3 Home with Claysburg (6:30 pm)
- Girls' Varsity Wrestling- Saturday, December 7 @ Claysburg (ICC Tournament)
- Jr. High Wrestling—Tuesday, December 3 Home with Claysburg (6:00 pm)