

**NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Agenda for January 14, 2025**

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.
6. Student Representative Report by Max Gochnour.
7. Audit presentation for 2023/24 by Jeff Koontz, Ritchey, Ritchey & Koontz
8. Approve the 2023 24 audit report.
9. Communications: Resignation letter from Kathleen Lingenfelter as Special Education teacher; Resignation letter for purposes of retirement for Jennie Hetzer as Special Education teacher; Request for Savannah Hershberger to attend PA Classic High School State Gymnastic meet; Resignation letter from Nicholas Burket as secondary custodian.
10. Announcements: The February board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in Room 136 of the High School.
11. Approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024 board meeting.
12. Acknowledge that Patrick Fanelli, Solicitor, has his own practice of Fanelli Legal and is no longer associated with Fanelli Willet.

Personnel

13. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Kathleen Lingenfelter as Special Education teacher to be held 60 days effective February 13, 2025.
14. Accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennie Hetzer for purposes of retirement as of end of 2024/25 school year.
15. Accept the resignation of Nicholas Burket as secondary custodian as of January 17, 2025.

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16. Approve the transfer of 22 ill days for Megan Flaherty from previous employer. The school code allows the transfer of up to 25 days.
17. Approve the transfer of 7 ill days for Alison Ritchey from previous employer. The school code allows the transfer of up to 25 days.
18. Approve the following as substitutes:

Lavinia Gunning	Food Service
Sharon Reininger	Food Service

APPROVALS

19. Approve the Resolution Not to Raise Taxes above the Index for 2025/26 budget as per attached resolution.
20. Approve the following first and final reading of the following policies:

Policy 005	Organization
Policy 113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
Policy 113.2	Behavior Support
Policy 202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
Policy 236.1	Threat Assessment
Policy 254	Education Opportunity for Military Children 254 attachment
Policy 308	Employment Contract-Board Resolution
Policy 607	Tuition Income
Policy 805.2	School Security Personnel
Policy 823	Opioid Antagonist
21. Approve Todd Beatty to attend the Pennsylvania Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) Conference to be held April 30 – May 2, 2025 at Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boalsburg, PA.
22. Approve the first reading of the 2025/26 school calendar.
23. Approve Guyer Brothers, 1481 Salemville Road, New Enterprise PA, as sole bidder for the Lining of the Sewage Line from NBC Elementary to South Woodbury Main line in the amount of \$95,165.50. This project is part of the DCED Public Facility grant in which the district is responsible for 25% match of this project. This bid will be marked as a sole source vendor for the bidding process.
24. Approve Modern Art & Plate Glass Co. Inc, 30 Conrad St, Johnstown PA 15905, as sole bidder for the Elementary Window Replacement Project in the amount of \$534,650. This project is part of the DCED Public Facility grant in which the district is responsible for 25% match of this project. This bid will be marked as a sole source vendor for the bidding process.

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25. Approve Link Computer Corporation & Assurance Media LLC, 140 Stadium Drive, Bellwood PA, as sole bidder for Phase 1 of the Door Access project. This will provide renewed electrification of the Elementary, Middle and High School doors as well as the additional doors for the Wellness Center in the amount of \$64,682.12. This project is partially funded by the PCCD Mental Health Grant (Grant 44885). The local commitment is \$7,967. This bid will be marked as a sole source vendor for the bidding process.
26. Approve a Pig Butchering Raffle Fundraiser for NBC Boys Basketball Boosters to be held January 15, 2025 thru February 4, 2025.
27. Approve Savannah Hershberger to attend the PA Classic High School State Gymnastic Meet in Huntingdon, PA on February 21 – 22, 2025 representing Northern Bedford. All associated costs will be the responsibility of her parents.
28. Approve Bea Stern to hold an adult pottery class to be held Thursdays from January 16, 2025 thru February 6, 2025 with maximum of 8 participants of teachers or staff. It will be held in the Elementary art room from 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm and the cost will be \$40 per person. A Spring time class may also be held later in the 2024/25 school year.

Administrative Reports

29. Approve the following reports and invoices

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

30. Adjournment

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Thursday, December 5, 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; 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: Ryan Spring representing the Bedford Gazette; Megan Flaherty and Savannah Hershberger.

1. Randy Wiand called the meeting to order.
2. Roll call with all members present except Jack Briggs.
3. Andrea Poteat served as Temporary President.
4. Andrea Poteat opened the floor for nominations of President. Andrea Poteat nominated Randy Wiand with Steve Cottle seconding the nomination. Being no more nominations, the nominations were closed. Vote was 7-1 electing Randy Wiand as President with John Eshelman voting "no".
5. Randy Wiand convened as President and opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Ralph Scott nominated Jen McCoy with Steve Cottle seconding the nomination. Jen McCoy nominated Steve Cottle with Andrea Poteat seconding the nomination. Vote was 6-2 electing Jen McCoy as President with Jen McCoy and Andrea Poteat voting "no" in voting Jen McCoy as Vice-President.
6. Prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Steve Cottle.
7. Review of the Agenda was done by the Superintendent.
8. There were no citizens who wished to address the board.
9. Savannah Hershberger gave the student representative report which included the following items: Winter sports are in full swing with the girls' basketball team competing in their first game on Monday and the boys having their first game on Friday. The boys had their first wrestling match last night against Claysburg. The girls' wrestling team is set to have a stellar year led by seniors Reagan Snider and Ava Helsel. The fencing team will have their first match against Grier in a few short weeks. Auditions for the high school musical will take place next week. Senior project presentations wrapped up with seniors presenting a plethora of different types of projects even including a student job shadowing as a scuba instructor. The door decorating contest in the high school is underway with classrooms festively decking the halls. The FFA wants to thank all the school board members who attend the pig roast! It was a successful pig roast.
10. Communications included: Resignation of Deidre Mellott as Assistant Junior High Volleyball coach.
11. It was announced that the January board meeting will be held January 14, 2025 in Room 136 of the High School.
12. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Jen McCoy to approve the minutes from the November 12 and 22, 2024 board meetings. All members present voted "yes".
13. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by John Eshelman to approve the monthly meeting dates for 2025 as follows:
January 14, 2025
February 11, 2025

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

May 13, 2025

June 17, 2025 (note this is the Third Tuesday for Budget Adoption)

July – No Meeting

August 12, 2025

September 9, 2025

October 14, 2025

November 13, 2025 (note this is a Thursday evening due to Veterans Day)

December 4, 2025 (note this is a Thursday Evening and Board Re-Organization)

14. The board committees for 2025 were announced as follows:

Budget – Ralph Scott, John Eshelman, Mike Cottle

Campus Signs – Jen McCoy, Andrea Poteat, Kelly Steele

15. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Ralph Scott, to approve the yearly board schedule to be advertised in local papers in January of 2025. The school website calendar will have the monthly meetings posted.
16. Jack Briggs was appointed as Legislative chairperson.
17. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by Steve Cottle, to do the following items as a consent motion with all members present voting “yes”.
- Accept the resignation of Deidre Mellott as Assistant Junior High Volleyball coach.
 - Approve the following as volunteers to assist in the Auto Mechanics classes:

Noah Leberfinger

Allen Feathers

William Clark

- Approve the following as Substitute Teacher:

Jenna Heacock

PK-4

Sarah England

Act 91 (Pending Paperwork)

- Approve the following as volunteers for Winter Sports:

Ryan Hall

Volunteer Elementary Wrestling

18. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to do the following items as a consent motion with all members present voting “yes”.

- Approve the following policies on 1st and Final Reading:

Policy 103.1

Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities with Attachments

Policy 247

Hazing

Policy 249

Bullying/Cyberbullying

Policy 252

Dating Violence

Policy 317.1

Educator Misconduct

Policy 336

Personal Necessity Leave

Policy 339

Uncompensated Leave

Policy 807
Policy 824

Opening Exercises/Flag Displays
Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

- Approve Panther Youth Soccer Association to use the soccer fields beginning the week of March 24, 2025 through May 31, 2025. 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.
- Approve Savannah Hershberger to participate and represent Northern Bedford County School District in indoor track for the Winter 2024/25 season. The parents are responsible for all transportation to and from meets as well as all entry fees and expenses incurred as a result of their participation.
- Approve a fundraiser for Winter Cheerleaders to conduct a mini cheer camp on January 23-24, 2025 from 6-8 pm in the High School Auxiliary gym.

19. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, with Mike Cottle abstaining, to approve the results of a sealed bid for the weight room equipment that was advertised as shown below to Ashley Cottle for all items in the amount of \$2,476. One other bid was received in the amount of \$351 for the York Dumbbell Set, however it was less than Ashely Cottle's bid of \$1,050 for that line item. All members present voted "yes".

Description	Qty
ProMaxima Seated Chest Press Machine	1
ProMaxima Overhead Shoulder Press Machine	1
ProMaxima Seated/Overhead Tricep Extension	1
Nautilus Smith Machine	1
Body Solid Lat Pull Down Machine	1
Pro Star Sports Super Sled / Leg Press	1
Nautilus Cross Over Cable Machine w/ adjustable pulleys	1
Life Fitness Flat Bench	1
York Dumbbell set (5lb - 100 lbs) with stands	1
Body Solid Adjustable/Portable bench	1
Fitness Gear Adjustable/Portable bench	1
Flat Bench (Manufacturer unknown)	1
Body Solid Leg Extension Machine	1
Seated Bicep Curl bench	1
Fitness Gear Power rack	1
Ethos Power rack	1
45 lb weights (14 regular / 6 Red used for Leg Sled)	20
35 lb weights (14 regular / 6 Red used for Leg Sled)	10
25 lb weights (14 / 2 yellow)	16
10 lb weights	8
5 lb weights	15
2 1/2 lb weights	6

Description	Qty
Olympic bars	7
Curl bars	3
Tricep Hammer curl bar	1
Hex trap bar	2

20. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Jen McCoy to approve the Financial reports and Budgetary Transfers. All members present voted "yes".
21. Discussion items were held as follows: Randy Wiand expressed the idea of the district purchasing a school bus for use when other transportation cannot be attained. It was suggested that the administration be allowed to explore these options and explore options for a driver as well. Steve Cottle reported to the board a need for FCS to attain a coffee machine for them to manage and utilize in their curriculum. The NB Foundation has agreed to fund part of this effort and they are seeking for the school board to fund part of it. Ralph Scott expressed about former coaches/employees to visit the Wellness Center. Zach Clark demonstrated how everything is being utilized with student progress in the weight room and suggested a presentation to the board on this.
22. John Eshelman, seconded by Ralph Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm

Teri L. Biddle
Business Manager/Board Secretary

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 2025/26 fiscal year is 5.5%

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 2025/26 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 14th day of January, 2025, 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 2025/26 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 2025/26 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 2025/26 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 School District 2025-26 School Calendar

18 - Teacher In-Service 19 - Teacher In-Service 20 - First Student Day Note: 9 Student Days 10 Teacher Days	AUGUST 2025						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							1 2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31							

1, 2 - No School (New Year) 19 - No School (MLK Day - Teacher In-Service) 23 - No School (Teacher In-Service) Note: 20 Student Days 20 Teacher Days	JANUARY 2026						
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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1 - No School (Labor Day) 22 - No School (Teacher In-Service) Note: 20 Student Days 21 Teacher Days	SEPTEMBER 2025						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				

13 - No School (Make-Up Day #1) 16 - No School (President's Day) (Make-Up Day #3) Note: 18 Student Days 18 Teacher Days	FEBRUARY 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

13 - No School (Columbus Day) Note: 22 Student Days 22 Teacher Days	OCTOBER 2025						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

12 - No School (Make-Up Day #2) 13 - No School (Make-Up Day #4) Note: 20 Student Days 20 Teacher Days	MARCH 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

11 - No School (Veteran's Day) 25 - Two Hour Early Dismissal (PM Conferences) 26 - No School (AM Conferences) 27, 28 - No School (Thanksgiving) Note: 16 Student Days 17 Teacher Days	NOVEMBER 2025						
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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30							

3 - No School (Good Friday) 6 - No School (Easter Monday) 24 - Two-Hour Early Dismissal Note: 20 Student Days 20 Teacher Days	APRIL 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	29	29	30		

1 - No School (Buck Season) 23 - Two-Hour Early Dismissal 24-31 Christmas Break Note: 16 Student Days 16 Teacher Days	DECEMBER 2025						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			

13 - Two-Hour Early Dismissal 25 - No School (Memorial Day) 28- Last Day for Students (Two-Hour Early Dismissal) 29 - Teacher In-Service Day Note: 19 Student Days 20 Teacher Days	MAY 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31							

Schedule for Make-Up Days

- February 13, 2026
- March 12, 2026
- February 16, 2026
- March 13, 2026

Teacher In-Service - ACT 80
Teacher In-Service - ACT 48
No School-Possible Make-Up Day
First & Last Student Day
Holiday
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Two Hour Early Dismissal

*Use of FID days will be used as necessary to maintain the last day of school.

**In the event all snow/FID days are used additional days will be made up at the end of the school year.

**Northern Bedford County School District
2025/2026 School Calendar-PRELIMINARY**

Month	Day	Description	Student Days	Faculty Days
August	18	In-Service Day for Teachers (Act 48)	9	10
	19	In-Service Day for Teachers (Act 80)		
	20	First Day for Students		
September	1	No School (Labor Day)	20	21
	22	No School (Teacher In-Service Day Act 48)		
October	13	No School (Columbus Day)	22	22
November	11	No School (Veteran's Day)	16	17
	25	Two Hour Early Dismissal (PM-Parent/Teacher Conferences)		
	26	No School (AM-Parent/Teacher Conferences)		
	27,28	No School (Thanksgiving)		
December	1	No School (Buck Season)	16	16
	23	Two-Hour Early Dismissal		
	24-31	No School (Christmas Break)		
January	1,2	No School (New Year's Day)	20	20
	19	No School (MLK Day) (Teacher In-Service Day Act 80)		
	23	No School (Teacher In-Service Day Act 80)		
February	13	No School (President's Day) (Make-Up Day #1)	18	18
	16	No School (President's Day) (Make-Up Day #3)		
March	12	No School (Make-Up Day #2)	20	20
	13	No School (Make-Up Day #4)		
April	3	No School (Good Friday)	20	20
	6	No School (Easter Monday)		
	24	Two-Hour Early Dismissal (NBCAA Invitational Track Meet)		
May	13	Two-Hour Early Dismissal (District Track Meet)	19	20
	25	No School (Memorial Day)		
	28	Last Day for Students (Two-Hour Early Dismissal) Graduation		
	29	In-Service Day for Teachers (Act 48)		
Total Days			180	184

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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

BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

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.

AUDIT REPORT

The local auditor has completed the audit for the 23-24 school year. Northern Bedford has been very conservative in the budgeting process, unfortunately increased costs have outpaced revenue. The 23-24 budget year closed at approximately \$125,000 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. There are simple solutions that our politicians in Harrisburg have refused to pursue even though I was told they are tired of hearing about it. It seems to me when everyone is saying the same thing, it is probably correct and in this case a major problem.

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, 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.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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

ELEMENTARY

Elementary Music

Grade 5 students performed the Christmas Extravaganza concert for the students and later for the public in the MS/HS Auditorium on December 10. The grades 4 and 5 chorus also performed during the concert. On January 12, the elementary students had an opportunity to sing around the Christmas tree in the elementary school lobby. Mrs. Jones, the elementary music teacher, does a great job showcasing the music program and providing enjoyable music activities for all the students.

Elementary Student Council

The elementary student council planned a collection for the residents at the Village of Morrisons Cove. They collected socks and Christmas cards and presented them to the residents on December 12. The residents appreciated the gifts and enjoyed the time spent with the student council. Mrs. Brumbaugh is the student council advisor.

Altoona Curve Assembly

The Altoona Curve presented an assembly for the elementary school on January 10. The interactive assembly included Loco, the Curve mascot. The theme of the program was "Kindness is the Key". The assembly focused on learning the importance of being kind through three core areas, Being Polite, Understanding and accepting everyone's differences, and Generosity. The assembly was very popular and served as a great message for our students.

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 – Curtis Bollman, K – Easton Wiand, 1 – Weston Ritchey, 2 – Jaxson Diehl, 3 – Ava McClain, 4 – Phillip Wentz, 5 – Camden Eichelberger.

December

PK – Bryson Yingling, K – Bradley Ritchey, 1 – Kasen Lanzendorfer, 2 – Lincoln McVey, 3 – Harper Howe, 4 – Donovan Francke, 5 – Kyla Gorsuch.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT

Nothing to report

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	Kamryn Oldham	Michele Helsel
	Jalen Meck	Randy Meck
Grade 7	Kaylee Barton	Landon & Kristan Barton
	Aiden Hershberger	Nathan & Stephanie Hershberger
Grade 8	Natalia Nickelson	Wendy Garman
	Aydyn Walters	Merle & Tammy Walters

Congratulations to Mrs. Clouse for being honored as our November Staff Member of the Month!

NBC Middle School December Students of the Month:

Grade 6	Mya Conley	Zachary & Tera Conley
	Grayson Rodgers	Steve & Kimberly Rodgers
Grade 7	Leah Steele	Jonathan & Lucene Steele
	Caden Taylor	Robert & Amanda Taylor
Grade 8	Myrinah Ritchey	Jason & Johnna Ritchey
	Jake Keller	Wendy Garman

Congratulations to Mr. Keith for being honored as our December Staff Member of the Month!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

County Chorus

The Bedford County Junior and Senior High Choir Festival was hosted by the Chestnut Ridge School District November 19-20th. The festival included both a Jr High (grades 6-8) and Sr High (grades 9-12) Choir from schools across Bedford County. Students participated in full day rehearsals on both the 19th and 20th, followed by a concert the evening of the second day. Approximately 40 students represented NBC within both of the ensembles.

Healing Patch

A representative from the Home Nursing Agency Foundation's Healing Patch Children's Grief Program provided an annual presentation to our 8th grade students in November. This lesson was designed to help our students understand the types of feelings that can develop when experiencing loss and to learn skills on how to cope with those emotions. When a person experiences a loss, the range of emotions that arise can collectively be referred to as grief. Loss can refer to situations such as moving schools, the ending of a friendship, death of a pet or a loved one, such as a parent, sibling, grandparent or friend. Grief can be a difficult emotion for children and teens to cope with.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences were held in November. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to connect face to face. With middle school being a transition time, as many students become more independent, we do not see as many parents at conferences as the elementary. The meetings that do occur bring clarification and insight into students' school and home responsibilities. Conferences were attended by approximately 10% of the middle school families this year.

Friendsgiving by PRIDE

The PRIDE team began a new tradition last year, "Friendsgiving in the Courtyard!" Students enjoyed smores made over a campfire, cornhole games, and socializing with their classmates in celebration of Thanksgiving again this year.

Charlie Brown Musical

Thirty-one middle school students worked together to bless our students, staff, and community with several amazing performances of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" over the 2024 holiday season. Our elementary, middle school, and high school students and staff enjoyed the first two performances on December 5th while our students' families, friends, and community members were invited to enjoy performances on December 6th and 7th.

Annual Christmas Music Concert

Middle school and high school musicians were set to perform the annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15th. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and proved too dangerous to encourage our community to be out and about that day. The music department and administration worked together to develop a back-up plan that involved performing in front of a full auditorium of students, staff, and community members during the school day on Monday, December 16th. The concert was well-received, and our students were able to showcase their talents!

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

Marching Band Cadets

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, our 8th grade band students will be eligible to take advantage of a brand new accelerated marching band program called the Panther Marching Cadets. As a Panther Marching Cadet, 8th grade students can experience a year in marching band by participating in parades, football games, and other marching band events prior to their full senior high band program beginning in 9th grade. Students will still participate in the middle school band program but enjoy some of the benefits of this accelerated program, bringing an added challenge to the Fall of the 8th grade year. Currently 10 members of our 7th grade band class have already committed to this Fall program with an additional 4-5 students still planning recruitment. Over 50% of the 7th grade band class jumped on board for 2025!

Spelling Bee

Approximately 50 middle school students participated in the annual middle school spelling bee on Thursday, December 19th. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 stood in front of our three judges (Mrs. Over, Mr. Ewart, and Mr. Miller) as they individually spelled the words provided to them by Mrs. Klavuhn. Greyson Musselman (7th) placed first, while Shawn Schleinkofer (8th) came in second, and Annika Camenga (7th) took third.

MS Social

The Middle School Student Council organized and sponsored a Middle School Social that took place on Friday, December 20th. 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!

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. Middle school and high school students wore pajamas, dressed like Christmas characters, held a "color war," and adorned themselves in ugly holiday sweaters during the week of Christmas. Our students also used their imaginations and artistic talents to create some amazing door decorations. The PRIDE team sponsored the door decorating contest.

Additionally, our annual holiday assembly was 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

Firefly Assessment - ELA & Math

PDE rolled out a new assessment at the beginning of the year that is offered to all school districts in the state at no cost. The overarching purpose of this online assessment is to determine if our students are on track to meet their grade level goals by the end of the school year. With the PSSAs and Keystones shifting to online test administration, this assessment also provides our students with an opportunity to “get their feet wet” by taking a comprehensive assessment online.

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will take the English Language Arts and Math Firefly assessments on Thursday, January 23rd. We understand that results will be available to our teachers to use to guide their instruction almost immediately.

Middle School Upcoming Events

Jan. 15 End of 2nd MP

Jan. 15 Ski Club

Jan. 17 Grades due in Focus – 9 AM

Jan. 20 Grade corrections due & posting window closes – 9 AM

Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In Service (Act 80)

Jan. 21 Ski Club

Jan. 24 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In Service (Act 80)

Jan. 29 Ski Club

Feb. 14 Make-Up Day #1 - used for 1/6/25

Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL - Make-Up Day #3

Feb. 18 Midpoint of 3rd MP

Feb. 22 Middle School Semi-Formal

March 1 Middle School Semi-Formal (backup date)

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 2025 courses on November 12, 2024. Dr. Barb Zuchelli and Mrs. Tina Kravitz from ACM were present to assist the 26 participating students in completing their paperwork. ACM's spring semester will begin on January 15, 2025.

ASVAB Testing: The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025. 20 juniors and seniors have registered to take this assessment for either military consideration or general career planning information. Military recruiters from all branches continue to interact with high school students throughout the year via monthly lunch visits.

As we approach the midpoint of the school year, we are happy to report that all Class of 2025 members have met their Act 158 state graduation requirements. 29 met requirements due to Keystone Proficiency, 26 through Keystone Composite, 8 as a CTE Concentrator, 1 through Alternative Assessment, and 1 through Evidence Based pathways.

Senior Projects

Students in the class of 2025 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 2-3, 28 students in grades 7-12 participated in the Bedford County JR and SR High Band Ensembles at Tussey Mountain High School. Both ensembles are made up of musicians from throughout the county. The two day festival culminated with a concert on January 3rd. Our NBC band students represented our school well and took advantage of the opportunity to play with other musicians from around the county.

District 6 Band

Four NBC students, Adam Berry, Jackie Clevenger, Leah Beckett, and Addison Reasy, successfully auditioned for the District Band festival that will take place in Bellwood on January 22nd - 24th. In addition to performing with musicians from other schools, these students will soon have an opportunity to audition for the much larger and more advanced Region III Band festival to be held in February. We wish them the best of luck.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

Bedford County Junior and Senior High Choir

November 19-20 2024: The Bedford County Junior and Senior High Choir Festival was hosted by the Chestnut Ridge School District. The Festival included both a Jr High (grades 6-8) and Sr High (grades 9-12) Choir from schools across Bedford County. All day rehearsals on both days culminated with a concert at on the evening of the November 20, 2024. Approximately 40 students represented our school within both of the ensembles

Select Choir Public Performances

The NBC Panther Select Choir performed at Faith United Methodist Church in Woodbury on Sunday, December 8 for their worship service. The students did a great job and enjoy participating in our community events.

PMEA District 6 Choir

On February 5-7, 2025, four Northern Bedford County High School Choir members will participate in the PMEA District 6 Choir Festival from their successful auditions in October 2024. The event will feature rehearsals with approximately 170 students from the four surrounding counties under Guest Conductor Dr. Joy Meade (Messiah University). The festival will be hosted by Berlin-Brothersvalley High School. Please help us congratulate the following Northern Bedford County High School Students- Jackie Clevenger, Adam Berry, Wyatt Steele, and Addison Reasy, on achieving this level or performance.

High School Musical

The Northern Bedford County Choral Department is now in full preparation for this year's Spring Musical "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS". This musical has devoured the hearts of theatre-goers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's The Little Mermaid, Beauty And The Beast, and Aladdin) are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world.

The production will showcase a cast of 40 students from the Middle and High School, colorful scenic elements, and a live, professional orchestra of 11 musicians. Performance dates are March 20-22, 2025. Tickets are already on sale and can be purchased by visiting

<https://nbcsd.booktix.com> .

Ski Club

Ski club has 47 members this year. We will be going to Blue Knob on January 8,15,21 and 29. We will depart around 3:00 and return to school around 8:50.

Prom

Our 2025 High School Prom will be held at Clear Ridge Wedding & Event Venue in Clearville, PA . This facility provides both indoor and outdoor space for students. Additionally, for the first time in many years, our students will eat dinner at the event. We look forward to this event along with the rest of our end-of-year celebratory activities.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

ISidelineCancer

This year's ISideline Cancer games took place on Tuesday, January 7th. Proceeds from the shirt sale benefited two local community members - Hadley Reed and Anita Martin. Together, the schools raised \$5,700 to support these families. The Sideline Cancer games continue to be a great highlight of our supportive communities and we'd like to thank all who contributed to this event.

Building Storage

NBC Athletic Director Ryan Cherry and I are currently spearheading the best use of our facility space. With the addition of the Wellness Center, our old weight room will be utilized to store a plethora of athletic equipment and other items such as tables, chairs, etc. that currently lack storage.

Professional Development

On Monday, January 20th, the high school teachers along with the rest of district staff will participate in various professional development activities. Particularly, our high school math department will be meeting with the rest of the district math teachers to work on both vertical and horizontal curriculum alignment. This process should help our teachers to discover and address learning gaps that may be occurring.

Bedford Chamber Event

Last week, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Cerully, and Mrs. Swanseen attended the Bedford County BASICS committee meeting to meet with other schools and local businesses. Discussions centered around current challenges to workforce development, connecting students with our employers, and education on employment opportunities.

Special Recognition

The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge is a national competition where groups around the country compete to see who can create innovative inventions that play a positive role in their community. This year, we are proud to announce that the Northern Bedford group has already been selected as a state finalist. The group is currently working towards being selected as a State Champion. This year's project was proposed by the students, who had interest in designing a new traffic light modification which provides a countdown to larger hauling rigs and farm equipment. If used correctly, this would reduce the amount of emergency stops being made, or cut down on red lights that heavy machinery runs due to not being able to stop in time. The group has been working with Willie Sollenberger, a 2011 NBC Graduate, who currently works on PennDOT traffic lights through Dickerson Electric in Claysburg. With his guidance, they have been researching how to use reflective tape to make lights only visible at the elevated height of larger equipment and how to read when a light will change from green so as to provide a countdown to drivers.

ATHLETIC REPORT