

**NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Agenda for February 11, 2025**

Opening

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge and Prayer led by Andrea Poteat.
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. Presentation by FBLA.
FBLA Students presented on their projects. Casey McElgin presented on the Community Service Project, "Healing Hugs". Shelby Dively presented on the American Enterprise Project for the FBLA.
8. Presentation by Zach Clark regarding Fitness Tracking software.
9. Communications: Garry Black resignation as Assistant Varsity Track Coach; Craig Mitchell resignation of Head JH Softball Coach; Aaliyah Pepple attending High School Gymnastic States competition.
10. Announcements: The March board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in Room 136 of the High School.
11. Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 board meeting. JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY
12. Review Health and Safety Plan JEN MCCOY ANDREA POTEAT

Personnel – CONSENT MOTION 16-20 – RALPH SCOTT JEN MCCOY

13. Approve to hire Sacia Smith starting at Step 1 of Bachelors Schedule at \$45,500 with the 2025/26 school year as Elementary Special Education teacher pending PA Certification and clearances. RALPH SCOTT JEN MCCOY
14. Approve Daniel Lazor as Secondary Custodian at \$15.50/hour effective. Start date pending on completion of clearances. ANDREA POTEAT JOHN ESHELMAN
15. Approve Rock Manges as temporary Auto and Cooperative Education Instructor at \$115/day for up to 3 days/week pending paperwork. MIKE COTTLE RALPH SCOTT
16. Approve the following as substitutes:

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Danis Miller	IU
Josalyn Miller	IU
Meleah Murphy	Math
Rock Manges	CTC and Director Certification (pending paperwork)

17. Accept the resignation of Garry Black as Assistant Varsity Track Coach.
18. Accept the resignation of Craig Mitchell as Head Junior High Softball Coach.
19. 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:

Ryan Cherry	Head Varsity Baseball Coach	\$2,660.00
Larry Corle	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$1,430.00
Brian Dutchcot	Head JH Baseball Coach	\$1,430.00
Brian Frederick	Assistant JH Baseball Coach	\$1,240.00
Shane Suter	Head Varsity Softball Coach	\$2,670.00
Todd England	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$2,170.00
Amanda Replogle	Head JH Softball Coach	\$1,310.00
Andy Barton	Assistant JH Softball Coach	\$1,000.00
Marcus Yeatts	Head Boys and Girls Varsity Track Coach	\$3,505.00
Robert Stultz	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$1,670.00
Jeff Batzel	Associate Head Boys Track Coach	\$3,540.00
Brittany Beach	Associate Head Girls Track Coach	\$1,940.00
Nicole Zimmerman	Head Jr. High Track Coach	\$1,250.00
Johnna Ritchey	Assistant Jr. High Track Coach	\$1,400.00

20. Approve the following as volunteers for Spring 2024/25 season.

Shane Zellers	Volunteer JH Baseball Coach
Kaity Corle	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Brittany Ebersole	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Allie Hileman	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Madison Johnson	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Brice Verbit	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Taylor Ridgeley	Volunteer JH Track and Field Coach
Kevin Gable	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
David McIlnay	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
Brandon Snider	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
Zachary Clark	Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach
Craig Mitchell	Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach
Brooke Over	Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach
Whitley Mellott	Volunteer Varsity Track and Field Coach
Kecia Scott	Volunteer Varsity Track and Field Coach
Shalonne Sipes	Volunteer Varsity Track and Field Coach
Garry Black	Volunteer Varsity Track and Field Coach

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APPROVALS – CONSENT MOTION 21-33 – MIKE COTTLE JOHN ESHELMAN

21. Approve the second and final reading of the 2025/26 school calendar.
22. Approve the K-12 Guidance Plan per Chapter 339 as attached.
23. Approve school district to enter into a 3 year contract with Parent Square for website and communication modules effective with the 2025/26 school year as follows:

Smart Site Multi Site 2025 Year 1	\$3.28/student	\$2,952
Smart Site Multi Site 2026 Year 2	\$3.37/student	\$3,033
Smart Site Multi Site 2027 Year 3	\$3.47/student	\$3,123
Smart Site Premium 2025 Year 1	\$4.72/student	\$4,248
Smart Site Premium 2026 Year 2	\$4.86/student	\$4,374
Smart Site Premium 2027 Year 3	\$5/student	\$4,500

The smart site multi site portion is just for the website formation while the Smart site premium is where the SIS integrations, Alerts, Posts & Newsletters, Social Media & Website sharing, Attendance and automatic notices; direct messaging, appointments, signups, directory, calendar and event RSP, forms and permission slips, community groups and secure document capabilities are provided.

24. Approve school district to enroll in a soft launch of parent square from March 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2025 to allow the Parent Square implementation team to set up data integration, configure settings, and begin account rollout to district and school users including online training at a cost of \$3,750 to be paid in 2024/25 school year as an unbudgeted expenditure.
25. Approve Aaliyah Pepple to participate in High School Gymnastic States for Northern Bedford County High School to be held at Huntingdon High School on February 21 – 22, 2025 with parents paying any costs associated with this.
26. Approve Starla Snyder to attend PASNAP Annual Conference at State College PA from March 21, 2025 – March 23, 2025 in the amount of approximately \$650 that was a budgeted amount.
27. Retroactively approve Jennifer Aungst to attend FBLA Board of Directors’ meeting at Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA January 31, 2025 thru February 1, 2025 at an approximate cost of \$200 where budgeted money will be used.
28. Retroactively approve Brett Keith to attend PMEA District Chorus February 5-7, 2025 at Berlin Brothersvalley at an approximate cost of \$650 that was a budgeted amount.

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- 29. Approve Brett Keith to attend PMEA Region III Choir Festival March 12-14, 2025 at Bellefonte Area High School at an approximate cost of \$650 that was a budgeted amount.
- 30. Retroactively approve Bethany Kensinger to attend ACES FFA Conference February 1-2, 2025 at Harrisburg Hershey Sheraton, Hershey PA at an approximate cost of \$350 using budgeted money.
- 31. Retroactively approve Jim Over to attend ACES FFA Conference February 1-2, 2025 at Harrisburg Hershey Sheraton, Hershey PA at an approximate cost of \$350 using budgeted money.
- 32. Approve Laura Beal as van driver for Carbaugh Bus Company.
- 33. Approve the following fundraisers (some are retroactively approved):

Basket Raffle	January 28, 2025	Wrestling Boosters
Golf Tournament	June 7, 2025	Wrestling Boosters
Hoss's Night	December 20, 2024	Northern Bedford FFA Alumni
Texas Roadhouse	February 4, 2025	Northern Bedford FFA Alumni
"Raffle of Love"	February 11, 2025	Northern Bedford FFA Alumni
Subway	TBD	Northern Bedford FFA Alumni
Cornhole Tournament	TBD	Northern Bedford FFA
TBD	March, 2025	Grade 4 Field Trip

Administrative Reports – JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY

- 34. Approve the following reports and invoices
 - Administrative Reports
 - Federal Programs Report
 - Athletic Report
 - Financial Reports and Budgetary Transfer
 - Approve payment of invoices
- 35. Executive Session for reasons of Personnel.
- 36. Adjournment – JOHN ESHELMAN ANDREA POTEAT 7:11 PM

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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; 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: Jeff Koontz, Ritchey Ritchey & Koontz; Tom Schmitt, Morrisons Cove Herald; Savanna Hershberger; Erika Burkholder, Bedford Gazette.

1. Randy Wiand called the meeting to order.
2. Roll call with all members present except Mike Cottle.
3. Prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Jen McCoy
4. Review of the Agenda was done by the Superintendent.
5. There were no citizens who wished to address the board.
Savannah Hershberger gave the student representative report which included the following items: The Future Business Leaders of America club made the trek to Saint Francis to compete in the regional competition. The sideline cancer game took place last Tuesday with Northern Bedford basketball teams competing against Claysburg. In the FFA, 3 students received their keystone degree last monday the students were Aaron Conly, Ryan Bottenfeild, and Savanna Hershberger Mr. and Mrs. Hershberger receiving special recognition for having 3 children obtain the award. Interact Club delivered their cards to the veteran's home spreading Christmas cheer. The high school wrestling team helped with hosting the Northern Bedford Elementary Wrestling invitational. The Student Council will host a blood drive on February 6th. There will be an FCA 5th quarter following the February 7th basketball game. Current Issues will go to the capitol building, Congressman Joyce's office, and the holocaust museum on February 11. FBLA had a badminton tournament on Friday the tenth. All art students in grades 6-12 have decided which art piercing they will present in the spring art show. Prep work has begun for the combined FCCLA and art fundraiser, Soup, and bowl.
6. Audit presentation for the 2023/24 fiscal year was given by Jeff Koontz from Ritchey Ritchey & Koontz.
7. Communications included: 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 Gymnastics meet; Resignation letter from Nicholas Burket as secondary custodian.
8. It was announced that the February board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in Room 136 of the High School.
9. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by John Eshelman, to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024 meeting. All members present voted "yes".
10. It was acknowledged that Patrick Fanelli, Solicitor, has his own practice of Fanelli Legal and is no longer associated with Fanelli Willet.
11. Jen McCoy moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kathleen Lingenfelter as Special Education teacher to be held 60 days effective February 13, 2025. All members present voted "yes".

12. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by Steve Cottle, to accept, with regret the resignation of Jennie Hetzer for purposes of retirement as of end of 2024/25 school year. All members present voted "yes".
13. Jack Briggs moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to accept the resignation of Nicholas Burket as secondary custodian as of January 17, 2025. All members present voted "yes".
14. Jen McCoy moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to do the following items as consent motion with all members present voting "yes".
 - Approve the transfer of 22 ill days for Megan Flaherty from previous employer. The school code allows the transfer of up to 25 days.
 - Approve the transfer of 7 ill days for Alison Ritchey from previous employer. The school code allows the transfer of up to 25 days.
 - Approve the following as substitutes:

Lavinia Gunning	Food Service
Sharon Reininger	Food Service

15. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to do the following items as consent motion with all members present voting "yes".

- 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

- 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 at an approximate cost of \$850 which is a budgeted item.
- Approve the first reading of the 2025/26 school calendar.
- Approve a Pig Butchering Raffle Fundraiser for NBC Boys Basketball Boosters to be held January 15, 2025 thru February 4, 2025.
- 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.

- 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.
16. Mr. Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy to 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. This will be paid thru the General Fund. All members present voted “yes”.
 17. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to 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. This will be paid thru the General Fund. All members present voted “yes”.
 18. Jack Briggs moved, seconded by Steve Cottle, to 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. This will be paid thru the General fund. All members present voted “yes”.
 19. Ralph Scott, seconded by Jen McCoy, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Teri L. Biddle
Business Manager/Board Secretary

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
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	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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	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
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	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
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	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
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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
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	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
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	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
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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.

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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

2025/26 BUDGET

The Governor released his budget last week. He is advocating for the continued funding of public education similar to last year. I don't think the legislature is interested in that level of funding in the 25-26 budget. Hopefully I am wrong. Once again, the big financial hits to NBC are cyber and special education needs.

SUMMER PROJECTS

This summer, the district is scheduled to replace the elementary windows, lining the terracotta sewer pipe, and replace our door access system. Either late this summer or next summer, we will be adding a more secure vestibule area to the high school and middle school. We also have on the radar a lighting upgrade to LED across the district.

Budget meetings with the administration/supervisors began last week and will continue over the next week or two. Once we have budget numbers, we will meet again as necessary and then schedule a budget committee meeting.

THANKS

Thanks to Jared, Bill and others that have done a fantastic job keeping the parking lots and driveways in the district clear with the snow and ice that we have had so far this year. They take great pride in their work.

PARENT SQUARE

The district is planning to move to a new company for our website and communication needs. The new system will be much more user friendly and will allow for communications ranging from individual to everyone. It also has the ability for confidential communication as well.

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

We had a full day of K-12 math training on January 20th for the math department. Amanda, a math specialist from IU08 was on site working with our teachers and principals. All other staff were involved in round robin training which included information on sex trafficking from Your Safe Haven, Non-Crisis Intervention, Stop the Bleed, How to incorporate music into each subject area, Self-care/mental health, and Instruction on the equipment in the fitness building. The last three topics were led by our very own teachers.

SUPERINTENDENT (CONT'D)

TEACHER IN-SERVICE (CONT'D)

During the wrap up at the end of the day on the in-service day, the question was asked how much NBC addresses on-line safety with our students. Mr. Bollman teaches it every marking period in 6th grade and brings it up in the 8th and 9th as part of his curriculum. Mrs. Brown teaches online safety in K-5 grades every year using various videos and lessons available. Mr. Wyant teaches online safety in the Computer Literacy/Science courses in 6th, 7th, and 8th. He uses the FBI - Safe Online Surfing course (<https://sos.fbi.gov/en/>) as the main vehicle for instruction for online safety. Mrs. Dilling teaches online safety, including the topic of "strangers/predators in disguise" to students in grades K-5. The grade level determines the word choice used in class discussions. Her lessons around online/internet safety cover the following topics: Gr K/1 - Being Safe Online (parent permission to play online; appropriate sites for their age; no talking to strangers online just like in a store with our parents; keeping passwords safe). Gr 2/3 - Online Netiquette; Being safe online (similar to grade K/1); Password Safety; Balance our Time Online. Gr 4/5 - Review topics covered for grade levels above plus lessons on Cyberbullying; and their Digital Footprint. As you can see, the students at NBC receive a great deal of education concerning on-line safety.

ELEMENTARY

January 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 and sent to the local newspapers. The January Character Kids are listed below.

PK – Hank Hall, K – Jase Baker, 1 – Logan Gorsuch, 2 – Hazel Bowser, 3 – Gannon Replogle, 4 – River Bowser, and 5 – Olivia Watkins.

Early Childhood Registrations

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration dates are being finalized for the month of March. We are preparing to register our new students March 25-27. These dates will be shared on the school website and Facebook.

Read Across America

The High School National Honor Society students are planning to visit NBC Elementary School to help our students celebrate Read Across America Day. Read Across America Day is scheduled for the birthday of Dr. Seuss (March 2). NHS students will visit elementary classrooms and read a Dr. Seuss book to the children. Mrs. Swansen plans this activity for our students.

Surprise Assembly

On January 31, our elementary school staff organized a surprise assembly for students in the high school auditorium. The event featured a lively Masked Singer competition, with eight staff groups and one student group performing while students cast their votes to determine the winner. The assembly was a tremendous success, bringing excitement and energy to both students and staff. It provided a fun and uplifting way to close out the week and served as a much-needed morale boost during the winter months. The enthusiasm was so high that many teachers are already discussing ideas for another competition next year.

100th Day of School

Students celebrated the milestone date of the 100th day of school on January 31. Some students and staff dressed as 100-year-olds and did a great job playing the part.

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 January Students of the Month:

Grade 6	Jocelyn Tobias	Joshua & Angie Tobias
	Archer Miller	Brenton & Sarah Miller
Grade 7	Kaylynn Hall	Keyan & Brittany Hall
	John Frye	Tim & Amy Frye
Grade 8	Breanna Bollman	Scott & Alyssa Bollman
	Jerran Moyer	Jerry & Christa Moyer

Groundhog Day - Job Shadowing

Our eighth graders were recently provided with the opportunity to experience a job shadow day. During the week leading up to this event, Miss Patton provided students with activities highlighting personal strengths and interests, what to expect when transitioning to high school, understanding graduation requirements, and career exploration. At the conclusion of the week, students participated in a wide variety of jobs as they observed and worked alongside one of their relatives.

At times, it can be difficult for families to make this day work. We were blessed with some willing NBC employees as we placed a few of our students with the maintenance and cafeteria departments and in some elementary classrooms. These students were able to see the "inner workings" of our school. While this provided them with a great opportunity to experience a job they may never have otherwise thought about, it also gave some of them a new appreciation for what is done to keep our school functional and clean on a daily basis.

Sideline Cancer & ALS Awareness

Our basketball teams, coaches, and booster programs supported two great causes in January - Sideline Cancer and ALS Awareness. The funds raised during each event go to supporting the patients and families who have been impacted by these illnesses.

While monetary donations can't take away the tragedy of some diagnoses, the community support (financial and emotional) helps families who struggle with these life-changing situations. Seeing families and community members come together in this fashion makes us realize how fortunate we are to live and work in the NBC community. A sea of t-shirts reminded us of this during the ALS Awareness event, "In this hoops family, nobody fights alone."

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

What's So Cool About Manufacturing

The After 3 program has several students entering the "What's So Cool About Manufacturing" contest once again this year. Mrs. Jennifer Mowery is working with the students to take video footage from New Enterprise Stone and Lime and create a video that showcases the company and educates the public on what services they provide. Mrs. Mowery and five middle school students recently joined Mr. Frank Flamini on a tour of the quarry and office building. The employees at NES&L were happy to welcome our students to a "behind the scenes" look into what they do every day.

Firefly Assessment

The Firefly Assessment was administered to students in grades 6, 7, and 8 in January. The information below is a reflection regarding the administration of and data from the assessments.

- 2 issues with student computers not being configured correctly
- 2 ticket issues - Students not able to log in, and new tickets needed generated.
- All students w/accommodations - could not take the Math test due to DRC technical issues

Student Feedback:

- Looking at the screen and focusing on reading for too long...feel that a brain break could help.
- Layout confusing
- Concern with earbud connectivity
- Didn't like that they couldn't go back to check answers
- Paper/pencil preference
- Students thought it would be nice to do 1 session each day instead of 2, but when class actually voted on this, consensus was to do 2 sessions in one day "to get it done."

Teacher Feedback:

- Validity concern - IXL students reading on 8th/9th grade level per IXL data but "near target" per Firefly
- Different scale as PSSA - support needed, near target, prepared VS. BB, B, P, A
- Need to help students build stamina for online reading
- Students not interacting with text like they do paper/pencil.
- Students seemed to rush.
- Doesn't provide any information we aren't already aware of in regards to student performance. IXL data provides much more specific data regarding individual student strengths and weaknesses.
- No writing practice (constructed response for Math or TDA for ELA)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

Data Review:

- Broken down into 2 categories for ELA: Literature Text (LT) & Informational Text (IT)
(PSSA: Key Ideas/Details, Vocabulary Acquisition and Use, Conventions of Standard English, TDA pulse LT and IT)
- Broken down into 5 categories for Math: The Number System, Ratios & Proportional Relationships, Expressions & Equations, Geometry, Statistics & Probability
(PSSA: Functions also included)

Validity concern based on past history of our PSSA ELA scores:

- 8 students "prepared" grades 6, 7, 8 for ELA -
- 78 students "near target" grades 6, 7, 8 for ELA
- 110 students "support needed" grades 6, 7, 8 for ELA

- 3 "prepared" grades 6, 7, 8 for Math
- 33 students "near target" grades 6, 7, 8 for Math
- 131 "support needed" grades 6, 7, 8 for Math

*For scoring: Student scores 661 on Geometry. However the margin of error is (+/- 79 points) Therefore, the student scored in "Near Target" range. However, if it is +79 points they are "Prepared" with a 740, and if it's -79 points, they are "Support Needed" with a 582.

-No scale-comparison to the way PSSAs are measured (BB, B, P, A)

Consensus Moving Forward:

While this provided our students with exposure to the format of online PSSA testing, we do not see the value for our students to test with Firefly a second time this year. We also will not have students take it who could not the day of due to DRC errors with accommodations.

Middle School Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 10 | Signs of Suicide Training – Gr. 6 Reading Classes |
| Feb. 14 | SCHOOL IN SESSION – Make-Up Day for 1/6/25 |
| Feb. 17 | NO SCHOOL - Make-Up Day #3 |
| Feb. 18 | Midpoint of 3rd MP & Mrs. Swanseen in Gr. 8 English Classes |
| Feb. 20 | Interim Reports |
| Feb. 21 | Camp Cadet Presentation |
| Feb. 22 | Middle School Semi-Formal (6-9 PM) |
| March 1 | Middle School Semi-Formal (backup date) |
| March 8 | Boys Basketball Banquet (5-7 PM) |
| March 10 | SCHOOL IN SESSION - Make-Up Day for 2/6/25 |

HIGH SCHOOL

Career Technical Education (CTE)

Our students in the NBC Building Construction program competed in the District 6 SkillsUSA competition held at the Blair County Convention Center in January. The students were given an allotment of time to build a structure that includes foundational work, plumbing, several walls, and a roof. Although the students did not place, Mr. Frederick reports they did an excellent job with their task and represented NBC well.

FFA

National FFA week is February 17-21. The club is planning several activities to celebrate the week including announcements and/or videos every day to educate students on the importance of agriculture in our lives, school-wide theme days, and a FFA Breakfast.

Guidance

Scheduling: Mrs. Swanseen began the course selection process for the 2025-26 school year on January 29th by meeting with all grade 9 students. The students toured each of our CTE programs to learn about the opportunities and participate in hands-on activities related to the programs. Students and families interested in learning more about the Bedford County Technical Center are encouraged to attend the BCTC's open house on 2/11 (5:30-7:30pm) before applying to that program. Course selection for all high school students continues through the end of February.

College/Financial Aid: Seniors who plan to attend postsecondary school continue to finalize their college applications and financial aid forms. In addition to completing the 2025-26 FAFSA form, seniors are encouraged to apply for scholarships throughout the year. Information about local scholarships and national scholarship databases is listed in the Class of 2025's Canvas page throughout the year.

Career Portfolios: All Grade 11 students will complete mock interviews with local business representatives on Thursday, February 13. Juniors have been preparing in their CEW 11 course by completing sample employment applications, writing cover letters and resumes, and practicing soft skills relevant in an interview. These interviews provide valuable community connections and feedback to students as well as help to meet a portion of PA's Chapter 339 career requirements.

Fencing

Mr. Crocker is once again running the NBC Fencing club. The students learn about the sport and specific skill sets required for fencing while having the opportunity to compete against the Grier School in matches. As to no surprise, the interest in the club grew this year as students enjoy this unique opportunity.

Budget

I have been meeting with each teacher who requested budgetary items to discuss their specific needs and requests. This time has proved valuable and has allowed me to better understand how we can continue to support our students and teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)

FBLA

Our NBC FBLA once students once again performed well in the FBLA regional competition at St. Francis. Of the 79 students who participated, 72 of them qualified for the State competition in Hershey. This program continues to provide a platform for our students to explore career interests, engage in competitive events, and network with peers and professionals from various industries. Additionally, our students continue to engage in various workshops, conferences, and acts of community service that focus on practical experience and enhancing communication, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.

Automotive

I am happy to announce that we are continuing to provide a steady and relevant curriculum to our automotive program students thanks to continual support from our community members. In addition to the continued efforts of Cottle's Asphalt allowing students to observe their shop frequently and onboarding some CoOperative Education students, a recently retired BCTC employee and community member Mr. Rock Manges has agreed to work with our students three days a week. Mr. Manges brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our program and we look forward to working with him. I'd also like to thank Dr. Mike O'Dellick at the Bedford County Technical Center and the Administration at the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center who have connected us with potential NOCTI evaluators for the spring.

Employees from Ford Automotive came to the school to help establish an online curriculum called Ford Automotive Career Exploration (ACE). This online curriculum provides supplemental instruction to students regarding all aspects of work in the automotive industry. Finally, our long term substitute teacher, Pastor John Wiley continues to supervise our students and helps to guide them while working through curriculum. All of these examples continue to exemplify the strength of our community and we are sincerely grateful for the assistance provided for our students.

District Signage

Our district signage subcommittee continues to meet to develop a plan for appropriate district signage. We have been working with Mr. Shawn States from Curry Design who has provided us with renderings of some proposed ideas. Our goal is to effectively update and appropriately label our buildings on campus. Once a plan is finalized, we will present our findings to the school board.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Team Records

Boys' Varsity Basketball	5-14	Girls' Varsity Basketball	7-12	Varsity Wrestling	3-9
Boys' JV Basketball	6-11	Girls' JV Basketball	5-5	JH Wrestling	6-6
Boys' JH Basketball	15-2	Girls' JH Basketball	13-5	Girl's Wrestling	3-1

If qualify, first round of basketball playoff action will be held on February 19th for the boys and February 21st for the girls.

District 5 Varsity wrestling to be held February 21st at First Summit Arena Johnstown.

Qualifying wrestlers advance to Regionals on February 28th and March 1st at the Altoona High School Field House and States on March 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Hershey Giant Center.

Northern Bedford County has 3 selections for the 2025 Bedford County Sports Hall of Fame Class:

- Barry Crawford – Basketball & Coaching
- Steve Moyer – Cross Country & Track & Field
- 1990 Girls Basketball D5-A Champions & State Quarterfinals team coached by Dave Adams

(team included our own district administrative assistant Stacy (Decker) Pressel)