

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

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.
 - Last week was Read Across America week. Students who participated in the National Honor Society journeyed over to the elementary school to read stories to the students. Cat in the Hat and Things 1 and 2 may have also made surprising appearances.
 - The FFA hosted an area dodgeball tournament on March 4th last Tuesday. This was the largest crowd in years with teams from Williamsburg, Central, Chestnut Ridge, and Bedford.
 - The combined FCCLA and Art Club soup and bowl fundraiser successfully took place this past week. Both clubs worked hard to prepare the best food and bowls for the event.
 - Wyatt Clouse, Kaylee Ebersole, Raegan Snider, and Ava Helsel were all sent off to the PIAA wrestling states last Wednesday with a parade led by the marching band.
 - Girls basketball played at home on Saturday for their state playoff game. They played Mount Calvary Christian.
 - Current Issues took a field trip to Washington D.C to explore the holocaust museum and see the legislative process firsthand. They even had lunch with Leader of the House Mike Johnson.
7. Student Representatives from the High School Musical Departments presentation of "The Little Shop of Horrors".
8. Communications:
9. Announcements: The April board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025 in Room 136 of the High School. A Board Retreat will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 beginning at 5:30 pm.
10. Approve the minutes from the February 11, 2025 board meeting. JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY

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11. Review the upcoming bidding of the food service equipment: Standing Mixer replacement in High School Cafeteria; quantity of 2 refrigerated pass thru stand replacements for the Elementary Cafeteria, a Combi Oven replacement for the High School Cafeteria and quantity of 2 warming cabinets for the High School cafeteria utilizing current food service fund balance.
12. Election of IU08 Board of Director representatives for terms running July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2028.
13. Approve the 2025/26 IU08 Budget. MIKE COTTLE ANDREA POTEAT

Personnel

14. Approve the following as substitutes: JEN MCCOY ANDREA POTEAT

Nicole Zimmerman

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APPROVALS

15. Approve the Superintendent to place substitutes on the list or coaches in the position contingent on paperwork and final board approval at the next meeting. ANDREA POTEAT
JEN MCCOY
16. Approve the review of the following Policies. JOHN ESHELMAN KELLY STEELE

Policy 917 Parent and Family Engagement
Policy 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement
17. Approve the continuation of service with Bettwy and Emergency24 for district fire alarm and monitoring needs with the understanding the new service contracts reverts all liability back to the school district. This is an annual budgeted item of \$600. MIKE COTTLE JEN MCCOY
18. Approve to draw the remaining \$616,000 from the Somerset Line of Credit to the PLGIT Capital Reserve. This is reimbursing the district for the payment of the Wellness building. ANDREA POTEAT JOHN ESHELMAN
19. Approve Ryan Cherry to attend PA State Athletic Directors Conference in Hershey on March 19-21, 2025 with an approximate cost of \$1,000. This is a budgeted expenditure. JEN MCCOY MIKE COTTLE

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20. Approve to purchase a Manitowoc cube styler icemaker for the Athletic trainer from Carnegie Food Service Equipment and Supplies with bin in the amount of \$4,610.24. Purchase comes with 3 year part and labor on the machine, 5 year parts and labor on evaporator, 3 years labor and 5 year on parts and 3 years on labor for the compressor. This is an athletic expenditure paid by the general fund that was unbudgeted for the 2024/25 school year. ANDREA POTEAT MIKE COTTLE
21. Approve to purchase of a new Point of Sale (POS) system, Primero Edge, for the Food Service Account beginning at a cost of \$4,380 with \$1,995 as the Module Implementation and \$2,385 as the annual costs. Implementation also includes training. Implementation would be paid in the 2024/25 school year to begin transition for the program to go live with July 1, 2026 utilizing current fund balance. MIKE COTTLE ANDREA POTEAT

REPORTS

22. Approve the following reports and invoices MIKE COTTLE JOHN ESHELMAN

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

23. Transportation Issues
24. Adjournment – JOHN ESHELMAN ANDREA POTEAT 6:53 PM

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 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: Tom Schmitt, Morrisons Cove Herald.

1. Randy Wiand called the meeting to order.
2. Roll call with all members present except Jack Briggs
3. Prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Andrea Poteat.
4. Review of the Agenda was done by the Superintendent.
5. There were no citizens who wished to address the board.
6. Max Gochnour gave the student representative report.
7. Presentation was given by the FBLA by Casey McElgin and Shelby Dively on their Community Service project and American Enterprise Project for the upcoming FBLA Competitions.
8. Presentation was given by Zachary Clark regarding how he is tracking the progress of student fitness utilizing the Wellness Building.
9. Communications included: Garry Black resignation as Assistant Varsity Track Coach; Craig Mitchell resignation as Head Junior High Softball Coach; Aaliyah Pepple attending High School Gymnastic States competition.
10. It was announced that the March board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in Room 136 of the High School.
11. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting. All members present voted "yes".
12. Jen McCoy moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to accept the review of the Health and Safety Plan. All members present voted "yes".
13. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to 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. All members present voted "yes".
14. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by John Eshelman, to approve Daniel Lazor as Secondary Custodian at \$15.50/hour effective. Start date pending on completion of clearances. All members present voted "yes".
15. Mike Cottle moved, seconded by Ralph Scott, to approve Rock Manges as temporary Auto and Cooperative Education Instructor at \$115/day for up to 3 days/week pending paperwork. All members present voted "yes".

16. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Jen McCoy to approve the following as a consent motion with all members present voting "yes".

- Approve the following as substitutes:

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

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

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

- 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

17. Mike Cottle moved, seconded by John Eshelman, to do the following as consent motion with all members present voting “yes”.

- Approve the second and final reading of the 2025/26 school calendar.
- Approve the K-12 Guidance Plan per Chapter 339 as attached.
- 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.

- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Approve Laura Beal as van driver for Carbaugh Bus Company.
 - 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

18. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to approve the following reports and invoices: Administrative Reports, Federal Programs Report, Athletic Report, Financial Reports and Budgetary Transfer, Approve payment of invoices. All members present voted “yes”.
19. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Northern Bedford County School District

Maintenance Project Update

Updated 3/10/25

Projects Approved/In Progress

- Elementary Window Replacement
- Modern Art & Plate Glass won the bid and was approved during the January board meeting. We are currently working on a plan for the summer.
- Line Sewer Line from CTE Building to Main Sewer Line
- Guyer Brothers won the bid and was voted on during the January board meeting. We are currently working on a plan for the summer.
- Door Access Project
- Link Computer Corporation & Assurance Media LLC won the bid and was voted on during the January board meeting. Larry and Justin will run this project.

Potential Projects – Working on Details

Priority 1

- High School Office/Middle School Entrance
- This has been put off for this summer.
- Blacktop Repair and Resealing
- Currently working on bid specs.

Priority 2

- School Signs/Lettering on Buildings
- A Committee is currently working on developing a plan for this.

Priority 3

- High School Gym Bleachers
- Eichenlaub Co. quoted this project.
- Possible 2026 summer project.
- LED Light Replacement District Wide
- Working to stage this project over a three-year period.

Maintenance

- Eliminate Control to AC Unit for IT Room
- Mervac quoted this. Put in 2025/2026 budget.
- VFD Replacement for Biomass Boiler
- AFS quoted this. Put in 2025/2026 budget.
- Clean Coils in 13 Ceiling Mount Units at High School and Middle School rooms
- Will be put in the 2025/2026 budget.
- Wet Seal Football Locker Room Outside Doors
- Modern Art quoted this project. Will be put in the 2025/2026 budget.
- Heater Replacements in the CTC Boys and Girls Bathrooms
- Mervac will be quoting this. Will be put in the 2025/2026 budget.
- Stoker Tube Replacement for Biomass Boiler
- AFS quoted this. Put in the 2025/2026 budget.
- Replace Motor and Pump for Biomass Heat Line from High School to Elementary School.

- Mervac will be quoting this. Will be put in the 2025/2026 budget.
- Auxiliary Gym
- This will be done during the summer of 2025.
- Pole Light at Sidewalk Outside of CTE going to Stadium Entrance
- Currently working with Jared Wiand to figure out the issue with this pole light. This light hasn't worked in years and will help with our lighting issues leaving the stadium. This is a 24/25 budgeted item.

Monitoring—Will be removed if no further movement.

- Brick Wall by 6th Grade Pit
- Brick is falling off the sides of walkway. Tom Swope is looking into this.

Completed Projects – Since 2015

- Wellness Center – November 2024
- Elementary Domestic Water Pumps Replaced – August 2024
- Elementary Hot Water Heater Replaced – August 2024
- Air Conditioning at Elementary MPR, Stage, and Faculty Room – August 2024
- Paint Outside of CTC Building – July 2024
- Carpet Replacement in Elementary Library, Office Area, and Kindergarten Rooms – July 2024
- Water Line Replacement from High School to CTE – July 2024
- Painting of Elementary Office – June 2024
- Black Top Reseal at CTC Building and Stadium Area – June 2024
- Coat top of CTC Building Trades Addition – June 2024
- Gym Floor Recoat – June 2024
- Sound System Upgrades in Elementary MPR – January 2024
- CTE Fire Alarm Replacement – December 2023
- Replaced domestic water pumps and check valves at high school – November 2023
- Sound System Upgrades in High School Gym – November 2023
- Control Valves for Air Conditioning Projects in High School Gym, Locker Rooms, and District Office – November 2023
- New Fuel Line Ran from CTE Generator to New Fuel Tank – November 2023
- Water line between high school and CTE was patched – November 2023
- Air Compressor Replacement for CTE Building – October 2023
- Wire Radial Arm Saw at Ag Shop – September 2023
- Hot Water Heater Replacement at CTE – September 2023
- Green House Heated Concrete – September 2023
- Elementary/Vo-tech Pneumatic Valves Replacement – Summer 2023
- Stadium Lights Upgrade – Summer 2023
- Replace Carpet in Guidance Counselor Office – Summer 2023
- Replace Carpet in Middle School Office – Summer 2023
- All Exterior Doors Replacement at the Elementary – Summer 2023
- Middle School Office Renovations – Summer 2023
- High School Gym, Locker Rooms, District Office Area Air Conditioning – Summer 2023
- Paint High School and Middle School Hallways – Summer 2023
- Auditorium Lighting Upgrade – Finished in Summer 2023
- Gym Floor Recoat – May 2023
- Replace coil in auditorium HVAC unit – March 2023
- Update HVAC Computer Controls at HS/MS – February 2023
- Replace Compressor on High School Office HVAC Unit – January 2023

- Replace Carpet in Auditorium Sound Area – November 2022
- Auditorium Seating – September 1, 2022
- Vo-tech Roof Coating – August 2022
- Abatement and New Tile of the Auditorium Pit, Hallways, and District/High School Offices – June 2022
- Paint Ceiling of Auditorium – June 2022
- Lockers and Heaters Repainted in High School and Middle School – July 2022
- Replaced 2 pumps that pump the water from front of high school to elementary tank – 6/14/22
- Gym Floor Recoat – 5/10/22
- Auditorium Rigging – 4/27/22 (2021/22)
- Sand and Paint Auditorium Stage at High School—3/29/22(2021/22)
- Soccer Scoreboard Replacement at Route 36 Field—(2021/22)
- Auditorium Audio/Visual System—(2021/22).
- Replaced Fire Suppression System in Home Economics Room—(2021/22).
- Elementary Water Pumps—(2021/22).
- Fire Alarm System Replacement
- Project was completed on 12/29/21 (2021/22).
- High School/Middle School Hallways were Abated with New Flooring Installed Part 2 – 2021/22
- Elementary Roof Project Completed – 2021/22
- Middle School Office HVAC Rooftop System was Replaced – 2021/22
- Abatement and Floor Tile Replacement HS/MS Hallways Part 1—2021/22
- Replace Steps and Sidewalks at Elementary—2021/22
- Elementary Freezer Unit was Replaced – 2021/22
- Elementary HVAC Rooftop Units Replaced – 2020/21
- High School Classrooms Abated. New Flooring and Windows Installed with Required Infill – 2020/21
- Track Resurfaced -- 2019/20 (and 2013/14)
- Hot Water Heater Replaced in High School/Middle School – 2019/20
- The Gymnasium Floor was Resurfaced—2019/20
- New Blacktop in North Parking Lot, Front Drive of High School and Middle School, and Handicap Sidewalk Repaired – 2017/18
- Remaining Blacktop Area Cracks Sealed and a Topcoat Sealant Applied -- 2017/18
- Cooler and freezer Added to Middle School/High School Kitchen – 2016/17
- Renovated Kitchen – 2016/17
- HVAC System in Middle School – 2016/17
- High School and Middle School Roof -- 2015/16 (done with bond proceeds)

NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS



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

CYBER SCHOOL NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Kudos to the Gazette for publishing the article on cyber school reform. It is interesting to note that after 15 years of school officials saying that cyber school financial reform must happen that key republicans say they are increasingly convinced that reform must happen. A very curious question that should be answered is why the state's largest cyber school spent over \$196 million to buy, renovate, or both to 21 buildings between audits. As Auditor General DeFoor noted, "it seems a bit out of the ordinary for a public school that is based in online instruction." Also take note that he said "public", yet they can decline students to attend, send them back to an actual public school after the student has spent years failing in their system, and have fund balances of 41% when real public schools are required to be around 10%. And no board of directors provided oversight that was elected by the public.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Wellness Committee met the requirements for an annual meeting. The report can be found on the website under food services.

2025/26 BUDGET

It is budget season in preparation for the 25-26SY. The administration has met with their teachers and have also met with the superintendent. Teri has developed a budget, and we will soon be scheduling a meeting with the budget committee for their review. A tentative budget approval will be in May and final adoption in June.

With budget season, it is important to put some school issues in the forefront of the public's mind. Our state politicians must address the cyber school issue. I am sure if you talk with our representatives, they will say they did address the issue. The Auditor General's recent report will beg to differ. For NBC, we were provided an additional 25K towards cyber tuition on a total budget cost of 405K. Special education issues need to be addressed at the federal level with Rep. Joyce. With the cost associated with these two areas and the increased annual costs of district operations, the need to raise taxes may continue indefinitely.

ELEMENTARY

Student Council

Our fifth grade Student Council members are planning a March Madness activity for all the elementary school students. They will be doing both academic and athletic events during their specials times. They are still in the process of finalizing all the rules and activities for that day. The Student Council is led by Mrs. Brumbaugh.

Read Across America

On March 4, high school students visited the elementary school to help celebrate Read Across America Day. National Honor Society students read to the elementary school classrooms in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. This activity was enjoyed by all the elementary school students and helps to create a positive connection between our elementary and secondary buildings.

Bus Evacuation Drill

We will have our required spring bus evacuation drill on March 12. Bus drivers will review the safety procedures for their individual buses with their students. We are required to have a drill in the fall and spring of each school year.

2025-26 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration

Registration for our Pre-Kindergarten classes is scheduled for March 25-26. New student registration for Kindergarten is scheduled for March 27. I will be able to report on our preliminary numbers at the April meeting.

February 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 February Character Kids are listed below.

PK – Harper Brown, K – Nora Tracey, 1 – Ava Yingling, 2 – Jaxton Hicks, 3 – Emma Boore, 4 – Trevor Deitle, and 5 – Allyson Snyder.

Poison Prevention Presentation

Our first grade students will have the opportunity to learn about poison prevention safety that will be offered by Penn State through the Master Gardener program in Bedford County. Our students will learn about safe practices including identifying signal words on labels that indicates that the product is potentially poisonous, proper storage locations, and the importance of using the Mr. Yuk symbol to alert everyone in the home of dangerous products. Former Northern Bedford teacher, Kay Kring, is one of the presenters.

Reading Competition

The elementary reading competition will be held on March 18 at Claysburg-Kimmel HS. Mrs. Brown is the reading competition advisor and will be taking five 5th grade and one 6th grade student to the competition.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT

Preparing for the federal program monitoring assessment due by March 31.

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 February Students of the Month:

Grade 6	Livie Steele	Kyle & Kayla Steele
	Jacob Dutchcot	Brian & Amanda Dutchcot
Grade 7	Alexandra Snider	Jan & Lainie Snider
	Kaden Russell	Dwight & Tina Russell
Grade 8	Lily Miller	Lucas & Jennie Miller
	Weston Baker	Mark & Misty Baker

MS Semi-Formal

Over 165 middle school students enjoyed spending the evening together during our recent semi-formal. The dance was sponsored by our middle school student Panther PRIDE team and held in our MS/HS cafeteria. Our students and staff worked together to plan, decorate, and coordinate the events of the evening. It was a beautiful evening filled with snacks, laughter, and lots of dancing! A special thank you goes out to the following teachers and staff for helping to make this a memorable occasion for our students:

Organizer w/PRIDE student team: Mr. Miller

Food: Mrs. Laird (and chaperone)

Decorations: Miss Patton (and chaperone)

Chaperones: Mrs. Mowery, Mrs. Klavuhn, Mr. Weyant, Mrs. Cherry

Clean Up: Dominic Coomer, Rick Lafferty

Camp Cadet

Two PA State Police Troopers spent some time with our 6th-9th grade students on February 21st to provide them with information about the Camp Cadet Program. This is an annual summer camp held at Camp Living Water that emphasizes self-discipline and the ability to make new friends and work with them as a team. This experience is offered to students ages 12-15. We've had several students participate in this experience each summer. Students consistently report that they accomplished things they thought were not possible for them. The deadline for registration is March 21st, and applications are available in the middle school office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)

Signs of Suicide

Miss Patton, our school counselor, spent one day delivering the Signs of Suicide (SOS) lesson to our sixth graders. This is an evidence-based suicide prevention program that is designed to help address the topics of teen depression and suicide awareness. SOS is used to provide students with information and knowledge that could potentially help them to know when to seek help regarding their own thoughts and feelings or that of a friend. This also provides an open door to students who are struggling with such feelings, as they complete a self-assessment and have the opportunity to express the need to talk with someone. Miss Patton then follows up with students and families, as appropriate.

Field Trips for 2025

As we head into the final three months of school, it is time to start preparing for our grade level field trips. This year's trips are as follows:

6th grade - East Broad Top Railroad

7th grade - International Conservation Center (Elephant Sanctuary) in Somerset

8th grade - Gettysburg

Middle School Upcoming Events

Mar. 12	Provine Spring & Club Pictures
Mar. 13	After 3 Parent Night
Mar. 18	MS Reading Competition @ Claysburg
Mar. 20-22	HS Musical Production
Mar. 20	SCHOOL IN SESSION 2/6/25 Makeup
Mar. 21	NO SCHOOL - Make-Up Day #4
Mar. 24	End of 3rd MP
Mar. 28	PRIDE Volleyball Tournament (AM)
Mar. 31	FFA Dairy Field Day (FFA Members)
Apr. 10	After 3 Parent Night

HIGH SCHOOL

Band

The Jazz Band recently performed at the Lakemont Casino as an invitation to the Blair County Type 1 Diabetes Foundation Gala. The group was invited by Gala chair member Jill Parilla. They had an excellent performance there and received much praise about our students' musical talent and professionalism at the event.

Three students will be participating in the PMEA Region III Band to be held on March 5-7 at Altoona Area High School. Adam Berry, Leah Steele, and Addison Reasy will participate in that festival and concert with an opportunity to audition for the All-State Ensembles to be held in Poconos later this spring.

Choir

On March 12-14, 2025, three Northern Bedford County High School Choir members, Jackie Clevenger, Adam Berry, and Wyatt Steele, will participate in the PMEA Region III Choir Festival. The event features rehearsals with approximately 180 students under Guest Conductor Dr. Amy Voohrees (Susquehanna University) at the Bellefonte Area High School.

The Northern Bedford County Choral Department is now in full preparation for this year's Spring Musical "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" The premise of this year's show consist of a meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn as he stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This attitude-laced, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination! The production will showcase a cast of 40 students from the Middle and High School, colorful scenic elements, and a live, professional orchestra. Performance dates are March 20-22, 2025. Tickets are already on sale and can be purchased by visiting <https://nbcasd.booktix.com> .

Rotary 4 Way Speech Contest

The Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest showcased the public speaking talents of nine students, each delivering a compelling speech on topics of their choice that included "fairness" of choosing teams in physical education, texting and driving, and universal healthcare. The competition, which promotes ethical decision-making and communication skills, was held under the supervision of Shana Stern and judged by three distinguished members of the Morrisons Cove Rotary: Chuck Gomerjac, Rusty Hoover, and Steve Metzgar.

Place winners were:

- 1 - Jaylyn Resh
- 2 - Savannah Hersherberger
- 3 - Myah Douglass.

Jaylyn will move on to Regionals in March (TBD), and Districts will take place at the Omni Bedford Springs Hotel on March 29. In addition to thanking our students and judges, we'd like to thank Mrs. Aungst and the FCCLA for graciously providing an array of delicious refreshments.

HIGH SCHOOL

Guidance

Our Juniors completed mock interviews on Thursday, Feb. 13. During their Career Education and Work (CEW) Skills 11 classes with Mr. Black, juniors learned to prepare cover letters and resumes and complete applications. Juniors then executed successful interviews with local businessmen and women. This program is part of the Career Portfolio requirements for graduation. We'd like to extend a big "thank you" to all who donated their time to assist with this activity.

Mrs. Swansen began the course selection/scheduling process for the 2025-26 school year. Students selected courses they wish to take in grades 9-12 next year. As part of this process, grade 8 students were given an introduction to the HS grading/scheduling process, grade 9 students all toured our four CTE programs for a morning, and six interested 9th grade students also toured the BCTC. Rising juniors and seniors who indicated an interest in early college coursework will be invited, along with their families, to an informational Early College meeting about this process on April 3 at 6:30 PM in room 137. Currently our most active EC/DE partners are Allegany College of Maryland, Mount Aloysius College, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, and Saint Francis University. Fall 2025 ACM course registration will happen later in April.

Youth Leadership Bedford County will begin its 2025-26 recruitment in March. This program, sponsored by the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, allows Bedford County sophomores to meet with local business leaders throughout the school year and learn about various career fields available in our area.

Reading Competition

Our Reading Competition teams will compete on April 2nd at Forest Hills High School.

Guest Speaker

On Friday, February 28th, the NBC High School welcomed a special guest speaker, Mrs. Lieselotte Schwarz. Born in 1924, Mrs. Schwarz grew up in Nazi Germany. She spoke to our students about her childhood, family, and life during and after WWII. Her 100 years of shared experience were truly invaluable and we appreciate her efforts to speak with our student body.

Mock Accident Planning

As the advisor for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Mrs. Clouse and I have been collaborating to prepare for this year's mock accident that will take place on Friday, May 9th. This event allows our school to partner with local EMS, Fire, and State Police to simulate the scene of an accident. Our goal is to educate our students on the dangers of distracted driving and to teach students about what happens at the scene of an accident.

Automotive Inspection Course

Dr. Mike O'Dellick at the BCTC has graciously offered to create an opportunity for our automotive seniors to take part in their Automotive Inspection Course, in which three students have expressed interest. By completing the course, these students will earn their Pennsylvania Inspection License which will open more doors for employment in the future.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Team Records for Winter Sports

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Jr. HIGH</u>
Boys' Basketball	6-15	6-12	21-1
Girls' Basketball	12-12	5-5	16-6
Boys' Wrestling	3-9	n/a	6-6
Girls' Wrestling	1-1	n/a	

Varsity Basketball Playoffs

#3 seed varsity girls District 5A playoff action:

First Round	Tues. February 18 th	Defeated #6 seed Rockwood
Semi Final	Thurs. February 20 th	Defeated #2 seed Southern Fulton
Championship	Thurs. Feb. 27 @ UPJ	Defeated # 4 seed Fannett-Metal DISTRICT 5 CHAMPIONS!
First Round State Playoffs	Sat. Mar. 8 vs. District 3 #5 seed Mt. Calvary Christian	

District/Regional/State Wrestling Tournaments

The District 5 Varsity boys and girls wrestling tournaments were held at First Summit Area on Friday and Saturday, February 21 & 22nd. Male place winners wrestling at the regional tournament at Altoona High School Field House on March 1st & 2nd were:

	BOYS DIVISION	DISTRICTS	REGIONALS
Senior	Wyatt Clouse	2 nd Place	5 th Place
Senior	Bryson Free	3 rd Place	DNP
Senior	Aidan Pittman	3 rd Place	DNP
Senior	Aiden Replogle	2 nd Place	8 th Place (missed qualifying)
Junior	Nolin Snider	2 nd Place	DNP

Female place winners wrestling at the regional tournament in Milton, PA.

	GIRLS DIVISION	DISTRICTS	REGIONALS
Sophomore	Emily Dennis	CHAMPION	DNP
Junior	Kaylee Ebersole	CHAMPION	CHAMPION
Senior	Ava Helsel	CHAMPION	3 rd Place
Freshman	Yasmin Miller	5 th Place	DNP
Senior	Raegan Snider	CHAMPION	2 nd Place
DISTRICT 5 TEAM CHAMPS			
ZACHARY CLARK – D5 COACH OF THE YEAR			
"TINK" SNIDER – D5 ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR			