NORTHERN LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March, 18th, 2026

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Recognition of Visitors and Public Participation

IV. Minutes

A. Board Meeting Minutes — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve the following Board meeting minutes:

1. February 19, 2026

V. Presentations

A. Sheridan Athletics

VI. Mid-East Career & Technical Center Report – Patrick Hogan

VII. Superintendent's Report – Angela Gussler

VIII. Business and Finance

A. Treasurer's Presentation – Jennie Clifton

B. Recommendation for Approval

1. February Financial Reports — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve the February 2026 financial reports, as presented.

2. Budget Adjustments

Recommend the Board approve the following budget adjustments:

Revenue:

a.)	FY26 School Safety Grant (499-9227)	$9,589.44
b.)	eSports (300-951B)	$3,439.40

Appropriations:

a.)	FY26 School Safety Grant (499-9227)	$9,589.44
b.)	eSports (300-951B)	$3,439.40
c.)	OHSAA Tournament Control Fund (022)	$2,735.00
d.)	Prom (200-968C)	$12,000.00

3. Then & Now Certificates

Recommend the Board approve the following Then & Now Certificates:

a.) PO# 133823; Cardio Partners, Nurse Supplies
b.) PO# 133824; Cardio Partners, Nurse Supplies
c.) PO# 133836; Gretchen Combs, Mileage
d.) PO# 133831; Rachel Dolsky, Mileage
e.) PO# 133858; Carrie VanSickle, Mileage

f.) PO# 133837; Dave Fazakas, Conference Expenses
g.) PO# 133871; Perry County Chamber of Commerce, Groundhog Breakfast Tickets for Students
h.) PO# 133798; Jostens, 2025 SHS Yearbooks

4. E-Rate Consulting Agreement — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve a 4-year consulting agreement with ERATE911, LLC for e-rate services, effective with funding year January 1, 2026, as presented.

5. META Master Services Agreement — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve the master services agreement with META for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

6. Ohio School Comp Participation — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve participation in the Ohio School Comp Workers' Compensation Group Rating plan with Sedwick for the 2027 rating year, as presented.

7. Satellite Education Agreement with Mid-East Career & Technology Center — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve a satellite education agreement with Mid-East Career & Technology Center for career-technical education at Sheridan High School, as presented.

8. Amounts & Rates Resolution — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying them to the County Auditor, as presented.

9. Donations

Recommend the Board approve the following donations:
a.) Somerset American Legion; $1,000 toward SHS therapy dog training certification
b.) Glenford Girls Scouts Troup 8223; Snacks for Glenford Elementary
c.) Sheridan Biddy Leage Football; $125,000 toward Paul Culver Stadium turf replacement project
d.) Sheridan Athletic Boosters; $20,000 toward Paul Culver Stadium turf replacement project

IX. Employment

A. Recommendation for Approval

1. Classified Retirement

Recommend the Board accept the following retirement:

a.) Allayne McGrath, SHS Library Technician, effective May 31, 2026

2. Certified Substitutes — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve the following certified substitutes for the 2025-26 school year:
a.) MVESC Substitutes, as presented

3. Classified Substitutes

Recommend the Board approve the following classified substitutes for the 2025-26 school year:
a.) Natalie Noyes, Educational Aide, effective 3/10/2026

b.) Natalie Noyes, Library Aide, effective 3/10/2026
c.) Natalie Noyes, Secretary, effective 3/10/2026
d.) Rachel Frost, Cook, effective 3/2/2026

4. FMLA

Recommend the Board approve the following FMLA requests:
a.) Jenna McCandlish, up to 12 weeks, beginning approx. March 9, 2026
b.) Emma Taylor, up to 4 weeks, beginning approx. May 4, 2026
c.) Abby Lotozo, up to 4 weeks, beginning approx. May 4, 2026

5. Volunteers

Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers for the 2025-26 school year:
a.) Sharon Cains, pending successful background check results

X. Curriculum & Instruction

A. Recommendation for Approval:

1. Field Trips

Recommend the Board approve the following field trips:
a.) April 8, 2026; Somerset 2nd grade to Flint Ridge Quarry
b.) April 16, 2026; Thornville Kindergarten to SHS Farm Day
c.) April 20, 2026; SHS Students to Genesis Hospital
d.) April 21, 2026; Thornville Kindergarten to Columbus Zoo
e.) April 22, 2026; Thornville 1st grade to Conn's Potato Chip Factory
f.) April 28, 2026; Thornville 3rd grade to Ally Park
g.) May 4, 2026; Somerset 3rd grade to Ally Park
h.) May 6, 2026; Glenford 4th grade to Glenford Fort
i.) May 6, 2026; Glenford 5th grade to Zane State
j.) May 12, 2026; Somerset 5th grade to Cherokee Valley Bison Ranch

2. Memorandum of Understanding Attachment

Recommend the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus State College for College Credit Plus (CCP) Courses for the 2026-27 school year, as presented.

3. SHS Curriculum Guide for 2026-27 Attachment

Recommend the Board approve the SHS Curriculum Guide for the 2026-27 school year, as presented.

XI. Curriculum & Instruction

A. Recommendation for Approval:

1. Board Policies – First Reading

Recommend the Board approve the following Board policies upon first reading:

a.) PO# 2431.06; Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in athletics
b.) PO# 3440; Job Related Expenses
c.) PO# 4440; Job Related expenses
d.) PO# 5112; Entrance Requirements
e.) PO# 5223; Released Time for Religious Instruction during the School Day
f.) PO# 5330; Use of Medications
g.) PO# 5330.05; Procurement and Use of Naloxone (Narcan) in Emergency Situations

h.) PO# 5421; Grading
i.) PO# 5430; Class Rank
j.) PO# 6220; Budget Preparation
k.) PO# 6320; Purchasing and Bidding
l.) PO# 6325; Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds
m.) PO# 6423; Use of Credit Cards
n.) PO# 6424; Procurement Cards
o.) PO# 6425; Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate
p.) PO# 6460; Vendor Relations
q.) PO# 6465; Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs
r.) PO# 7540.09; Artificial Intelligence ("AI")
s.) PO# 4162.01; Drug and Alcohol Testing of Employees without CDL licenses Who Transport Students in Alternative Vehicles (Non-DOT Testing)
t.) PO# 4162; Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions and are Subject to DOT Testing
u.) PO# 8600.04; Bus and Alternative Vehicle Driver Certification
v.) PO# 8600; Transportation
w.) PO# 8640; Transportation for Non-Routine Trips
x.) PO# 8650; Transportation by Alternative Vehicles

XII. Executive Session

Discussion in executive session is permitted only for the following specified purposes:

1. The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee or student unless the employee or official or student requests a public hearing.
2. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.
3. Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters, which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
4. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining / sessions with employees.
5. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.
6. Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols.
7. To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

XVI. Adjournment