



Board of School Directors Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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Members present: Ken Keith, William Formica, Kimberly Wheeler, Michael Barnacz, Alexandra Wisser, Andrew Souchet, Corinne DeGeiso, William Brong

Members absent: Rosemary Buetikofer

Others present: Frank Ball, Frank Gallagher, Christopher Hey, Katie Kennedy-Reilly, Walter Salevsky, Michael Taylor, Megan Zweiback

1. Operations Committee

1.1 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar 2026-2027 School Year

Mr. Keith called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Dr. Gallagher introduced the Board of Directors proposed meeting calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

Board members asked questions about the proposed calendar.

1.2 Halteman Road Gate Update

Dr. Gallagher spoke from the podium with a timeline of activities involving the High School Halteman Road gate projected on the screen.

Board members asked questions about daily use of the gate.

Dr. Gallagher stated that the school district was filing a Land Development Plan with Franconia Township which would include a traffic study.

Members of the audience asked questions and spoke about the traffic on Halteman Road.

Mr. Keith stated that additional information regarding the Halteman Road gate would be discussed at Operations Committee Meetings. Mr. Keith also stated that all meetings of the Board are listed on the school district website.

1.3 Telecommunications Discussion / Proposal

Director of Business Affairs, Mr. Taylor introduced the Telecommunication Plan that would upgrade and modernize the district phone system.

Board members asked questions concerning the proposed phone system.

The Committee agreed to move forward for approval on the April 30th agenda.

2. Finance Committee

2.2 2026-27 Budget Update

Mr. Taylor introduced the 2026-2027 the Budget Calendar:

4/15/2026	Finance Committee Meeting	Present Proposed Final Budget
4/30/2026	Board Meeting	Approve Proposed Final Budget
5/13/2026	Finance Committee Meeting	Budget Update
6/10/2026	Finance Committee Meeting	Present Final Budget
6/18/2026	Board Meeting	Approve Final Budget

Mr. Taylor presented a Budget Update and stated that work will continue on expenditures and revenues until the final budget presentation.

Dr. Gallagher stated that the budget as presented does not reflect any program cuts.

Board members asked questions about the budget presentation.

2.1 2026-2027 North Montco Technical Career Center Budget

Mr. Taylor reviewed the proposed North Montco Technical Career Center budget stating that as one of the five sending schools, the district's an annual contribution must be approved by the Board. Mr. Taylor stated that the tuition payment and debt service for the 2026-2027 school year is \$1,861.841.

Board members asked questions about the North Montco enrollment.

The Committee agreed to move forward for action on April 30th.

3. Policy Committee

Assistant Superintendent and Director of Human Resources, Dr. Hey called the Policy Committee meeting to order at 9:17 P.M.

Dr. Hey stated that as part of the Policy Overhaul process; this evening a review of Section 100 policies would begin.

Director of Pupil Services, Ms. Zweiback, read the following policy summaries aloud:

3.1 First Reading of Policy 113.1- Discipline of Students with Disabilities -

There are no recommended revisions to the policy at this time. Policy 113.1 is designed to ensure that students with disabilities are disciplined in a way that complies with both the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, balancing school safety with the student's right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

3.2 First Reading of Policy 113.2- Behavior Support -

There are no recommended revisions to the policy at this time. Policy 113.2 focuses on the behavior support of students with disabilities. It is a critical policy that ensures school entities provide a safe environment to ensure that students are supported through positive reinforcement and research-based techniques rather than punishment or aversive methods.

3.3 First Reading of Policy 113.4 -

Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information - There are no recommended revisions to the policy at this time. Policy 113.4 focuses on the Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information. It is designed to ensure that school districts protect the privacy of students with disabilities in compliance with federal laws including FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

3.4 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 117 - Homebound Instruction -

This policy outlines the district's responsibility to provide temporary educational services to students who are unable to attend school for a period of time due to physical or mental health reasons. It is distinct from "homeschooling" (Policy 137); Policy 117 is specifically for students who remain enrolled in the district but need instruction during a medical absence.

3.5 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 137 - Home Education Programs -

The administration is recommending one minor change to Policy 137. This policy serves as the template for school districts regarding Home Education Programs. It outlines the legal framework and responsibilities for both the district and the parents/guardians (supervisors) who choose to homeschool their children under the PA School Code.

3.6 First Reading of Policy 137.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students -

There are no recommended revisions to the policy at this time. Policy 137.1 governs the participation of home education students in a school district's extracurricular activities. This policy is designed to ensure that students being homeschooled within the district's boundaries

have equitable access to the same non-academic opportunities as their peers enrolled in the public school system.

3.7 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 137.2 -

Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students - Policy 137.2 governs the participation of home education students in co-curricular activities and academic courses. Home education students are permitted to enroll in academic courses equivalent to one-quarter of the school day for full-time district students. The administration is recommending minor changes to the wording in this policy to address the enrollment in and schedule of academic courses for home educated students.

3.8 First Reading of Policy 137.3 -

Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students - There are no recommended revisions to the policy at this time. Policy 137.3 governs the participation of home education (homeschool) students in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs within their local school district. This policy requires school districts to allow home education students to enroll in CTE programs on the same basis as students regularly enrolled in the district.

3.9 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 143 -

Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools - The policy mandates strict data collection and reporting through the annual Safe Schools Report. Under this policy, a school is designated as "persistently dangerous" if it meets specific criteria, defined in the policy, over a period of three consecutive years. The policy also gives students transfer rights under the Unsafe School designation as defined in federal law. The administration is recommending a minor wording change to this policy.

3.10 First Reading of Revisions to Policy 144 -

Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes - Policy 144 outlines the district's commitment to ensuring the safety and educational rights of students who are victims of violent crimes while on school grounds. It ensures that students who are victims of a "violent criminal offense" (as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education) have the right to transfer to a safer environment within the district. The administration is recommending a minor wording change to this policy.

Dr. Hey noted the absence of Policy 113.3, indicating that Ms. Zweiback is still reviewing it for content.

Board members asked questions about the policies.

A member of the audience asked about a policy that would ban cell phone use in schools.

Dr. Gallagher responded that the issue is still in legislation and school district leaders have asked for flexibility if it becomes law.

Mr. Keith adjourned the Committee meetings at 9:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Taylor" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Taylor, C.P.A.

Board Secretary / Director of Business Affairs