NORTHERN LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

6:30 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2026

AGENDA

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. Public participation is governed by Board Bylaw 0169.1 – Public Participation at Board Meetings."

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Public Hearing to Consider the Reemployment of the following retiree:

a.) Dan Riggs, High School Science Teacher

IV. Recognition of Visitors and Public Participation

V. Minutes

A. Board Meeting Minutes — Attachment

Recommend the Board approve the following Board meeting minutes:

1. April 15, 2026

VI. Mid-East Career & Technology Centers Report – Patrick Hogan

VII. Superintendent's Report – Angela Gussler

VIII. Business and Finance

A. Treasurer's Presentation – Jennie Clifton

B. Recommendation for Approval

1. April Financial Reports — Attachment

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

2. Budget Adjustments

Recommend the Board approve the following budget adjustments:

Revenue:

a.)	Baseball (300-950U)	$10,440.92
b.)	Turf Replacement Fund (003-9025)	$277,063.80
c.)	Athletic Improvement Fund (003-9026)	$5,000.00
d.)	MS Principals Support Fund (018-900J)	$17,134.42
e.)	HS Principals Support Fund (018-900H)	$21,074.56
f.)	HS Cheerleading (300-950I)	$5,411.10

Appropriations:

a.)	Baseball (300-950U)	$12,190.92
b.)	FFA (300-933H)	$20,563.00

c.)	Permanent Improvement Fund (003-0000)	$397,650.00
d.)	Turf Replacement Fund (003-9025)	$278,464.50
e.)	Athletic Improvement Fund (003-9026)	$40,000
f.)	MS Principals Support Fund (018-900J)	$22,260.40
g.)	HS Principals Support Fund (018-900H)	$28,093.58
h.)	HS Cheerleading (300-950I)	$5,605.00
i.)	Somerset Legion Scholarship Fund (008-925A)	$7,834.93
j.)	Ricketts/Hughes Scholarship Fund (008-925G)	$3,076.75
k.)	Amvets Scholarship Fund (008-924A)	$26,386.70
l.)	Moose Scholarship Fund (008-925B)	$26,386.70

3. Then & Now Certificates

Recommend the Board approve the following Then & Now Certificates:

a.) PO# 134049; Frank Beickelman, Holy Trinity Math PD & Coaching, $3,000
b.) PO# 134048; Kathleen Quinn, Holy Trinity ELA PD & Coaching, $1,455.96
c.) PO# 134120; Magnetic Springs Water, Bottled Water, $67.45
d.) PO# 134123; Kelly Wright, Mileage, $394.40
e.) PO# 134143; St. Jude's Children's Research; Math-A-Thon Donation, $621.74
f.) PO# 134160; OHSBCA, Girls Basketball Midwest Live Camp, $370.00
g.) PO# 134134; Adrenaline Fundraising, Track Fundraiser Costs, $4,239.00
h.) PO# 134169; Creative Coach, STARS Field Trip Transportation, $6,720.00
i.) PO# 134163; Ohio Dominican University, Girls Basketball Shootout, $500
j.) PO# 134171; The Works, STARS Hands on Learning Activities, $864.24
k.) PO# 134188; G & J Pepsi, District Office Soda & Bottled Water, $288.60
l.) PO# 134231; The Air Force Museum, STARS Field Trip, $375.00
m.) PO# 134241; XTek Partners, Commercial Building Security License, $2,625.00
n.) PO# 134199; New Lexington City Schools, Book Challenge Lunches, $70.00

4. High School Chiller Replacement Project Proposal — Attachment

Recommend the Board accept the proposal from Johnson Controls to replace the high school chiller, as presented.

5. Financial Audit Memorandum of Agreement — Attachment

Recommend the Board accept the memorandum of agreement between the Ohio Auditor of State, Northern Local Schools, and Perry & Associates for financial audit services for a period of five fiscal years (FY26 through FY30), as presented.

6. K-12 Business Consulting Agreement — Attachment

Recommend the Board accept a consulting agreement with K-12 Business Consulting for FY27 financial forecasting, as presented.

7. Licking County Educational Service Center Agreement — Attachment

Recommend the Board accept the general services agreement with the Licking County Educational Service Center for the 2026-27 school year, as presented.

8. Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center Agreement — Attachment

Recommend the Board accept the Driver's Education service agreement with the Muskingum County Educational Service Center for Driver's Education for a period of three fiscal years (FY27 through FY29), as presented.

9. Memorandum of Agreement – FFA Advisor Positions Attachment

Recommend the Board approve a Memorandum of Agreement with NLEA regarding FFA Advisor positions, as presented.

10. Donations

Recommend the Board approve the following donations:
a.) Choir Risers; Gahanna Lincoln High School to Sheridan High School Choir
b.) Sheridan Athletic Boosters; $761.84 to the Athletic Fund
c.) Amazon Building DCM5; Plastic tables & chairs to Sheridan High School
d.) Sheridan Athletic Boosters; $12,000 toward the purchase of a new Pole Vault Pit

IX. Employment

A. Recommendation for Approval

1. Certified Resignation

Recommend the Board accept the following resignation:

a.) Jessica Lane, Intervention Specialist, effective end of the 2025-26 school year

2. Extended Day Contracts

Recommend the Board approve the following extended day contracts for the 2026-27 school year, as presented:
a.) Paul Culver, Football Coach, 10 Days
b.) JD Walters, Girls Basketball Coach, 10 Days
c.) Emma Taylor, Volleyball Coach, 10 Days
d.) Dave Fazakas, Band Director, 10 Days
e.) Alicia Stocker, SHS Guidance Counselor, 10 Days
f.) Stephanie Winters, SHS Guidance Counselor, 10 Days
g.) Mandy Fox, SMS Guidance Counselor, 5 Days

3. Academic Supplemental Contracts

Recommend the Board approve the following academic supplemental contracts for the 2026-27 school year, as presented:
a.) Steven Gioffre, Art Club, High School, Step 21
b.) Dave Fazakas, Band Director, Step 20
c.) Elizabeth Hoover, Band Director, Step 1
d.) Beth Oehrtman, Choir Director, Step 20
e.) Lena Moore, Drama Club, High School, Step 22
f.) Audra Wills, National Honor Society, High School, Step 0
g.) Katie Huffman, Newspaper, High School, Step 1
h.) Mary Peresta, Student Council, High School, Step 2
i.) Sarah Smathers, Yearbook, High School, Step 2
j.) Steve Gioffre, Prom Advisor, Step 21
k.) Kari Langanke, Student Council, Middle School, Step 10

4. Athletic Supplemental Contracts

Recommend the Board approve the following athletic supplemental contracts for the 2026-27 school year, as presented:
a.) Josh Coleman, Baseball, Head Coach, Step 14
b.) Caleb Bennett, Baseball, Assistant Coach, Varsity, Step 7
c.) William Mallernee, Basketball, Boys Head Coach, Step 11

d.) Hunter McCartney, Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach, Varsity, Step 0
e.) Dow Jones, Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach, JV, Step 4
f.) Landen Russell, Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach, 8th Grade, Step 1
g.) Mason Purvis, Basketball, Boys Assistant Coach, 7th Grade, Step 1
h.) JD Walters, Basketball, Girls Head Coach, Step 17
i.) Troy Wolfe, Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach, Varsity, Step 28
j.) Ryan Yzenski, Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach, JV, Step 11
k.) Grace Conrad, Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach, 8th Grade, Step 1
l.) Craig Axline, Basketball, Girls Assistant Coach, 7th Grade, Step 24
m.) Brandy Culver, Cheer, Head Coach, Fall, Step 4
n.) Jillian Wetmore, Cheer, Assistant Coach, Fall, JV, Step 3
o.) Jamie Wall, Cheer, Assistant Coach, Fall, Middle School, Step 0
p.) Stephanie Parker, Cheer, Head Coach, Winter, Step 3
q.) Jillian Wetmore, Cheer, Assistant Coach, Winter, JV, Step 3
r.) Jamie Wall, Cheer, Assistant Coach, Winter, Middle School, Step 0
s.) JD Walters, Cross Country, Boys Head Coach, Step 18
t.) Broc Wilkins, Cross Country, Assistant Coach, Step 9
u.) Troy Wolfe, Cross Country, Girls Head Coach, Step 8
v.) Lena Moore, eSports, Step 1
w.) Paul Culver III, Football, Head Coach, Step 26
x.) Josh Coleman, Football, Assistant Coach, Defensive Backs, Step 13
y.) Nick Bendle, Football, Assistant Coach, Defensive Line, Step 38
z.) Chad Culver, Football, Assistant Coach, Linebackers, Step 21
aa.) Bo Brandon, Football, Assistant Coach, Offensive Line, Step 14
bb.) Nathan Reedy, Football, Assistant Coach, QB's & RB's, Step 14
cc.) Kirk Washburn, Football, Assistant Coach, Tight Ends & H-Backs, Step 13
dd.) Brady Blattner, Football, Wide Receivers, Step 0
ee.) Landen Russell, Football, Assistant Coach, Middle School, Step 2
ff.) Adam Huffman, Football, Assistant Coach, Middle School, Step 19
gg.) Mike Midkiff, Football, Assistant Coach, Middle School, Step 0
hh.) Trent Smith, Football, Assistant Coach, Middle School, Step 4
ii.) Jason Daly, Golf, Boys Head Coach, Step 3
jj.) Casey Cordray, Golf, Girls Head Coach, Step 0
kk.) Emily Heath, Gymnastics Head Coach, Step 0
ll.) Chris McKinney, Soccer, Boys Head Coach, Step 4
mm.) Chad Hamilton, Soccer, Boys Assistant Coach, JV, Step 2 (pending team numbers)
nn.) Jeremy Strong, Soccer, Girls Head Coach, Step 3
oo.) Shane Kays, Soccer, Girls Assistant Coach, JV, Step 1 (pending team numbers)
pp.) Mark Paxton, Softball, Head Coach, Step 18
qq.) Jason Barrera, Softball, Assistant Coach, Varsity, Step 3
rr.) Jeff Woods, Softball, Assistant Coach, JV, Step 0
ss.) JD Walters, Track, Boys Head Coach, Step 18
tt.) Emily Heath, Track, Girls Head Coach, Step 1
uu.) Katie Huffman, Track, Assistant Coach, Jumping, Step 5
vv.) Clay Fisher, Track, Assistant Coach, Running, Step 3
ww.) Trent Smith, Track, Assistant Coach, Throwing, Step 6
xx.) Troy Wolfe, Track, Assistant Coach, Middle School, Step 4
yy.) Emma Taylor, Volleyball, Head Coach, Step 1
zz.) Mandy Fox, Volleyball, Assistant Coach, Varsity, Step 14
aaa.) Joan Goldsberry, Volleyball, Assistant Coach, JV, Step 12

bbb.) Grace Conrad, Volleyball, Assistant Coach, Freshman, Step 1 (pending team numbers)
ccc.) Craig Axline, Volleyball, Assistant Coach, 8th Grade, Step 28
ddd.) Jennifer Ward, Volleyball, Assistant Coach, 7th Grade, Step 11
eee.) Nick Dearing, Wrestling, Boys Head Coach, Step 14
fff.) Derek Allen, Wrestling, Boys Assistant Coach, Varsity, Step 6
ggg.) Justin White, Wrestling, Boys Assistant Coach, JV, Step 0
hhh.) Brady Blattner, Wrestling, Boys Assistant Coach, Middle School, Step 1
iii.) Tyler Barber, Wrestling, Girls Head Coach, Step 0

5. Summer Custodians

Recommend the Board approve the following employees as summer custodians at their regular hourly rate for the 2025-26 school year:
a.) Rhonda Stretton
b.) Brittany Butcher
c.) Heather Hynus
d.) Tim Gaskill

6. Student Teacher Placement

Recommend the Board approve the following student teacher placement for the 2026-27 school year:
a.) Olivia Ault, Vocational Agriculture at Sheridan High School

7. Volunteers

Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers for the 2026-27 school year:
a.) Bonita Leach, Glenford Elementary
b.) Jody Bratton, Bowling
c.) Jacob Cable, Bowling
d.) Jennifer Kilbarger, Bowling
e.) Karl Stemen, Bowling
f.) Lisa Miller, Cheer
g.) Caleb Bennett, Football
h.) Collin Hill, Football
i.) Gregg Forsythe, Football
j.) Matt Gutridge, Football
k.) Clay Fisher, Golf
l.) James Hatem, Boys Soccer
m.) Skyllar Strong, Girls Soccer
n.) Joe Richard, Softball
o.) Kevin Thompson, Softball
p.) Tom Connors, Softball
q.) Adam Huffman, Track
r.) Genna Heileman, Track
s.) Jillian Wetmore, Track
t.) Liz Whitt, Gymnastics
u.) Caleb Bennett, Wrestling
v.) David Gleason, Wrestling
w.) Drew Abram, Wrestling
x.) Greg Goebel, Wrestling
y.) Levi Dupler, Wrestling
z.) Logan Severance, Wrestling

aa.) Paul Culver III, Wrestling
bb.) Phil Eckelberry, Wrestling
cc.) Terrance Talbot, Wrestling

X. Curriculum & Instruction

A. Recommendation for Approval:

1. Field Trips

Recommend the Board approve the following field trips:
a.) May 5, 2026; Glenford 5th Grade to Mid-East Career & Technology Centers
b.) May 19 to 21, 2027; 8th Grade to Washington DC
c.) March 24 to 28, 2027; Baseball, Cal Ripken Experience, Myrtle Beach, SC

2. 2026-27 Athletic Handbook Attachment

Recommend the Board approve the 2026-27 Athletic Handbook, as presented.

XI. Board Policy

A. Recommendation for Approval:

1. Board Policies – First Reading

Recommend the Board approve the following Board policies upon first reading:
a.) PO# 7540.09; Artificial Intelligence ("AI")
b.) PO# 8500; Food Services
c.) PO# 8510; Wellness

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