NEW PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 11, 2026

The Regular Meeting of New Philadelphia Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Schrock at the Administration Office with the following members present: Dr. Bachman, Ms. Fontana, Mr. Petrullo, Mr. Ricklic and Mrs. Schrock. Also present were Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. Wentworth and Mr. Williams.

Approval of Agenda 58-26

Ms. Fontana moved, Dr. Bachman seconded to approve the Board Meeting agenda including the addendum with additions or deletions to the agenda.

Roll call:	Ayes:	Fontana, Bachman, Petrullo, Ricklic, Schrock	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Minutes 59-26

Mr. Ricklic moved, Mrs. Schrock seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated April 13, 2026, and the Special Meeting dated April 9, 2026.

Roll call:	Ayes:	Ricklic, Schrock, Bachman, Fontana, Petrullo	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Building Spotlight – Special Education
Mrs. O'Connor spoke regarding a new Special Education program. In order to provide job skills and an additional graduation pathway. The Special Education department is opening a Quaker Corner Store. The students will be able to make T-shirts, phone cases, and cups to sell. The profits from the sale will go back into the program.

Recognition: West Elementary – OAESA Hall of Fame School

Teachers, administrators and staff at New Philadelphia's West Elementary School have earned statewide recognition for going above and beyond for their students. Mark Jones with the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators honored the fourth-grade and preschool building as one of its 2026 Hall of Fame Schools. West is one of just 11 schools receiving the honor this year after a selection process that includes a nomination, application and site visit. Jones highlighted the school's welcoming atmosphere and student accomplishments beyond grades and test scores. The OAESA will recognize West and other Hall of Fame schools at a ceremony in Columbus in June.

Public Participation:

Connie Rypien - addressed the Board. She has an autistic son and has been a substitute teacher in the district. She has concerns regarding the district meeting the needs of special education students. Mrs. Schrock took the information and stated the Board would get answers to her questions.

Treasurer's Report 60-26

Mr. Ricklic moved, Mr. Petrullo seconded to approve the following items under the Treasurer's Report.

A. Approval of the April 2026 Financial Statement - Financial Report
B. Approval of FY 2026 Key Indicator Report - Key Indicator
C. Approval of the Cash Flow Report - Cash Flow
D. Approve the Check Register. - Check Register
E. Approval of the Bank Reconciliation - Bank Rec
F. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds with Unified Bank dated 7/1/26 through 6/30/31. – Huntington Depository Agreement
G. Approve the Proposal and Service Agreement for the Johnson Controls in the amount of $3,769.24 for the fire alarm controls. - Johnson Controls

H. Approve the agreement with LearnWell in the amount of $53.50 per hour for special needs instruction. - Learn Well
I. Approve the invoice for Kennedy Insurance in the amount of $513.00 for the Band Trailer. - Kennedy
J. Approve the invoice for ECOESC in the amount of $79.00 per hour for Virtual Speech Pathologist. - ECOESC
K. Approve the Federal Purchasing Procedures as written. - Procurement
L. Accept the following donation:
Margaret Pritz $250.00 for Band Instruments in memory of Gary Deramo
Don and Janet Kemp $500.00 for Resident Educator Dinner
M. Approve FMLA as follows:
Jeff Haney, beginning approximately 04/06/2026
Shannon Gerrow, beginning approximately 04/30/2026
N. Approve the Amended Appropriations for FY26 as follows:

Student Activities (200)	$ 10,890.00	Increase
District Managed Activities (300)	$ 17,000.00	Increase

Roll call: Ayes: Ricklic, Petrullo, Bachman, Fontana, Schrock (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Board Policies 61-26

Mr. Ricklic moved, Ms. Fontana seconded to approve the following Board Policies.

A. 1st Reading
a. EBDE – Procurement and Administration of overdose Reversal Drugs
b. EDEC – Artificial Intelligence
c. EFD – Misbranded Foods and Cultivated-Protein Food Products
d. IKEB – Acceleration
e. JEB – Entrance Age (Mandatory Kindergarten)

Roll call: Ayes: Ricklic, Fontana, Bachman, Petrullo, Schrock (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Dr. Bachman moved, Mrs. Schrock seconded to approve the following items under personnel.

Retirement
Louanne Casini - Speech Pathologist - Effective 5/30/2026

Resignation
Debbie Cope - Paraprofessional, West Elementary - Effective 5/28/2026
Kara Ramey - 2026-2027 Assistant, JV Soccer - Girls - Level 5 - Effective 5/6/2026

Administration Summer School June 1st - 18th, 2026
Christa Frantz - Summer School Elementary Director - $3,000
Josh Jarvis - Summer School Secondary Director - $3,000
Nathan Mushrush - Summer School Food Service Director - $2,000
Johnnie Ray - Summer School Transportation Director - $2,000

Classified Summer School June 1st - 18th, 2026
Christina Marshall - Elementary Administrative Assistant - $750
Faith Deasy - Secondary Administrative Assistant - $750

Certified Summer School June 1st - 18th, 2026
Travis Baker - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Tora Clapper - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Marna Dinger - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Christina Dixon - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Elizabeth Evans - Teacher - $32.75 per hr

Certified Summer School June 1st - 18th, 2026 continued
Allison Leggett - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Tiffany Mahaffey - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Terry McCrory - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
April Range - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Lorrie Richardson - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Lauren Sharma - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Kelly VanArsdalen - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Marcia Woofter - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Teresa Young - Teacher - $32.75 per hr
Lisa Speicher - Nurse - $32.75 per hr

Substitute Teachers
Cassidy Page (5/4/2026)

Substitute Bus Driver
Jimmy McDonald (4/17/2026)

Volunteers 2025-2026
Terrellyn Shonk, Judy Solenthaler, Cheyenne Ward

Certified 2026-2027

Rescind:

New Certified One (1) Year Contracts Beginning 2026-2027

Name:	Years Experience:	Degree:
Laura Fouts	6	Master's

Correction:

New Certified Three (3) Year Contracts Beginning 2026-2027, 27-28, 28-29

Name:	Years Experience:	Degree:
Laura Fouts	6	Master's

Hire
Gretchen Daniel - Part-Time Preschool Psychologist - 6 yrs Exp. - Master's + 30 - $42,348.96 - Pro Rated 120 Days - Eff. 8/1/2026
Ellie McPeek - Preschool IS Teacher - 0 yrs Exp. - BS - $43,345 - Effective 8/1/2026
Lauren Vaughn - 7th Grade ELA Teacher - 0 yrs Exp. - BS - $43,345 - Effective 8/1/2026

Classified 2026-2027

New Continuing Contracts Beginning 2026-2027

Chad Daberko	Douglas Grass	Amy Jones
Becky Longworth-Smith	Cinda Painter	Laura "Maggie" Posey
Jay Reidenbach	Kimberly Wilson	

New Two (2) Year Contracts Beginning 2026-2027, 2027-2028

Hannah Barrick	Rozalyn Belknap	Candace Brady
Julie Brake	Kristie Contini	Jessica Domingo
John Dupke	Rebeka Eynon	Joseph Feik, Jr.
Paula Freeland	Drake Gamertsfelder	Fanny Garcia Silverio
Jeremy Gerber	Laura Harding	Jamie Hilton
Jeff Immel	Rachel Johnson	Mackenna Kalina
Zachary Laflin	Hannah Lorenz	Stephanie Lorenz
Sarah Marcovitz	Lindsey Mase	Kelly McMillen
Mary Jane Mendoza	Missy Milburn	Jack Oliver, Jr.
Greg Perkins	Brittany Straley	Sharon Szabo
Stacey Williamson	Tim Wilson	

New One (1) Year Contracts Beginning 2026-2027

Jennie Arbogast	Kamrey Dillon	Alyssa Herron
Laurie Landis	Deanna Miller	Keely Starnes
Kylee Stevenson		

Supplementals 2026-2027
Grace Williams - Tennis Coach, Girls - Level 5 - $4,335
Nathan Geers - 8th Grade Football - Level 7 - $3,684
Madison Lakota - Coach, Volleyball Freshman - Level 10 - $3,034
Ryleigh Ronald - 8th Grade Volleyball - Level 12 - $2,384
Michael Vandevort - Advisor, Senior Class - Level 15 - $1,734
Gwen Faller - Elementary Activity, Art - Level 21 - $433
Sarah Wymer - Elementary Activity, Art - Level 21 - $433
Jessica Felton - Resident Educator Program Coordinator - $1,500
Lorrie Richardson - After School Bus Duty, Central - 4 days Per Diem - $1,951.37
Shannon Meek - After School Bus Duty, Central - 4 days Per Diem - $1,912.00
Michelle Pipes - After School Bus Duty, Central - 4 days Per Diem - $1,664.37
Mary Beth Edwards - After School Bus Duty, York - 4 days Per Diem - $2,031.94
Julie Watson - After School Bus Duty, York - 4 days Per Diem - $1,990.87
Joyce Anderson - After School Bus Duty, York - 4 days Per Diem - $1,697.63
Travis Baker - After School Bus Duty, West - 4 days Per Diem - $1,091.83
Brenda Starkey - After School Bus Duty, West - 4 days Per Diem -

Rescind:
Kevin Cornell - Co-Athletics Activities Manager - $5,000
Tim Fortney - Co-Athletic Activities Manager - $2,775
Jill Swinderman - Co-Athletic Activities Manager - $2,775

Hire/Corrected:
Kevin Cornell - Co-Athletics Activities Manager - $5,137.50
Tim Fortney - Co-Athletic Activities Manager - $2,851.31
Jill Swinderman - Co-Athletic Activities Manager - $2,851.31

Substitute Teacher
Abby Troyer

Student Teachers 2026-2027
Cole Lancaster - Welty Middle School, Terry Baker

Athletic Volunteers 2026-2027
Anna Styer, Matt Voll

Roll call: Ayes: Bachman, Schrock, Fontana, Petrullo, Ricklic (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Board Resolution 63-26

Ms. Fontana moved, Mr. Petrullo, seconded to approve the following Board Resolution.

A. Approve the Safeguard Our Schools Resolution

Roll call: Ayes: Fontana, Petrullo, Bachman, Ricklic, Schrock (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Committee /Representative Report

A. Business Advisory Council Information and Minutes
B. Facilities Committee Report – Reviewed Critical needs – just shy of $10 million dollars
C. Other Committee Reports

Ms. Fontana updated the Board with the following Legislative updates:
There are 259 pieces of legislation out there.
The 4th hearing of SB 127 permits the State to close schools
Tomorrow, May 12, 2026, opponent testimony

Assistant Superintendent's Report 64-26

Ms. Fontana moved, Mrs. Schrock seconded to approve the following items under the Assistant Superintendent's Report.

A. Approval of the QDA Financial Reports - Exhibit (1), (2), (3)
B. Approval of agreement with Grand Canyon University for a student teacher candidate for the 2026-2027 school year - Grand Canyon Agreement
C. Testing Update – Testing Items: District Testing Schedule, District Testin Information

Jeff Williams updated the board that Dr. Varrati is working on the next contract for Quaker Digital Academy.
State testing has finished.

Roll call: Ayes: Fontana, Schrock, Bachman, Petrullo, Ricklic (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report 65-26

Ms. Fontana moved, and Dr. Bachman seconded to approve the following items under the Superintendent's Report.

A. Approve the list of the Class of 2026 Graduates, pending successful completion of the requirements of the New Philadelphia Board of Education and the State of Ohio.
B. Approve the Early Graduation of Alexis Barnhart, Class of 2026
C. Approve the Non-Routine Trip Request for Speech & Debate Nationals June 13th - 20th, 2026

Roll call: Ayes: Fontana, Bachman, Petrullo, Ricklic Schrock (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Executive Session 66-26

Mr. Ricklic moved, Mrs. Schrock seconded to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to consider the employment of a public employee or official.

Roll call: Ayes: Ricklic, Schrock, Bachman, Fontana, Petrullo (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Executive Session Adjournment 67-26

Dr. Bachman moved, Mr. Ricklic seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. and return to the regular session.

Roll call: Ayes: Bachman, Ricklic, Fontana, Petrullo, Schrock (5)
Nays: (0)
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Ricklic moved, Dr. Bachman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Roll call:	Ayes:	Ricklic, Bachman, Fontana, Petrullo, Schrock	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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President

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