

METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

September 2026 Board Work Session

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REMAINING SCHEDULE

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION (August 2026 – January 2027):

- September 22, 2026 Board Meeting: Introduction of Act 34 Resolution
- Board Action to approve Act 34 Hearing Resolution / Advertisement – Sept 29, 2026
- Act 34 Hearing – tentative Oct 28, 2026
- Board Action to approve Bidding Phase – November 2026

BIDDING (January – April 2027):

- Receive Bids – tentatively mid-March 2027
- Board Action to approve Bids – April 2027 Board Action Meeting (approx. $90M construction value)

CONSTRUCTION (June 2027 – July 2030)

LAND DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors (Next PC Meeting September 24, 2026)
- Montgomery County Conservation District – NPDES Application has been submitted (awaiting technical review)

Methacton HS Act 34 Hearing

An Act 34 Hearing in Pennsylvania is a mandatory public meeting for school districts planning major construction (new buildings, large additions) to present project details, costs, financing, and impact, allowing community feedback as required by state law (Act 34 of 1973), with records taken by a court reporter for the Board to consider before final approval. It is distinct from regular meetings, focusing on transparency for large-scale capital projects, often called the "Taj Mahal Act" due to its focus on big projects.

Methacton HS Act 34 Hearing

- **Purpose of an Act 34 Hearing:**
  - **Transparency:** Inform the public about proposed school construction or renovation projects.
  - **Public Input:** Allow community members to ask questions, provide comments, and offer written testimony.
  - **Legal Requirement:** Fulfill mandates from the Pennsylvania School Code for major capital projects.
  - **Record Keeping:** Create a formal, transcribed record of the project, costs, alternatives considered, and financial implications (like tax impact).

- **What Happens at the Hearing:**
  - **Presentations:** School officials present project history, needs, alternatives, costs, financing, and tax effects.
  - **Public Comment:** Attendees can speak (often limited to a few minutes) or submit written statements.
  - **Board Role:** The School Board listens but typically doesn't vote or discuss the project during the hearing itself, as it's for information gathering.
  - **Detailed Booklet:** A comprehensive booklet with all project details is available to the public beforehand.

- **Key Focus Areas:**
  - **Costs & Financing:** Detailed breakdown of estimated versus actual costs, financing methods (bonds), and debt service.
  - **Alternatives:** Explanation of other options explored (e.g., renovating vs. new build).
  - **Impact:** Effect on local taxes (millage) and state reimbursements.

RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of this School District ("Board of School Directors") has determined that additions to the High School facility are required for the use of the pupils of this School District and has authorized preliminary steps to be taken with regard to this school project, consisting of planning, designing, constructing, and furnishing additions to Methacton High School (herein "High School Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended (the "School Code"), including amendments made pursuant to Act 34 of the Session of 1973 of the General Assembly ("Act 34"), requires, *inter alia*, that a public hearing be held prior to the construction, the entering into a contract to construct, or the entering into a contract to lease a new school building or a substantial addition to an existing school building; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Act 34 and the School Code, a public hearing is required to be held in conjunction with the High School Project; and

WHEREAS, the School Code requires that a notice of such public hearing under Act 34 be advertised at least twenty (20) days prior to such hearing and that certain information be made available to persons in attendance at such hearing and that certain financial information be available for inspection be interested citizens during the period of such advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors desires to authorize its Solicitor, Superintendent, Business Manager, Architect, Financial Consultant, and others to take certain actions with respect to the High School Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to take certain action with respect to the High School Project and to comply with Act 34 and the School Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Methacton School District, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The School District hereby authorizes a public hearing to be held in accordance with and in compliance with the requirements of Act 34 and the School Code, in the Methacton High School LGI located at 1005 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville, PA 19403 on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM prevailing time.

2. The Secretary of the Board of School Directors is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the Notice of Public Hearing set forth in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof in accordance with the requirements hereof and of Act 34 and the School Code.

Max Project Cost
$ 114,032,533

3. This School District hereby authorizes the maximum project cost and maximum building construction cost for the High School Project as follows:

Maximum Project Cost	Act 34 Maximum Building Construction Cost
$114,032,533	$52,354,613

Max Bldg. Constr. Cost
$ 52,354,613

4. The Board of School Directors hereby authorizes and directs that project descriptions of the High School Project be prepared and hereby directs the Superintendent of the School District to make copies of such descriptions of the High School Project available to interested citizens requesting the same at the place and during the reasonable hours stated in the Notice of Public Hearing, after approval thereof by the Solicitor of this School District, and also to make such project descriptions available to the public media as required by Act 34, the School Code, and the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
5. This School District hereby authorizes Kyle Somers, Esquire, and the law firm of Wisler Pearlstine LLP, Solicitor for the School District, to perform such acts on behalf of this School District as may be necessary in connection with the High School Project.
6. This School District hereby authorizes the architectural firm known as SCHRADERGROUP, an HCM Studio, Project Architects for the designated High School Project, to perform such acts on behalf of the School District as may be necessary in connection with the High School Project.
7. This School District hereby authorizes the firm of Public Financial Management, Inc. as financial consultant to perform such acts on behalf of the School District as may be necessary in conjunction with the High School Project.
8. This School District further authorizes the engagement of a court stenographer to transcribe the Act 34 proceedings, consistent with the intent of this Resolution.
9. This School District further authorizes its Officers, Administration, Solicitor, Financial Consultant, and Project Architect to take any and all necessary actions in order to effectuate the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District, this 29th day of September 2026.

METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Attest: _____
Beth Rutledge, Board Secretary

By: _____
Semira Perdue, Board President

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE
METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 34
Methacton High School Additions

TO: ALL RESIDENTS OF THE METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please take notice that a public hearing will be held in the Methacton High School LGI located at 1005 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville, PA 19403 on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM, prevailing time, relating to the planning, designing, construction, and furnishing of the Methacton High School Additions, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (herein "High School Project") in accordance with Act 34 of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

A description of the High School Project, including the facts with respect to the educational, physical, administrative, budgetary, and fiscal matters relating to the High School Project, and certain other information, will be presented and will be available for consideration at the public hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, and from September 29, 2026, until the public hearing during regular business hours (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) of the School District at the offices of the Superintendent located in the Farina Education Center at 1001 Kriebel Mill Road, Eagleville, PA 19403.

The Board of School Directors of the School District ("Board") by Resolution duly adopted has authorized the following:

Maximum Project Cost	**Act 34 Maximum Building Construction Cost**
$114,032,533	**$52,354,613**

This public hearing is being held with respect to the High School Project pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, approved March 10, 1949, as amended and supplemented, including amendments made pursuant to Act 34 of the Session of 1973 of the General Assembly.

Residents and employees of the School District may submit written testimony regarding the High School Project no later than 12 p.m. on October 28, 2026. Such written testimony should be mailed via first class U.S. Mail or hand delivered (electronic mail shall not constitute acceptable delivery) to:

Dr. David Zerbe
Superintendent
Methacton School District
1001 Kriebel Mill Road
Eagleville, PA 19403

The written testimony shall include the name and address of the person submitting the request, identification of the sender as a School District resident or employee, and a description of the support or objection to the high school project. To be of the most benefit, a statement of a junction should be followed by a viable alternative solution.

Any and all interested persons may further appear at and attend the public hearing and will be given reasonable opportunity to be heard at such public hearing. Sign-in sheets will be available in the LGI of the Methacton High School at the time of the hearing. The Board will call upon individuals signing such sign-in sheets in the order in which they appear. Commentary will be limited to three (3) minutes per interested person.

Written comments regarding the high school project will also be received by the Superintendent at the School District's administration offices until 4:00 PM, Friday, November 27, 2026. Such written comments should be mailed via first class U.S. mail or hand delivered (electronic mail shall not be acceptable delivery) at the address noted above.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

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Beth Rutledge
Secretary of the Board of School Directors

Methacton HS Act 34 Hearing

TIMELINE

September 22	Review Act 34 Resolution & Advertisement
September 29	Approve the Act 34 Resolution & Advertisement
By October 8	Advertise for the Act 34 Hearing (20 days prior to the Hearing)
October 28	Hold Act 34 Hearing
November 27	Closing of written testimony period (30 days after Hearing)
Out to Bid	January 2027 (assuming Board approval to proceed)

Overall Front Facade



METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EST. 1969

Main Entry at Classroom Wing



Athletics / Performing Arts Entry



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Main Lobby



METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT EST. 1969

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Athletics Lobby



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STUDENT ENTRY & EXIT **BUS ENTRY & EXIT** **PARENT ENTRY & EXIT**



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