

NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

NORTH EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

6:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
- III. AGENDA REVISIONS
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS and STAFF
 - A. Staff Road to Gold Awards – Beth Falk, Teddy Rankin, Amy North, and Douglas Bailey
 - B. C.L.A.S.S. Act Nominee for the month of March – Sparrow Magill
 - C. PMEA All-State Chorus – Morgan Larson
 - D. NEMS Road to Gold honorees for the month of April – Alexa Mazur, Collin Piazza, Laura Smith, Austin Oakes, Aaliyah Gates, and Clayton Bennett
- V. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Food Service Department Report – Mrs. Denise Pyle
 - B. Budget Update and Discussion – Mr. Jeffrey Fox
- VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: District News and Initiatives – Dr. Michele Hartzell
- VII. BOARD REPORTS
 - A. Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit – Dr. Jane Blystone
 - B. Erie County Technical School – Mr. Corrie Boyd
 - C. School Health Council – Mrs. Amanda Steeneck
- VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
- IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION
 - A. MINUTES
 - 1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2026.
 - B. BUSINESS
 - 1. It is recommended that the Board approve Bauer Specialty Commercial Services., wallpaper removal, drywall repair and painting in the North East Elementary School by participation in the COSTARS contract number COSTARS-008-E24-1375 at a cost of \$41,575.00.

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Deere & Company via LandPro Equipment, LLC, for the purchase of a 72” Zero Turn Finish Mower with Bagger by participation in the PA Ag and Grounds Power Equip COSTARS-440-0002-8317 at a cost of \$23,574.44.
3. It is recommended that the Board approve Erie Fence, Inc. for purchase and installation of an extension of Playground Fencing at the North East Elementary School at a cost of \$6,460.00.
4. It is recommended that the Board approve Johnson’s Gearing and Fleet Supplies, Inc., for purchase of a 2.0 Yard Grit Spreader at a cost of \$8,105.97.
5. It is recommended that the Board approve Off-Road Express for purchase of a Utility Vehicle with Dump Bed at a cost of \$10,781.50.
6. It is recommended that the Board approve The Wilkins Co., Inc. for purchase and installation of an upgrade to the Sound System in the North East High School gymnasium at a cost of \$9,250.56.
7. It is recommended that the Board approve budget transfers totaling \$4,000.00 to adjust Title I federal programs budgets per the April 17, 2026 funding adjustment and building level budgets as per the attached document.

C. PERSONNEL

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the use of current instructional staff, non-instructional employees and/or substitute employees to staff the following Extended School Year (ESY) special education programs. ESY programs will run on Mondays through Thursdays from July 6 – July 31, 2026.

Program: Student hours 8:30 – 11:30	Staffing Details: Support Staff hours 8:00 – 12:00 Instructional Staff hours 8:00 – 1:00
<p>ESY for special education students who meet IDEA criteria. The program will include Autistic Support, Life Skills Support, and Learning Support Services.</p> <p>25 Students attending in person and 4 students receiving paper packets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six (6) Instructional Staff not to exceed combined total 480 hours at \$33/hour • Five (5) Instructional Aides not to exceed a combined total 320 hours at Tier I pay rates as per contract • Summer Learning Lab Nurse – One school nurse not to exceed 64 hours at \$33/hour

2. It is recommended that the Board approve a leave of absence for the individual(s) listed below.

	Staff Member	Position/Location	Duration
1	Employee A	Support Staff – High School	FMLA July 9 – approx. October 2, 2026

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following individual(s) for the position of coach(es)/advisor(s) and intramural(s) for the 2026-2027 school year at the steps listed below, pending any remaining pre-employment requirements:

COACHING POSITIONS		Recommendation	Step	Stipend
	None recommended for this meeting			
ADVISORY POSITIONS – HIGH SCHOOL		Recommendation	Step	Stipend
	None recommended for this meeting			
ADVISORY POSITIONS – MIDDLE SCHOOL		Recommendation	Step	Stipend
	None recommended for this meeting			
INTRAMURAL COACHES & ADVISORS		Recommendation	Step	Stipend
1	Bloom and Build Club Advisor – Max. 40 Hrs.	Stacy Pondo	A	\$16.11/Hr.
2	Bloom and Build Club Advisor – Max. 40 Hrs.	Allison Reynolds	A	\$16.11/Hr.
*Non-employee pending remaining paperwork				

4. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Isabella McCaffrey as a long-term substitute Life Skills teacher at North East Middle School effective May 4, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Board employ Mrs. Diane McIntosh (District Substitute List) as a long-term substitute Life Skills teacher at North East Middle School at a salary of \$284.36 per day (B-1 rate) without benefits, effective May 5 through June 5, 2026.

D. STUDENT TRAVEL REQUESTS – None

E. STAFF TRAVEL REQUESTS – None

F. CURRICULUM – None

G. ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL/OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Dr. Jane Blystone as NESD Board representative to the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 Board of Directors for a 3-year period effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029.
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Waiver and Stipulation agreement for the expulsion of Student A.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND/OR BOARD ACTION

➤ Budget Process Timeline:

- Budget Discussions/Updates – May 21, 2026
- Final Budget Approval – June 3, 2026

➤ Meeting of May 21, 2026:

- Annual approval of depository agenda, audit form and solicitor for 26-27
- Homestead/Farmstead Report

I. UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- Keystone Testing and Senior Portfolio Reviews at NEHS – May 11, 15, and 18
- Elementary STEAM Fair – Wednesday, May 13
- Agri-Fun Day – Saturday, May 16 at NEHS
- Spring Band Concerts – Tuesday May 19 High School / Wednesday May 20 Middle School
- Memorial Day – No School on Monday, May 25
- NEHS Scholarship Night – Tuesday, May 26
- Spring Choral Concerts – Wednesday May 27 High School / Thursday May 28 Middle School
- ECTS Graduation – Wednesday, May 27
- NE Elementary School Field Day – Wednesday, May 27
- District Giving Back Day – Thursday, May 28
- Powder Puff Jrs.v. Srs.at NEHS – Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m.
- Grade 8 Sendoff Dinner Dance – Friday, May 29
- Baccalaureate – Sunday, May 31 at 6:00 pm
- NEMS Olympic Days – Tuesday & Wednesday, June 2 and 3
- NEHS GRADUATION – Thursday, June 4
- LAST STUDENT DAY – Friday, June 5 (Half day dismissal)

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

XI. ADJOURNMENT