



**SHIPPENSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2026**

The Shippensburg Area Board of School Directors met on **September 28, 2026**
in the **Middle School Cafeteria** beginning at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

Board of School Directors

Mr. Andrew Alosi
Mrs. Becky Wolfinger
Mr. Kirk Naugle (**ABSENT**)
Mr. Mike Carey
Dr. Nathan Goates

Mr. Jim Bard
Mr. Fred Scott (**ABSENT**)
Dr. Michael Lyman
Mr. Charles Suders

Administrative Staff

Mr. William August, Superintendent
Mrs. Leslee DeLong, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Caleb Barwin, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Jeremy Barnes, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Dr. Troy Stevens, Director of Technology

Student Representatives

Damian Powell

1.f. AGENDA APPROVAL

Suders made a motion, seconded by **Carey**, to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

No comments were made.

3. REPORTS:

3.a. Board Reports

3.a.a. Budget and Finance

3.a.b. Buildings and Grounds

3.a.c. CAIU

- Since the last update on the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU), recent discussions highlighted ongoing fire suppression projects at their main facility, as well as a children's charity that supplies adaptable bikes and adaptive equipment for students across various

CAIU locations. During the September meeting, the primary focus was reviewing the CAIU's strategic plan. Additionally, the CAIU assistant director offered to assist the district with its own comprehensive plan if needed.

3.a.d. Curriculum and Student Engagement

3.a.e. Franklin County Career and Technology Center

3.a.f. Franklin Learning Center

3.b. Student Representatives - Damian Powell

High School Report

- **Athletic Updates:**
 - Football: Current record is 2-3.
 - Boys Soccer: Current record is 6-3-1; currently ranked second in the conference.
 - Girls Soccer: Current record is 5-2-3; currently ranked third in the conference.
 - Cross Country: Undefeated with a 5-0 record; secured the Colonial Division title for the second consecutive year.
 - Field Hockey: Current record is 3-7-1.
 - Volleyball: Current record is 2-8.
- **School News & Student Activities:**
 - Homecoming: Scheduled for Saturday, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM, with the theme *"Under The Stars."*
 - GNN (Greyhound News Network): Positive feedback received from students and staff regarding the new journalism channel. Accounts are active on Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and Facebook.
 - National English Honor Society: Inducted over 100 students across grades 10–12 into the high school's newly established chapter.
 - Youth Advisory Council: Student representatives (grades 6–12) focused on youth mental health and prevention traveled to Harrisburg to collaborate with the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance on crafting personal prevention narratives.
- **Music & Performing Arts:**
 - Marching Band: Competed in the Bulldog Brawl Competition at Big Spring High School. Band Director Mr. Heckman was awarded Best Director among all competing schools.
 - Drama Club: Met with the newly approved Crew Director, expressing enthusiasm and appreciation to the Board for her appointment.

Middle School Report

- **School News & Student Activities:**
 - Spirit Week & Literacy: Hosted a Dolly Parton-themed Spirit Week, featuring "Champ Chance" entries for students to win new books.
 - PTO Skating Night: Successfully hosted a student skating event.
 - Color Run Fundraiser: Scheduled for Friday at the end of the school day; fundraising efforts are nearing 50% of the target goal.
 - Clubs & Programs: Active club participation continues; 8th-grade students participated in "YES Day" and received presentations from the Franklin County Career and Technology Center (FCCTC) regarding enrollment opportunities.

3.c. Superintendent's Report

3.c.a. Donation Report

3.c.b. Enrollment Report

3.c.c. PCCS Grant Review- Mrs. DeLong

- Grant review has been moved to the October 12th board meeting

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Lyman made a motion, seconded by Goates, to approve items of the Consent Agenda 4.a-e.

4.a. Approval Minutes

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4.b. Finance

4.c. Personnel - Professional and Support

4.d. Personnel – Administration

4.e. Transportation

The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AGENDA – For approval at the October 12, 2026, Meeting:

- **5.a. Disposal of Surplus ELA Instruction Materials – SAIS**
- **5.b. SAMS Stage Curtains**
- **5.c. Request for New Activity Form: Health Occupations Students of America club**
- **5.d. Shippensburg Assistant High School Principal Interim**

6. ACTION AGENDA:

- **Carey** made a motion to table item 6.a., seconded **Suders**.
 - **6.a. Motion to Open Boyo Transportation Contract for Bus Routing Services**

The motion to table passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Suders**, to approve item 6.b.
 - **6.b. SASHS Social Media Accounts**
 - **6.b.a. SASHS FFA YouTube Channel**
 - **6.b.b. SASHS Key Club Instagram**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Suders**, to approve item 6.c.
 - **6.c. Third Party Stadium Assessment Agreement Amendment – El Associates**

On a roll call vote: Bard, Carey, Suders, Goates, Lyman, Wolfinger, and Alosi voted YES. The motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Suders**, to approve item 6.d.
 - **6.d. MOU with Shippensburg Area Education Association**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Lyman**, to approve item 6.e.
 - **6.e. New Debt (2026) - Maximum Parameters Resolution - ROLL CALL VOTE NEEDED**

On a roll call vote: Bard, Carey, Suders, Goates, Lyman, Wolfinger, and Alosi voted YES. The motion passed 7 yes, 0 no.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Bard**, to approve item 6.f.
 - **6.f. Disposal of Surplus ELA Instructional Materials – SASHS**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Lyman** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 6.g.
 - **6.g. Hoffman Academy Addendum**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Lyman** made a motion, seconded **Wolfinger**, to approve item 6.h.
 - **6.h. Shippensburg SAIS Alterations & Additions - Revised Amendment #1**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 6.i.
 - **6.i. Shippensburg Greyhounds Youth Football Facility Request (Sunday)**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 6.j.
 - **6.j. Approval to Participate in IDEA Grant Programs for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Wolfinger**, to approve item 6.k.
 - **6.k. CAIU English Language Development (ELD/ESL) Services Agreement**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Lyman**, to approve item 6.l.
 - **6.l. IXL Subscription**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 6.m.
 - **6.m. LPN Building Substitute**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Wolfinger**, to approve item 6.n.
 - **6.n. MOU Diakon**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 6.o.
 - **6.o. Personal Care Assistant**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Lyman** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 6.p.
 - **6.p. Addition of MS Track and Field Team**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion to bring the volleyball bylaws off the table, seconded by **Suders**.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion to approve the volleyball bylaws, seconded by **Suders**.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No comments were made.

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

Note: The following statement was delivered by Board President Drew Alosi at the start of the meeting prior to proceeding with reports and scheduled agenda items.

"As members of the Board of School Directors, elected officials hold a position of public trust and

have a responsibility to conduct themselves with dignity, professionalism, and civility under the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 and the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act. While passionate disagreement is appropriate during public deliberation, personal confrontation, intimidation, and unwanted physical contact—such as tapping another member in anger—fall outside the standard of professional behavior. Every board member is entitled to participate in district business without fear of intimidation. Following a recent incident, the Board President consulted with the district solicitor, administrators, and the involved parties (Mr. Naugle and Ms. Wolfinger) to address the situation. Mr. Naugle has apologized privately, and should he choose not to resign, he will be asked to issue a public apology at the next in-person meeting he attends, alongside potential board action recommended by legal counsel.

In addition to addressing board conduct, the district will be restructuring its meeting setup based on feedback from board members. The current system of holding committee meetings on regular board meeting nights will be replaced with a schedule that reactivates individual committees. These committees will meet at publicly announced times and will be co-led by the corresponding district administrators and board members, such as the Curriculum Director leading the Curriculum Committee and Mr. Drawbaugh leading Facilities. Mr. Naugle will no longer serve as the Facilities Committee chairperson. This organizational shift aims to establish a functional, higher standard of governance centered on serving the students, teachers, and school community.”

Mr. Carey expressed enthusiasm for the district's recent progress, noting that it was exciting to watch long-overdue facility expansion and growth across several schools, as well as improvements to the stadium and track.

Following Mr. Carey's remarks, Dr. Lyman introduced a few updates and community assignments. First, to honor the memory of former board member Dwayne Burt, Dr. Lyman requested that a new school principal work with a student committee, including input from Mr. Burt's widow who currently teaches in the district, to develop recommendations for something within the district that could be named after him. Next, Dr. Lyman provided a brief follow-up on a previous inquiry regarding local sycamore trees, sharing that district staff identified a blight affecting the trees, though further investigation is needed to determine whether trimming or removal is required. Finally, Dr. Lyman offered condolences to Ms. Stewart following the recent passing of her husband, a sentiment echoed by another member who praised his impact as an educator.

Mrs. Wolfinger addressed the board to reflect on her seven-year commitment to serving district students while expressing concern following an incident after the September 14th meeting involving being verbally accosted and tapped on the shoulder with a rolled-up set of paper by a fellow board member, Mr. Naugle, after the meeting concluded. Mrs. Wolfinger expressed disappointment over the lack of intervention during the exchange, she shared that the experience made her question her personal safety and consider resigning. Mrs. Wolfinger emphasized that board members should be held to the same standards of conduct and accountability expected of district staff and students and noted that an apology offered in a private meeting fell short of full accountability. She concluded by calling on the board and community to uphold high standards of civility, mutual respect, and safety for all members regardless of differing opinions.

Board President Drew Alosi and Mrs. Wolfinger engaged in a brief exchange regarding the board's response to her concerns. Mr. Alosi clarified that he had helped schedule and attended the meeting between Mrs. Wolfinger, her husband, and Mr. Naugle, and noted that he had maintained contact with her to honor her preferred timeline for addressing the matter. He confirmed that, as requested and within his authority as board president, Mr. Naugle would no longer serve as Facilities Chair and that formal board action- described as the most severe measure available- would occur the next board meeting stating verbatim, “and the next meeting we will follow through with what I feel and as the solicitor explained is the most severe action that a board can take.” Mr. Alosi emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of decorum, professionalism, and teamwork in all board

interactions, adding that he will ask the district solicitor to conduct a board workshop to reinforce governance expectations.

9. INFORMATION:

9.a. Date Saver

SEPTEMBER:

- Monday, September 28, 2026:
 - 5:30pm: Committee of the Whole
 - 8:00pm: Planning and Action
- Wednesday, September 30, 2026:
 - 5:30PM: Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting

OCTOBER:

- Friday, October 2nd: SASHS homecoming football game
- Saturday, October 3rd, SASHS homecoming dance
- Monday, October 12th: ***District Closed; 12-Month Employees Work***
- Monday, October 12, 2026:
 - 5:30pm: Committee of the Whole
 - 8:00pm: Planning and Action

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **9:24PM**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Caleb Barwin', is written over a horizontal line.

Caleb Barwin, Board Secretary