



**SHIPPENSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2026**

The Shippensburg Area Board of School Directors met on **September 14, 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
Mr. Mike Carey
Dr. Nathan Goates

Mr. Jim Bard (**ABSENT**)
Mr. Fred Scott
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
Mrs. Stephanie Barnhart, Shippensburg Area Middle School
Principal

Student Representatives

Damian Powell (**ABSENT**)

1.f. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

Tracy Smith, item 5.i.: Tracy Smith expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed \$2 million purchase of the land adjacent to the school at Baker Russell, questioning the property's valuation given its prolonged period on the market. A key issue raised was the substantial development expense, particularly due to local water recirculation requirements that necessitate pumping water uphill. Furthermore, the speaker highlighted ongoing drainage and flooding problems impacting both the school and surrounding neighborhoods, such as Park Place, warning that improper water management on this site could worsen conditions. The comment emphasized broader community skepticism, referring to online public discourse labeling the parcel as a "swamp" and concluded by requesting transparency on who will fund the property acquisition, what the specific development plans entail, and how future site infrastructure costs will be covered.

Devin Friese, item 6.a.: Representing Friese Transportation, addressed item 6A on the agenda, raising concerns regarding what he characterized as a rushed decision-making process based on potentially incomplete or inaccurate data. Drawing on his experience serving 14 public and private school systems, Mr. Friese asserted that the Shippensburg transportation system operates exceptionally smoothly with minimal issues, questioning the necessity for either short- or long-term structural changes. Analyzing the proposed financial restructuring, he questioned the efficiency of downsizing internal administrative staff to save \$25,000 while simultaneously outsourcing operations to a third-party contractor for \$44,000, suggesting instead that retaining an in-house transportation director would yield greater net savings. Finally, while explicitly clarifying that his remarks were not a critique of the contractor's performance or personnel, Mr. Friese emphasized a potential conflict of interest, expressing concern that assigning administrative oversight to a fellow contractor could inadvertently lead to unfair treatment or diminished prioritization of independent operators.

3. REPORTS:

3.a. Student Representatives - Damian Powell

3.b. Superintendent's Report

3.b.a. Donation Report

3.b.b. Enrollment Report

3.b.c. Booster follow-up

Speaking on behalf of the PTO leadership for both James Burd Elementary and the Intermediate School, Mr. Hudson outlined the organizations' budgets, fundraising initiatives, and community-building goals. Both PTOs operate with annual budgets near \$30,000, with their largest expense consistently being field trip transportation costs, which continue to rise each year. To cover these expenses, James Burd relies heavily on fundraisers like Gertrude Hawk chocolates, business donations, and book fairs; rather than taking profit from scholastic sales, they convert earnings into book credits to ensure every student receives a free book, third graders receive free yearbooks, and teachers receive library supplements. The PTO also funds traditions like the kindergarten Mother's Day plates and supports teacher appreciation events. Similarly, the Intermediate School relies on its primary fundraiser, Cherrydale, alongside Readathons and monthly school stores to support field trips, positive behavior rewards, field day, and district charity contributions.

Looking ahead, Mr. Hudson announced plans for increased collaboration between the two schools, utilizing their shared campus to host a joint Saturday "fun run" and community festival featuring food trucks to strengthen school-family relationships. Additionally, board members were invited to volunteer at the upcoming Intermediate School book fair beginning October 5th via a sign-up link on the PTO's Facebook page.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Scott made a motion, seconded by **Wolfinger**, to approve items of the Consent Agenda 4.a-d.

4.a. Approval Minute

4.b. Finance

4.c. Personnel - Professional and Support

4.d. Personnel – Administration

The motion passed unanimously.

Carey made a motion, seconded by **Wolfinger**, to approve items of the Consent Agenda 4.e.

4.e. Transportation

The motion passed unanimously.

5. ACTION AGENDA:

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 5.a
 - **5.a. Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) and 7th grade Design and Discovery**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 5.b.
 - **5.b. SASHS Girls Volleyball Bylaws- REVISED**

The motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Alosi raised concerns regarding Article 8 (Disciplinary Procedures) of the booster club bylaws, noting that "misconduct" is undefined. He questioned whether it applies to incidents involving students, district personnel, or club members, as well as how authority is shared between the club and the district. To resolve this lack of clarity, Mr. Alosi recommended tabling the item until the booster club provides specific definitions and procedural details. **Suders** made a motion, seconded **Naugle**, to table item 5.b.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Suders**, to approve item 5.c
 - **5.c. Amergis Services Agreement**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 5.d
 - **5.d. Principals Association Agreement- Interim Principal**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 5.e
 - **5.e. Updated: Teacher Supervision and Evaluation Plan**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Scott** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 5.f
 - **5.f. Shippensburg Area School District Organizational Chart**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 5.g
 - **5.g. Personal Care Assistant (PCA) positions**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 5.h
 - **5.h. Sponsorship with Adams Electric**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Goates** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 5.i
 - **5.i. Sales Agreement with Engay Incorporated for 19.57 Acres**

On a roll call vote: Carey, Suders, Goates, Lyman, Naugle, Scott, and Alosi voted YES; Wolfinger voted NO. The motion passed 7 yes, 1 no.

- **Scott** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 5.j
 - **5.j. Summit K-12 Quote**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Lyman**, to approve item 5.k
 - **5.k. Cumberland/Perry Counties CASSP & ESAP Liaison Letter of Agreement**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 5.l
 - **5.l. Reschini Employer Reporting Engagement Proposal 2026**

The motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AGENDA – For approval at the September 28, 2026, Meeting:

- 6.a. Motion to Open Boyo Transportation Contract for Bus Routing Services
- 6.b. SASHS Social Media Accounts
- 6.c. Third Party Stadium Assessment Agreement Amendment – EI Associates
- 6.d. MOU with Shippensburg Area Education Association
- 6.e. New Debt (2026) - Maximum Parameters Resolution - ROLL CALL VOTE NEEDED
- 6.f. Disposal of Surplus ELA Instructional Materials – SASHS
- 6.g. Hoffman Academy Addendum
- 6.h. Shippensburg SAIS Alterations & Additions - Revised Amendment #1
- 6.i. Shippensburg Greyhounds Youth Football Facility Request (Sunday)
- 6.j. Approval to Participate in IDEA Grant Programs for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year
- 6.k. CAIU English Language Development (ELD/ESL) Services Agreement
- 6.l. IXL Subscription
- 6.m. LPN Building Substitute
- 6.n. MOU Diakon
- 6.o. Personal Care Assistant
- 6.p. Addition of MS Track and Field Team

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Lily Adams: Former driver of bus 19 addressed the board to share why she recently resigned and to speak on behalf of local school bus drivers. She expressed deep frustration over a lack of administrative support, communication, and action regarding student misconduct on buses, noting that despite repeatedly writing up unruly students, drivers are routinely told to simply endure the behavior. She criticized high school administrators for failing to contact her directly about recent incidents. Emphasizing that riding the bus is a privilege rather than a right, Lily urged the board and district administration to hold students and parents accountable by enforcing real consequences- including revoking bus privileges- rather than yielding to complaining parents. She concluded by calling on the district to respect

and back its transportation staff, warning that failure to support drivers will inevitably worsen driver shortages.

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

Sharing positive updates, reflections, and administrative priorities across the district, board members expressed enthusiasm for recent leadership hires, including welcoming Mrs. Barnhart as the new middle school principal and praising Mr. Barnes for his energy and potential to advance the district's curriculum. Multiple members praised the transition to the new football stadium and the successful atmosphere at recent games, highlighting how students are embracing new school traditions. Members Dr. Goates and Mrs. Wolfinger shared personal connections to district staff: Dr. Goates highlighted the joy of reading to first graders at James Burd Elementary, while Mrs. Wolfinger commended the local bus drivers, empathized with the behavioral challenges they face from students based on her own family's experiences, and emphasized the critical role drivers play in student safety. Dr. Lyman requested the reinstatement of regular updates from local vocational and intermediate units and assigned an educational "homework" task to middle school science classes to research the health and preservation of local campus sycamore trees. Additionally, Mr. Suders noted progress toward establishing CDL testing with bus endorsements at the career center, and board leadership offered an apology to former bus driver Ms. Adams regarding prior email communication, reassuring transportation staff that their concerns regarding agenda items and communication would be further addressed at the September 28th meeting.

9. INFORMATION:

9.a. Date Saver

SEPTEMBER:

- **Monday, September 14, 2026:**
 - **5:30pm: Committee of the Whole**
 - **8:00pm: Planning and Action**
- **Friday, September 18th: Inservice Day**
- **Monday, September 28, 2026:**
 - **5:30pm: Committee of the Whole**
 - **8:00pm: Planning and Action**

OCTOBER:

- **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 **9:43 P.M.**

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

Caleb Barwin, Board Secretary