

SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA
Rescheduled Monthly Meeting
to be held
Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARIES

- a. Prayer
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

2. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is set for June 17, 2025, beginning at 7:30pm in the Board Conference Room.

3. RECOGNIZE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

5. WORK SESSION AGENDA

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 6.01 Approve Board meeting minutes.

_____ I move that the following minutes of the Board of Directors be approved as presented:

Regular Monthly Meeting: April 15, 2025

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

- 6.02 Accept Treasurer's Reports.

_____ I move that the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2025 be accepted as presented.

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

6. OLD BUSINESS (continued)

6.03 Authorize payment of bills.

_____ I move that the bills for the month of April 2025 be authorized paid as presented.
_____ (Gen. Fund, Capital Reserve, Athletic Fund, Cafeteria Fund)

(ROLL CALL)

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.01 Acknowledge student and/or staff accomplishments.

_____ I move to acknowledge the following student and staff accomplishments:

Middle/High School Students of the Month for April

Mattias Fasbinder – 9th Grade

Noah Koklinski – 7th Grade

Prom Royalty 2025

QUEEN: Alyssa Honicker

PRINCESS: Rylee Bickert

KING: Oskar Moraski

PRINCE: Rhyan Henz

Elementary School Students of the Month for April

3rd Grade – Lennox Lahr

4th Grade – Kaisen Kline

5th Grade – Evie Startzel

6th Grade – Olivia Derr

- Congratulations to the Boys' 100-meter relay team of Logan Steele, Chase Pensyl, Ryan Bickert and Benny Delbaugh for breaking the school record with a time of 42.02;
- Congratulations to the Boys' 400-meter relay team of Colin Steinhart, Chase Pensyl, Ryan Bickert and Benny Delbaugh for breaking the school record with a time of 3:17.0;
- Congratulations to Benny Delbaugh for breaking the school record in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:58.1;
- Congratulations to Chase Pensyl breaking his own school record in the 200-meter run with a time of 22.09;
- and Congratulations to Blake Hockenbroch for breaking the school record in discus with a throw of 164'8".

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**7.02 Adopt the 2025-2026 Tentative General Fund Budget.**

I move that the Shamokin Area School District tentative general fund budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$41,723,783, with millage rate of 43.64, be approved as presented, advertised and made available for public inspection as required by the Public School Code of 1949, as amended.

(ROLL CALL)

7.03 Adopt Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

I move to adopt the Resolution as presented implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusions for the purpose of reducing school district property taxes pursuant to Act 1 of 2006, "The Taxpayer Relief Act."

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Shamokin Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2025:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6956.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$606,091.73.

b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6956.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$3,068.26.

2. Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(I), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), Northumberland County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4181.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 22.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** To date, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4203.

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal as established by law. Dividing the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$606,091.73 by the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4203 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the calculations of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable currently to each homestead and to each approved farmstead would be **\$144.19**.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional amount of \$111,669 will be available during the school year for real estate assessed value reduction applicable to approximately 4203 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional per property real estate assessed value reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of **\$1.09**. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculations of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount of \$3,304 the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead will be approximately \$3,329.

Exclusion calculations. Dividing the preliminary tax relief amount per homestead and farmstead of \$144.19 by the School District real estate tax rate of 43.64 mills, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as homestead exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead is **\$3,304** before making adjustments for the approximately 150 homesteads and farmsteads which will then increase the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to approximately **\$3,329** yielding a new approximate tax relief amount of **\$145.28**.

4. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,329. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or

5. (b) The maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,329. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for this school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

RESOLVED this 15th day of May 2025.

(ROLL CALL)

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

7.04 Elect Board Treasurer.

_____ I move that **Stephen J. Cook** be elected to serve as Treasurer of the Shamokin
_____ Area School District Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025 to
_____ June 30, 2026) at a salary of \$2,700 per year and that bond be set at \$20,000.

(ROLL CALL)

7.05 Approve 2025 summer compressed work schedule.

_____ I move to approve a four-day work week beginning June 9, 2025, as per the format for a
_____ compressed work schedule presented by Administration.

(ROLL CALL)

7.06 Extend work year for counselors.

_____ I move to approve extending the following work year for counselors listed:

- an aggregate maximum of 30 days for secondary counselors during the 2025 summer months at the discretion of the superintendent and principal.
- an aggregate maximum of 5 days for elementary counselors during the 2025 summer months at the discretion of the superintendent and principal

(ROLL CALL)

7.07 Move to Acknowledge Review of Policy #249.

_____ I move to acknowledge review of Policy #249: Bullying/Cyberbullying, as presented.
_____ No changes were needed.

(ROLL CALL)

7.08 Adopt New Job Description.

_____ I move to adopt new job description #503 *School Police Officer*, as presented.

(ROLL CALL)

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

7.09 Approve Elementary School Handbook.

_____ I move that the 2025-2026 Elementary School Handbook be approved as presented, however
_____ it is subject to revisions due to staffing updates and PTA membership.

(ROLL CALL)

7.10 Approve agreements for student services.

_____ I move to approve the Agreement with Kidsworld Therapy Center, Lewisburg, PA, to provide
_____ Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy services as needed for the 2025-26 school year at a
fixed fee of \$4,333.50/month, \$85.00 per hour for therapy and vision services, \$60.00 per hour
for OT services; \$85.00 per hour for homebound instruction, travel time at the rate of \$20.00 per
hour and a rate of \$350.00 per hour for independent evaluations.

(ROLL CALL)

7.11 Approve script for the 2026 high school musical.

_____ I move to approve the script for the 2026 high school musical “Miss Saigon – High School
_____ Edition” available for review.

(ROLL CALL)

7.12 Approve or Disapprove transportation services and waive charges.

_____ I move to (Approve)(Disapprove) transportation services for the following students to be
_____ transported to/from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional and Meadowview for the 2025-2026 K-4
program, for which transportation is currently not provided:

- Isabella Chernago, daughter of Katie Chernago, 1100 Trevorton Rd., Coal Twp – Lourdes

A rate based on a per diem basis, equal to the daily cost per student of the Shamokin Area School District will be billed to the family UNLESS WAIVED by the Board. This is contingent upon the availability of seating and is non-precedent setting.

(ROLL CALL)

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**7.13 Approve Establishment of New Student Club and Activity Fund.**

_____ I move to approve the establishment of the Shamokin Area 3C (Campus and Community Cleanup)
_____ Club and student activity fund. Rachel Bidelspach will be the advisor. There is no stipend
_____ attached to this activity unless one is established in the budget.

(ROLL CALL)

7.14 Approve Curriculum.

_____ I move to approve the Mathematics curriculum for Fifth Grade, as presented.

(ROLL CALL)

7.15 Approve proposal for printing tax bills.

_____ I move to accept the proposal for tax bill printing and mailing services from BerkOne
_____ at a cost of \$0.3330 per tax bill, \$0.102 for tax duplicate printing, a PDF file for \$75.00, and
_____ \$185.00 per hour for services.

(ROLL CALL)

7.16 Approve purchase of copier for the Superintendent's Office.

_____ I move to approve the purchase of a Konica Minolta BozHUB BH C301i copier from TOPP
_____ Business Solutions at a cost of \$5,612.00 plus service agreement to be located in the
_____ Superintendent's Office.

(ROLL CALL)

7.17 Approve CSIU Keystone Purchasing Network fuel oil and gasoline bid.

_____ I move to accept the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Keystone Purchasing
_____ Network bid for diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline From Diesel Direct Mid-Atlantic LLC
_____ for the 2025-26 fiscal year as follows:

87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline – Firm Price: 2,500 Gallons at \$2.4486
NRLM ULSD (Dyed Off-Road Diesel) – Firm Price: 1,500 Gallons at \$3.9753

(ROLL CALL)

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**7.18 Authorize Vehicle Purchase for SPO.**

_____ I move to authorize the purchase of a 2016 police vehicle from Ralpho Township at a
 _____ cost of \$4500 plus transfer costs.

(ROLL CALL)

7.19 Accept Paving Project Proposal.

_____ I move to accept the proposal from Sokol, Inc. to complete a paving project for a total cost of
 _____ \$194,800.00, to be paid through capital funds.

(ROLL CALL)

7.20 Renew insurance through Myers & Lynch Insurance, Inc.

_____ I move to renew the following insurance premiums with Myers & Lynch Insurance Co.
 _____ for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at the annual premium as listed below:

Commercial Package	PSBA	\$154,345
School Leaders Legal	PSBA	\$27,941
Cyber-Privacy Protection	ACE	\$17,378
Student Accident	AXIS	\$10,140
Workman's Compensation	H.A.R.I.E.	\$131,322

(ROLL CALL)

7.21 Approve exoneration requests.

_____ I move to approve the following requests for exemption from Act 511 and Section 679
 _____ taxes submitted by tax collectors:

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
James F. Dunn, Shamokin	2021-2024	\$330.00	Non-resident
Dalton M. Madara, 236 W. Willow St. Shamokin	2023	\$176.00	Non-resident
Lawrence Cooper, 3411 Irish Valley Rd., Paxinos	2024	\$10.00	Deceased
Robert Hile, 635 Fig Rd., Shamokin	2024	\$10.00	Nursing Home
Frank Garrigan, 276 Tulip Rd., Paxinos	2024	\$310.00	Non-resident
Susan Broschious, 463 Chestnut Rd., Shamokin	2024	\$10.00	Deceased
Mary Ann Yonkoskie, 254 Hollow Rd., Paxinos	2024	\$10.00	Deceased

7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

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	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Brandon Fisher, 2183 Hosta Rd., Paxinos	2024	\$160.00	UTF
Angelica Masser, PO Box 11, Paxinos	2024	\$210.00	Non-resident
John Boyer Jr., 2659 State Rt. 61, Sunbury	2024	\$200.00	Deceased
Whitney Lauver, 4179 Snyderstown Rd., Danville	2024	\$110.00	Non-resident
Richard Swank, 278 Holly Rd., Paxinos	2024	\$160.00	Deceased
Ronald Tamecki, 632 Fig Rd., Shamokin	2024	\$160.00	Non-resident
Terri Tamecki, 632 Fig Rd., Shamokin	2024	\$110.00	Non-resident
Janice Zaleski, 3399 Irish Valley Rd., Paxinos	2024	\$10.00	Deceased
Heather Augustine, 530 Birch Rd., Shamokin	2024	\$110.00	Non-resident

(ROLL CALL)

8. PERSONNEL AGENDA**9. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS****10. CLOSED MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. An executive session was held for personnel issues on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 5:30pm to _____pm, prior to the rescheduled monthly board meeting.

11. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**12. ADJOURNMENT**

_____ I move that this meeting be adjourned.

TIME: _____