Board of School Directors
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 7:00 PM Eastern

Middle School
100 N. School Street
Belefonte, PA 16823

Jennifer Barnhart:	Present
Nate Campbell:	Absent
Jon Guizar:	Present
Holly Hopkins:	Present
Tim Kessling:	Present
Kristin Lyons:	Absent
Donna Smith:	Present
Kim Weaver:	Present
Joseph Yech:	Present

Present: 7, Absent: 2.

1. Executive Session

2. Opening Items

2.1. Call to Order

2.2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2.3. Roll Call

Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Roy Rakszawski, Mr. Kenneth Bean, Director of Fiscal Affairs

Others present: Solicitor Mr. Carl Beard and Crew from C-Net.

2.4. Approval of Agenda
It is recommended that the agenda for the July 14, 2026, Board Meeting be approved as presented. This motion, made by Jennifer Barnhart and seconded by Donna Smith, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
The agenda for July 14, 2026, was approved as presented.

3. Comments from the Public
The Board heard comments from several district residents and community members regarding the proposed transfer of building principals during the public participation portion of the meeting.

4. Presentations/Discussions

4.1. BAHS TSI Plan

Mr. Fedisson, High School Principal, presented the Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) Plan for Bellefonte Area High School and reviewed the key components of the plan with the Board.

4.2. School Handbooks
Mr. Guizar presented the school handbooks for board review and invited questions and discussion from the Board and public.

Mrs. Smith raised a question concerning the wording of the weapons policy within the district handbooks; Dr. Rakszawski noted he would collaborate with building principals to clarify these procedures.

Dr. Besch clarified that the athletic handbooks marked 'draft' contain organizational and cosmetic updates rather than new policies. He highlighted an updated provision regarding student-athlete expectations following a fourth offense, as well as a restructured bullying and harassment flowchart designed to improve readability.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1. Approval of Minutes from the June 30, 2026 meeting.
It is recommended to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2026 Board of School Directors meeting. This motion, made by Holly Hopkins and seconded by Donna Smith, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6. Reports

6.1. Legislation
Mrs. Smith provided an overview of the state budget agreement and school code amendments, including funding increases.

6.2. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Rakszawski presented the Superintendent's Report, detailing several updates across the district:

- Summer Programs & Events**:** Expressed appreciation to CPI for hosting engaging summer camps; noted the Extended School Year (ESY) program runs through July 23 at the new elementary school; highlighted upcoming high school volleyball camps and the summer drama camp performance scheduled for July 18-19, 2026.

- New Elementary School Grand Opening**:** Announced the community grand opening event scheduled for August 12, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, which will be recorded by C-Net.

- Flexible Instruction Day (FID) Plan: Reported that the district's 3-year FID plan (allowing up to 5 days per school year) was approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) following minor administrative revisions.

- Recognition: Thanked Mr. Price for providing temporary IT assistance during Mr. Funk's absence.

7. Treasurer's Report
It is recommended to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. This motion, made by Holly Hopkins and seconded by Donna Smith, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Mr. Bean noted that the Treasurer's Report was provided in the board packet. There being no questions, the report will be filed by Friday, July 17, 2026.

8. Authorization to Pay Bills

8.1. Board Bill List

9. Investment Report

9.1. Investment Reports
It is recommended to approve the Investment Reports for June 2026. This motion, made by Kim Weaver and seconded by Jennifer Barnhart, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10. Personnel
Motion to approve Agenda Items 10.1 through 12.2 Mr. Guizar indicated that Agenda Items 10.1 through 12.2 be included under the consent agenda. This motion, made by Holly Hopkins and seconded by Donna Smith, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Mr. Guizar indicated that Agenda Items 10.1 through 12.2 will be included under the consent agenda.

10.1. Retirements/Resignations
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 10).

10.2. New Hires
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 10).

10.3. Extra Duty/Extra Pay
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 10).

10.4. Leave Requests
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 10).

10.5. Volunteers

Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 10).

11. Educational and School Activities

11.1. Slippery Rock University Uniform Clinical Training Agreement
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 11).

11.2. BAHS TSI Plan
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 11).

11.3. High School Exchange Student
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 11).

11.4. Nittany Learning Services - Middle School Intervention
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 11).

12. Finance
Mr. Guizar indicated that Agenda Items 10.1 through 12.2 will be included under the consent agenda.

12.1. Clear Investigate
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 12).

12.2. Rogers Stadium Track Maintenance
Approved under Consent Agenda (Item 12).

13. Items Removed from Consent

13.1. HRG Payments
It is recommended to approve payment to HRG, Inc. in the amounts of $33,698.97 & $19,736.18 for services rendered as shown. This motion, made by Donna Smith and seconded by Kim Weaver, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Approved payments to HRG, Inc.

13.2. Sitelogiq
It is recommended to approve payment to Sitelogiq in the amount of $8,850.90 for commissioning services for the new Bellefonte Elementary. This motion, made by Donna Smith and seconded by Kim Weaver, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Approved payment to SiteLogiQ.

13.3. Bellefonte Elementary Construction Payments
It is recommended to approve payment to 11400 LLC. in the amount of $11,647.72. This motion, made by Holly Hopkins and seconded by Donna Smith, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Approved construction payment for the New Bellefonte Elementary School project.

13.4. Jessica Quinn-Horgan Law Office
It is recommended to approve payment to Jessica Quinn-Horgan law office in the amount of $6,545.00. This motion, made by Jennifer Barnhart and seconded by Kim Weaver, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Approved legal service fees for Jessica Quinn-Horgan Law Office.

13.5. New Hire Approvals
It is recommended that the Board approve the authorization of the Superintendent to hire personnel as necessary through September 1, 2026. This motion, made by Tim Kessling and seconded by Joseph Yech, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Mr. Guizar clarified that this is standard practice during the summer months to meet personnel needs, with formal ratification occurring at a later meeting since the Board only meets once per month during the summer.

13.6. Board Ad-Hoc Branding Committee
Mr. Guizar established this ad-hoc committee, which will remain active and operational from now through December 2026.

No action taken.

13.7. Action On Personnel Issue
It is recommended to approve the decision in matter of employee #1689. This motion, made by Donna Smith and seconded by Kim Weaver, Carried.

Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Tim Kessling: Abstain (With Conflict), Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1
It is recommended to approve the decision in the matter of employee #1689.

13.8. Roof Repairs
It is recommended to approve Tremco, Inc. for roof repairs at the High school in the amount of $435,095 & at Marion Walker in the amount of $870,825. This motion, made by Jennifer Barnhart and seconded by Holly Hopkins, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Prior to the vote, Mr. Guizar asked clarifying questions regarding the scope, timeline, and selected facilities for the planned roof repairs. District administration provided details on the project schedule and maintenance requirements.

Approved designated Roof Repairs across district facilities.

13.8.1. Solar Panels
It is recommend to approve BAI to remove the solar panels at the High School ($43,680) and Marion Walker elementary school ($68,760) in order to facilitate the roof repairs. This motion, made by Donna Smith and seconded by Holly Hopkins, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
Discussed and reviewed the installation and integration of Solar Panels. Mr. Guizar requested additional clarification regarding the installation, structural impact, and long-term integration of the proposed solar panels with existing roof systems.

14. Items for Future Discussion

15. Adjournment

15.1. Meeting Adjournment
Recommend to approve the meeting be adjourned. This motion, made by Jennifer Barnhart and seconded by Kim Weaver, Carried.
Nate Campbell: Absent, Kristin Lyons: Absent, Jennifer Barnhart: Yea, Jon Guizar: Yea, Holly Hopkins: Yea, Tim Kessling: Yea, Donna Smith: Yea, Kim Weaver: Yea, Joseph Yech: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

16. Executive Session
No executive session was held.