Committee of the Whole Work Session
Monday, November 9, 2026 Open Work Session

District Board Room, Enter via Door 5
501 Chestnut Street
Birdsboro, PA 19508

Beverly Albright:	Present
Tanya Bell:	Present
Valerie Fekelman:	Present
Christopher Grech:	Present
Gretchen Markel:	Present
Julia Olafson:	Present
Bucky Scott:	Present
Christen Thompson:	Present
Lelayna Yarnall:	Present

Present: 9.

Recorded meeting duration: 01:38:44

1. Meeting Opening – 00:00:00

1.A. The Open Work Session

By opening the work session to the public, the Board of School Directors is providing an opportunity for interested citizens to become acquainted with issues under discussion by the directors.

The Board will provide the opportunity for audience participation and discussion at the beginning of the work session on agenda items and at the end of the work session for public comment.

All meetings are recorded.

1.B. Call to Order - Board President – 00:00:01

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Ms. Olafson, Board President.

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance – 00:00:03

Please rise and join us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

1.D. Roll Call – 00:00:24

1.E. Announcements - 1.E.1 - 1.E.3 – 00:00:54

1. Agenda Edits - none at time of meeting

2. There will be an Executive Session following tonight's meeting to discuss personnel, negotiations and litigation
3. Superintendent Report **– 00:01:06**

    a. **Made note of an added discussion that will occur later in the meeting for a status update on Facilities and Security by Mr. Withers, Director of Facilities and Transportation.**

1.F. Recognitions / Presentations - 1.F.1 - 1.F.4 – 00:01:26

1. Sweet Impact Award Recipients
    1. Michelle Allinson
    2. Jordan Millard

2. Girl Scouts Silver Award recognition:
    - Girl Scout Troop 1708
        - Madilynn Gershen
        - Clare McClure
        - Alyse Zieske
        - Bethany Evans
    - Girl Scout Troop 1709
        - Alexis Darrohn
        - Madison Floyd

3. Boy Scouts Eagle Award recognition:
    - Boy Scout Troop 597
        - Aaron Schaeffer
    - Boy Scout ~~Troop 758~~ **(correction Troop 595)**
        - Talin Rickard
        - Tiegan Rickard

4. Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Presentation **– 00:18:54**

1.G. Procedures for Public Participation – 00:46:58

Procedures for Public Participation

- Prepared statements that are to be read to the Board should have a copy presented to the Board President prior to their being addressed.
- Comments on agenda items will be made by rising and approaching the microphone and stating your name and address and signing on the sheet provided.

- You will be granted up to three minutes to address the Board. Your three (3) minute time limit will start when you begin to speak. When three (3) minutes are over, you will be asked to be seated.
- Any item that is not on the agenda, as well as agenda items acted upon, comments will be made at the designated section at the end of the agenda.

Act 20 of 1993 amended the law to grant residents and/or taxpayers of the district the right to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation that are or may be before the Board. Act 93 of 1998 further amended the law requiring the Board to provide an opportunity for public comment by residents and taxpayers before taking official action.

1.H. **Presentations by Public on Agenda Items – 00:47:34**

Please refer to the Procedures for Public Participation

None

2. **Board of Director Reports – 00:47:43**

2.A. **Secretary's Correspondence - Board Secretary – 00:47:46**

No report

2.B. **Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) Board Report - Mrs. Olafson – 00:47:51**

1. **OCTOBER 15, 2026** - Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report
2. Next meeting is scheduled for **NOVEMBER 19, 2026**

2.C. **Berks Career & Technology (BCTC) Board Report - Mrs. Thompson – 00:49:42**

1. **OCTOBER 28, 2026 (East Campus)** - Berks Career & Technology Board Report
2. Next meeting is scheduled for **DECEMBER 10, 2026 (West Campus - Reorganization Meeting)**

2.D. **Committee on Legislative Action (COLA) Board Report - Mrs. Fekelman – 00:50:38**

1. **OCTOBER 2026** - Committee on Legislative Action Board Report - no meeting/no report
2. Next meeting is scheduled for **NOVEMBER 10, 2026**

2.E. **Berks EIT (TCC) Tax Collection Commission Board Report - Mrs. Markel – 00:51:02**

1. **OCTOBER 2026** - Berks EIT (TCC) Tax Collection Commission Board Report - no meeting/no report
2. Next meeting is scheduled for **DECEMBER 17, 2026**

2.F. **Blazer Education Foundation Board Report - Mrs. Thompson – 00:51:16**

1. **NOVEMBER 5, 2026** - Blazer Education Foundation Board Report
2. Next meeting is scheduled for **DECEMBER 3, 2026**

3. **BUSINESS / FINANCE - 3.A.1 - 3.A.2 – 00:52:47**
All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval

1. Motion to accept the McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC donation in the amount of $450.00 for the 2026 Veterans Luncheon Daniel Boone Area School District Table Sponsorship

2. Motion to approve the GHR Education Staffing Agreement for nurse services, effective October 8, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as presented (11-16 #5V)

4. **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION / TECHNOLOGY - 4.A.1 - 4.A.2 – 00:56:04**
All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval

1. Motion to approve the Daniel Boone Area High School 2027-2028 Scheduling and Course Selection Guide, as presented (11-16 #2V)

2. Motion to approve the Blazer Virtual Academy (BVA) 2027-2028 High School Course List, as presented (11-16 #4V)

5. **FACILITIES / MAINTENANCE - 5.A.1 – 01:12:06**
All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval

Discussion: Facilities & Security update given by Mr. Jay Withers, Director of Facilities and Transportation – 01:12:13

1. Motion to approve TRANE proposal #8703583 for the Daniel Boone Area High to provide, program, and check-out replacement controllers for existing chilled water and hot water plant MP581s, at a not to exceed cost of $26,928.00, as presented (11-16 #6V)

6. **OPERATIONS - 6.A.1 - 6.A.2 – 01:19:32**
All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval

1. Policies for review in FIRST reading:

Policy Number	Title of Policy for review
807	Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays

2. Motion to approve the DBASD Board of School Directors Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2027, as presented (Attachment 11-16 #3.1V or #3.2V by vote)

7. **PERSONNEL - 7.A.1 – 01:33:03**
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1. Motion to approve the following:
    1. Retirements / Resignations
        1. Extracurricular

1. Jill Michener, Girls' Basketball 7th Grade - Assistant Coach, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, ***resignation*** effective November 5, 2026

2. Tyler Richard, JV Wrestling - Head Coach, Daniel Boone Area High School, ***resignation*** effective October 27, 2026

2. Appointments ***(subject to submission of required background checks and employment review documentation. Any LTS assignment shall conclude should the district employee return prior to their approved leave end date.)***

1. Classified

1. Isabella Detwiler, FT Special Ed Instructional Aide, Tier 1 - 5 days - 7 hours, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, effective November 16, 2026 or upon completion of required employment documentation, at an hourly rate of $18.67 (new position)

2. Jayda Farley, FT Special Ed Instructional Aide, Tier 2 - 5 days - 7 hours, Daniel Boone Area Intermediate Center, effective November 16, 2026 or upon completion of required employment documentation, at an hourly rate of $20.10 (replace K. Tazouti)

3. Bobbie Jo Oister, FT Special Ed Instructional Aide, Tier 1 - 5 days - 7 hours, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective November 16, 2026 or upon completion of required employment documentation, at an hourly rate of $18.67 (replace V. Salvatore)

4. Elizabeth Burza, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Daniel Boone Area District Office, anticipated start December 14, 2026, at a prorated salary of $59,000.00 (replace A. Martin)

5. Elizabeth Burza, School Board Recording Secretary, Daniel Boone Area District Office, anticipated start December 14, 2026, at a prorated stipend of $4,000.00 (replace A. Martin)

2. Extracurricular

1. Juan Mauras, Boys' 8th Grade Basketball - Head Coach, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective for the 2026-2027 Winter season, at a salary of $2,970.00 (replace C. Halter)

8. **OTHER BUSINESS - 8.A.1 – 01:33:16**

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2026 Voting Meeting (Attachment 11-16 #1V)

Mrs. Bell shared her sincere appreciation of support for her daughter's efforts related to suicide awareness through Kennedy's Cause.

9. **Presentation by Public on Issues – 01:36:07**

Please follow the procedures outlined in "Procedures for Public Participation"

1. Michelle Young – 01:36:24– shared concerns regarding misinformation in her support of Kennedy's Cause.

10. **Meeting Adjournment – 01:38:40**

Motion was made for meeting adjournment at 7:41pm by Ms. Olafson.

This motion, made by Christen Thompson and seconded by Gretchen Markel, Carried.

Attest:

Bucky Scott, School Board Secretary