

Committee of the Whole Work Session

Monday, August 3, 2026 Open Work Session

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

1. Meeting Opening

- 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

1.C. 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

1.E. Announcements

1. Agenda Edits (if any)
2. There was an Executive Session held on July 27, 2026 to discuss personnel & litigation
3. There will be an Executive Session following this meeting to discuss personnel
4. Superintendent's Report

1.F. Recognitions / Presentations

5. Girl Scout Gold Award - Gwendolyn Harding
6. Student Recognition - Morgan Stevens
7. Unified Strength and Conditioning
8. District Goals for 2026/2027
9. Update on 2026/2027 RFP/Contract Status

1.G. Procedures for Public Participation

10. Prepared statements that are to be read to the Board should have a copy presented to the Board President prior to their being addressed.
11. 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.
12. 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.

13. 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.

1.H. *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.I. **Presentations by Public on Agenda Items**

2. **Board of Director Reports**

2.A. **Secretary's Correspondence - Board Secretary**

2.B. **Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) Board Report - Mrs. Olafson**

14. **JUNE 18, 2026** - Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report

15. Next meeting is scheduled for **AUGUST 20, 2026**

2.C. **Berks Career & Technology (BCTC) Board Report - Mrs. Thompson**

16. **JUNE 24, 2026 (West Campus)** - Berks Career & Technology Board Report

17. Next meeting is scheduled for **AUGUST 26, 2026 (East Campus)**

2.D. **Committee on Legislative Action (COLA) Board Report - Mrs. Fekelman**

18. **JUNE/JULY 2026** - Committee on Legislative Action Board Report - No meeting/no report

19. Next meeting is scheduled for **SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

2.E. **Berks EIT (TCC) Tax Collection Commission Board Report - Mrs. Markel**

20. **JUNE/JULY 2026** - Berks EIT (TCC) Tax Collection Commission Board Report - No meeting/no report

21. Next meeting is scheduled for **SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**

2.F. **Blazer Education Foundation Board Report - Mrs. Thompson**

22. **JUNE 4, 2026** - Blazer Education Foundation Board Report

23. Next meeting is scheduled for **AUGUST 6, 2026**

3. **BUSINESS / FINANCE - 3.1 - 3.6**

All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval.

24. **Motion to approve the annual renewal of School Physician Agreement with Ludwig's Village Family Medicine, LLC (Amy Capoocia) and Daniel Boone**

Area School District, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at an annual cost of \$25,000.00, as presented (Attachment 8-17 #4V)

25. Motion to approve the annual renewal of the agreement with Dr. Dina Karalis to be the Daniel Boone Area School District Dentist for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented (Attachment 8-17 #2V)
26. Motion to accept a \$4,311.39 donation from the Blazer Foundation for the Daniel Boone Area Primary Center for the Library program utilizing Playaway Products
27. Motion to accept a \$2,999.97 donation from the Blazer Foundation for the Daniel Boone Area Primary Center for the Music program to purchase Nino percussion 8-piece deluxe classroom cajon sets with stools
28. Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release with parents of a Daniel Boone Area School District student, as presented (Confidential Attachment 8-17 #8V & #8.1V)
29. Motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement to provide configuration and build support for Skyward for the Daniel Boone Area School District Business Office, at a rate of \$75/hour - not to exceed \$7,500.00, as presented (Confidential Attachment 8-17 #5V)

4. **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION / TECHNOLOGY**

All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval.

NONE

5. **FACILITIES / MAINTENANCE**

All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval.

NONE

6. **OPERATIONS - 6.1 - 6.4**

All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval.

30. Policies for review in FIRST reading:

7. <u>Policy Number</u>	8. <u>Title of Policy for Review</u>
9. 137	10. Home Education Program Establishment and Monitoring
11. 137.1	12. Participation by Home Educated Students

31. Policies for review in SECOND reading:

13. <u>Policy Number</u>	14. <u>Title of Policy for Review</u>

15. NONE	16.
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32. Motion to approve the Daniel Boone Area High School Class of 2027 Senior Class Out-of-State trip to Six Flags in Jackson Township, NJ on May 27, 2027, approximately 200 students and 8 faculty chaperones, charter bus, paid by the Class of 2027
- Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Daniel Boone Area School District K-12 Student Handbook, as presented (Attachment 8-17 #9v)

17. **PERSONNEL**

All agreements and contracts are dependent upon solicitor approval.

17.A. **Retirements / Resignations**

33. Motion to approve the following Retirements/Resignations:

- a. Administration
 - i. Matthew Brand, Director of Safety & Security, Daniel Boone Area School District - District Office, **resignation** effective July 24, 2026
- b. District Contracted Services
 - i. Ashley Griffith, Wellness Coordinator, paid by grant from Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, **resignation** effective August 5, 2026 (with last day being August 4, 2026)
- c. Professional
 - i. Andrew Puleo, Instrumental Music Teacher, Daniel Boone Area High School, **resignation** effective July 27, 2026 or no later than sixty(60) days from July 27, 2026 upon release from Administration per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement(CBA)
- d. Classified
 - i. Denetra Bauer, Human Resources Specialist, Daniel Boone Area District Office, **resignation** effective July 24, 2026 (with last day of work being July 23, 2026)
 - ii. Nevaeh Bradley, FT Special Ed Instructional Aide, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, **resignation** effective July 2, 2026 (with last day of work being June 5, 2026)

- iii. Bailee Greenfield, FT Special Education Instructional Aide, Daniel Boone Area Intermediate Center, **resignation** effective July 27, 2026 (with last day of work being June 5, 2026)
- iv. Elyse Wasson, PT Instructional Aide, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, **resignation** effective July 1, 2026 (with last day of work being June 5, 2026)
- e. Extracurricular
 - i. Andrew Puleo, Instrumental (Band) Director, Daniel Boone Area High School, **resignation** effective July 27, 2026 or no later than sixty(60) days from July 27, 2026 upon release from Administration per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement(CBA)

17.B.

17.C.

Leave of Absences

34. Motion to approve the following Leaves:

a. Professional

- i. #25044, Daniel Boone Area School District, unpaid leave of absence from August 17, 2026 through September 23, 2026 - (26 unpaid days)
- ii. #13987, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, unpaid FMLA/Child Rearing leave of absence from August 17, 2026 through June 4, 2027 or the 2026-2027 school year

b. Classified

- i. #24012, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, unpaid leave of absence on May 27, 2026 - (1 unpaid day)
- ii. #25018, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, unpaid leave of absence on May 12, 2026 - (1 unpaid day)
- iii. #24036, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, unpaid leave of absence on May 15, 2026 - (1 unpaid day)
- iv. #17415, Daniel Boone Area High School, unpaid leave of absence beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on an as-needed, intermittent basis to be used after all paid days are

exhausted, if warranted

- v. #58823, Daniel Boone Area District Office, paid leave of absence beginning August 31, 2026 through April 13, 2027 utilizing employee paid time
- vi. #20002, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, unpaid leave of absence on May 18, 2026 - 1/2 PM through May 21, 2026, June 2, 2026, and June 4, 2026 - (5.5 unpaid days)
- vii. #25025, Daniel Boone Area Intermediate Center, unpaid leave of absence on May 8, 2026 - (1 unpaid day)

17.D. **Appointments**

All appointments are subject to submission of required background checks and employment review documentation.

35. Motion to approve the following Appointments:

a. Professional

- i. Brooke Bollinger, LTS - Teacher - Kindergarten, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, at a daily rate of \$311.58 (replace A. Macbeth)
- ii. Josephine Burry, Teacher - ELA, Daniel Boone Area High School, effective for the start of the 2026-2027 school year, at a Bachelors - Step 1 salary of \$58,888.00 (replace D. Godfrey)
- iii. Amy Hicks, Department Head - 5-12 ELA, Daniel Boone Area School District, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, with a stipend of \$3,000.00 (replace D. Godfrey)
- iv. Alicia Housel, 0.6 Teacher - STEM, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, effective for the start of the 2026-2027 school year, at a Bachelors - Step 1 salary of \$35,332.80 (replace M. Lawlor)
- v. Meghan Kaplan, Teacher - Learning Support, Daniel Boone Area Intermediate Center, effective for the start of the 2026-2027 school year, at a Masters +12 - Step 12 salary of \$87,023.00 (replace G. Sweet)
- vi. Alyssa Klusewitz, LTS Teacher -

Kindergarten, Daniel Boone Area
Primary Center, effective for the 2026-
2027 school year, at a daily rate of
\$311.58 (replace K. Pursell)

- vii. Natasha Moser, Teacher - Kindergarten,
Daniel Boone Area Primary Center,
effective for the start of the 2026-2027
school year, at a Bachelors - Step
2 salary of \$59,802.00 (replace J.
Kearney)
- viii. Madison Spitko, School Psychologist,
Daniel Boone Area School District,
effective for the start of the 2026-2027
school year, at a Masters +12 - Step 1
salary of \$70,575.00 (new position)
- ix. Robert Thomas, Teacher - ELA, Daniel
Boone Area High School, effective for
the start of the 2026-2027 school year,
at a Bachelors - Step 1 salary of
\$58,888.00 (replace K. Hausman)
- x. The following teachers are approved as
Mentor(s) effective for the 2026-2027
school year, with a salary of \$1,000.00
per mentee per school year payable at
the end of the school year:
 - 1. Christen Bagenstose, Daniel
Boone Area Primary Center
 - 2. Nichole Deininger, Daniel Boone
Area Intermediate Center
 - 3. Jennifer Derrick, Daniel Boone
Area High School
 - 4. Rachel Ewing, Daniel Boone
Area Middle School
 - 5. Andrea Jarvie, Daniel Boone
Area Middle School
 - 6. Kelly Jones, Daniel Boone Area
High School
 - 7. Matt Kade, Daniel Boone Area
Middle School
 - 8. Johanna Latimer, Daniel Boone
Area Primary Center
 - 9. Amelia Mintzer, Daniel Boone
Area Middle School
 - 10. Felicia Pritchard, Daniel
Boone Area Primary Center
 - 11. Meghann Scheetz, Daniel
Boone Area Primary Center
 - 12. Jessica Tomaselli, Daniel
Boone Area High School

13. Pamela Ulrich, Daniel Boone Area Intermediate Center
14. Maureen Wildman, Daniel Boone Area Intermediate Center
15. Diana Yarrish, Daniel Boone Area High School

xi. The following teachers will be working for the ESY program on the following dates: June 29~July 2, July 6~July 9, July 13~July 16, July 20~July 23, and July 27~July 29, 2026 at a rate of \$42.00 per hour:

1. Shannon Niewood

b. Classified

- i. Lauren Bonis, FT Special Ed Instructional Aide, Tier 2 - 5 Days - 7 Hours, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective August 25, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$20.10 (replace S. Satterwhite)
- ii. Stacey Boykin, FT Special Ed Instructional Aide, Tier 1 - 5 Days - 7 Hours, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective August 25, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$18.67 (replace B. Algeo)
- iii. Maria Ciaciak, PT Instructional Aide, Tier 1 - 5 Days - 3.5 Hours, Daniel Boone Area Primary Center, effective August 25, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$18.67 (replace D. Harris)
- iv. Aliyah Daniels, FT Special Ed Instructional Aide, Tier 1 - 5 Days - 7 Hours, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective August 25, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$18.67 (replace B. Greenfield)
- v. Jenna Rushin, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Daniel Boone Area School District Office, effective approximately August 14, 2026, at a prorated salary of \$61,000.00 (replace A. Martin)
- vi. Jenna Rushin, School Board Recording Secretary, Daniel Boone Area School District Office, effective approximately August 14, 2026, at a stipend amount of \$4,000.00 (replace A. Martin)

c. Extracurricular

- i. Bryan Bossler, Sports Manager, Daniel Boone Area High School and Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective August 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, with a salary of \$10,000.00 per year (paid in three seasonal increments FALL/WINTER/SPRING) - (position renewal)
- ii. Matthew DePaul, Football - Assistant Coach, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective for the 2026-2027 Fall season, at a salary of \$2,970.00 (replace R. Yergey)
- iii. Lauren DiCerchio, PT Athletic Trainer, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective August 1, 2026, at \$35.00 per hour, with a maximum of 25 hours per week (renewal)
- iv. Robert Kutzler, Football - Head Assistant Coach, Daniel Boone Area High School, effective for the 2026-2027 Fall season, at a salary of \$3,960.00 (replace J. Okuniewski)
- v. Mores Manoyrine Jr., Football - Assistant Coach, Daniel Boone Area High School, effective for the 2026-2027 Fall season, at a salary of \$3,630.00 (replace C. D'Angelo)
- vi. Anthony Razzi, Football - Assistant Coach, Daniel Boone Area High School, effective for the 2026-2027 Fall season, at a salary of \$2,970.00 (replace S. Martin)
- vii. Nikolaus Stoltzfus, Football - Head Coach, Daniel Boone Area Middle School, effective for the 2026-2027 Fall season, at a salary of \$3,300.00 (replace G. Herbst)

d. Volunteers

- i. David Ritzman, Football - Volunteer, Daniel Boone Area High School, effective for the 2026-2027 Fall season
- ii. Carter Speyerer, Football - Volunteer, Daniel Boone Area High School,

effective for the 2026-2027 Fall season

36. Motion to approve the Daniel Boone Area High School and Daniel Boone Area Middle School Fall Coaches for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented (8-17 #7V)
18. **OTHER BUSINESS - 8.1 - 8.2**
 37. **Motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2026 Voting Meeting (Attachment 8-17 #1V)**
 38. **Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2026 Special Voting Meeting (Attachment 8-17 #3V)**
19. **Presentation by Public on Issues** [Please follow the procedures outlined in "Procedures for Public Participation".](#)
20. **Meeting Adjournment**