



DERRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special/Agenda Prep Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2026 6:45 PM

High School Audion, 988 North Chestnut Street, Derry, PA 15627

1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.A. Call to Order: Board President

1.B. Roll Call: Board Secretary

Description:

Steve Frye - President

Nancy Findish - Vice President

Josh Campbell

Mike Dorohovich

Dan Lynch

Clint McChesney

Chad McIntire

Daniel Schall

Donna Showalter

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance

1.D. Executive Session Recap: Solicitor

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Description: Four A's Focus - AGRICULTURE

Westmoreland Fair:

Gretchen Ribblet (Grade 8)

- earned 2026 High Point winner in 4H Dog Show.

Mackenzie Komar (Grade 6)

- earned Reserve Champion Breeding Beef Showman.

Alyssa Piper (12th Grade)

- 1st and Best of Breed Hotot Rabbit.

Maddie Harpster (12th Grade)

- 1st and Best of Breed Broken Polish Rabbit
- 3rd for BEW (Blue-Eyed White) Polish Rabbit
- 4th in Light-Lightweight Market Lamb
Allie Patterson (12th Grade)
- 4th for Holland Lop Rabbit Breed

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. VISITOR COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

8. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

9. PERSONNEL - RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/LEAVES

9.A. Half School Term Sabbatical

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve the request of employee #134 for a Half School Term Sabbatical Leave for the restoration of health, effective August 24, 2026 through the end of the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year.

10. PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENT

10.A. Approve High School Yearbook Editor

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve Christina Sisak as the High School Yearbook Editor effective for the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary set by the negotiated point system.

11. PERSONNEL - CONFERENCES

11.A. Math & Science Collaborative at AIU #3

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve employee #205 to attend the Math Leaders Network held at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in Pittsburgh, PA on September 24, December 18, 2026, and March 12, 2027, at an estimated cost of \$617.81 paid with District funds.

11.B. GAP/SAP Training

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve employee #859 to attend the GAP/SAP Training held in Latrobe, PA on October 22-23, 2026, at an estimated cost of \$325.84 paid with district funds.

11.C. WCCC Dual Enrollment Meeting

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve employee #133 to attend the Westmoreland County Community College Dual Enrollment Meeting held at Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood, PA on October 23, 2026, at no cost to the District.

12. ATHLETICS

12.A. Employ Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to employ Jaylon Ansell as the Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach effective for the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary as determined by the negotiated point system, pending receipt of all necessary clearances and paperwork.

13. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

13.A. Bus Drivers & Aides

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve the attached Smith Bus Drivers & Aides for the 2026-2027 school year, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork and clearances.

13.B. Field Trips & After School Activities

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve the enclosed field trips and after school activities, pending global health conditions at the time of the event.

13.C. YMCA Deer Valley Agreements

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Deer Valley YMCA Agreements for 6th Grade Camp to be paid for by the Middle School Activity Fund.

14. VISITOR COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

15. OTHER CONCERNS

Description: Next meeting date October 1, 2026 - 6:45pm in the High School Audion

16. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

16.A. Adjournment

Recommended Motion(s): Motion to adjourn the meeting.



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Bus Driver Additions

Brendon Layton – Caravan Driver
Kimberly Roman - Caravan Driver