

Education Committee Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026 3:30 PM Eastern

North Hills Administration Board Room
135 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Sandy Kozera: Present

Allison Mathis: Present

Mike Santucci: Absent

Present: 2, Absent: 1.

A. OPENING OF MEETING - Mrs. Mathis

A.1. Call to Order

A.2. Committee Member Comments

A.3. Approval of the Minutes

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mathis at 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Allison Mathis and Sandra Kozera

Also Present

Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Beth Williams, John Lesjack, and Tammy Swanson.

Committee Member Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Ms. Kozera, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 Education Committee Meeting.

Education, Curriculum, and Assessment – Dr. Beth Williams

Dr. Williams reported that the formal development of the Comprehensive Plan will be a collaborative effort between the Administration and the Education Committee and will begin this summer. The Comprehensive Plan for 2027–2030 must be completed and submitted through the PDE Comprehensive Planning Suite by March 30, 2027.

Dr. Williams also noted that the annual reappointment of the current Curriculum Leaders is due. In addition, two Curriculum Leader positions have been posted as a result of retirements.

She then reviewed summer learning opportunities and associated course costs:

- Credit Recovery Courses: \$200 per course
- Enrichment Courses: \$225 per course
- Elementary: Free Summer Reading and Summer Math programs will continue to be offered as they have in previous years. However, the programs will revert to being offered only once during the summer.
- Secondary: Credit recovery courses will be offered in English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies based on student need. Enrichment courses, offered only at the high school level, will include Health and Physical Education. These courses continue to be popular because they allow students to complete requirements during the summer and create additional flexibility in their schedules.

Dr. Williams reviewed the 2026 PSSA testing schedule:

1. English Language Arts (ELA): April 20–24, 2026
2. Mathematics: April 27–May 1, 2026
3. Science (Grades 5 and 8 only): April 27–May 1, 2026
4. Make-up Testing: May 4–8, 2026

She also reviewed the Keystone Exam testing window:

1. May 11–22, 2026

Mr. John Lesjack, Middle School Principal, reviewed the proposed changes to the 2026–2027 Middle School Bell Schedule. Lunch periods will return to 30 minutes, consistent with previous years, while still providing students adequate time to eat and socialize. As a result, class periods will increase to 42 minutes, providing each content area with approximately 10 additional minutes of instructional time per week. The overall length of the middle school day will remain unchanged.

Mr. Lesjack also discussed proposed changes to the Middle School Honor Roll recognition process. The revised format would feature a comprehensive list of all qualifying students organized under clearly defined categories of Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors. This consolidated approach promotes inclusive recognition, significantly reduces the risk of administrative errors or misclassification, and presents student achievement in a more cohesive and meaningful manner.

Public Comments

None

Announcement:

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Mathis Adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.



Tammy R. Swanson
School Board Secretary

B. EDUCATION, CURRICULUM, AND ASSESSMENT - Dr. Williams

B.1. 2026-2027 District Focus

B.2. EOP- Emergency Operations Plan Updated

B.3. Summer Curriculum Writing

B.4. Comprehensive Plan Components

B.5. Comprehensive Plan

C. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY - Dr. Williams

D. MEETING CLOSING - Mrs. Mathis

D.1. Public Comment

E. ADJOURNMENT - Mrs. Mathis

E.1. Announcements

E.2. Adjournment