

REGULAR BOARD MEETING (Thursday, June 29, 2026)

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1. Meeting Opening

Procedural: A. Call to Order

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the District Office Conference Room on Monday, June 29, 2026. Mrs. Finn, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Procedural: B. Announcement of Executive Session

Executive Sessions were held prior to the Board Meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: D. Roll Call

The secretary called roll:

Members present: Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Stiefel, Mr. Augenblick, Dr. Persichetti, Mrs. Szwedo, Mrs. Sheehan, Dr. Costigan, Dr. Heble (virtual)

Members absent: Mr. Patel

2. Announcement of Agenda

Information: A. Additions, Deletions and Modifications - Recommended Items from Dr. Lentz:

- A. Item #10 Table until August
- B. Item #33 Tabled until August
- C. Item #25 and Item #21 Agreements - noting that all positions listed are not being filled, the wording is the general contract.

3. Reports to the Board of Directors

Report: A. Superintendent Report - Dr. Lentz

A. Recognitions:

- 1. Dr. Peter Huynh and Ms. Christine Huynh - very generous donations to the STEAM lab and Playground projects.
- 2. 2026 Hall of Fame Inductees - Induction on June 3rd, Alumni - Mr. Richard Bush; Community Member - Mr. Larry Keller; Contributor - Ms. Melanie Pittner.

B. Lions Legacy 2030

- 1. Revitalization of the MS STEAM lab at the Middle School from donations from partnerships with the U.S. Navy.
- 2. Revitalizing the LES Playground - LES ROARSOME Playground Fundraiser - helped create our vision and awareness of the program.

D. Highlights

- 1. HS APEX Experience - another very successful year
- a. Dr. Colleen Bell presented two APEX Spotlights
 - i. Zach Coppola - Bake Ability - held a fundraising bake sale with 163 items sold and \$757 total sales generated.

- ii. Matthew Block - NHSD Communications - worked with Dr. Richard Curtis and Ms. Courtney Nelson creating social media content, video productions and built his professional portfolio.
- 2. Celebrating Seniors
 - a. Senior Awards - community scholarships and awards totaling in over \$135,000.
 - b. Senior Clapout - Seniors walk the halls of all school buildings
 - c. Senior Commencement
- 3. Celebrated 5th and 8th grade students on their promotion to the Middle School and High School.
- 4. NHSD Celebrates America's 250th
 - a. LES / UES - red, white and blue celebration and UES photo
 - b. MS - week of patriotic spirit days, reenacted famous historical figures and ended with red white and blue popsicles
 - c. HS - created a timecapsule, held a school wide celebration in the stadium which included reenactors, fiddlers, red white and blue costume contest, music, community historical societies had tables with their information and a barbecue lunch. It ended with walking tours of New Hope lead by the New Hope Historical Society.
- 5. MS and elementary school field days
- 6. MS Day of Service - students participated in a variety of activities throughout New Hope giving back to our community.
- 7. Professional Development - Ending the year with wellness, new skills, reflection and appreciation

Report: C. Liaison Reports

- 1. Bucks County Intermediate Unit - Mrs. Sheehan
 - a. Met on June 16th - approved next years budget, heard reports on the IU's teams, report on the summary of work, most notably all 13 school districts in Bucks County use the IU for MTSS and behavioral supports.
- 2. . Middle Bucks Institute of Technology - Mrs. Szwed
 - a. Received credit \$27,000 from PECO for energy savings, hiring through grant for solar system installation, full kitchen repair installation and hot water installations, there was also a report of their NOCTI testing results which are 100-200 question tests based on their skill set - 83% passed with proficient or better, and they have several summer projects.
- 3. PSBA - Mrs. Finn
 - a. Nothing major going on, they are a great resource for education by their legislative advisory for education, advocating for education.

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

Leo MacDonald, Aurora MacDonald and the Environmental Club - New Hope

- a. On behalf of the Environmental Club they would like to report they have planted 28 trees and 62 plants on the district property utilizing grant money. The grant writing is teaching the students how to write the grants and about cost cutting measures. They would also like to thank the board for their support.

6. New Business/Curriculum Advisory

Report: A. Committee Report and Discussion - Mrs. Szwed

Mrs. Szwedo, Committee Chair, reported the following:

- a. No June Meeting

7. New Business/Facilities

Report: A. Committee Report and Discussion - Ms. Persichetti

- a. Athletic Update - Fall Registration is open for athletics - there will be free physicals in the summer for students
- b. Thanked the environmental club for their work on campus.
- c. Plaques on the field house are complete.
- d. UES HVAC 6 units replaced, HS Sound System, Fire Alarm System, Fuel Storage Unit Replaced at Transportation, The Roarsome Fundraiser assisted with the LES Playground Project, The Theater Shelving Project which is amazing, and Park Mobile is operating on the following schedule - Summer- Friday, Saturday and Sundays; School Year - Saturdays and Sundays.

8. New Business/Finance

Report: A. Committee Report and Discussion - Mr. Augenblick

- a. Reviewed Financial Projections and revenue - no budgetary reserve was used.
- b. Food Services has its own separate budget and funds from general fund were transferred to cover deficit.
- c. Contracts - Sapphire, Software for HR and donations.
- d. There are no changes in the budget since may, the tax increase will be 6.1%
- e. There has been a ton of work, discussion and collaboration and the work is deeply appreciated by the committee. Thank you to Ms. Cajeira.
- f. Dr. Lentz received a distinguished rating from his review by the board and gave his \$10,000 bonus back to the district.

9. New Business/Policy Advisory

Report: A. Committee Report and Discussion - Dr. Heble

No June Meeting was held.

10. New Business

Action (Consent): A. Board Discussion of Action Items as Needed

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the following as attached: Items 1-3, 5-9, and 11-32, and to table items 10, 33 as recommended by Dr. Lentz.

Motion made by Mrs. Szwedo, seconded by Mr. Augenblick. Motion passed 8 to 0.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Augenblick, Seconded by Mrs. Szwedo, the Board voted to approve a roll call vote for Action Item #4. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0 with one absence.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Augenblick - Yes

Mrs. Finn - Yes

Dr. Costigan - Yes

Dr. Heble - Yes

Dr. Persichetti - Yes

Mrs. Sheehan - Yes

Ms. Stiefel - Yes
Mrs. Szwedo - Yes

1. Personnel Items
2. May 2026 Treasurer's Report
3. List of Bills Totaling \$1,080,730.04.
4. 2026-2027 Final Budget Packet / Resolutions
5. Food Services Budget and Meal Rates:
Type A Breakfast - Elementary Schools \$0 (subsidy)
Type A Breakfast - Middle School / High School \$0 (subsidy)
Type A Lunch - Elementary Schools \$4.00 (\$0.25 increase)
Type A Lunch - Middle School / High School \$4.50 (\$0.25 increase)
Half Pint of Milk - \$0.80
6. Federal Program Application Approval of Federal Grant Funds including \$42,370.00 for Title I, \$17,402.00 for Title II, and \$10,000 for Title IV in accordance with the procedures administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Federal Grant Programs.
7. Frantz Legal Agreement - Canvas Breach
8. Permit the Superintendent and Director of Human Resources to fill budgeted positions for the effective and efficient operations of schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Personnel assignments will be affirmed at the August 27, 2026 Board Meeting.
9. Provide the Superintendent with the authority to authorize change orders for current and additional projects not to exceed \$21,499,00 prior to the August Board Meeting so construction and projects are not interrupted during the summer recess. Any additional change orders will require Board consultation and approval before proceeding with any additional work.
10. The annual salary increases for the Act 93 administrators for the 2026-2027 school year totaling \$81,516.00 effective on July 1, 2026.
11. Affirm the awarding of diplomas to the list of students who have met the district's graduation requirements.
12. Approve the following list of depositories for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
 - a. First National Bank & Trust Company
 - b. PSDLAF
 - c. PLGIT
 - d. PA Invest
13. Approve the Chief Financial Officer to issue checks for payment to vendors who submit invoices and employees who submit requests for reimbursement on or before the next regular meeting of the Board, and that record of such payment be submitted for formal approval at the next regular meeting.
14. Rock Brook Student Tuition Agreement 1XXXX0
15. Foundations - Lifeworks Agreement 26-27
16. New Hope-Academy Student Tuition Agreement 1XXXX3
17. Sapphire Software Renewal Agreement
18. Vector Client Agreement
19. Revised 2026-2027 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule
20. eFMLA Agreement
21. DeltaT Agreement

22. Donations:

- a. Dr. Peter and Christine Huynh - \$100,000 donation. \$80,000 to MS STEM Lab and \$20,000 to LES Playground
- b. U.S. Navy Submarine Industrial Base - Equipment gifted for the teams who competed in the STEM Challenge for the Homecoming 250 Event. Approximate Value \$20,000.
- c. Mr. Circosta - Donation of two warped nina warrior walls for field day, two pirate canons, and the Iron Throne Chair.

23. Radius Systems BAS Contract Proposal

24. Radius Systems - UES Heat Pump Replacement BAS Proposal

25. Judge Healthcare Agreement

26. Acceptance of May 21, 2026 Minutes

27. MOU - NHSEA EDR Changes 6.29.26

28. Transfer \$150,000 from General Fund to Food Service to help cover the 25-26 balance owed to GF.

29. Resolution for Cooperative Purchasing Programs

30. Fuel Storage - Pine Run Agreement

31. Fire Alarm Migration - Ever On

32. MOU BCCC Dual Enrollment

33. Policies - Second Reads

102 - Academic Standards

105.2 - Exemption from Instruction

610 - Purchases Subject to Bid / Quotation

611 - Purchases Budgeted

918 - Title I Parent & Family Engagement

626 - Federal Fiscal Compliance (added to list)

Administrative Regulations

204 AR-0 Compulsory Attendance / Unexcused Absence

204 AR-3 Truant Notification Letter

204-4 Habitually Truant

204-5 Cumulative Absence Notice

218.1 WeapNotification

805.2 AR-0 School Security Personnel Training Draft

11. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

- a. None

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm

13. Informational Items

Information: A. June 2026 Enrollment Report

Information: B. August 2026 Meeting Schedule

Information: C. Fiscal Dashboard - May 2026

Information: D. Right to Know Log June 2026