

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION/LEGISLATIVE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
NORTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL – LGI ROOM
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Board Members Present

Arlene Bender, Thomas Kelly, Sandra Kozera, Allison Mathis, Annette Giovengo Nolish, Louis Nudi, Kathy Reid, Helen Spade and Edward Wielgus.

Board Members Not Present

None

Also Present

Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Jeff Taylor, David Hall, Valerie Mengine, Amanda Hartle, and Kris Kaufmann.

Persons Signing the Register

Sarah Schlieper, 738 Perry Highway, 15229
Matt Ferry, 309 Highland Pines Drive, 15237
Samantha Murphy, 209 Twin Oaks Drive, 15237
Ashley Barno, 171 Highland Avenue, 15229
Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan, 141 Tyler Road, 15237
Ed Vesely, 116 Lingay Drive, 15116
Kayle & Ann Mary Bender, 413 Blaze Drive, 15116
Jason Sekorak, 402 Bryn Court, 15237
Krissy Evans, 204 Grove Avenue, 15229

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. There was a moment of silence and salute to the flag. Mr. Wielgus noted that an Executive Session had taken place this evening from 4:30 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues. In attendance were Board members Mrs. Bender, Mr. Wielgus, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Kozera, Mrs. Mathis, Dr. Nolish, Mr. Nudi, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Spade. Also in attendance were Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Jeff Taylor, Valerie Mengine, David Hall, Chief Joseph Ley, Chief Bruce Fromlak and Officer John Bruner.

Student Performance

None

Public Recognition

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Mrs. Spade and passed by a vote of 8-0 to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2018 Work Session/Legislative Meeting and the April 12, 2018 Legislative Meeting. Mrs. Bender abstained.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Kozera congratulated high school student, Jane Fusco on her nomination for the Gene Kelly Awards Best Supporting Actress for her role in Dames at Sea.

Mrs. Mathis thanked all of the residents that emailed the Board with their questions, comments and concerns regarding the armed school police force.

Mrs. Spade thanked the residents for their emails and input. She also announced that on May 22, the high school guitar students will present Rock the Hilltop. She said it's a wonderful concert and recommends that people attend.

Presentations

Officer John Bruner, School Police Officer from Keystone Oaks School District provided a presentation on the job of a school police officer.

Chief Bruce Fromlak, West View Borough Police and Chief Joseph Ley, Ross Township Police addressed the Board in support of the proposed creation of an armed school police force. They believe that the Board is being proactive and responsible in their decision to create this police force.

Mr. Matt Demharter, President of the North Hills Education Association addressed the Board regarding the teachers' union support of the creation of the armed school police force. Mr. Demharter said that during their officer election, they added a referendum to the ballot asking teachers if they supported the district's creation of an armed school police force. 92% of the teachers voted in support of this initiative.

Mr. Jesse Simpson, Principal of West View Elementary School addressed the Board on behalf of the District Administrators to offer their utmost support of and gratitude for the initiative to create an armed school police force.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Sarah Schieleper – spoke in opposition to the creation of an armed police force.

Matt Ferry – spoke in opposition to the creation of an armed police force.

Samantha Murphy – spoke in opposition to the creation of an armed police force. She believed the decision is being made too quickly.

Ashley Barno – spoke in support and gratitude of an armed police force.

Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan – expressed gratitude to the Board for addressing this difficult situation, and spoke in opposition to the creation of an armed police force.

Ed Vesely – spoke in opposition to the creation of an armed police force.

Mary Bender – spoke in support of an armed police force. Her niece was a student at Columbine High School during the school shooting.

Jason Sekerak – spoke about prevention instead of armed school police. Asked the Board to table this item.

Student Representative’s Report

None

Superintendent’s Report

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

SUPPORT SERVICES

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed by a vote of 7 yea and 2 nay to approve Resolution 2018-5 Establish and Arm North Hills School District Police Officers, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. Voting yea was Mr. Kelly, Ms. Kozera, Mrs. Mathis, Dr. Nolish, Mr. Nudi, Mrs. Spade and Mr. Wielgus. Voting nay was Mrs. Bender and Mrs. Reid.

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to approve the Bid Award to Provide and Install Safety and Security Window Film to U.S. Film Crew in the amount of \$44,676, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Dr. Nolish and unanimously passed to approve the A.W. Beattie Career Center Operating Budget for 2018-19, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

For the remainder of the agenda items, it was decided to approve through a consent agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Dr. Nolish and unanimously passed to approve the following agenda items, as recommended by the Superintendent.

EDUCATION

1. 2018-2019- High School Faculty Handbook.
2. Dual Enrollment Agreements with Point Park University & Carlow University for 2018-19

3. Elementary Online Exploratory World Languages Pilot Program – The District will offer an online exploratory Spanish course for students in 5th and 6th grades for the fall semester of the 2018-19 school year. The course will be taught by one of our high school Spanish teachers. Parents will be charged a registration fee of \$110 per student to participate in the course.
4. MOU with I Love U Guys Foundation – The MOU allows the school district to use all of the organization’s safety and security resources at no charge.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

None

PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

David Rowe – Custodian at the middle school; resignation with intent to retire effective May 12, 2018.

Bette MacDonald – Secretary at McIntyre; resignation with intent to retire effective July 1, 2018.

Denise Marino – LPN at the middle school; resignation effective April 16, 2018.

John Kane – Head Class Sponsor at the high school; resignation at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Elizabeth Cleary – Varsity Head Swim Coach; resignation effective April 27, 2018.

Adam Getty – 8th Grade Head Boys’ Soccer Coach; resignation effective April 30, 2018.

Randi Mueller – Food Service Worker at McIntyre; resignation with intent to retire effective June 1, 2018.
2. Appointments

William McKellar – middle school head girls’ soccer coach at the rate of \$2,212 effective for the 2018-19 school year.

Lauren Barbour – middle school assistant girls’ soccer coach at the rate of \$1,821 effective for the 2018-19 school year.

Haley Dake – middle school head girls' volleyball coach at the rate of \$2,602 effective August 13, 2018.

Rachel Brant – paraprofessional at McIntyre at the rate of \$12.40/hour effective August 14, 2018.

John-Michael Allen – paraprofessional at West View at the rate of \$12.40/hour effective August 14, 2018.

Kristen Carmody – homebound instructor at the rate of \$40/hour effective for the 2017-18 school year.

Thomas Lisak – homebound instructor at the rate of \$40/hour effective for the 2017-18 school year.

Christine Landon – long-term substitute mathematics teacher at the high school at the salary of \$36,050 effective for the 2018-19 school year.

Ashley Buzinotti – reading specialist at the middle school at the salary of \$45,581 (Step 2 – Master's) effective August 14, 2018.

Zachary Frantik – day-to-day substitute in a long-term assignment at the high school at the rate of \$150/day effective April 23, 2018 to TBD.

Ashley Meyer – kindergarten teacher at Ross at the salary of \$47,404 (Step 3 – Master's) effective August 14, 2018.

Ashley Cammarata – grade 1 teacher at Highcliff at the salary of \$46,493 (Step 2 – M+30) effective August 14, 2018.

Adriane Salgel – grade 2 teacher at Ross at the salary of \$45,581 (Step 2 – Master's) effective August 14, 2018.

Kaitlin Hoch – grade 4 teacher at McIntyre at the salary of \$44,214 (Step 2 – Bachelor's) effective August 14, 2018.

Carey Iannuzzo – grade 6 teacher at West View at the salary of \$45,581 (Step 2 – Master's) effective August 14, 2018.

Sara Midwood – grade 6 teacher at Highcliff at the salary of \$45,125 (Step 2 – B+24) effective August 14, 2018.

Lindsey McKamish – special education teacher (emotional support) at the middle school at the salary of \$47,404 (Step 3 – Master’s) effective August 14, 2018.

Maura Bobby – special education teacher (learning support) at the middle school at the salary of \$45,581 (Step 2 – Master’s) effective August 14, 2018.

Evan King – special education teacher/transition coordinator at the high school at the salary of \$45,518 (Step 2 – Master’s) effective August 14, 2018.

The following substitute employees were hired:

Kerry Lyden – long-term substitute secretary at the rate of \$14/hour effective April 16, 2018.

Tammy Brantner – summer worker at the rate of \$12/hour effective June 4, 2018

The following summer workers were hired at the rate of \$8/50/hour effective June 4, 2018:

Colton Lucas
Nicholas Pezich
Joshua Selzer
Michael Taylor
Benjamin Waltz

Amelia Vanhowe – volunteer with the band effective May/June of 2017/18 and for the 2018-19 school year.

3. Changes of Status

Denise Stegman – from substitute food service worker to rover substitute food service Worker at the rate of \$12.50/hour effective April 17, 2018.

Shelby Pepmeyer – from long-term substitute teaching assistant to day-to-day sub teacher in a long-term assignment at Highcliff at the rate of \$150/day (with no benefits) effective April 30, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Paul Dee – from custodian at the middle school to lead custodian at the middle school at the rate of \$23.22/hour effective June 4, 2018.

COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

1. Memoranda of Understanding with Ross Township and West View Borough Police

Departments – PDE Office of Safe Schools requires that each chief school administrator shall execute and update, on a biennial basis, a MOU with each local police department having jurisdiction over school property of the school district.

2. Appointment of Voting Delegates for the PSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting – Friday, October 19, 2018. - The Board members were asked to consider if they wished to be appointed as a voting delegate. This item did not require a vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Nudi provided an update on HB 638.

POLICY

1. Second Reading and Adoption – Policy 204 – Attendance – Revisions to this existing policy.

FINANCE

1. General Fund Bills – these include checks numbered 51497 through 51664; and 51666 through 51808.
2. Construction Fund Bills – check number 51665
3. Budget Transfers
4. Payroll for the Month of April 2018 in the amount of \$2,922,266.28
5. Appointment of Treasurer – to appoint David Hall as Treasurer for the 2018-19 school year.
6. Revised Facilities Use Fee Schedule for 2017-18 – Subsequent to the Facilities Use Fee Schedule approval for 2017-18, security costs incurred have exceeded the rate approved. This revision increases the hourly security rate from \$30 to \$36 to cover our actual costs.
7. Bid Award – ZAGG Rugged Book Pro for iPad – A request to award the bid for 350 Zagg Rugged Book Pro for iPad Pro 9.7/Air 2 to the lowest bidder, Staples Business Advantage, in the amount of \$30,590.
8. Bid Award – Copy Paper, Dual Purpose – A request to award the bid for Dual Purpose Copy Paper to Contract Paper Group, Inc. at their low bid of \$19,899.60.
9. Bid Award – Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Maintenance – A request to award the three-year bid for Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Maintenance to ABCO Fire Protection totaling \$3,811.00.

10. Bid Award – Elementary Classroom Fraction Calculator Sets – A request to award the bid for 97 Elementary Classroom Fraction Calculator Sets in the amount of \$31,166.10 to PCM-G. A Classroom Set is comprised of 30 calculators and a sufficient number of storage containers to house the calculators. That is, 2,910 calculators and 291 storage containers will be purchased.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Matt Ferry asked questions about the Attendance Policy and asked about how the Board plans to develop the policies and procedures regarding the armed school police force.

Mr. Ed Vesely asked about the tax rate increase as it relates to the Act 1 Index. He also asked if the police officers will be union or non-union.

ADJOURNMENT

A meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary