

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION/LEGISLATIVE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 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, Kathy Reid, Helen Spade and Edward Wielgus.

Board Members Not Present

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Also Present

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

Persons Signing the Register

Megan McCarty, 144 Isolda Drive, Ross Township, PA
Doug Crowley, 208 Goldsmith Road, Ross Township, PA
Jason Sekerak, 402 Bryn Court, Ross Township, PA
Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan, 141 Tyler Road, Ross Township, PA
Ed Vesely, 116 Lingay Drive, Ross Township, PA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 5:00 p.m. to 6:50 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, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Spade. Also in attendance were Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Jeff Taylor, Michael Witherel, Esq., Valerie Mengine, and David Hall.

Student Performance

Mr. Len Lavelle and Mr. Chris Ballentine presented the High School Wind Ensemble. The High School Wind Ensemble was chosen to perform at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual Conference, and their selections were the opening and closing numbers that were performed at the conference.

Public Recognition

Mrs. Beth Williams, High School Principal introduced members of the High School Speech and Debate Team including medalists Nickolas Bartel and Michelle Do. Ms. Do performed her winning original monologue. Other members of the team include: Ethan Gentile, Zachary Neill, Byron Spear, Koby Polaski, Robin Ringer, Lucas Deer, Isabella Cillo-Duckett, Katie Dublin, Loran Ferrell, Megan Gonabe, Marie Gurtner, Emma Margo, Noelle Mertz-Bruce, Amanda Mullen, and Nicholas Spriggs.

Mrs. Williams then introduced High School Music Teachers who were recognized at the PMEA Annual Conference:

- Mr. Chris Ballentine - PMEA Outstanding Young Music Educator
- Mr. Len Lavelle – PMEA Citation for Excellence

Mr. Len Lavelle then recognized Dr. Patrick Mannarino for being named PMEA Outstanding Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Mannarino was presented this award for his continued support and dedication the excellence in music education in the North Hills School District.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Dr. Nolish and unanimously passed to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Work Session/Legislative Meeting and the March 15, 2018 Legislative Meeting.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Wielgus announced that the May 10, 2018 Legislative Meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Reid congratulated the members of the High School Speech and Debate team and asked that someone from the Board or Administration send a letter to Mark Madden to let him know that his mother’s legacy of Speech and Debate has been reestablished and our students are achieving success.

Mrs. Bender commented that the district was very fortunate to have had Mrs. Madden lead our Forensics teams for years, and Areta Kalogeras to lead our music program for years.

Mrs. Mathis announced the 6th grade band tour which is scheduled for May 17th. She also announced the West View Safe Summer Fair which is scheduled for June 2nd.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Jason Sekerak addressed the Board regarding his opposition to the creation of a school police force. He also asked questions about the revisions to Board Policy 204 – Attendance.

Mr. Doug Crowley addressed the Board questioning how the Board arrived at the decision to create a school police force.

Ms. Megan McCarty addressed the Board in opposition to the creation of a school police force and questioned the Board this topic.

Ms. Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan addressed the Board in opposition to the creation of a school police force.

Ms. Deanna Philpott, 27 Chapel Drive, Ross Township, PA asked about what type of training the officer candidates must have.

Student Representative’s Report

None

Superintendent’s Report

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

EDUCATION

Mrs. Kristy Bilderback, Highcliff Elementary Principal, Mr. Jason Beall, Middle School Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Beth Williams, High School Principal presented on Remake Learning Day Activities scheduled district-wide.

2. 2018-2019- High School Faculty Handbook.
3. Dual Enrollment Agreements with Point Park University & Carlow University for 2018-19
4. 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.
5. 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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis and seconded by Dr. Nolish to add Education Items 2 through 5 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

None

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

1. 2018-19 Operating Budget for A.W. Beattie Career Center – The A.W. Beattie Budget billing is based on a five-year average of the Average Daily Membership (ADM) on March 1, as verified by the member districts. The member districts are the primary source of funding support for the AWBCC Operating budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bender and seconded by Mrs. Mathis to add A.W. Beattie Career Center Item 1 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

PERSONNEL

1. Resignations
2. Appointments
3. Changes of Status

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Reid to add Personnel Items 1 through 3 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Reid and seconded by Mrs. Bender to add Community & Intergovernmental Relations Items 1 and 2 to the Legislative Meeting Agenda.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

None

POLICY

1. First Reading – Policy 204 – Attendance – Revisions to this existing policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus and seconded by Ms. Kozera to add Policy Item 1 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

FINANCE

ACTION ITEM:

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously **passed to approve the 2018-19 Proposed Final Budget**, as per document 1, as recommended by the

Superintendent. The Proposed Final Budget has proposed revenues of \$80,389,128 and proposed expenditures of \$84,166,526. It includes a use of our Assigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,277,399 as well as the use of \$2,500,000 of our General Fund Balance for the High School Roof replacement.

1. General Fund Bills
2. Construction Fund Bills
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.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish and seconded by Mrs. Mathis to add Finance Items 1 through 10 above to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Dr. Nolish and **unanimously passed to approve the Bid Award for North Hills High School Roof Replacement to Ramp Construction Company, Inc.**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. Ramp Construction had the low bid of \$2,423,670.

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Dr. Nolish and **unanimously passed to approve the Contract with Earth, Inc. and to Authorize Administration to Perform Preliminary Remediation Work**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent. This is to address a landslide on the hill between Martorelli Stadium's upper parking lot and the property the district leases to A&N Lawn Service.

4. Resolution 2018-5 – Establish and Arm North Hills School District Police Officers – As a part of the district's comprehensive safety initiatives, this Resolution authorizes the district to begin the process of establishing an armed police force.
5. Bid Award – Provide and Install Safety and Security Window Film – A request to award the bid for providing and installing safety and security window film on the interior of the window, to U.S. Film Crew in the amount of \$44,676, and reject the bids for providing and installing film only on the exterior of the window.

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade and seconded by Mrs. Reid to add Support Services Items to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ed Vesely, 116 Lingay Drive, Ross Township, PA

Mr. Vesely is opposed to the creation of an armed police force. He felt the public did not have enough notice and asked the Board to delay this and to have a public forum for discussion and input from parents and taxpayers.

Ms. Philpott stated that she does not want her children to view police officers as their friend. She teaches them if they see a gun to run.

Ms. Pagel-Hogan expressed that the Board had already decided this.

ADJOURNMENT

A meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary