

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION/LEGISLATIVE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
NORTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL – LGI ROOM
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Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

Thomas Kelly

Also Present

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

Persons Signing the Register

Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan, 141 Tyler Road, Ross Township, PA

Matt Ferry, 309 Highland Pines Drive, Ross Township, PA

Deanna Lacek Philpott, 29 Chapel Drive, Ross Township, PA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Ms. Kozera, Mrs. Mathis, Dr. Nolish, Mr. Nudi, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Spade. Also in attendance were Dr. Patrick Mannarino and David Hall.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Wielgus congratulated the North Hills Varsity Baseball Team on winning the WPIAL championship.

Mrs. Reid thanked Highcliff Librarian, Doris Stupka for the Voices of Freedom performance that she has coordinated at Highcliff for many years. Mrs. Reid also congratulated Mrs. Stupka on her upcoming retirement.

Mr. Nudi also thanked Mrs. Stupka for her dedication to the Voices of Freedom annual event.

Mrs. Mathis congratulated all of the 2018 graduates.

Dr. Nolish and Mrs. Bender congratulated the graduates and noted that they were unable to attend the commencement ceremony.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Ms. Pagel-Hogan asked when information about the School Police Force will be included in the Student and Faculty Handbooks. She also expressed concerns that statistics show that

students of color have a high rate of discipline and she wondered how the district will assure that all students are disciplined fairly and equally.

Mr. Ferry thanked the Board for making the School Police job descriptions public but he has concerns that we are doing this out of order. He also is concerned that the district is rushing to accelerate the hiring process.

Ms. Lacek-Philpott stated her opposition to the School Police Force. She is concerned about the use of deadly force and she advocates for increased mental health initiatives instead of a school police force.

AGENDA ITEMS:

EDUCATION

1. North Hills High School Student Handbook and Guide for Parents for 2018-19, and the North Hills Alternative Education Program Handbook for 2018-19.
2. North Hills Middle School Student Handbook and Guide for Parents – 2018-19.
3. 2018-19 K-6 Student/Parent Handbook.
4. 2018-19 K-6 Faculty Handbook
5. 2018-19 K-6 Program of Studies
6. Agreement with Scenario Learning for Safe Schools Alert – this is a combination of a bullying alert system and a confidential tip alert incident reporting system.
7. Agreement with Scenario Learning for Online Training Courses – this is an online professional development course library that the district will use for federal and state mandated trainings, as well as other professional development opportunities for all employees.
8. Affiliation Agreement with Robert Morris University for Student Teaching – this agreement is effective May 18, 2018 and is valid for 5 years.
9. Agreement with Wesley Family Services – if needed, Wesley Family Services provides Student Assistance Programs and Child/Adolescent Partial Hospital Programs.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis and seconded by Dr. Nolish to add Education Items 1 through 9 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Donation of a Shed for McIntyre Field by North Hills Athletic Association – this is an 8x8 wooden shed that would be installed at the far end of the batting cage with doors opening towards the field. This will be used for storage of field maintenance equipment as well as their pitching machine, balls, etc.

A motion was made by Ms. Kozera and seconded by Mrs. Spade to add Athletics and Activities Item 1 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

Mrs. Bender announced the Students of the Month for April/May 2018:
Taylor Solomon – Automotive Collision Technology
Zane Curry – Advanced Computer Programming

PERSONNEL

1. Resignations
2. Appointments
3. Changes of Status
4. Leave of Absence
5. Other

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus and seconded by Mrs. Bender to add Personnel Items 1 through 5 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

1. Appointment of Voting Delegates for PSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting on October 19, 2018 – Ms. Kozera, Mrs. Mathis, Mr. Nudi and Mr. Wielgus volunteered to serve as delegates.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

None

POLICY

None

FINANCE

ACTION ITEM:

1. Resolution 2018-6 – Establishing the Tax Rate at 18.25 mills.
2. Resolution 2018-7 – Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion
3. 2018-19 Final Budget Approval – The 2018-19 Final Budget includes estimated revenues of \$80,389,127 and expenditures and other uses of \$84,166,526. It includes an increase in the Real Estate Tax rate of .25 mill, increasing it from 18.0 mills to 18.25 mills.
4. General Fund Bills
5. Food Service Fund Bills
6. Scholarship Fund Bills
7. Budget Transfers
8. Payroll for the month of May 2018 in the amount of \$3,050,360.54.
9. General Insurance Approval – A request for the Board to award the general insurance renewals as negotiated by our general insurance brokers, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. The insurance premiums for 2018-19 total \$173,892.
10. Workers Compensation Insurance Approval – A request for the Board to award the Workers Compensation insurance renewals as negotiated by our Workers Compensation Insurance Brokers, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. The proposed premium is \$252,042. Workers Compensation premiums are subject to final salary audits at the end of each year.
11. Facilities Use Fee Schedule – Board Policy 707 requires that the Board review the Facilities Use Schedule annually. Costs have grown over time and in many instances exceed what we are charging. The proposed rates are increased by approximately 10% in most cases from the previous year. This reflects an approximate 2% per year effective increase.
12. Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector for Ross Township – A request for the Board to approve the appointment of Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as deputy tax collector for Ross Township as required by Act 164 of 2014. Ms. Sarah Poweska who was appointed tax collector by Ross Township due to a vacancy in that office, has elected to appoint Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as deputy tax collector.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish and seconded by Mrs. Reid to add Finance Items 1 through 12 above to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Job Descriptions for School Police Officer and Chief School Police Officer
2. Lunch, Breakfast and Morning Care Prices – A request for meal prices to remain at
Breakfast: \$1.50 Paid; \$.30 Reduced Price
Lunch: \$2.50 Paid; \$.40 Reduced Price
Morning Care: \$3.50 per day
3. Bid Award for Ice Cream Products – A request to award the bid for Ice Cream Products for the 2018-19 school year to Hershey Ice Cream, the lowest bidder meeting specifications and legal requirements.
4. Bid Award for Milk and Other Dairy Products – A request to award the bid for Milk and Other Dairy Products for the 2018-19 school year to Turner Dairy Farms, Inc. the lowest bidder meeting specifications and legal requirements.
5. Copier Replacement and Service Contract – A request to award a purchase contract to ComDoc for \$126,000 for twenty replacement copiers. Additionally, the for the Board to award a 5 year (60 month) contract for the maintenance and supplies (other than paper) for these copiers in the amount of \$3,059.50 per month. This covers up to 12,000,000 copies. Copies in excess of that will be billed at \$0.0030 each.
6. Bid Award – Voice Over Internet Protocol Equipment and Professional Services – A request to award the bid for Voice Over Internet Protocol Equipment and Professional Services to Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc., in the amount of \$113,270.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade and seconded by Mrs. Bender to add Support Services Items 1 through 6 to the Legislative Meeting agenda. Mrs. Bender and Mrs. Reid voted no to add Item 1 (Job Descriptions) to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No formal additional public comments, but Ms. Pagel-Hogan, Ms. Lacek-Philpott and Mr. Ferry asked questions from the audience of the Board regarding the School Police Force. Members of the Board answered as completely as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

A meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary