

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION - LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020 ~ 7:00 P.M.
NORTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL – LGI ROOM
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandra Kozera, Phil Little, Allison Mathis, Deanna Philpott, Kathryn Poniatowski, Rachael Rennebeck and Helen Spade.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Annette Giovengo Nolish and Kathy Reid

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Beth Williams, Gerard Muth, Heather Pelat, and Kris Kaufmann.

PERSONS SIGNING THE REGISTER

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Mathis opened the meeting with a moment of silence and salute to the flag. She announced that an Executive Session had taken place this evening prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. In attendance were Board Members Sandra Kozera, Phil Little, Allison Mathis, Deanna Philpott, Kathryn Poniatowski, Rachael Rennebeck, Helen Spade and Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Mathis congratulated the cast and crew of The Little Mermaid, Jr. for an excellent performance. She also congratulated everyone associated with the West View Science Fair which was celebrating the 26th year for this annual event.

Mr. Little stated that he attended Dr. Mannarino's "Second Cup of Coffee" event which was held at McIntyre Elementary School on January 29th. Topics discussed included the district's Flexible Instructional Day Program, Charter School Reform and Transitioning the 6th grade to the Middle School.

Ms. Philpott this week is National School Counselors Week, and she wanted to give a "shout-out" to our school counselors for all they do for our students. She also announced that last month, Governor Wolf released his new plan "Reach Out PA" which focuses on mental health, and he is asking for public input.

Ms. Philpott also stated that the USDA announced proposed changes to school lunch guidelines. The USDA is asking for public feedback and that forum is open until March 23, 2020.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

FINANCE

Mr. Jerry Muth, Director of Finance and Operations discussed the Business Taxes that are collected by the North Hills School District. He explained the current practices used to find taxpayers and to collect taxes due.

Mr. Mark Schuster, CEO and founder of turnKey Taxes presented to the Board his proposal to provide his company's services for identifying taxpayers in Ross Township and West View Borough who are not yet known to these taxing bodies. Members of the Ross Township Board of Commissioners were present in the audience and they, along with members of the School Board asked Mr. Schuster questions about his company and how he might positively assist the Township and the School District to increase business tax collection revenues.

1. Approval to explore engaging the services of turnKey Taxes, Inc. for Business tax collections.
2. General Fund Bills
3. Capital Project Fund Bills
4. Food Service Fund Bills
5. Budget Transfers
6. Payroll for the Month of January 2020 in the amount of \$3,048,571.57
7. Approve Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector for Ross Township - Ross Township Tax Collector, Matthew P. Mager has elected to appoint Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as Deputy Tax Collector.
8. Bid Award – Copy Paper – to W.B. Mason, at their low bid of \$19,924.80

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Little to add Finance Items 1 through 8 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Dr. Isabela-Cajiao Angelelli, Co-Founder and Ambassador of One Tree Per Child Pittsburgh addressed the Board regarding her organization and her passion for involving children in planting trees to help the planet. She shared photos of the Ross Elementary Students who participated in tree planting at Sangree Park in Ross Township. Ms. Eloise Peet, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Township thanked Mr. Jason Beall, Principal of Ross Elementary for his enthusiastic support.

ACTION ITEM:

A motion was made by Mr. Little, seconded by Mrs. Spade an unanimously **passed to approve Resolution 2020-10 – Supporting Charter School Funding Reform**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

EDUCATION

1. Donation of Bookworm Vending Machine and Flexible Seating from West View PTA

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis and seconded by Mrs. Spade to add Education Item 1 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Mr. Patrick Weber, Director of Athletics provided a recap of the Fall and Winter Sports Seasons.

Ms. Chelle Zimmerman, Activities Coordinator provided an update of all district activities.

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

The A.W. Beattie Students of the Month were announced:

November/December

- Logan Bender - Advanced Computer Programming
- George Parker - Automotive Collision Technology
- Austin Gehry - Automotive Technology
- Cassandra Fonzi - Cosmetology

December/January

- Taylor Solomon - Automotive Collision Technology
- Melea Johnson - Early Childhood Education
- William Folmer - Robotics Engineering Technology

Skills USA District 8 Winners and Competitors

- Pin Design: Mark Yocum - Ad Design
- Prepared Speech: Melisa Milner - Ad Design
- Crime Scene: Kasia Bauer - Emergency Response Technology
- Automotive Service Technician: Brendan Lipp - Automotive Technology

PERSONNEL - ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to approve Personnel Items, as per Items 1 through 4, as recommended by the Superintendent. They include the following:

RESIGNATIONS

1. Tyler Peck – Boys’ Assistant Lacrosse Coach, effective January 27, 2020
2. Carol Richert – K-6 Language Arts Curriculum Leader, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year
3. Elaine Spirnock – Special Education Teacher at McIntyre Elementary, resignation with intent to retire, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
4. Harley Allen – Paraprofessional, effective January 2, 2020
5. Shelley Schutzman – Food Service Worker, effective January 20, 2020

APPOINTMENTS

1. Ann Hersh – Paraprofessional at Ross at the rate of \$12.75/hour, effective February 11, 2020
2. Katie Pearson – Paraprofessional at West View at the rate of \$12.75/hour, effective February 10, 2020
3. Janet Brown – Non-NHEA Homebound Instructor at the rate of \$40/hour, effective for the 2019-20 school year
4. Donna Wanner – Non-NHEA Homebound Instructor at the rate of \$40/hour, effective for the 2019-20 school year
5. Jennifer O’Kane-Fenk – Non-NHEA Homebound Instructor at the rate of \$40/hour, effective for the 2019-20 school year
6. Thomas Kunsack, Jr. – Boys Lacrosse Volunteer, effective for the 2019-20 school year
7. Richelle Tropeck – Substitute Teacher at the rate of \$95/day, effective December 19, 2019
8. Kathryn Sutton – Substitute Food Service Worker at the rate of \$10/hour, effective January 3, 2020
9. Kathryn Sutton- Substitute Lunchroom/Playground Aide at the rate of \$9.49/hour, effective January 3, 2020

The following employees of ABC Transit were authorized to be bus drivers:

- Asya Pierce-Sirmons
- Robert Lorish
- Thomas Andrews

The following employee of the YMCA was authorized for the after school care program:

Deron Sferra

CHANGE OF STATUS

1. Anna Furgiuele – From General Worker #4 at Ross Elementary to General Worker #3 at Ross at the rate of \$13.10/hour.

SCHOOL DOCTOR APPOINTMENT

1. Dr. Robert H. Potter to serve as the School Physician for the 2020-21 school year at the annual fee of \$8,500

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None

POLICY

The Policy Committee met on January 23, 2020. The following policies were reviewed and determined that no changes were needed:

- 009 - Indemnification and Defense
- 212 - Reporting Pupil Progress
- 218 - Graduation Ceremony Participation
- 309 - Assignment and Transfer - Administrative Personnel
- 409 - Assignment and Transfer - Professional Personnel
- 509 - Assignment and Transfer - Classified Personnel

The following policy is to be deleted:

- 119 - Vendors at Home Athletic Events
 - Rationale – The parameters of this policy are covered under
 - Policy 229 – Student Fund Raising
 - Policy 913 – Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Policies for First Reading:

1. First Reading – Policy 010 – District Contract Policy - Revisions
2. First Reading – Policy 110 – Instructional Supplies and School Equipment - Revisions
3. First Reading – Policy 202 – Attendance of Non-Resident Students - Revisions
4. First Reading – Policy 230 – Public Performance by Students - Revisions
5. First Reading – Policy 311 – Job-Related Travel Expenses - Revisions
6. First Reading – Policy 440 – Responsibility of Staff for Student Welfare - Revisions
7. First Reading – Policy 607 – Tuition Income – Revisions
8. First Reading – Policy 706 – Property Records - Revisions

During discussion on Policy Items 1 through 8, the Board agreed to remove the following language from Policy #440 - “Do not allow students whose recognized physical or mental condition makes them especially prone to accident to use dangerous equipment.” It was agreed that this guideline is already addressed in the policy.

With the above revision mentioned, a motion was made by Ms. Kozera and seconded by Mrs. Spade to add Policy Items 1 through 8 to the Legislative Meeting agenda.

SUPPORT SERVICES

None

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Mathis adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary