

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 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, Katie Poniatowski, Kathy Reid, Rachael Rennebeck and Helen Spade.

**Board Members Not Present**

Annette Giovengo Nolish

**Also Present**

Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Beth Williams, Jerry Muth, Michael J. Witherel, Esq., Heather Pelat, Kris Kaufmann, and student representatives Ellie Fleischer and Hannah Sciulli.

**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. Mrs. Mathis noted that an Executive Session had taken place on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Administration Center and this evening from 6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. at the Middle School to discuss personnel and legal issues. In attendance were Board members Ms. Kozera, Mr. Little, Mrs. Mathis, Ms. Philpott, Mrs. Poniatowski, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Rennebeck, Mrs. Spade, Michael J. Witherel, Esq., and Dr. Patrick Mannarino.

**Student Performance**

Mrs. Lisa Marcellus presented several members of the cast of The Little Mermaid, Jr. who performed the song "Poor Unfortunate Souls" which is a feature song in the middle school play.

**Public Recognition**

Dr. Mannarino announced that January is School Board Recognition Month in Pennsylvania. To honor our Board Members, a book and flowers were presented to each member of the Board. Each book has a nameplate on the inside cover dedicating this book in honor of a particular Board Member. District students spoke about each Board Member and presented the flowers and books to them. The following students participated: Grace Aiken, Annabelle Bement, Elena Williams, Zoe Williams, Addison Winner, Sydney Mathis, Colter Mathis, Jonathan Hasek, Miles Philpott, Noah Philpott, Shelby Poniatowski, Sean Good, Brady Metz, Mason Metz, Addie Rennebeck, Domenic Rennebeck, Roman Rennebeck, Izzy Aiken, Hannah Sciulli, and Ellie Fleischer.

**Board Member Comments**

None

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade seconded by Ms. Kozera, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 Reorganization Meeting and the December 3, 2019 Work Session/Legislative Meeting.

**EDUCATION**

Informational Presentation: Mr. Steve Hoza, High School GATE Teacher, provided an update on the High School Gifted Program’s Project-Based Learning.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed to **approve the Agreement with Accelerate Education Online Learning**, for the district’s online learning management system, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES**

None

**A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER**

None

**PERSONNEL**

**Resignations**

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **approve Resignations**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

John Hornung – Assistant Swim Coach, effective December 6, 2019.

Dean Lawrence – Chief School Police Officer, effective December 31, 2019.

Darlene Costa – Paraprofessional, effective January 16, 2020.

Rachel Dranko – Paraprofessional, effective January 9, 2020.

### Appointments

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **approve Appointments**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Brandon Wagner – Baseball Varsity Assistant II Coach, at the rate of \$1,820, effective Spring 2019-20 season.

Alisa Kozak – Paraprofessional at Ross Elementary, at the rate of \$12.75/hour, effective December 12, 2019.

Harley Allen – Paraprofessional at West View Elementary, at the rate of \$12.75/hour, effective January 2, 2020.

Linetta Brown – Paraprofessional at Ross Elementary, at the rate of \$12.75/hour, effective January 2, 2020.

June Davis – Substitute Custodian, at the rate of \$10/hour, effective December 3, 2019.

Geoffrey Hall – Emergency Certified Substitute Teacher, at the rate of \$95/day, effective December 17, 2019.

Sydney Schmit – Substitute Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$10/hour, effective December 18, 2019.

The following Volunteers were approved, effective for the 2019-20 school year:

Morgan Biddle – Girls Basketball

Kathy Netzel – Chorus

Ashley Shor – Softball

The following employees of ABC Transit were authorized as bus drivers:

Dale Fitzpatrick

Brandon Simpson

Anthony Walden

The following employees of the YMCA were authorized for the After-School Program:

Tyler Cairns

Castle Branch

Kacie Helsel

Tasla McCargo

Deborah Hart

James Kim

Barbara McKinley

Richard Bara

Bryce Fedak

Sarah Matcho

Jamie Minnitte

Virginia Roby  
Meredith Schuster  
Allison Tessier  
Madeline Bonner  
Mary Casto  
Shirley Grant  
Roxann Persia  
Gina Stiger

### **Changes of Status**

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **approve Changes of Status**, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Taejas Kudva – from 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Highcliff Elementary to 6<sup>th</sup> grade math/science teacher at the middle school, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ashley Meyer – from kindergarten at Highcliff Elementary to 6<sup>th</sup> grade math/science teacher at the middle school, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ryan Mistovich – from long-term substitute art teacher at Highcliff to long-term art teacher at Highcliff Elementary at the rate of \$35,000 pro-rated, effective January 2, 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Robert Muchenski – from school police officer to interim chief school police officer at the rate of \$30/hour, effective January 2, 2020.

Jill Durler – from paraprofessional at Ross Elementary to paraprofessional at Highcliff Elementary, effective January 6, 2020.

### **Tenure Recommendation**

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **approve Tenure Recommendations**, as per document 4, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Lori Mascara - Date of Tenure: December 1, 2019

Marin Tobin - Date of Tenure: October 21, 2019

## **COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

A motion was made by Ms. Kozera, seconded by Mrs. Mathis and unanimously passed to **to nominate Mr. Phil Little as a candidate for one of the vacant positions on the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board of Directors**. There are 2 three-month positions and 4 three-year positions available. The AIU Board members are responsible for all 42 school districts as well as nonpublic schools and charter schools in Allegheny County. The election will take place at the AIU Annual Convention scheduled for March 31, 2020.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

Ms. Kozera reported on the PSBA Legislative Priority Issues for the 2019-20 Session. Three things that PSBA is lobbying for are Safe and Secure Schools, Pension Reform and Charter School Funding Reform.

## **POLICY**

A motion was made by Ms. Kozera, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed to **approve the Revisions to Board Policy 243 – Homeless Students**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

## **FINANCE**

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Little, and unanimously passed to **approve General Fund Bills**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 58417 through 58432; 58455 through 58463; 58468 through 58521; 58524 through 58580; 58582 through 58628; 58644 through 58645; 58647; 58649 through 58655; 58659 through 58715; 58717 through 58745; 58748 through 58823; and 58825 through 58838.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Little, and unanimously passed to **approve Capital Project Fund Bills**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 58464 through 58467; 58648; 58656 through 58658; 58747; and 58824.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Little, and unanimously passed to **approve Food Service Fund Bills**, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent.

These include checks numbered 58433 through 58454; 58522; 58523; 58581; 58629 through 58643; and 58746.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Little, and unanimously passed to **approve Budget Transfers**, as per document 4, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Little, and unanimously passed to **approve Payroll for the Month of December 2019 in the amount of \$3,080,568.45**, as per document 5, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

None

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Loretta J. Rieger  
School Board Secretary