

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM
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Call to Order

The meeting, which was held via Zoom Webinar, 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 took attendance via roll call.

Board Members Present

Sandra Kozera, Phil Little, Allison Mathis, Annette Giovengo Nolish, Deanna Philpott, Kathryn Poniatowski, Kathy Reid, Rachael Rennebeck, and Helen Spade.

Board Members Not Present

None

Also Present

Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, Dr. Beth Williams, Michael J. Witherel, Esq., Jerry Muth, Heather Pelat, Kevin Swindell, Kris Kaufmann, and Student Representative Hannah Sciulli.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Mathis announced that the Board met in Executive Session on November 12, 2020 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 Committee Meeting with Action.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mannarino discussed the district's move to the Virtual Operational Model on November 18, 2020 with the plan to return to the Hybrid Operational Model on Monday, December 7, 2020. (A final determination will be made by Friday, December 4th.)

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Presentations

Dr. Beth Williams, Assistant Superintendent provided an educational update to the Board including Academic Measures for 2019-20, Preparations to meet students' needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ongoing interventions and diagnostic testing, meeting the needs of our special education students, Keystone Tests and other standardized testing requirements.

Mr. Kevin Swindell, Director of Facilities provided a comprehensive review of his department’s efforts to clean, sanitize, and maintain district buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Swindell explained training and quality control measures taken in response to the pandemic.

ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Mathis stated that all of the items on the agenda for action were discussed at the November 5, 2020 Committee Meeting with Action and it was her recommendation to approve all items via a consent vote.

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

Acceptance of the 7-Eleven Project A-Game Grant by Ross Elementary in the amount of \$1,000, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

None

PERSONNEL

Resignations, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Rebecca Murphy – Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assistant at Ross, effective November 16, 2020.

Amanda Hagy – Food Service Worker at the Middle School, effective November 13, 2020.

Appointments, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Carey Iannuzzo – Middle School Girls’ Basketball Coach, at the rate of \$2,416, effective November 19, 2020.

Mary Casto – Middle School Girls’ Basketball Coach, at the rate of \$2,416, effective November 19, 2020.

Substitute Employees:

Joshua Bartosh – Substitute Teacher, at the rate of \$95/day, effective October 21, 2020

Shawn Kilpatrick – Substitute Teacher, at the rate of \$95/day, effective October 27, 2020

Changes of Status, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Lindsay Burnett – From long-term substitute teacher at McIntyre Elementary, to long-term substitute reading specialist at West View Elementary, at the rate of \$35,000, effective December 1, 2020 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Christina Paul – From long-term substitute teaching assistant at McIntyre Elementary, to long-term substitute teacher at McIntyre Elementary, at the rate of \$35,000 (pro-rated), effective November 18, 2020 through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Marcie Welker – From paraprofessional at West View Elementary to Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective November 16, 2020.

COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

None

POLICIES

Revisions to Board Policy 226 – Search, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

LEGISLATIVE

None

FINANCE

Ratify General Fund Bills, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 61708 through 61746; 61748 through 61755; 61759 through 61797; 61799 through 61911; 61915 through 61932; 61934; 61938 through 61944; 61946 through 61973; 61975 through 61979; 61993 through 62002; 62005 through 62042; 62044 through 62070; 62072 through 26077; 62079 through 62161; 62162 through 62163; and 62165 through 62251.

Ratify Capital Project Fund Bills, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 61757; 61758; 61798; 62078; and 62164.

Ratify Food Service Fund Bills, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 61756; 61913; 61914; 61935 through 61937; 61980 through 61992; 62071.

Approve Budget Transfers, as per document 4, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Approve Payroll for the Month of October 2020 in the amount of \$3,102,510.89, as per document 5, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Resolution 2020-05 – Authorizing Participation by North Hills School District in, and Appointment of Representatives to, the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program, as per document 6, as recommended by the Superintendent.

SUPPORT SERVICES

None

Non-Action Item

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

Mrs. Rennebeck announced that there are 7 student COVID cases related to the Career Center, and all cases have been from events outside of the Center. Beattie will move to virtual learning beginning Monday, November 23rd through Friday, December 4, 2020.

The following North Hills Students were elected as 2020-2021 FCCLA Officers - AM Session: Melea Johnson, President; Aimee Meininghaus, Treasurer; Joshua Yeomans, Secretary; PM Session: Jacob Mann, Secretary.

The following North Hills Students were named Students of the Month for October/November 2020:

Marissa White - Advertising Design

Joshua Gigler - Automotive Collision Technology

Joshua Yeomans - Culinary

Ashleigh McHugh - Culinary

Alexandra Walker - Emergency Response Technology

Julia Addink - SMART-EST (physical therapy, occupational therapy and rehab)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Toni Reed, 208 Oakwood Avenue - asked about students who are currently in Honors Biology and their requirement of when they must take the Keystone Exam.

Lucas Palermo, 214 6th Avenue - is currently a student at North Hills High School and read a personal statement to the Board requesting that all students return to full-time in-person learning. He feels it's imperative for student success both academically and socially and asked the Board to please consider his request.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Mathis adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary