

NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020 – 7:15 P.M.
VIDEO BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
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Call to Order

The meeting, which was held via Zoom Webinar, was called to order at 7:15 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, Katie Poniatowski, Kathy Reid, Rachael Rennebeck, and Helen Spade.

Board Members Not Present

None

Also Present

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

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Mathis announced that the Board met earlier that evening to discuss legal matters. She also wanted to mention and clarify that any board member comments that are made represent the opinion of individual board members and not necessarily the position of the district as a whole.

Mr. Little thanked the North Hills Drama Club for all the hard work and time they put into their Spring Musical, *Catch Me If You Can*, which had to be cancelled due to the school closures. He appreciated receiving their letter and program and wanted them to know he really appreciates all they do.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Superintendent's Report

“Good evening. Now that the school year is behind us, we are hyper-focused on creating an opening plan for next school year as required by the Governor’s office in order to resume in-person instruction. This is a challenging task as we do not know how this pandemic will evolve through the summer nor do we know what the CDC guidelines will be as we move closer to resuming instruction in August. At this time, we’ve received very little guidance from the state other than “you can open” so now we’re really starting to lay out what it might look like for us to provide the best possible instruction while maintaining the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff as we navigate the entire 20-21 school year.

Earlier this week, we shared a survey with families to gauge perceptions and feelings regarding education during COVID, and it's extremely important you complete this survey as we work to develop a plan that not only fulfills our number one goal of educating our students while meeting current health and safety guidelines.

Please be sure to complete this survey by Sunday so we can begin to analyze the results early next week as we move toward developing our reopening plan that will be formally approved by the board at our July 23rd meeting.

Additionally, in order for us to resume athletics and activities, we are required to develop a health and safety plan specific to our co-curricular programs. We are currently working on this Return to Plan with a target date of completion by June 30 so our Athletes and Activity participants can begin on July 1."

EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve Letter of Agreement with Holy Family Institute**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. This agreement is effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Holy Family will provide special educational services for students referred by the district pursuant to an IEP. This agreement also covers Student Assistance Program Services.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Bid Award for iPad Cases**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent. The bid was awarded to Sunrise Hiteck in the amount of \$86,852.70.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Mrs. Poniatowski, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Agreement with Allegheny Health Network Sports Medicine**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. This agreement provides for athletic trainer services for students participating in athletics.

A motion was made by Mrs. Poniatowski, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Spanish National Honor Society Student Initiated Club**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Poniatowski, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Tabletop on the Hilltop Student Initiated Club**, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

None

PERSONNEL

Resignations

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

Denise Haberman – Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent, effective July 6, 2020

Appointments

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

Rick Kabbert – Girls' Soccer Varsity Head Coach, at the rate of \$4,274, effective for the 2020-21 season.

Geraldine Wagner - .5 Custodian at Administration, at the rate of \$14.64, effective June 15, 2020.

The following employees were appointed as Extended School Year Teachers at the rate of \$44/hour, effective July 6, 2020 through July 31, 2020:

Ali Bills
Donna Bush
Kristen Carmody
Katie Fanelli
Amber Hreha
Sarah Jones
Jody Lakits
Lindsey McKamish
Madison Merhaut
Marlee Musico
Brienne Stuble
Lisa Towers

Changes of Status

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

Regis Barnhart – from Custodian at McIntyre, to General Maintenance Worker at the rate of \$23.92/hour, effective June 15, 2020.

Janice McSorley – from Custodian at McIntyre to Custodian at Highcliff, effective June 15, 2020.

June Davis – from .5 Custodian at Administration, to full-time Custodian, effective June 15, 2020.

COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

None

POLICIES

1. First Reading – Policy 201 – Admission of Students – Revisions
2. First Reading – Policy 203 - Immunizations and Health Records – Revisions
3. First Reading – Policy 204 – Attendance – Revisions
4. First Reading – Policy 208 – Pupil Medications – Revisions
5. First Reading – Policy 209 – Health Examinations – Revisions
6. First Reading – Policy 216 – Pediculosis (Head Lice) – Revisions
7. First Reading – Policy 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products – Revisions
8. First Reading - Policy 323 - Tobacco and Vaping Products – Administrative Employees – Revisions
9. First Reading – Policy 423 – Tobacco and Vaping Products – Professional Employees – Revisions
10. First Reading – Policy 523 – Tobacco and Vaping Products – Classified Employees – Revisions
11. First Reading – Policy 244 – Diabetes Management – Revisions
12. First Reading – New Policy 245 – Asthma
13. First Reading – New Policy 246 – Bloodborne Diseases
14. First Reading – New Policy 247 – Communicable Diseases
15. First Reading – New Policy 248 – Concussion
16. First Reading – New Policy 249 – Food Allergies

A motion was made by Ms. Kozera, seconded by Mrs. Spade, **and unanimously passed to place Policy Items 1 through 16 on the July 23, 2020 Meeting Agenda for second reading.**

LEGISLATIVE

None

FINANCE

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve Resolution 2020-20 Establishing the Tax Rate for 2020-2021 at 18.65 mills**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve Resolution 2020-03 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion**, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent. This exclusion provides a tax reduction of \$125.95 for qualifying homeowners.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget**, as per document 5, as recommended by the Superintendent. The Final Budget includes estimated revenues of \$84,048,558 and expenditures and other uses of \$84,048,558.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to ratify General Fund Bills**, as per document 7, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 60204 through 60250; 60273 through 60316; and 60328 through 60363.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to ratify Capital Project Fund Bills**, as per document 8, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 60203 and 60325.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to ratify Food Service Fund Bills**, as per document 9, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered 60176 through 60202; 60326 and 60327.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to ratify Scholarship Fund Bills**, as per document 10, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered 60317 through 60324.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve Budget Transfers**, as per document 11, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve Payroll for the Month of May 2020 in the amount of \$3,165,218.74**, as per document 12, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Appointment of Gerard F. Muth as Treasurer for 2020-2021**, as per document 13, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the General Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance Renewals**, as per document 14, as recommended by the Superintendent. The total renewal cost is \$440,427. UPMC will remain the provider for Workers Compensation.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Facilities Use Fees for 2020-2021**, as per document 15, as recommended by the Superintendent. This is required by Board Policy 707.

SUPPORT SERVICES

A motion was made by Ms. Philpott, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Lunch, Breakfast and Morning Care Prices for 2020-2021**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. There is no increase from the previous year.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Toni Reed, 208 Oakwood Avenue, West View, PA

Mrs. Reed asked if camps that were cancelled in June will be rescheduled.

ADDITIONAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Mathis announced that the next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled as an in-person meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI Room of the Middle School. All attendees are required to wear a mask.

SUSPENSION OF MEETING

Mrs. Mathis noted that the district is required to submit the Health & Safety Plan for Phased Reopening Plan to the state by June 30th, and this plan needs to be approved by the School Board. In order to allow more time for this plan to be developed, Mrs. Mathis moved to suspend tonight's meeting and then reconvene on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 7:15 p.m., via Zoom. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed, and the meeting was suspended at 7:45 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary