

NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

**CONTINUATION OF JUNE 11, 2020 LEGISLATIVE MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 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 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 Patrick Weber.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Presentation

Mr. Patrick Weber, Director of Athletics presented the "Return to Play/Health and Safety Plan" for Athletics and Activities.

Action Item

A motion was made by Mrs. Poniatowski, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Health and Safety Plan/Return to Play Plan for Athletics and Activities**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

EDUCATION

Presentation

Dr. Patrick Mannarino presented the Phased Reopening Update – Preliminary Health and Safety Plan.

Action Item

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and **unanimously passed to approve the Revised 2020-2021 Academic Calendar**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Discussion Item

To provide guidance to the Superintendent regarding after-school programs that are not a function of the North Hills School District Operations. The Board members weighed in on various topics including, PTAs, PTOs, drama camps, youth sports, parent volunteers. They asked for this topic to be a continued discussion as we move forward with our district phased reopening plan for return to school and for district athletics and activities.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Toni Reed, 208 Oakwood Avenue, West View, PA

Mrs. Reed asked about medical exemptions for students who are unable to wear a mask.

Sonia Welch, 461 Goldsmith Road – Ross Township, PA

Dr. Welch had questions and concern regarding small children wearing masks. She believes high school and middle school student may be able to tolerate a mask better than younger students. And with that said, she wonders why the traditional model for return to school is the goal; why not start with a hybrid model. She asked about why virtual days are not counted toward the 180-day state requirement, but FID days are. She also asked about the district's protocol when a staff member or student tests positive for COVID.

Dr. Welch also asked about the registration deadline for the Online Academy. The first day of school is August 25th, but the deadline for registration is August 10th. Dr. Mannarino said that a decision will be made at the August 6th meeting, so parents will know.

Ed Vesely, 116 Lingay Drive, Ross Township, PA

Mr. Vesely asked for the district to consider what to do with Booster Concession Stands moving forward. He feels these concessions cannot operate safely during COVID.

He also asked about Fall Sports and interscholastic competitions. What will we do when school teams are scheduled to play other teams whose health and safety protocols are different than ours.

Jennifer Duffy, 16 East Orchard Avenue, Ross Township, PA

Mrs. Duffy asked if youth sports organizations would need to submit their own health and safety plans. Mr. Weber said that youth sports would need to submit a plan to follow North Hills' plan.

Jessica McDonald, 1000 Grandview Avenue

Mrs. McDonald wants to know what the plan for Special Education students if we return to a hybrid model or virtual model. Dr. Mannarino asked her to contact Dr. Bezila because there are different plans depending on the student's disability and individual needs.

ADDITIONAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Mathis announced that the next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI Room at the North Hills Middle School. Masks will be required for all attendees.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis and seconded by Mr. Little to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary