

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 ~ 7:00 P.M.  
NORTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL LGI ROOM  
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**Board Members Present**

Arlene Bender, Thomas Kelly, Joseph Muha, Annette Giovengo-Nolish, Louis Nudi, Kathy Reid, Helen Spade, Edward Wielgus and Michael Yeomans

**Board Members Not Present**

None

**Also Present**

Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Jeff Taylor, Dr. Johannah Vanatta, Michael J. Witherel, David Hall, Valerie Mengine, Amanda Hartle, Lori Rieger, Kris Kaufmann, as well as student representative Grace Cloonan.

**Persons Signing the Register**

None

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. There was a moment of silence and salute to the flag. Mr. Wielgus noted that an Executive Session had taken place this evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues. In attendance were Board Members Arlene Bender, Thomas Kelly, Joe Muha, Annette Giovengo-Nolish, Louis Nudi, Kathy Reid, Helen Spade, Edward Wielgus and Mike Yeomans. Also present were Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Michael Witherel, Esq. and Lori Rieger.

**Student Performance**

Mr. Shaun Cloonan and the high school chorus group, The Dreamcatcher, performed 3 selections for the audience: The National Anthem, Will the Circle Be Unbroken, and the North Hills Alma Mater. Mr. Cloonan announced that the Fall Collage Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

**Public Recognition**

Ross Elementary Principal, Mrs. Mary Grimm, introduced the Ross 6<sup>th</sup> grade student council officers and commended them for organizing the Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Students recognized are: Colter Mathis, Royce Parham, Ella Demoise, Mykela Conners, Lily Sentner, Ellie Knox, Savannah Bodnar and Scarlett Bernardi.

**Board Member Comments**

Mr. Nudi thanked middle school teachers, Larry Dorenkamp and Joe Welsh for helping to coordinate the event in conjunction with WQED to show part of Ken Burns' documentary "The Vietnam War", and to host the panel discussion with veterans of this conflict. Mr. Nudi appreciated the students who did research projects on POWs and MIAs and he felt it was a very heartfelt and important evening.

Mrs. Bender congratulated the Ross Elementary Student Council for their fundraising efforts, and he mentioned that she read their names in the paper.

Mr. Yeomans mentioned that the City of Pittsburgh is in the running to be the home of the new headquarters of Amazon and as a city, we are very much a force in STEM careers. As a district, we continue to enhance our curriculum to include and focus on STEM education so our students are equipped for their future.

#### **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Mrs. Spade and unanimously passed **to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2017 Work Session/Legislative Meeting and the September 14, 2017 Legislative Meeting.**

#### **Solicitor's Report**

None

#### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Student Representative Grace Cloonan provided her report on Athletics.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Mannarino presented his Points of Pride for October 2017.

#### **Construction Update – Mr. Jon Thomas, Thomas & Williamson**

Mr. Jon Thomas of Thomas & Williamson, LLC provided a construction update to the Board on the McIntyre Elementary School Addition Project. The project is just about complete and occupancy is expected to approved by the beginning of November. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

##### **EDUCATION**

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mr. Muha and unanimously passed to approve the Submission of the North Hills School District's Comprehensive Plan dated July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

2. A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mr. Muha and unanimously passed to approve the 2018-19 Academic Calendar, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.
  
3. A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mr. Muha and unanimously passed to approve the Agreement with Glad Run for School Based Mental Health Services, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Muha, seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously passed to approve the Student Initiated Club – GSA (Gay, Straight Alliance) Club, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER**

No action.

Mrs. Bender announced that the Open House at A.W. Beattie was also scheduled for this evening and she felt badly that there was a scheduling conflict and she could not attend. She urged members of the public to attend the Open House at Beattie next year to see all of the wonderful programs they offer.

Mr. Nudi announced that A.W. Beattie also was required by the state to resubmit their Comprehensive Plan just as North Hills School District was.

**PERSONNEL**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed to approve Resignations, Appointments, Changes of Status, Leaves of Absence, Job Descriptions, Tenure and Memorandum of Understanding, as per documents 1 – 7, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**RESIGNATIONS**

First Name	Last Name	Position	Location	Date
Rachelle	Dixon	paraprofessional	Middle School	October 3, 2017
Henry	Kmiecik	paraprofessional	Ross	December 1, 2017
Sherrie	Cooney	food service worker	McIntyre	August 14, 2017
Sharon	Gallagher	Child Care/Breakfast Worker	Highcliff	October 10, 2017
Jason	Prem	Food Service Driver	District Wide	September 15, 2017
Robin	DeGregory	Scenic Designer for Fall Play/Spring Musical		September 13, 2017

**APPOINTMENTS**

First Name	Last Name	Position	Rate	Effective
Elizabeth	Gasior	Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,974	for the 2017-18 school year
Butch	Dillen	Girls' Basketball Varsity Assistant	\$5,111	for the 2017-18 school year
Lindsey	McKamish	Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,416	for the 2017-18 school year
Patrick	Carey	Weight Room Supervisor (Winter 2)	stipend estimated to be \$20/hr. not to exceed \$1,800	for the 2017-18 school year
Eric	Snyder	Varsity Assistant Swim Coach	\$2,918	for the 2017-18 school year
John	Curran	Weight Room Supervisor (Winter 1)	stipend estimated to be \$20/hr. not to exceed \$1,800	with the 2017-18 school year
Patrick	Carey	Varsity Assistant Track Coach	\$4,275	for the 2017-18 school year
Maria	Shevchik	Middle School Softball Head Coach	\$2,044	for the 2017-18 school year
Robin	Ringer	swim instructor	\$7.50/hr.	October 2, 2017
Eric	Feth	swim instructor	\$7.50/hr.	October 2, 2017
Grace	Lawrence	swim instructor	\$7.50/hr.	October 2, 2017
Michelle	Ralston	paraprofessional	\$11.31/hr.	October 9, 2017
Crystal	Barr	paraprofessional	\$11.31/hr.	September 25, 2017
Geraldine	McCarthy	paraprofessional	\$11.31/hr.	September 25, 2017
Shannon	Browell	paraprofessional	\$11.31/hr.	October 2, 2017
Mallory	Gurney	paraprofessional	\$11.31/hr.	October 2, 2017
Theodore	Boggs	computer technician	\$15/hr.	October 9, 2017
Kimberly	Harbaugh	homebound instructor	\$40/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year
Barbara	Burnett	homebound instructor	\$40/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year
James	DeWeese	homebound instructor	\$40/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year

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John	Curran	homebound instructor	\$40/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year
Amber	Hreha	homebound instructor	\$40/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year
Janet	Brown	homebound instructor	\$25/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year
Harry	Zinsser	homebound instructor	\$25/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year
Rose Ann	Ault	homebound instructor	\$25/hr.	for the 2017-18 school year
Brittany	Davis	LTS reading specialist	pro-rated \$30,000	9/13/17 - 12/1/17
Adam	Bailey	LTS English teacher	pro-rated \$35,000	9/28/17-4/25/18
Sue	McCombs	Child Care/Breakfast Worker	\$15.08/hr.	October 3, 2017

Substitute Appointments

First Name	Last Name	Position	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Lindsay	Burnett	Substitute Teacher	September 11, 2017	\$95/day
Denise	Malanowski	Substitute Teacher	September 11, 2017	\$95/day
Caitlyn	Brunner	Substitute Teacher	September 13, 2017	\$95/day
Martha	Fagan	Substitute Paraprofessional	September 13, 2017	\$10/hour
Shirley	Milliern	Emergency certified school nurse	September 13, 2017	\$100/day
Katy	Fagan	Substitute Teacher	September 18, 2017	\$95/day
Amy	Dady	Substitute Teacher	September 18, 2017	\$95/day
Shelby	Pepmeyer	Substitute Teacher	September 19, 2017	\$95/day
Haylan	Fazio	Substitute Paraprofessional	October 4, 2017	\$10/hour

Haylan	Fazio	Substitute Lunchroom/Playground aide	October 4, 2017	\$9.49/hour
Courtney	McNabb	Substitute Teacher	October 5, 2017	\$95/day

Volunteer Appointments effective for the 2017-18 School Year

Angela Arlia – Band/Chorus  
 Nicola Arlia – Band/Chorus  
 Kirsten Bogniard – Chorus  
 William Doverspike – Football  
 Tyler Hendricks – Wrestling  
 Ben Jennings – Football  
 Rachel Lubbert – Chorus  
 Carly Pietrzyk – Ice Hockey  
 Lisa Rihn-Whale – Band/Chorus  
 Denise Sponser – Band  
 Albert Whale – Band

**CHANGES OF STATUS**

Michelle Spingola – from Guidance Counselor at McIntyre to long-term Act 93 Elementary Assistant Principal at McIntyre at the rate of \$5,745 per month, effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

Sue McCombs – from General Worker #4 at Highcliff to General Worker #2 at West View at the rate of \$14.58 per hour, effective October 3, 2017.

Allison Craig – from Elementary Chorus Sponsor at the rate of \$2,292 to Elementary Chorus Sponsor at the rate of \$1,604, effective with the 2017-18 school year.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Kristen Perry – speech therapist at Highcliff – request for an educational sabbatical for the second semester of the 2017-18 school year and the first semester of the 2018-19 school year.

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Revised job descriptions for: Chorus Sponsor, High School Choir Sponsor, Middle School Chorus Sponsor, Elementary Chorus Sponsor and Elementary Assistant Chorus Sponsor.

**TENURE**

Allison Burns was awarded tenure.

**POLICY**

None

**COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

A motion was made by Mr. Yeomans, seconded by Dr. Nolish and failed by a roll call vote of 2 yea and 7 nay to suspend the practice of reimbursing school board members for home internet service. Voting yea was Dr. Nolish and Mr. Yeomans. Voting nay was Mrs. Bender, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Muha, Mr. Nudi, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Spade and Mr. Wielgus.

Mrs. Bender exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**FINANCE**

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mr. Kelly to ratify General Fund Bills, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. With the exception of Mr. Yeomans voting nay on checks numbered 49034, 49124, 49130 and 49151, the motion was unanimously passed. General Fund Bills include checks numbered: 48834 through 48913; 48915 through 49000; 49002 through 49020; 49025 through 49055; 49074 through 49135 and 49137 through 49197.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to ratify Construction Fund Bills, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 49001; and 49021 through 49024.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to ratify Capital Project Fund Bills, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include check number 49136.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to approve Budget Transfers, as per document 4, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to approve payroll for the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$2,895,937.45, as per document 5, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mr. Muha and unanimously passed to approve the Purchase of a Tractor for the Maintenance Department, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mr. Muha and unanimously passed to approve the Change Order for the McIntyre Elementary Construction Project, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

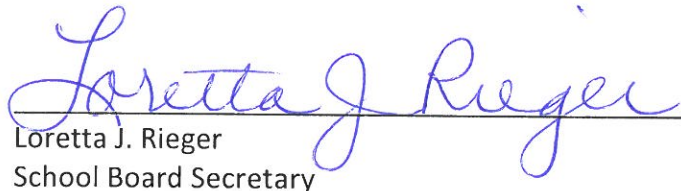
**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Deanna Lacek Philpott, 29 Chapel Drive, Ross Township, PA

Ms. Philpott is a consultant for a non-profit organization that specializes in student health and wellness. Ms. Philpott mentioned that the Pennsylvania Department of Education mandated that all school districts must update their Board Policy #240 (Student Wellness), by June 30, 2017 to include a Wellness Committee among other things. She noticed that North Hills' policy has not been updated. She offered her services to help the district meet compliance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Mrs. Spade and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

  
Loretta J. Rieger  
School Board Secretary