

NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
NORTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL – LGI ROOM
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Board Members Present

Thomas Kelly, Sandra Kozera, Allison Mathis, Annette Giovengo Nolish, Louis Nudi, Kathy Reid, Helen Spade and Edward Wielgus.

Board Members Not Present

Timothy Burnett

Also Present

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

Persons Signing the Register

Joe Muha, 188 Dombey Drive, Ross Township, PA
Deanna Philpott, 29 Chapel Drive, Ross Township, PA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wielgus opened the meeting with 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 Mr. Kelly, Ms. Kozera, Mrs. Mathis, Dr. Nolish, Mr. Nudi, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Spade, Mr. Wielgus, Michael J. Witherel, Esq., Mr. Kevin McKiernan, and Dr. Patrick Mannarino.

Student Performance

Ms. Heidi Kohne and the Guitar Ensemble performed Oh Danny Boy in five parts.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Wielgus thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for the many improvements to our district buildings that have been done in-house. The workmanship is great, and has saved the district money.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Joe Muha addressed the Board regarding the Flexible Instructional Day application. His concerns and questions related to the effect on transportation, special education students, A.W. Beattie students and about the 7-day window for students to complete assignments.

Ms. Deanna Philpott addressed the Board regarding the Flexible Instructional day application. Her concerns and questions related to students with IEPs, virtual education training for all teachers and parents, how long the lessons will be and logging on requirements.

Student Representatives Reports

Junior, Hannah Sciulli provided her report on the recent and upcoming Athletic events at the high school.

Junior, Ellie Fleischer provided her report on the recent and upcoming high school Activities.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Ms. Kozera, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 Work Session/Legislative Meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Mannarino provided his Points of Pride for October.

EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed to **approve the District’s Application to Participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Flexible Instructional Day Program as Submitted to the Department of Education**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. On August 8, 2019, the Board approved Resolution 2019-12 which states the district’s intent to participate in this program. The Department of Education requires School Board approval of the actual application.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

None

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

None

PERSONNEL

Resignations

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

Julie MacDonald – Bus Safety Patrol Sponsor at Ross Elementary, effective October 1, 2019

Sara Robbins – Substitute Teacher, effective September 16, 2019

Aerika Barrett – Substitute Teacher, effective September 20, 2019

Appointments

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

Alicia Reuscher – Assistant Varsity Girls’ Lacrosse Coach, at the rate of \$2,332.42, effective for the 2019-2020 Spring season.

Josh Spangler – Saturday Detention at West View, at the rate of \$12.75/hour, effective September 28, 2019.

Angela Kryl – Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assistant at Ross Elementary, at the rate of \$95/day + increases, effective September 24, 2019.

Taryn Malski – Long-Term Math Substitute Teacher/Permanent Building Substitute at the High School, at the rate of \$35,000 (pro-rated), effective November 21, 2019 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Amy Myers – K-6 Science Curriculum Leader, at the rate of \$4,000, effective September 27, 2019.

Shilipi Duhssa – Substitute Paraprofessional at the rate of \$10/hour, effective September 24, 2019.

Juliette Knightley – Emergency Certified Substitute Teacher at the rate of \$95/day, effective September 24, 2019.

Robynn Wolf – Substitute Teacher at the rate of \$95/day, effective September 25, 2019.

Change of Status

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

Regis Barnhart – From Custodian at McIntyre to Long-Term Substitute Lead Custodian at McIntyre, at the rate of \$23.77/hour, effective September 20, 2019 through a date to be determined.

Linda Cancilla – From Part-Time Custodian at the Administration Center to Full-Time Custodian at Highcliff Elementary, at the rate of \$14.64/hour, effective October 1, 2019.

COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

None

LEGISLATIVE

Mr. Nudi reported that the Index was approved by PDE to be set at 2.6%

He also stated that there was not much movement at this time regarding the Charter School Reform legislation. He did mention that there is a Senate hearing on this topic scheduled for

Wednesday, October 16, 2019. That is the same time as many School Board members from across the state will be in Hershey, PA attending the PSBA School Leadership Conference. He plans to reach out to the PSBA to request that they send a contingent to the Senate hearing to represent the interests of school districts.

POLICY

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed to **approve the Revisions to Policy 707 – Use of School Facilities**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Spade, and unanimously passed to **approve the Revisions to Policy 711 – Use of School Athletic Fields**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

FINANCE

Dr. Nolish announced that at the September 19th public meeting, the Board approved the issuance of Bonds to advance refund the 2010B Build America Bonds. Earlier in the day, we were notified that the bonds sold for 1.4 million dollars, which is significantly more than anticipated. The district will be able to shorten its current debt repayments by one year.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **ratify General Fund Bills**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 57495 through 57500; 57502 through 57517; 57519 through 57521; 57541 through 57562; and 57568 through 57637.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **ratify Capital Project Fund Bills**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 57563 through 57567.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **ratify Food Service Fund Bills**, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 57522 through 57540.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Mathis, 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 Mrs. Mathis, and unanimously passed to **approve Payroll for the month of September 2019 in the amount of \$3,105,999.47**, as per document 5, as recommended by the Superintendent.

SUPPORT SERVICES

None

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 8:01 p.m.

Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary