

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 representatives Grace Cloonan and Olav Carter.

**Persons Signing the Register**

None

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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**

Mrs. Allison Tiangco conducted a high school orchestra quartet as they performed 2 selections for the Board and audience.

**Public Recognition**

Mrs. Beth Williams introduced the following AP Scholars for 2017: Maria Arlia, Erika DeGraef, Alex Glatz, Logan Graham, Jordyn Hronec, Alexis Ligus, Samantha Logan, Andrew Longjohn, Mackenzie MacFarland, Callie McClintock, Dillon McElwain, Ryan McIntyre, Lauren Rebel, Shane Riley, Camile Traczek, Eleanor Urich, Greta Zewe, Kelsey Davis, Evan Kerin, Alexis Mandell, Joseph Pastorius, Neil Wible, Adyn Gallagher, Aliana Rao and Neville Wolff. Mrs. Williams then introduced the National Merit Semifinalists: Jordyn Hronec, Giovanni Meiser, Connor Milavec and Neville Wolff.

**Board Member Comments**

Dr. Nolish congratulated the Marching Band on a successful band festival.

Mrs. Bender welcomed the new student representatives Grace Cloonan and Olav Carter. She asked them to tell the Board of student concerns. Mrs. Bender also congratulated the AP Scholars and National Merit Semifinalists.

Mr. Muha congratulated the AP Scholars and National Merit Semifinalists. He then said he received an email from a parent complimenting the middle school volleyball coaches for their positive and professional attitudes with the team.

Mr. Yeomans stated that since he has been on the Board, he disagrees with the long-standing practice of reimbursing school board members for their personal internet service. He feels it is not right to spend district funds for board members' personal internet when this is a voluntary, non-paid position. He asked if he could make a motion to suspend this practice. Mr. Witherel stated that it was appropriate to make the motion during Board Member Comments.

**A motion was made by Mr. Yeomans to suspend the practice of reimbursing school board members for their personal internet expense effective immediately.** Dr. Nolish seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding this topic. Mrs. Bender asked if this item could be tabled for more discussion.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Bender to table Mr. Yeoman's motion,** seconded by Mrs. Reid and passed by a vote of 7-2. Voting yea was Mrs. Bender, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Muha, Dr. Nolish, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Spade and Mr. Wielgus. Voting nay was Mr. Nudi and Mr. Yeomans.

**The Board decided to place this item on the October 12, 2017 agenda for discussion and vote.**

Mrs. Reid commented that she believed Mr. Yeomans was doing this for political reasons particularly so that she loses the upcoming election. Mrs. Reid exited the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. Yeomans stated that he has held this belief since he was first elected to the Board and publicly stated so over 3 years ago.

Mr. Nudi noted that he attended the Technology Education class, The Art of Making, taught by Mr. Jim Cassandro in the high school. He was impressed by many disciplines used by the student to problem solve. Our district is in the forefront of innovation.

He also stated the North Hills School District is partnering with WQED for a special viewing and panel discussion on the Ken Burns documentary Vietnam. This will include several students who have done research projects on prisoners of war and missing in action. He highly recommends the attendance at this event which is scheduled for Monday, September 25 at the LGI Room.

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

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Mrs. Spade and unanimously passed (8-0) to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 Work Session/Legislative Meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

A motion was made by Mr. Nudi, seconded by Mrs. Bender and **unanimously passed by a vote of 8-0 to cast the Board's ballot for the following PSBA Officer Candidates: Otto Voit for President-Elect, Eric Wolfgang for Vice-President, Mike Gossert for Treasurer, Dan O'Keefe for Western At Large representative; and Marianne Neel for Trustee.**

**The following agenda items were approved by consent agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Dr. Nolish and unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0 (Mrs. Reid was absent for the vote), to approve the following items:**

#### **EDUCATION**

1. The North Hills School District Comprehensive Plan dated 7/1/18 through 6/30/2021.
2. The Association of Middle Level Educators Grant and teacher presentation.
3. Disposition of Obsolete Computer Equipment via the Apple Buy-Back Program.

#### **ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES**

1. North Hills High School Competition Cheerleading Squad attendance at the Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida from February 8, 2018 through February 12, 2018.

#### **A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER**

None

**PERSONNEL**

**RESIGNATIONS**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Coleman	Mazur	teaching assistant	Sr. High School	August 13, 2017
Matthew	Pokusa	teaching assistant, middle school football assistant coach, middle school musical technical director and middle school track assistant coach	Middle School	August 15, 2017
John	Walsh	paraprofessional	Middle School	August 15, 2017
Paige	Salters	paraprofessional	Ross	August 16, 2017
Jansen	Hartmann	paraprofessional	West View	August 16, 2017
Amy	Dombrowski	paraprofessional	Ross	August 22, 2017
Laura	Sterzinger	paraprofessional	West View	August 24, 2017
Cameron	Konieczny	computer technician	Ross/McIntyre	September 8, 2017
Monica	Ide	paraprofessional	McIntyre	September 1, 2017
Amy	Smith	long-term substitute reading specialist	Highcliff	August 16, 2017
Marie	Jaklic	Breakfast Program Worker (only)	Sr. High School	August 17, 2017

**Substitute Resignations**

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Position</b>
Nina	Mendt	08/01/2017	Emergency Certified Substitute Teacher
Airen	Seigworth	08/01/2017	Lunchroom/playground aide
Linda	Scalamogna	08/01/2017	Substitute Certified School Nurse
Adriana	Blanco	08/01/2017	Substitute Clerk
Caleb	Mersing	08/01/2017	Substitute Custodian
Lynne	Mihelcic	08/01/2017	Substitute Custodian
Joseph	Snyder	08/01/2017	Substitute Custodian
Betty	Liermann	08/01/2017	Substitute Food Service Worker
Tammy	Allen	08/01/2017	Substitute Lunchroom/playground aide

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Molly	Geiger	08/01/2017	Substitute Lunchroom/playground aide
Anna	Yenzi	08/01/2017	Substitute Paraprofessional and Substitute Lunchroom/playground aide
Ashley	Arlotti	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Bethany	Bachman	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Felicia	Bender	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Deidre	Conway	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Caitlyn	Cottrill	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Abigail	Depace	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Joan	Ejzak	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Nancy	Emerick	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Michael	Farina	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Ellen	Filar	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Courtney	Gallagher	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Raquel	Gaviria	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Anthony	Grenek	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Jamie	Hamilton	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Daniel	Hedglin	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Jessica	Ilkin	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Shelby	James	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Joel	Johnston	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Jan	Kowalski	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Kristen	Lawrence	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Kaitlin	Lear	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Allison	Long	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Amarilis	Lopez	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Daneille	McDonald	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Amanda	McGuire	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Valerie	Moore	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Matthew	Reese	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Elizabeth	Russell	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Marian	Saunders	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Elizabeth	Schraven	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Robert	Spisak	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Jennifer	Straw	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Jessica	Sullivan	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Jenna	Veverka	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher

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Amanda	Walters	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Ali	Webb	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Holly	Wetherholt	08/01/2017	Substitute Teacher
Ida	Adkins	9/7/2017	Substitute Teacher

**APPOINTMENTS**

First Name	Last Name	Rate	Position	Effective
Stephanie	Fairley	\$500	Costume Designer-Spring Musical	for the 2017-18 s/y
Stephanie	Fairley	\$300	Costume Designer-Fall Play	for the 2017-18 s/y
Amy	Bialek	\$847	Student Council Sponsor (.5)	for the 2017-18 s/y
Regina	Farrell	\$900	Safety Patrol Sponsor	for the 2017-18 s/y
Megan	Oberndorf	\$13.36/hr.	Teaching Assistant	August 23, 2017
Katherine	Bagley	\$11.31/hr.	Paraprofessional	August 23, 2017
Rachelle	Dixon	\$11.31/hr.	Paraprofessional	August 29, 2017
Leigh Ann	Naughton	\$11.31/hr.	Paraprofessional	September 11, 2017
Heather	Craft	\$11.31/hr.	Paraprofessional	September 11, 2017
Marcie	Welker	\$10/hr.	LTS Paraprofessional	8/25/17 - end of 17/18 s/y
Alan	Biel	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Mary	Santella	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Ann	Trembulak	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Patty	Toplack	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Jill	Zwick	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Dana	Hune	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Amy	Boyle	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Jill	Durler	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
John-Michael	Allen	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Paula	Misutka	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y

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Lori	Bliss	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Nancy	Wiater-Muha	\$11.69/hr.	Lunchroom/Playground Aide	for the 2017-18 s/y
Emily	Marcellus	\$30,000/year	LTS Learning Support Teacher	for the 2017-18 s/y
Lauren	Barbour	\$31,000/year	LTS Guidance Counselor	for the 2017-18 s/y
Ashley	Gribik	pro-rated \$31,000	LTS 7th Grade Reading Teacher	8/17/17 - End of 17/18 s/y
Shelly	Wild	pro-rated \$30,000	LTS Reading Specialist /Perm Sub	8/28/17 - End of 17/18 s/y
Donna	Caputo	\$15.41/hr.	Breakfast Program Worker	August 17, 2017
Kathleen	Earles	\$85/day	"Nursing Services Contractor" as outlined in Agreement with NHSD	for the 2017-18 s/y

Substitute Appointments

First Name	Last Name	Position	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Leah	Schram	substitute teacher	August 11, 2017	\$95/day
Jennifer	Muzzey	substitute food service worker	August 11, 2017	\$10/hour
Emily	Culkin	substitute teacher	August 11, 2017	\$95/day
Valerie	Shannon	substitute teacher	August 14, 2017	\$95/day
Amanda	Zabinski	substitute teacher	August 14, 2017	\$95/day
Jill	Durler	substitute lunchroom/playground aide	August 14, 2017	\$9.49/hour
Amy	Boyle	substitute lunchroom/playground aide	August 14, 2017	\$9.49/hour
Kelly	Grigley	substitute food service worker	August 14, 2017	\$10/hour
Sheri	Martinelli	emergency certified substitute teacher	August 14, 2017	\$95/day
Tracey	Elizabeth	substitute certified school nurse	August 17, 2017	\$100/day
Kathleen	Kocan	emergency certified substitute teacher	August 17, 2017	\$95/day
Erin	Brennan	substitute teacher	August 17, 2017	\$95/day

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Joel	Pepmeyer	emergency certified substitute teacher	August 18, 2017	\$95/day
Kimberly	Valeriano	substitute secretary	August 18, 2017	\$12/hour
Jill	Zwick	substitute lunchroom/playground aide	August 18, 2017	\$9.49/hour
Amy	Mencini	substitute teacher	August 21, 2017	\$95/day
Erin	Gaughan	emergency certified substitute teacher	August 21, 2017	\$95/day
Lori	Bliss	substitute lunchroom/playground aide	August 25, 2017	\$9.49/hour
Aimee	Spicuzza	substitute teacher	August 25, 2017	\$95/day
Emily	Hasek	emergency certified substitute teacher	August 24, 2017	\$95/day
Nicole	Loncaric	emergency certified school nurse	August 24, 2017	\$100/day
Leah	Steigerwald	substitute teacher	August 28, 2017	\$95/day
Maria	Falcone	substitute certified school nurse	August 28, 2017	\$100/day
Rebecca	Edwards	substitute teacher	August 28, 2017	\$95/day
Keri	Russo	emergency certified substitute teacher	August 28, 2017	\$95/day
Mari	Devenyi	substitute certified school nurse	August 28, 2017	\$100/day
J. Mark	Kline	substitute teacher	August 30, 2017	\$95/day
Zachary	Sekine-Tenny	substitute teacher	August 31, 2017	\$95/day
Megan	Connelly	substitute teacher	September 1, 2017	\$95/day
Crystal	Barr	emergency certified substitute teacher	September 6, 2017	\$95/day

Volunteer Appointments

First Name	Last Name	Sport	Effective
Lauren	Barbour	Soccer	17 18 School Year
Mark	Baskinger	Hockey	17 18 School Year
Brian	Bliss	Hockey	17 18 School Year
Jenna	Devinney	Basketball	17 18 School Year
Richard	Dubac	Softball	17 18 School Year



Laura	Fedorchak	Band	17 18 School Year
Beth	Johnston	Band	17 18 School Year
James	Johnston	Band	17 18 School Year
Derek	Liebert	Basketball	17 18 School Year
Carl	Kelchner	Hockey	17 18 School Year
Alexander	Kneisly	Wrestling/Track	17 18 School Year
Daniel	McClurg	Softball	17 18 School Year
Kelly	Mullen	Band	17 18 School Year
Lacey	Murray	Cross Country	17 18 School Year
Denise	Sponcer	Band	17 18 School Year
Andrew	Sutton	Cross Country	17 18 School Year
Koby	Urig	Hockey	17 18 School Year
Darcy	Yeloushan	Hockey	17 18 School Year
Catherine	Zinski	Soccer	17 18 School Year
Daniel	Zinski	Soccer	17 18 School Year

**CHANGES OF STATUS**

Christine Flaherty – from paraprofessional at the middle school to teaching assistant at the high school at the rate of \$13.36/hr., effective August 23, 2017.

Wendy Pantelas – from sub paraprofessional to paraprofessional at the middle school at the rate of \$11.31/hr., effective August 23, 2017

Anthony Thomas – from substitute teacher to long-term substitute paraprofessional at West View at the rate of \$95/day plus the graduated sub teacher increases, effective August 24, 2017.

Alexander Martinez – from middle school football assistant coach (.5) to middle school football assistant coach at the rate of \$2,862, effective for the 2017-18 school year.

Kelly Grigley – from sub food service worker to General Worker #4 at West View at the rate of 12.50/hr., effective August 28, 2017.

Linda McCann – from General Worker #4 at West View to General Worker #4 at the middle school at the rate of \$13.15/hr., effective August 17, 2017.

Linda Buck – from General Worker #1 at the middle school to Satellite Leader at McIntyre at the rate of \$17.86/hr., effective August 17, 2017.

Susan McCombs – from General Worker #4 at the high school to General Worker #1 at the middle school at the rate of \$14.58/hr., effective August 17, 2017.

Karen Furgiuele – from General Worker #4 at the middle school to General Worker #4 at the high school at the rate of \$14.42/hr., effective August 17, 2017.

### **OTHER**

Consulting Agreement between North Hills School District and Kathy Earles to perform nursing services in transit to and from school for one child on days the child is transported to school for the 2017-18 school year, at the rate of \$85.00 per daily transit (meaning to and from school).

### **POLICY**

1. Revisions to Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements – Second Reading and Approval.

### **COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

1. Donation of Property on Jacks Run Road to Allegheny County Department of Public Works. There is a small parcel of land on Jacks Run Road that is jointly owned by Ross Township, the North Hills School District and Allegheny County. The District's portion of land is unusable and not suited for any future development by the district. Allegheny County Department of Public Works is repairing and upgrading Jacks Run Bridge #4 and needed to take a portion of this parcel of land to complete their project. The district is donating this parcel.

### **FINANCE**

1. Ratification of General Fund Bills including checks numbered: 48510 through 48526; 48564 through 48582; 48584 through 48602; 48604 through 48717; 48726 through 48744; and 48746 through 48833.
2. Ratification of Construction Fund Bills including checks numbered: 48563; and 48718 through 48725.
3. Ratification of Capital Project Fund Bills including check number 48583.
4. Approval of Budget Transfers.
5. Approval of Payroll for the month of August 2017 in the amount \$2,693,034.94.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

1. Allies for Children Grant and Partnership to encourage breakfast participation and to provide training for food service staff to better understand and perform their roles as “natural mentors” to students in the district, including up to \$1,000 to incentivize staff participation.

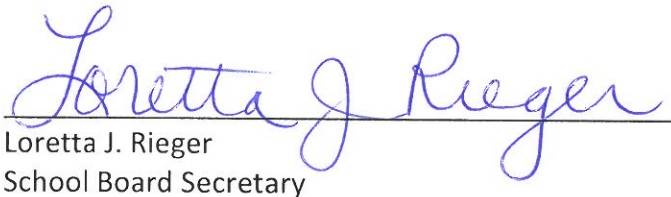
This grant also assists in producing communications home to families regarding school breakfast, with input from school staff. Additionally, it assists in creating social media messages for students within the district around school breakfast. Total communications spending up to \$3,200. The grant will also provide a check for \$3,000 in unrestricted funds to the district.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Dr. Nolish, and unanimously passed to adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



Loretta J. Rieger  
School Board Secretary