

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION/LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
NORTH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL LGI ROOM
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, Dr. Jeff Taylor, Dr. Johannah Vanatta, David Hall, Valerie Mengine, Lori Rieger, Amanda Hartle, Kris Kaufman and Hayley Behr.

PERSONS SIGNING THE REGISTER

None

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session was called to order by Mr. Yeomans at 7:06 p.m. There was a moment of silence and a salute to the flag. Mr. Wielgus announced that an Executive Session had taken place this evening from 5:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues. In attendance this evening were Board members Arlene Bender, Thomas Kelly, Joseph Muha, Annette Giovengo Nolish, Louis Nudi, Kathy Reid, Helen Spade, Edward Wielgus, Michael Yeomans, as well as Michael J. Witherel, Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Dr. Jeff Taylor, Dr. Johannah Vanatta, David Hall, Valerie Mengine and Lori Rieger.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mannarino shared with the Board and audience the February issue of Points of Pride including The DNA Lab in AP Biology; West View Science Fair; Digital Pen Pals; 100th Day Celebrations; T-Shirt Quilts; Peter Pan, Junior Middle School Play; and National Letter of Intent Day.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Peter Vancheri and Mr. Jeff Wolscroft of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood presented the Audited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2016.

AGENDA ITEMS:

EDUCATION

1. Presentation: Curriculum Revisions – Curriculum proposals were presented to the Board: Lisa Goodworth, K-6 Science; Peggy Byrnes, 7-12 English; Amy Patsilevas, 7-12 Business, Computers and Information Technology; and Dr. Jeff Taylor, K-6 Computer Literacy.
2. Razor Crazy Cart Donation - An anonymous community member would like to donate this item to be used by sixth grade students at West View Elementary as a part of the STEAM initiatives. The cost is \$349.00.
3. Project Lead the Way Agreement - Project LTW agreement allows the high school to offer the new Principles of Biomedical Sciences course, which is a part of the District's Innovations in Education Plan.
4. Transportation Plan and MOU Between North Hills School District and the Department of Human Services - PDE now requires all school districts to create a transportation plan to address the needs of children in foster care.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bender and seconded by Dr. Nolish to include Education Items 1 through 4 on the Legislative Meeting agenda for approval.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

1. NAFME All-East Convention Band Trip 2017 – A request for the Board to approve the North Hills Wind Ensemble to perform at the 2017 National Association for Music Education's All East Conference from April 5, 2017 through April 7, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Muha and seconded by Dr. Nolish to include Athletics & Activities Item 1 on the Legislative Meeting agenda for approval.

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

None

PERSONNEL

1. Resignations
2. Appointments
3. Change of Status
4. Leaves of Absence
5. Other
6. Memorandum of Understanding – NHEA

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Bender to include Personnel Items 1 through 6 on the Legislative Meeting agenda for approval.

POLICY

None

COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Yeomans, seconded by Dr. Nolish and **unanimously passed to nominate Mr. Thomas Kelly as a candidate for the Allegheny County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors**, as per document 1.

A motion was made by Mr. Yeomans, seconded by Mr. Kelly and **unanimously passed to approve Resolution 2017-3 Opposing Any Legislation that Eliminates School Property Taxes**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

FINANCE

ACTION ITEM:

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Spade and **unanimously passed by a roll call vote of 9-0 to approve Setting the Ross Township Tax Collector Fee as \$37,650 for tax years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021**. The Board had previously approved setting this fee at \$30,000, which was a decrease from the current rate of \$37,650. Upon further discussion, the Board decided to maintain the fee at \$37,650 for the next four year term.

Other Finance Items:

3. General Fund Bills
4. Capital Project Fund Bills
5. Budget Transfers
6. Payroll for the Month of January 2017 in the amount of \$2,852,176.65
7. Bid Award – Copy Paper
8. Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
9. Resolution 2017-4 – Creating a Tax Abatement Under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish and seconded by Mrs. Spade to include Finance Items 3 through 9 on the Legislative Meeting Agenda for approval.

SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Extension of Questeg Contract – Approval is requested to extend the contract with Questeg from February 28, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Vesely, 116 Lingay Drive, Ross Township – Asked about Policy 906 which was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting. Mr. Wielgus stated the Board wishes to discuss this further before first reading of revisions.

Patrick Hodge, 302 Wildflower Court, Ross Township – Asked if the PSERS was fully funded; about the Transportation MOU; and if we knew how Governor Wolf felt about the proposed property tax legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wielgus adjourned the Work Session/Legislative Meeting at 8:45 p.m.


Loretta J. Rieger
Board Secretary