

**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK/ SESSION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 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, David Hall, Valerie Mengine, Amanda Hartle, Kris Kaufman as well as student representative Hayley Behr.

Persons Signing the Register

Dave Mooney, 112 Greenhill Road, Ross Township, PA
Allison Mathis, 414 Gardner Place, Ross Township, PA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues. In attendance were Board Members Arlene Bender, Tom Kelly, Joe Muha, Annette Giovengo Nolish, Lou Nudi, Kathy Reid, Helen Spade, Ed Wielgus, Mike Yeomans, as well as Matthew Kalina, Esq., Valerie Mengine, David Hall, and Lori Rieger.

Student Performance

Ms. Allison Craig and West View Elementary kindergarten students performed "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "This Land is Your Land".

Public Recognition

High School Principal, Mrs. Beth Williams, recognized Eagle Scout Brian Carnprobst. Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Johannah Vanatta, introduced middle school teachers Joe Welch and Vickie Truchan along with middle school students, Douglas Bensch and Hannah Sciulli. These students presented their EBook, "Building Bridges: Connecting Generations Through Oral History".

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Reid congratulated the Boys Varsity Basketball team for a very successful season; making it to the WPIAL semi-finals.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wielgus, seconded by Dr. Nolish and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2017 Work Session/Legislative Meeting and the February 16, 2017 Legislative Meeting.

Superintendent's Report – March Points of Pride

Dr. Mannarino presented district highlights including PA Junior Academy of Science qualifiers, Project Connect art projects, Debate Club competition finalists, Six-Grade GATE Puzzle-Lympics, PMEA Regional Choir, Band and Orchestra, National Recognition of Mr. Len Lavelle in The Instrumentalist Magazine, WPIAL playoff results for Varsity Basketball, Swimming & Diving and Wrestling.

AGENDA ITEMS:

EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to **approve the Alert Solutions Agreement**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. Alert Solutions will provide the District's automated calling and texting services for snow delays/cancellations, information phone call/tests, and daily attendance calls. This will replace Blackboard Connect.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to **approve the Summer School Pricing Structure for 2017 Summer School Offerings**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mr. Kelly and unanimously passed to **approve the SNAP Health Center HER Software Agreement**, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent. This is the tool that school nurses will use to track school health records for students.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bender, seconded by Mrs. Reid and unanimously passed to **approve the Statement of Work for Pearson Connexus Online Learning**, as per document 4, as recommended by the Superintendent. This statement of work identifies the District's choice in a new online learning management system. This will be used for our Online Academy @ North Hills as well as hybrid and blended learning.

Informational Item: Dr. Taylor provided K-6 Parent Teacher Conference attendance from February 20, 2017.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Mr. Muha, seconded by Dr. Nolish and unanimously passed to **approve the Field Trip Request for the PMEA Region 1 Band Concert in Sharon, PA**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. This is an overnight field trip for 6 students who qualified to participate. The dates are Wednesday, March 22 after school through Friday, March 24, 2017. The students will miss 2 days of school.

Mr. Muha announced this year’s winners of the Distinguished Alumni Award: Mrs. Carolyn Green, Class of 1983 and Dr. Jerry Yee, Class of 1982.

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

Mrs. Bender reminded everyone to attend the A.W. Beattie Fish Fry.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously **passed to approve the Resignations**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

First Name	Last Name	Position	Effective	Reason
John	Walsh	Middle School Assistant Track Coach (.5)	January 25, 2017	resignation
Michael	Kleber	Middle School Assistant Track Coach (.5)	February 9, 2017	resignation
Margaret	Stout	Teaching Assistant at West View	May 31, 2017	resignation with intent to retire

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Bender, and unanimously **passed to approve the Appointments**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent.

First Name	Last Name	Rate	Position	Location	Effective
James	Cassandro	\$8,211	Varsity Assistant Football Coach		for the 2017-18 school year
Michele	West	\$15.18/hr.	secretary	Facilities Services	March 6, 2017
Thomas	Kump	\$15/hr.	computer technician	Sr. High School	March 1, 2017

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Cameron	Konieczny	\$15/hr.	computer technician	Ross and McIntyre	March 6, 2017
Jeffrey	Keenan	\$40/hr.	homebound instructor	District Wide	for the 2016-17 school year
Kristen	Carmody	\$40/hr.	homebound instructor	District Wide	for the 2016-17 school year
Melissa	Marangoni	\$40/hr.	homebound instructor	District Wide	for the 2016-17 school year
Donna	Perry	\$40/hr.	homebound instructor	District Wide	for the 2016-17 school year
Katy	Fagan	\$150/day	day-to-day substitute kindergarten teacher in a long-term assignment	McIntyre Elementary	2/9/17 - 4/26/17

The following substitute employees were appointed:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Diane	Spadafore	Substitute lunchroom/playground aide	February 6, 2017	\$9.49/hour
Mark	Armstrong	Substitute food service worker	February 13, 2017	\$10/hour
Patricia	Toplak	Substitute clerk and paraprofessional	February 27, 2017	\$10/hour
Jessica	Speicher	Substitute teacher	February 27, 2017	\$95/day

CHANGES OF STATUS

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

First Name	Last Name	From Position	From Location	To Position	To Location	To Rate	Effective
Michelle	Weismann	paraprofessional	Highcliff	reading specialist	West View	\$47,286 (Step 3 - M)	08/16/17
Dawn	Zahorchak	.5 contractual reading specialist/ .5 LTS reading specialist	Middle School	full-time reading specialist	Middle School	\$53,469 (Step 7 - B12)	08/16/17

OTHER

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bender, and unanimously passed **to approve the appointment of Dr. Robert Potter, Jr. as the school doctor and Dr. Margaret Durachko as the school dentist for the 2017-18 school year** as per document 4, as recommended by the Superintendent. Dr. Potter's annual stipend is \$8,500 and Dr. Durachko's fee is \$6.00 per exam.

POLICY

A motion was made by Mrs. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Bender, and unanimously passed to **approve the Revisions to Board Policy #906 – Complaints**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

COMMUNITY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mr. Yeomans announced that the Ross Township Planning Commission tabled the submission of the district's site plan for the additions to McIntyre Elementary because of concerns regarding storm water. Engineers from the township and the district's construction management were scheduled to meet at the site to review these concerns. The Planning Commission's next scheduled meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017.

Mr. Yeomans also announced that the next meeting of the Enrollment Planning Committee was scheduled for April 18, 2017 at 6 pm in the LGI Room.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender, and unanimously passed **to ratify the General Fund Bills**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 46659 through 46698; 46700 through 46705; 46710 through 46733; 46737 through 46791; and 46793 through 46875.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously passed to **ratify Construction Fund Bills**, as per document 2, as recommended by the Superintendent. These include checks numbered: 46792.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender, and unanimously passed **to approve the Budget Transfers**, as per document 3, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender, and unanimously passed **to approve the Payroll for the Month of February 2017 in the amount of \$2,977,354.53**, as per document 4, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously passed to **approve the 2017-18 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget**, as per document 5, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously passed to **accept to reject all Bids for iPad Pro cases**, as per document 6, as recommended by the Superintendent. The district is no longer purchasing iPads so there is no need for iPad cases.

The Board discussed Resolution 2017-4 Creating a Tax Abatement Under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act.

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Reid and passed by a vote of 7 yea and 2 nay to **approve Resolution 2017-4 Creating a Tax Abatement Under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act as requested by LRC Development for The Block at Northway**, as per document 8. Voting yea was Mrs. Bender, Mr. Muha, Dr. Nolish, Mr. Nudi, Mrs. Spade, Mr. Wielgus and Mr. Yeomans. Voting nay was Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Reid.

SUPPORT SERVICES

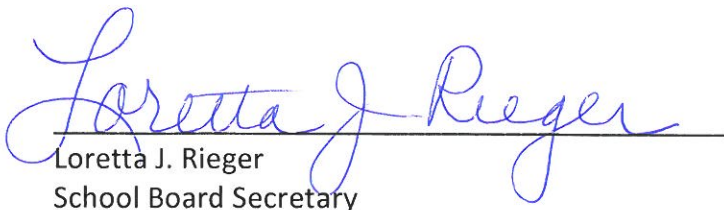
A motion was made by Mrs. Spade, seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously passed to **approve the Donation of a Parcel of Land to the Seville Volunteer Fire Company**, as per document 1, as recommended by the Superintendent.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Martin, owner of the building located at 6200 Babcock Boulevard, Ross Township, PA Mr. Martin spoke in support of LRC Realty's request for a tax abatement under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act. He believes that the North Hills Board of Education should approve this request since improvements at The Block at Northway are beneficial to the entire McKnight Road corridor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Nolish, seconded by Mrs. Bender and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.


Loretta J. Rieger
School Board Secretary