

**Northwest Area School District
School Board Meeting
December 2, 2020**

The Northwest Area Board of Education held its regular meeting virtually. Mr. Bonczewski, School Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present virtually during the meeting: Mr. Benson, Mr. Bonczewski, Mr. LeValley, Mr. Kreidler, Mrs. Biller, Mr. Sutliff, Mr. Lanza Mr. Conger, and Mr. Beleski. Mr. Long, Attorney Angela Evans, Mrs. Straub, Ms. Kratz, Mr. Miner, Mr. Mills, Mr. Shults, Mr. Sorber, and Ms. Hurst were also present via Zoom. The meeting was live via YouTube.

Mr. Bonczewski reported that there was an Executive Session prior to the meeting from 6:00-6:30 to discuss personnel issues, litigation and contractual issues.

1. Approve of Minutes

Mr. Kreidler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Biller to accept the minutes of the following previous meeting:

- a. Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session –November 18, 2020
- b. Special School Board Meeting/Executive Session – November 23, 2020

Upon voice vote, all present voted yes, motion passes.

2. Comments: No Comments

3. Reports

Mr. Kreidler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beleski to approve the reports.

Upon voice vote, all present voted yes, motion passes.

4. Payment of Bills

Mr. Kreidler made a motion, seconded by Mr. LeValley, to approve the payment of the following bills:

- 5.1 General Account list of pre-paid for November 2020 - \$474,924.86
- 5.2 General Account list of bills for December 2020 - \$625,527.15

Upon roll call, all present voted yes, motion passes.

5. Superintendent's Comments – Mr. Long thanked the faculty and staff for their hard work. Mr. Long also thanked the school board for their support since March 13, 2020. Lastly, Mr. Long thanked the Administrative Team, and noted that whatever challenge has been put out, they have gone above and beyond. Mr. Long reported that the district will be going Live Synchronous tomorrow, and realizes that there will be challenges along the way. Mr. Long encouraged families to call the district with any questions or concerns. Also, Mr. Long noted that he is working with the LIU to improve internet access throughout the district via data packs from Verizon, Data Casting, and Computer Mesh. Mr. Long is continuing to advocate for improved internet service for the district by reaching out to local legislators. Lastly, on behalf of the district, Mr. Long wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

6. Administrative Reports – Mr. Miner thanked the Northwest Area teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff for continuing to rise above the task of moving to live instruction. Mr. Miner recognized Mr. May and Ms. Hiller for creating video tutorials for the teaching staff to help navigate in Zoom Rooms and Google Classrooms. Northwest Area will begin live instruction

tomorrow. Mr. Miner thanked the CEO/Weinberg Foodbank for providing nonperishable items for Northwest Area to offer community members. Also, Mr. Miner thanked the Shickshinny American Legion for their generosity and partnership which made it possible to serve thirty seven families a full Thanksgiving meal. Lastly, Mr. Miner noted that the district received a certificate and letter of thanks from the Four Diamonds Club for raising over \$5,000 by holding the Mini Thon. Mr. Shults thanked the faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication to the students. Mr. Shults also reported that the district is changing to live synchronous tomorrow, and encouraged anyone with any questions to call his office. Ms. Kratz reported that districtwide, IEP teams continue to collaborate in order to provide students with the tools needed for success, including paper and packets, flash drives, and daily documented contacts. Mr. Mills reported that athletic events are ever changing, and the district is only a week and a half away from the start of the season. Mr. Mills is ensuring that student athletes are following safety guidelines.

7. Policy/Procedures – No Report.

8. Personnel

Mrs. Biller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kreidler to approve the following:

- a. Appointed Hayley Brown as SAP Coordinator for the 2020-21 school year.
- b. Approved to post and advertise for nursing substitutes (LPN & RN).

Upon roll call, all present voted yes, motion passes

9. Finance –No Report.

10. Buildings & Grounds/Safety - No Report

11. Education/Curriculum – No Report

12. Co-Curricular – No Report

13. Transportation – No Report

14. Additions to the Substitute List –

Mr. Benson made a motion, seconded by Mr. LeValley to approve the following:

- a. Appointed the following substitutes for the 2020-21 school year, pending required clearances:
 - Sarah Steward - Paraprofessional
 - Shayla DiPasquale - Teacher

Upon roll call, all present voted yes, motion passes.

15. Tabled Items: None

16. Legislative –No Report

17. West Side CTC – No Report

18. LIU Update –No update

19. Old Business – No Old Business

20. New Business – No New Business

21. Solicitor's Report – No Report

22. Comments –No Comments

23. Adjourn – Mr. Kreidler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benson and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Lanza, Board Secretary