

**Northwest Area School District  
School Board Meeting  
July 15, 2020**

The Northwest Area Board of Education held its regular meeting in the Library of the Northwest Area High School. Mr. Leigh Bonczewski, School Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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

Mr. Bonczewski reported that there was an Executive Session prior to the meeting from 6:00-6:45 to discuss personnel and safety issues.

1. Approve of Minutes  
Mr. Lanza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kreidler to accept the minutes of the following previous meeting:

- a.) Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session –June 24, 2020

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

2. Comments: No Comments
3. Reports  
Mr. Lanza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conger to approve the reports.

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

4. Payment of Bills  
Mr. Lanza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beleski, to approve the payment of the following bills:
  - a.) General Account list of pre-paid for June 2020 - \$655,270.77
  - b.) General Account list of bills for July 2020 - \$60,859.51

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

5. Superintendent's Comments – Mr. Long r
6. Administrative Reports –Mr. Mills
7. Policy/Procedures – No report.

8. Personnel  
Mrs. Biller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the following:

- a. Appointed the attached list of Substitutes for all academic disciplines as well as Support Staff for the 2020-21 school year, pending required clearances.
  - b. Appointed the following as Detention Monitors for the 2020-21 school year:
    - a. Taylor Stair
    - b. Karen MacDougall
    - c. James Martin
    - d. Wendy Lukowski

- c. Appointed the following as Tutors at the Huntington Creek Recovery Center for the 2020-21 school year:
  - a. Desiree Morris
  - b. Karen MacDougall
  - c. Ryan Miner
- d. Appointed the following as Homebound Instructors for the 2020-21 school year.
  - a. Autumn Ford
  - b. James Martin
- e. Appointed the following as High School Math Tutors for the 2020-21 school year:
  - a. Karen MacDougall
  - b. Karen Brubaker
- f. Approved to post for an Elementary Math Tutor for the 2020-21 school year.
- g. Approved to post for a mentor for Occupational Therapist, Lauren Malacari, for the 2020-21 school year.
- h. Approved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Wyanita Edwards as Science and Technology Department Chairperson.
- i. Approved to post for a Science and Technology Department chairperson for the 2020-21 school year.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes, motion passes

9. Finance

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

- a. Approved the 2019 real estate refund to Elizabeth Guzofski, Union Twp., in the amount of \$52.66, due to a division of property.
- b. Approved the agreement with Kidventures Therapy Inc. for Physical Therapy services for the 2020-21 school year. (\$70 per hour)

Upon roll call, all present voted yes, motion passes

10. Buildings & Grounds/Safety

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

- a. Approved the Northwest Area School District Phased Reopening Health and Safety Plan.

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

11. Education/Curriculum

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

- a. Approved the revisions to the 2020-21 district calendar.
- b. Approved the Guest Teacher Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the 2020-21 school year, at an annual membership of \$300.
- c. Approved the resolution that PDE and the Northwest Area Board of Directors has determined that the COVID -19 pandemic constitutes an “emergency” within the meaning of section 520.1 in the PA School Code.

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

12. Co-Curricular – Mr. LeValley made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Biller to approve the following:
- a. Approved the following Cheerleading Coaches for the 2020-21 school year/season:
    - Vicki Duval - Head Varsity Coach - \$3,500
    - Casey Kopco - Varsity Assistant Coach - \$3,300
    - Megan Cragle - Junior High Coach - \$ 3,300
  - b. Appointed the following Field Hockey Coaches for the 2020-21 school year/season, pending required clearances:
    - Nikki Black- Head Varsity Coach- \$3,000
    - Rachel Whitesell- Varsity Assistant Coach \$2,650
    - Kayla Bierbach- Varsity Assistant Coach - \$2,650
    - Shayla DiPasquale- Junior High Coach - \$2,300
    - Donna Lechleitner- Junior High Coach - \$1,500
    - Gretchen Black-volunteer
    - Terri DuMond- volunteer
    - Michelle Yarnell- volunteer
    - Amy Hazlet- volunteer
    - Maggie Dow- volunteer
    - Megan Harry- volunteer
  - c. Appointed the following Head Varsity Coaches for the 2020-21 school year/season:
    - Scott Miner - Girls Basketball
    - Sean Miller - Boys Basketball
  - d. Approved to post for Varsity Assistant Coaches for the following winter sports for the 2020-21 school year/season:
    - Girls Basketball
    - Boys Basketball
  - e. Approved to post for Junior High Coaches for the following winter sports for the 2020-21 school year/season:
    - Girls Basketball
    - Boys Basketball
  - f. Approved to post for Varsity Head Coaches for the 2020-21 school year/season for the following sports:
    - a. Baseball
    - b. Softball
    - c. Track and Field

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

13. Transportation- No report.

14. Additions to the Substitute List – None

15. Tabled Items: The following item was tabled:  
Recommend and move to approve to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Guidance Secretary,  
effective \_\_\_\_\_ as per the Support Staff CBA.

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

16. Legislative –
17. West Side CTC –
18. LIU Update – Mr. Lanza attended the meeting and worked on the fall schedule. Minutes are available.
19. Old Business – none
20. New Business –
21. Solicitor's Report – No Report
22. Comments –
  
23. Adjourn – Mr. Kreidler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benson and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pete Lanza, Board Secretary