

***NORTH STAR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2017***

A Regular Board Meeting of the North Star Board of School Directors was held in the Library at North Star Central Elementary on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Wayne Lohr, with the following additional board members present: Mr. Marty Blough, Mrs. Colleen DeLuca, Mr. Mike Revak, Mrs. Carol Shaulis, and Mrs. Cindy West.

Total members present: 6

Members absent: 3 – Mr. Bernie Carlson (illness)  
Mr. Dave Lichliter (vacation)  
Mrs. Gina Wiedenhoft

**OTHERS ATTENDING...** Mr. Louis Lepley, Superintendent; Mr. Brandon Studer, Business Manager; Mrs. Renee Lepley, Elementary Principal; Mrs. Cheryl Slade, Middle School Principal; Mr. Thad Kiesnowski, High School Principal; Mr. Dan Rullo, School Solicitor; Mr. Terry Ohler, Maintenance Supervisor; Mrs. Diana Duvall, Board and Superintendent's Secretary

**VISITORS...** Mrs. Rhonda Augustine  
Mrs. Bretta Felesky  
Mrs. Kari DeLuca

Mrs. Duvall called the Roll and Mr. Lohr led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA ADOPTED...** On a motion by Mr. Revak, seconded by Mrs. West and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board adopted the evening's Agenda, as amended.

**MINUTES...** On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Minutes from the following meetings:

- December 5, 2016 Annual Reorganization Meeting
- December 5, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

**TREASURER'S REPORT...** On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mrs. West and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2016, as attached to these Minutes.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS...** On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved payment of all General, Cafeteria, and Federal Fund bills, as attached to these Minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT...** There was no public comment.

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**JANUARY TEACHER OF THE MONTH...** Mrs. Rhonda Augustine was selected as the January Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Augustine is a Reading Specialist at North Star Central Elementary.

**PLAYGROUND PROGRESS...** Mrs. Bretta Felesky and Mrs. Kari DeLuca addressed the Board about the progress of the playground renovation project at Central Elementary. There have been numerous fundraisers and upwards of \$37,000 has been raised thus far. The largest piece of equipment was purchased and is in storage until installation this summer. The playground committee is asking the Board to purchase Jelly Bean Rubber Mulch for the project, at a cost of \$24,200, delivered. Mr. Studer will look into funding options and the Board will consider the purchase at the February meeting.

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH...** January is School Board Recognition Month. Mr. Lepley thanked each board member for their continued service and presented them each with a certificate.

**CONSENT AGENDA...** On a motion by Mr. Revak seconded by Mr. Blough, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

<b>1. STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES: (Education/Policy)</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Conference/Workshop Title</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Cost Estimate</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>
1.	L. Dempsey (4)	Autism Disorder Program	IU8 Richland	1/12/17	\$108.56	Act 48
2.	L. Dempsey (5)	Guided Math Workshop	IU8 Altoona	1/24/17	\$118.28	T2 15-16
3.	S. Vena (3)				\$168.78	
4.	S. Partsch (3)				\$165.89	
5.	T. Rosa (3)				\$180.53	
6.	J. Frampton (4)				\$196.37	
7.	A. Salyers (3)				\$199.85	
8.	D. Skerl (2)				2017 Kindergarten Conference	
9.	J. Frampton (3)				\$1,381.46	
10.	I. Dively (2)	District 6 Chorus	Bedford	1/11-13/17	\$444.48	Extra-curr
11.	T. Risch (3)	Bringing STEM to Life	IU8 Richland	1/11/17	\$167.73	T2 15-16
12.	H. Komula (4)	LETRS Training Module 7	IU8 Richland	1/13/17	\$131.11	T2 15-16
13.	M. Garman (6)	PAFPC Annual Conference	Seven Springs	5/7-10/17	\$1,286.81	T2 15-16
14.	G. Alwine (1)				\$1,286.81	
15.	M. Garman (7)	2017 PA Literacy Conference	Hershey Lodge	6/26-29/17	\$1,083.40	KtO 5
16.	G. Alwine (2)				\$1,083.40	
17.	B. Adams (1)	Diving Into Text Dependent Analysis	IU8 Richland	1/19/17	\$83.86	KtO 5
18.	C. Blackner (2)				\$106.43	
19.	K. Danel (3)				\$95.10	
20.	D. Feathers (1)				\$106.43	
21.	K. Gallina (2)				\$89.85	
22.	M. Fulmer (4) A. Fox (2) E. McDannell (3) A. Fausey (3)	Guided Math	IU8 Altoona	1/24/17	\$609.73	T2 15-16
23.	R. Lepley (5)				\$78.81	

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<b>2. STUDENT TRIPS: (Education/Policy)</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Teacher/Requestor</i>	<i>Student/Group</i>	<i>Destination/Purpose</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>
1.	None at this time					
<b>3. TEACHER SUBSTITUTES: (Personnel/Grievance)</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Certification</i>			
1.	Ms. Stefanie Miller, Stoystown		Social Worker			
2.	Ms. Laura Etris, Berlin (reaffirm)		Grades PK-4			
3.	Ms. Reine Turcata, Windber		IU8 Substitute			
4.	Mrs. Erica Roslonski, Jennerstown		IU8 Substitute			
5.	Mr. Raymond Todd Rowley, Somerset		IU8 Substitute			
<b>4. SUPPORT SUBSTITUTES: (Personnel/Grievance)</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Area</i>			
1.	Ms. Nancy Darlene Hagans, Kantner (Reaffirm)		Cafeteria - Custodian			
<b>5. FIELD PRACTICUM II TEACHER: (Pre-student teachers)</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Mentor Teacher</i>			
1.	Mr. Timothy Sehn, ML Science (UPJ)		Mrs. Kristin Barron or Mrs. Karen Walker			
<b>6. HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION REQUEST: (Education/Policy)</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Student</i>		<i>Duration</i>			
1.	11 <sup>th</sup> grade student		To begin on 12/9/16 and last for approximately 2 weeks.			
<b>7. BUS / VAN DRIVER: (Pending compliance with PA school bus requirements)</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Driver</i>		<i>Vendor</i>			
1.	Mr. Darren Duncan, Boswell		Griffith Transportation			

**COACH’S LIST – FALL 2017-2018...** On a motion by Mr. Revak, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board hired the coaches on the 2017-2018 Fall Extracurricular Coach’s List as attached to these Minutes, with the salaries to be determined by the NSEA Contract currently under negotiation. Hiring of the Jr. High Football Coaches were tabled until the new head coach makes his recommendations.

**VOLUNTEER COACH...** On a motion by Mr. Revak, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by Roll Call vote, the Board approved the following volunteer coach for the 2017-2018 school year:

a.	Mrs. Cortney Durst	Jr. High Soccer
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YES – 5 – Mr. Revak, Mrs. DeLuca, Mr. Blough, Mrs. Shaulis, Mrs. West

NO – 1 – Mr. Lohr

ABSENT – 3 - Mr. Carlson, Mr. Lichliter, Mrs. Wiedenhoft

Motion carried 5 – 1 - 3

**COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING...** Mr. Kiesnowski addressed the Board about starting a PIAA recognized competitive cheerleading squad in the 2017-2018 school year, possibly as a co-op sport with Conemaugh Township Area School District. Hearing no opposition, Mr. Kiesnowski will gather more information and present it to the Board at the February meeting.

**CAFETERIA MONTHLY REPORTS...** On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Cafeteria Monthly Reports for the months ending November 30 and December 31, 2016.

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**FOSTER CARE TRANSPORTATION...** On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the MOU and the Transportation Plan with Somerset County Children and Youth Services to address transportation provisions for foster students in accordance with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements. The approval was granted after clarification by our Homeless Coordinator and Foster Care point of contact, Ms. Nicole Anderson, Allegheny IU3.

**IRS MILEAGE RATE...**The IRS mileage reimbursement rate for the calendar year starting January 1, 2017 is \$.535 cents per mile.

**TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE...** On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mr. Blough and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board appointed Mr. Brandon Studer as the North Star delegate to the Somerset County Tax Collection Committee.

**TAX INDEX RESOLUTION...** On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board adopted the Resolution not to increase the real estate tax rate above the Act 1 index for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached to these Minutes.

**QUARTERLY REPORTS...** On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following 2016-2017 quarterly reports for the period ending December 30, 2016 as attached to these Minutes:

- a) North Star High School Scholarships Funds
- b) High School Activities Account
- c) Middle School Activities Account
- d) Central Elementary Activities Account
- e) Extracurricular Revenue Summary Report

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL ACTION...** On a motion by Mr. Blough, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following support personnel action:

a.	Mrs. Lorraine Ott (Paraprofessional)	<u>Transferred</u> from 5.5 hour to 7 hour FT Paraprofessional at Central Elem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retroactive to Dec. 15, 2016</li> <li>• Contracted hourly rate with all of the benefits afforded by the NSESPA Agreement</li> <li>• Reaffirm to have posted 5.5 hr position</li> </ul>
b.	Mrs. Carol Barnick	<u>Hired</u> as a 5.5 hr Educational Assistant at Central Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Start date: January 18, 2017</li> <li>b) \$7.25 per hour, increasing to \$7.60 after successful 60 work day probation period</li> </ul>
c.	Mr. William Cochran (Cafeteria worker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) <u>Terminate</u> employment as 5 hr cafeteria worker at Central Elem</li> <li>d) Reaffirm approval to use Mr. Cochran as a day-to-day substitute as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of permanent employment was December 15, 2016</li> <li>• Reaffirm to have posted position</li> </ul>

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d.	Mrs. Michelle Maurer (Cafeteria worker)	Hired - 5 hr cafeteria worker to be cross-trained and used where needed Homebase: MS Start date: January 13, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$7.25 per hour, increasing to \$7.60 after successful 60 work day probation period</li> </ul>
e.	Mrs. Tiffany Turner (Cafeteria worker)	Hired - 5 hr cafeteria worker to be cross-trained and used where needed Homebase: MS Start date: January 30, 2017	

**NEW TEACHER START DATE INFORMATION...**

a.	Ms. Laura Etris, 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	January 17, 2017
b.	Mrs. Lindsay Carbonara, HS Math	January 24, 2017

**PROBATIONARY PERIOD INFORMATION...**

	Name	Position	Halfway	Regular Emp.
a.	Mrs. Catherine Johnson Cafeteria worker	5 hrs – Central Elem Cross-trained	Feb. 8, 2017	March 24, 2017

**EXECUTIVE SESSION...** On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Blough and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:07 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Blough and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

**UNPAID LEAVE REQUESTS...** On a motion by Mr. Blough, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following unpaid leave requests:

	Employee	Request
a.	#100071 HS Cafeteria (#2)	10 days of unpaid leave in December 2016 for emergency surgery and recovery. Originally asked for 5 days, but needed additional recovery time.
b.	#000094 Aide - Central Elem (#1)	One day of unpaid leave (3/14/17) to attend her sister's out-of-state wedding. She is also using her 2 personal days.

**ADJOURNMENT...** On a motion by Mr. Blough, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Diana L. Duvall, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
North Star School District

B. Wayne Lohr, President  
Board of Directors  
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