

***NORTH STAR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 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, Mr. Bernie Carlson, Mrs. Colleen DeLuca, Mr. Mike Revak (8:02 PM), Mrs. Carol Shaulis and Mrs. Cindy West.

Total members present: 7

Members absent: 2 - Mr. Dave Lichliter (vacation), Mrs. Gina Wiedenhoft (illness)

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. Nancy Wojnarowski, Assistant Business Manager; and Mrs. Diana Duvall, Board and Superintendent's Secretary.

VISITORS... Mr. Matthew Toth, Somerset Daily American
Mr. Scott Rhoads
Mr. Braden Heider

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 Mrs. Shaulis, 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. Carlson and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2017.

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 months ending:

- December 31, 2016 (*Revision*)
- January 31, 2017

PAYMENT OF BILLS... On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis 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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MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF... The Board discussed options of whether to continue with repairs to the ageing roof on the Middle School building, or to consider replacing all or portions of the roof. The administration will explore further options and present them to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH... Mr. Greg Scrimager was named the February 2017 Teacher of the Month. Mr. Scrimager is in his second year at North Star and currently teaches Emotional Support and Gifted Support at the Middle School.

COUGAR NEWS AT 8 ISH... Mrs. Slade showed a video presentation of a project at the Middle School where students are video recording and broadcasting the morning announcements to the middle school classrooms via smartboards. Mr. Scrimager’s students initiated the project and named it the “Cougar News at 8ish”. They hope to expand the project to enable the announcements to be posted on our district website.

Mr. Revak arrived at 8:02 PM.

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

1. STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES FOR APPROVAL: (Education/Policy)						
<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.	M. Weimer (4)	Quality Indicators of Emotional Support Services	PaTTAN Pittsburgh	9/28/16 <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	\$156.61	Act 48
2.	K. Svencer (4)	PAPBS Processes and Procedures	PaTTAN Pittsburgh	1/26/17 <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	\$102.06	T2
3.	I. Dively (3)	District 6 Jazz Festival	Altoona	2/2-4/17 <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	\$406.63	EC
4.	H. Komula (5)	LETRS: Modules 2 and 5	IU8 Ebensburg IU8 Altoona	3/10/17 3/20/17	\$326.41	T2
5.	T. Risch (4)	IU8 Stem Professional Learning	IU8 Altoona	3/21/17	\$160.81	T2
6.	A. Griffith (5)	SAP Winter Thematic Workshop	St. Vincent College	2/2/17 <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	\$179.26	T2
7.	I. Dively (4)	Regional Chorus	Curwensville	2/23-25/17	\$364.10	EC
8.	T. Custer (3)	LETRS Module 1: The Challenge of Learning to Read	IU8 Ebensburg	2/23/17	\$141.62	T2
9.	D. Robertson (4)				\$15.00	
10.	R. Lepley (6)	2017 PA Literacy Conference	Hershey	6/27-29/17	\$1,086.61	KtO
11.	L. Lepley (4)				\$300.00	
12.	K. Duryea (6)	PDE Special Education Conf.	Hershey	3/8-9/17	\$486.79	Act 48
13.	J. Shuty (1)	District 6 Band	Westmont Hilltop	2/8,9,10/17 <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	\$352.82	EC
14.	Z. Vena (1)	Nike COY Coaching Clinic	Pittsburgh	2/24/17	\$124.66	EC
15.	K. Barron (1)	Science Sharing Session	Somerset Area SD	3/8/17	\$132.30	T2
2. STUDENT TRIPS: (Education/Policy)						
<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.	C. Lohr	HS LSS (6)	Richland Town Center	1/20/17 <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	\$116.14	GF

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2.	C. Lohr	HS LSS (6)	SCTC, Old Town Bakery, Somerset Discount	1/27/17 <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	\$139.02	GF
3.	Buncich, Frampton, Lichtenfels, Powell, Stiffler	Kindergarten (87)	Fort Ligonier	2/23/17	\$134.88	Student Activities Account
4.	Bowers, Wilt, Duryea	Junior Class (100)	Somerset Armory College Technical Fair	3/29/17	\$118.40	GF
5.	Hostetler, Wilson	2 nd Grade (42)	Somerset Historical Center	5/16/17	\$88.58	GF
6.	Lichvar, McDannell	2 nd Grade (42)		5/18/17	\$88.58	GF
7.	Fausey, Kaltenbaugh, Timulak, Zimmerman	3 rd Grade (85)	Pittsburgh Zoo	5/17/17	\$416.88	GF
8.	Seibert, Rosa, Salyers, Mayak, Vena, Etris	4 th Grade (107)	Laurel Caverns	5/22/17	\$555.72	GF
9.	Buncich, Frampton, Lichtenfels, Powell, Stiffler	Kindergarten (87)	Storybook Forest	5/25/17	\$365.40	GF
10.	Rosa, Salyers, Seibert, Mayak, Etris, Fausey, Kaltenbaugh, Timulak, Zimmerman	3 rd and 4 th Grades (193)	Altoona Curve	5/25/17	\$1,038.64	Student Activities Account
11.	Shuty	Marching Band (40)	Benedum Center - Pittsburgh	3/12/17 <i>(Sunday)</i>	\$402.45	GF
12.	Shuty	Marching Band (40)		4/11/17	\$402.45	
13.	Komula, Putman, DeBlase, Landis, Custer, Dempsey, 1 Sub	1 st Grade (95)	Living Treasures Laurel Hill State Park Moo Echo Dairy	5/18/17	\$317.88	GF
14.	Weir, Kaltenbaugh, Walker, Gallina, Zimmerman, Hemminger, Putman	5 th Grade (85)	Carnegie Science Center - Pittsburgh	5/24/17	\$846.70 \$1,894.70	GF Student Activities Account
15.	M. Blucas, Bowers, Lascari	9 th Grade (25 per trip)	Somerset County Courthouse	2/16 & 22/17 3/1 & 8/17	\$390.72	Somerset Co. Bar Assoc. will reimburse
16.	C. Lohr	Life Skills (6)	Westwood Plaza	2/17/17	\$175.28	GF
17.	C. Lohr	Life Skills (6)	Terrace Lanes, Dairy Queen, Georgian Place	2/22/17	\$157.34	GF
18.	Adams, Blackner, Kohler, Shaffer, Shotts, Nurse sub	8 th Grade (84)	Westwood Plaza Theater	5/11/17	\$1,395.00 \$ 439.04	Student Council GF

3. TEACHER SUBSTITUTES: (Personnel/Grievance)

No.	Name	Certification
1.	Ms. Samantha Smith, Berlin <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	IU8 Substitute
2.	Mr. Ralph Morbit, Johnstown	IU8 Substitute

4. SUPPORT SUBSTITUTES: (Personnel/Grievance)

No.	Name	Area
1.	None at this time	

5. STUDENT OBSERVER: (Education/Policy)

No.	Name	Duration
1.	Mr. Bruston Shaffer, Mt. Aloysius College	To observe at the High School and Middle School for four hours during the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

6. BUS / VAN DRIVERS: (Transportation)

No.	Name	Transportation Co.
1.	Mr. Haden Kapitan <i>(Reaffirm)</i>	Griffith Transportation
2.	Mr. Ronald Berkebile	Rose Perigo
3.	Ms. Terry Vranich	Rose Perigo

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COACH RESIGNATIONS... On a motion by Mr. Revak, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board regretfully accepted the following resignations and granted approval to advertise as needed for a replacement.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Effective</i>
a.	Mr. Jordan Zimmerman	Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach	January 18, 2017
b.	Mr. Dustin DeLuca	Stage Crew/Lighting & Sound	February 10, 2017
c.	Dr. Kathy Thompson	Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach	February 14, 2017

SOFTBALL COACH HIRED... On a motion by Mr. Revak, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board hired Mr. Eric Vish as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year, at a salary of \$1,000.00.

VOLUNTEER SOFTBALL COACH... On a motion by Mr. Revak, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis and carried by Roll Call vote, the Board approved Mrs. Michelle Vish as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 season.

YES – 6 – Mr. Revak, Mrs. Shaulis, Mr. Blough, Mr. Carlson, Mrs. DeLuca, Mrs. West

NO – 1 – Mr. Lohr

ABSENT – 2 – Mr. Lichliter, Mrs. Wiedenhoft

Motion carried 6-1-2

FOOTBALL COACHES HIRED... On a motion by Mr. Revak, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board hired the following football coaches for the 2017-2018 school year, at salaries determined by the NSEA contract under negotiation, pending receipt of all required clearances and paperwork:

a.	Mr. Greg Scrimager	Head Jr. High
b.	Mr. Ed Reffner	Assistant Jr. High
c.	Mr. Andrew Nicklow	Assistant Jr. High
d.	Mr. David Rykala	Assistant Varsity
e.	Mr. Jon Ledyard	Assistant Varsity
f.	Mr. Zachary Vena	Assistant Varsity
g.	Mr. Cody Stahl	Assistant Varsity

RUBBER JELLY BEAN MULCH... The administration is continuing to look into options for the purchase of Rubber Jelly Bean Mulch for the playground project at Central Elementary.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WATER TESTING... DEP has extended the time period of water testing for the Middle School for one additional year.

VAN PURCHASE APPROVED... On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Blough and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the purchase of a 2015 Ram Pro-Master City Cargo Van Tradesman from Stoystown Auto Wreckers at a cost of \$9,500.00. This vehicle replaces a 1994 Ford Ranger and will be used to transport district mail deliveries and supplies.

CAFETERIA MONTHLY REPORT... On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Cafeteria Monthly Report for the month ending January 31, 2017.

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FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL... The one-year agreement with Metz Culinary Management ends on June 30, 2017. The application process will be started for the FSMC Renewal Year Cost Reimbursable Contract for 2017-2018 (Year 1 of the additional 4 year period.) More information will be presented next month.

SKILLS OF CENTRAL PA... On a motion by Mrs. West, seconded by Mrs. Shaulis and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Contract with Skills of Central PA Inc. Adult Training Services, for a high school student to attend the class at Georgian Place during the 2016-2017 school year, at a rate of \$10.28 per hour.

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR... On a motion by Mrs. West, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the 2017-2018 School Calendar as attached to these Minutes.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY FIRST READING... On a motion by Mrs. West, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the First Reading of the following 000 Section School Board Policies.

	Policy #	Title
a.	000	Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
b.	001	Name and Classification
c.	002	Authority and Powers
d.	003	Functions
e.	004	Membership
f.	005	Organization
g.	006	Meetings
h.	007	Policy Manual Access
i.	011	Principles for Governance and Leadership

IDEA B GRANT AGREEMENTS... On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following grant agreements with Appalachia IU08 for the 2016-2017 project periods:

a.	IDEA-B Project #062-17-0-008 Federal award #H027A160093 CFDA #84.027	\$240,477.90
b.	IDEA-B Section 619 Project #131-16-0-008 Federal Award #H027A160093 CFDA #84.173	\$ 1,677.00

ADVERTISE FOR PROPANE BIDS... On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board granted approval to advertise for bids for the purchase of propane gas for the 2017-2018 school year.

TAX COLLECTOR RATE... On a motion by Mrs. Shaulis, seconded by Mr. Carlson and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board granted approval to keep the tax collector rate at \$3.00 per slip for the next term.

MASTER’S SALARY INCREASE... On a motion by Mr. Blough, seconded by Mrs. DeLuca and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved a \$1,000.00 salary increase for Ms. Ashley Griffith for having earned a Master of Arts from Slippery Rock University, pro-rated from January 17, 2017 for the 2016-2017 school year.

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EMPLOYMENT PROBATION INFORMATION:

	Name/position	Start date	½ point	End of probation	Regular employment
a.	Michele Maurer, Cafeteria, Middle Sch	1/13/17	2/24/17	4/7/17	4/10/17
b.	Carol Barnick, Aide, Central Elem	1/18/17	2/28/17	4/11/17	4/12/17
c.	Tiffany Turner, Cafeteria, Middle Sch	1/30/17	3/13/17	4/28/17	5/1/17

EXECUTIVE SESSION... On a motion by Mrs. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:27 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Blough, seconded by Mr. Revak and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:49 PM.

ADJOURNMENT... On a motion by Mr. Blough, seconded by Mr. Carlson and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 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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