

**NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
243 THORNE HILL ROAD
SHICKSHINNY, PA 18655**

Regular Meeting
(Includes Work Session)

January 18, 2024 7:00 P.M.
Senior High & Middle School Library

- A. ROLL CALL
 - 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2. Moment of Silence
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)/NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:
 - 1. Reorganization Meeting - December 6, 2023
 - 2. Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session -December 6, 2023
- C. COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
- D. REPORTS:
 - 1. Treasurer's Report - November 2023
 - 2. Cash Flow - November 2023
 - 3. Cafeteria Report - November 2023
 - 4. Treasurer's Report - December 2023
 - 5. Cash Flow - December 2023
 - 6. Cafeteria Report - December 2023
- E. PAYMENT OF BILLS:
 - 1. General Account list of bills for January 2024 - \$639,660.26
 - 2. Prepays - December 2023 - \$567,925.91
- F. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS
- G. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS *Attachments*
 - Ranger Foundation Grant Awards
- H. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT
- I. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. Policy/Procedures (Pierontoni, Biller, Brunn) Mr. Pierontoni, Chairperson
 - 2. Personnel (Benson, Beleski, Biller) Mr. Benson, Chairperson
 - a. Recommend and move to approve the interim appointment of Janet Stone as a full time Pre K Paraprofessional, effective January 16, 2024

- b. Recommend and move to approve the interim appointment of Bethany Taylor as Jump Start Coordinator for the 2023-24 school year, effective January 8, 2024.
- c. Recommend and move to approve the interim appointment of Joseph Young, full time custodial maintenance, effective January 15, 2024.
- d. Recommend and move to approve the termination of employee # 9342 effective immediately.
- e. Recommend and move to approve to post for a Drama Director for the 2023-24 school year.
- f. Recommend and move to approve the retirement of Daniel Delfine, effective September 13, 2024.
- g. Recommend and move to approve the request of Joseph F. Long Jr. to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools conference April 25 and 26 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel State College, at a cost of \$295.00 to the district.
- h. Recommend and move to appoint Ryan Amos as the Title IX Coordinator, effective January 19, 2024 for the 2023-24 school year

3. Finance (Sutliff, Lanza, Beleski) Mr. Sutliff, Chairperson

- a. Recommend and move to approve the Fairmount Township real estate tax refund in the amount of \$110.36.
- b. Recommend and move to approve the standard mileage rate of 67 cents per mile driven for business use in a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) effective January 1, 2024 as per IRS guidelines.
- c. Recommend and move to approve the resolution indicating the Northwest Area Board of School Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- d. Recommend and move to approve the 2023 Real Estate Refund in the amount of \$366.79.

4. Buildings & Grounds/Safety (Sutliff, Yarnell, Pierontoni) Mr. Sutliff, Chairperson

5. Education/Curriculum (Yarnell, Pierontoni, Brunn) Dr. Yarnell, Chairperson

- a. Recommend and move to approve the interim educational field trip request of Mr. Quinn and 4 students to attend the PMEA District 9 Band Festival at Blue Ridge High School, January 11-12, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$1,144.22.

- b. Recommend and move to approve the educational field trip request of Mr. Quinn and 4 students to attend the PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival at Dallas High School, January 24-26, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$945.
- c. Recommend and move to approve the educational field trip request of Mr. Quinn and 2 students to attend the PMEA District 9 Orchestra Festival at Wyoming Valley West February 7-9, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$440.00

6. Co-Curricular (Benson, Beleski, Biller)

Mr. Benson, Chairperson

- a. Recommend and move to approve to appoint _____ Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2024-25 school year/season.
- b. Recommend and move to appoint Meghan Morris as the Head Varsity Field Hockey Coach for the 2024-25 school year/season.
- c. Recommend and move to appoint Gareth Henderson as the Head Varsity Cross Country Coach for the 2024-25 school year/season.
- d. Recommend and move to approve to post and advertise for the following coaching positions for the 2024-25 school year/season:
 - 1. Varsity Assistant Cross Country Coach - 1 @ \$2,500
 - 2. Varsity Assistant Field Hockey Coach - 1 @ \$3,800
 - 3. Junior High Field Hockey Coach - 1 @ \$3,800
 - 4. Varsity Assistant Football Coach - 3 @ \$4,400
 - 5. Junior High Football Coaches - 1 @ \$4,400
- e. Recommend and move to rescind the following motion from the December 2023:
Recommend and move to appoint Jenna Tutorow as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2023-24 school year/season, at no cost to the district, pending receipt of required clearances.

7. Transportation (Lanza, Brunn Yarnell)

Mr. Lanza, Chairperson

8. ADDITION TO THE SUBSTITUTE LIST:

- a. Recommend and move to approve the interim appointment the following substitutes for the 2023-24 school year pending the receipt of required paperwork:
 - 1. Sierra Wall - Teacher
 - 2. Lauren Mullery - Teacher
 - 3. Kelly Littleton - Secretary and Paraprofessional

9. TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
10. LEGISLATIVE REPORT
11. WEST SIDE CTC UPDATE
12. I. U. UPDATE
13. NEW BUSINESS
14. SOLICITOR'S REPORT
15. COMMENTS
16. ADJOURN

Mr. LeValley

Mr. Lanza