

Northwest Area School District
School Board Meeting
November 2, 2021

The Northwest Area Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting for General Purposes on November 2, 2021 in the auditorium of the Middle/High School. Mr. Bonczewski, School Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.

The following members were present during the meeting: Mr. Benson, Mr. Lanza, Mr. LeValley, Mrs. Biller, Mr. Sutliff, Mr. Bonczewski, and Mr. Beleski. Superintendent, Mr. Long, School Solicitor, Angela Evans (zoom), and Ms. Hurst were also present.

Mr. Bonczewski reported that there was an Executive Session held for fifteen minutes to discuss Contract and personnel issues.

1. Comments: No Comments

2. Personnel

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

- a. Approved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jennifer Hiller, K-12 Career Technology Teacher, effective on or before December 23, 2021.
- b. Approved to post and advertise for a Business Computer Information Technology Teacher.
- c. Appointed Karen Muldoon as Certified School Nurse, effective immediately as per the Professional Staff CBA.
- d. Appointed Jessica Hulslander as Drama Director for the 2021-22 school year, effective January 6, 2022.
- e. Approved the FMLA request of employee number 9349, effective November 30, 2021 through March 7, 2022.
- f. Approved to accept the transfer of Heath Hines, Custodial/Maintenance, from day shift to evening shift, effective immediately.

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

3. Co-Curricular –

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

- a. Appointed Kevin Harvey as the Head Varsity Softball Coach for the 2021-22 school year/season.
- b. Appointed Todd Culver as the Head Varsity Track and Field for the 2021-22 school year/season.
- c. Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Head Varsity Baseball Coach, Lon Hazlet.
- d. Approved to post and advertise for the Head Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2021-22 school year/season.

- e. Approved to post for the following Coaches for the 2021-22 school year:
 - Varsity Assistant Softball (1 * \$3,800 = \$3,800)
 - Junior High Softball (1 * \$3,800 = \$3,800)
 - Varsity Assistant Track and Field (3 * \$3,800 = \$11,400)
 - Junior High Track and Field (1 * \$3,800 = \$3,800)
- f. Approved a cooperative agreement for girls swimming with the Berwick Area School District for the 2021-2022 swim season.

Upon voice vote, all present voted yes, Mr. Benson abstained from items c.) and d.), motion passes.

4. Comments - Mr. Les Harrison questioned the board on whether or not the baseball coaching position would have been open if Lon Hazlet didn't resign. Mr. Harrison then expressed his opinion that the school wouldn't find a better coach than Lon Hazlet because of his leadership ability, character, the way he conducts himself, and the role model that he is to the students. Mr. Harrison noted that it was a poor decision to open the baseball position. Mr. Bonczewski announced that school board members are not able to respond back on personnel issues.

Mrs. Shannon Thomas asked if the school nurse hiring on the agenda was to fill the position at the Intermediate School. Mr. Bonczewski confirmed that the hiring was to fill the vacant position at the Intermediate School. Mrs. Thomas asked if the Primary School nurse was being replaced, and Mr. Bonczewski clarified that the Primary School nurse was not being replaced.

5. Adjourn – Mr. Sutliff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benson, and unanimously by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Lanza, Board Secretary