

Neshannock Township School District Office of the Superintendent

To: All Staff Members

From: Terence P. Meehan, Superintendent

Date: March 17, 2020

Subject: Report of Board Meeting – March 12, 2020

1. <u>Curriculum</u>

A. In-House Cyber Education Program for Grades 7-12

The Board authorized the Administration to establish an In-House Cyber Education Program for students in Grades 7-12 effective for the 2020-21 school term.

2. <u>Personnel</u>

A. Leave Request

Professional staff member #854 was granted a Leave of Absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act effective approximately May 27, 2020, using accumulative sick, personal, and comp days followed by a childrearing leave thru the end of the First Semester of the 2020-21 school term.

B. Cyber Education Instructors

The Board approved the following individuals as Cyber instructors within their certified, required core-content area with the rate of compensation based upon the CBA and need based upon annual enrollment:

Nancy Blank
Amy Clark
Russell Loudon
Laura Gibson
Jean Pursell
James Hamm
Anita Slater
Amy Hilton
Cynthia Welker

C. Addition to Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher List

The following individual was approved for addition to the list of day-to-day substitute teachers effective upon completion of a packet of new-hire paperwork set forth in the Office of the Superintendent, including pre-employment drug screening:

2. <u>Personnel</u>

C. Addition to Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher List – cont.

IU Emergency

Melissa Burkett

3. Athletics

A. Election of a Coach

The following individual was elected to the position indicated for the 2019-20 season/school term only. Clearances are on file.

Kurt Latta – Assistant Baseball Coach

4. Professional Development

Permission was granted for the following professional development activities:

- A. Russell Loudon 50th Annual Mini Convention on Physical & Health Education and School Wellness SRU, Slippery Rock March 25, 2020
- B. Alexine Anater School Psychology, Counseling, Psychology & ABA Conference Temple University March 26 and 27, 2020
- C. Alexis Anderson & Jennifer Flannery Trauma Focused Care for the Early Childhood Classroom Grove City College, Grove City March 27, 2020
- D. Matt Heasley Safety & Security Conference Harrisburg April 2 & 3, 2020
- E. Jennifer Joy Power Library/Access PA Training Cranberry Twp April 14, 2020
- F. Anita Slater Leadership Under Fire Lessons from Gettysburg Gettysburg April 20 & 21, 2020
- G. Elyse Patrick Dyslexia Conference Pittsburgh May 8, 2020

5. <u>Field Trips</u>

Permission was granted for the following field trip requests for which District transportation will be used:

- A. Kelly Robles & Gifted Students Enrichment TriBowl Grove City College March 2 & 3, 2020
- B. Darci Wise & Selected Choir Students PMEA Choirfest Lakeview High School April 3, 2020
- Julia Kross & Selected Students Girls Who Code Event Grove City College -April 18. 2020

6. Out of District Overnight Travel

- A. The Board approved the request of Kimberly Heim to travel with selected band students to the PMEA Region I Band at the Moon Area High School from March 26-28, 2020.
- B. The Board approved the request of Sarah Wells to travel with selected students to the PA TSA State Conference in Seven Springs from April 15-17, 2020.
- C. The Board approved the request of Gregg Micsky to travel with selected students to the PA Governor's STEM Competition in Harrisburg from May 6-8, 2020.

7. <u>Use of Facilities</u>

- A. Brad Shaffer was granted permission for use of the Neshannock Junior/Senior High School auditorium from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on April 23, 2020, to conduct the Fire Academy Graduation Ceremony. No fee will be assessed.
- B. Julie Lambo, on behalf of NAA, was granted permission for use of the Neshannock Memorial School MPR/gymnasium from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays during the months of March and April to conduct their softball/baseball conditioning/running club. No fee will be assessed.
- C. Julie Lambo, on behalf of Coach Latta, was granted permission for use of the Neshannock Memorial School middle gymnasium and football and baseball fields after school until 9:00 p.m. from March 15 through May to conduct the pony baseball league. No fee will be assessed.

7. <u>Use of Facilities</u> – cont.

D. Haley Hidock, on behalf of New Castle School of Trades, was granted permission for use of the Neshannock Junior/Senior High School auditorium, gymnasium, and lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 21 & 23, 2020, and January 15 & 17, 2021, for set up of and actual graduation ceremonies for the school as in years past. Fees will be assessed.

8. Financial Issues

A. IU Budget for 2020-21

The IU Budget for 2020-21 was approved.

B. Service Purchase Contract - Transportation Services

A contract between the New Castle Area School District and the Neshannock Township School District was approved for the transportation of a student to New Horizons effective as of February 18, 2020, for the remainder of the 2019-20 school term.

C. Athletic Training Services Agreement

A three-year agreement with UPMC Sports Medicine was approved for Athletic Training and Medical Services beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2023, was approved.

9. Board Issues

A. Board Policies

The following policies appeared for Second Reading/Formal Adoption:

- 1) Policy #220, Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- 2) Policy #913, Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
- 3) Policy #815, Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
- 4) Policy #224, Care of School Property (Attachment)
- 5) Policy #201, Admission of Students
- 6) Policy #204, Attendance
- 7) Policy #331, Job Related Expenses
- 8) Policy #336, Personal Necessity Leave

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- 9. <u>Board Issues</u> cont.
 - B. School Calendar

The 2020-21 School Calendar was approved as presented. (Attachment)

C. IU IV Continued Services

The Board approved a listing of contracted Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Special Education Itinerant Services for the 2020-21 school year. These services include OT/PT, Hearing Screening, Vision Screening, Instruction in the Home, and Adaptive Physical Education.

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