



Neshannock Township School District
Office of the Superintendent

To: All Staff Members
From: Terence P. Meehan, Superintendent
Date: September 15, 2023

Subject: Report of Board Meeting – September 14, 2023

1. Personnel

A. Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date & Reason</u>
Kenneth Linton Bus Driver	September 1, 2023 (close of day) Personal Reasons

B. Leave Request

Support employee #1102 was granted an unpaid leave of absence for personal reasons effective as of August 28, 2023, thru April 1, 2024.

C. Mechanical and Maintenance Assistant

Mr. Scott Karns was elected to the 12-month position of Mechanical and Maintenance Assistant with benefits in accordance with the position of Assistant to Maintenance under the Act 93 Non-Professional Supervisors Compensation Plan.

D. Playground Monitors

The following individuals were approved as Playground Monitors for the 2023-24 school term as indicated:

Alicia Hoxworth – effective August 28, 2023
Kristin Oakes – effective August 29, 2023
Holly Tomon – effective August 30, 2023

E. Additions to Substitute Teacher List

The following individuals were approved for addition to the substitute teacher list effective upon completion of a packet of new-hire paperwork, including pre-employment drug screening:

1. Personnel

E. Additions to Substitute Teacher List – cont.

Art

Brenda Hickman

IU IV Emergency

Mary Cournan

Beverly Hunt

Special Education

Debra Lewis – effective as of September 13, 2023

F. Additions to Non-Professional Substitute Lists

The following individuals were recommended for addition to the substitute teacher list effective upon completion of a packet of new-hire paperwork as set forth in the Office of the Superintendent, including pre-employment drug screening:

Bus Driver

Amber Plaisted

Playground

Bonnie Robison

Alison Sauer

Paraprofessional

Alison Sauer

2. Athletics

A. Requests to Swim Independently

- 1) The request of Mr. and Mrs. John Fair that their daughter, Sophie, Grade 9, be permitted to swim as an independent varsity high school swimmer for the 2023-24 school year/season was approved.
- 2) The request of Mr. and Mrs. Mark DeVincentis that their daughter, Isabelle, Grade 10, be permitted to swim as an independent varsity high school swimmer for the 2023-24 school year/season was approved.

2. Athletics

B. Requests to Swim Independently – cont.

- 3) The request of Mr. Edward Stodolsky that this daughter, Abigale, Grade 10, be permitted to swim as an independent varsity high school swimmer for the 2023-24 school year/season was approved. Mr. Stodolsky will serve as her swimming coach and will assume any and all costs involved through the scheduled swim season.
- 4) Mr. Stodolsky was approved to serve as swim coach for the independent Neshannock Swim Team for the 2023-24 swim season representing Sophie Fair and Isabelle DeVincentis.

3. Professional Development

The Board authorized the following professional development opportunities:

- A. Lexie Ferrese – Academic Game Meeting – IU IV, Grove City – September 11, 2023
- B. Luca Passarelli & Brenda DeVincentis – Act 158 Pathways to Graduation – IU IV, Grove City – September 27, 2023
- C. Leslie Janaszek & Luca Passarelli – 2023 Professional Networking Symposium – Westminster College, New Wilmington – September 29, 2023
- D. Jennifer Joy – Power Library Training – IU IV, Grove City – October 10, 2023
- E. Cynthia Welker – Accounting Career Day – Duquesne University, Pittsburgh – October 12, 2023
- F. Alexis Anderson, Brenda DeVincentis, Alicia Measel, & Staci Norris – Crisis Prevention & Intervention Training – IU IV, Grove City – November 29 & 30, 2023

4. Field Trips

The following requests for student field trips using District transportation were approved:

- A. Brenda DeVincentis & Students – Lawrence County Day of Caring – Cascade Park, New Castle – September 7, 2023
- B. Gregg Micsky & Students – Peer Leadership Training – First Baptist Church, New Castle – September 18, 19, and 20, 2023
- C. Jenny Flannery & Students Chloe Maalouf and Jacob Rynd – Extreme Leadership – IU IV on September 18, November 13, December 15, 2023, & March 4, April 5, April 10, and April 22, 2024; and Grove City College on February 2, 2024

4. Field Trips – cont.

- D. Jackie Lash & Varsity Softball Players – The Miracle League – South Hills, Pittsburgh – October 1, 2023
- E. Laura Gibson, Michele Lockley, Jesse Reynolds, Karen Swope & students – Agriculture Day – Lawrence County Fairgrounds, New Castle - October 3, 2023
- F. Alexandra Ridderhoff & Forensic Students – Forensics Club Meets – Northminster Church, New Castle – October 5 & November 9, 2023
- G. Luca Passarelli, Patricia Zona, Eileen Kozallo, & Selected Students – Architecture Lecture – Butler Museum of Art, Youngstown – October 12, 2023
- H. Lynne Jones, Amber Koski, & Pre-K Students – Kraynak’s Christmas Lane and Neshannock McDonalds – November 17, 2023

5. Use of Facilities

- A. The Title I Reading Program was granted permission for use of the Neshannock Memorial School cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on October 12, 2023, to conduct their Parent & Family Engagement Meeting/Event. No fees will be assessed.
- B. The Neshannock Girl Scouts were granted permission for use of the Neshannock Memorial School cafeteria from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month effective September 27, 2023, through May 15, 2024. No fee will be assessed.
- C. The Neshannock Education Foundation was granted use of two tents at the Football Field on Homecoming Night, October 6, 2023, to hold their alumni gathering. No fee will be assessed.
- D. The Neshannock Student Activities Department/Student Government were granted permission for use of the Neshannock Memorial School, Neshannock Junior/Senior High School, Football Stadium parking lots, Central Commons Area, and elementary restrooms from 4:00 to 10:30 p.m. on October 28, 2023, to conduct a Drive-in Movie Night and Trunk or Treat.
- E. Lawrence County Community Action Partnership in coordination with the Neshannock Education Foundation and the New Castle Public Library were granted permission for use of the Neshannock Memorial School gymnasium, cafeteria, and all-purpose room from November 17-20, 2023, (middle gymnasium) and November 21-27, 2023 (MPR and cafeteria) for the Annual Festival of Trees event. Custodial and security fees will be assessed.

6. Financial Issues

A. Memorandums of Understanding – West Middlesex School District

The Board again approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the West Middlesex School District and Neshannock Township School District for the placement of a student in the Elementary Life Skills Support Program, based upon the IEP, for the 2023-24 school term.

B. Speech Therapist – Contracted Service

The Board approved Jackson McCullough, speech therapist, for six hours per day/three days per week effective September 18, through November 10, 2023.

C. Auditor

William M. Houser, CPA, LLC was approved to audit the fiscal year 2022-23 at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.

D. School-to-Work

The School-to-Work Contract for the 2023-24 school term was approved.

7. Board Issues

A. Bus Routes

The bus routes for the 2023-24 school year were approved as prepared. In addition, the Administration was granted permission to make adjustments during the school year to accommodate new students and emergency situations.

B. Design and Bid Services – Memorial Roof Replacement

Garland/DBS Inc. in combination with RAR Engineering was approved to provide design and bid management services for the replacement of the Neshannock Memorial Elementary School roof utilizing the Omnia Partners public sector purchasing cooperative.