

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, August 10, 2017 in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area High School. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm by Board Vice President Mr. Ken James.

1. ROLL CALL

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Prushinski called the roll: Present: Ken James, Matt Landmesser, Frank Shepanski, Len Olzinski, Tony Prushinski, and Megan Tennesen. Also present were Atty. Vito DeLuca, Albert Melone and Dr. Ron Grevera. Absent: Erika Jacobs and Wendy Wiaterowski.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Motion by Len Olzinski, seconded by Frank Shepanski to accept the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session from July 13, 2017. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

3. COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

4. TREASURER REPORT

Motion by Len Olzinski, seconded by Megan Tennesen to accept the Treasurer's Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

5.1. General Account list of bills for June/July 2017: \$1,155,733.94

5.2. Family center list of bills for June/July 2017: \$11,323.07

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Len Olzinski to accept the June/July 2017 bills.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENT

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – On file in district office.

7.1. Ms. Scibek

7.2. Mrs. Baddick

7.3. Mr. Gorham

7.4. Mrs. Lipsey

8. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Frank Shepanski to accept the Board Secretary's Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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9.1. **Athletics** (James, Landmesser, Shepanski) Ken James, Chairperson

- 9.1.1. Athletic Report – On file in district office.
- 9.1.2. Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 GNA Coaches Handbook.
- 9.1.3. Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the **2017-2018** season:
(Note: Clearances on file.)
 - a. Baseball Head Coach Joseph Yudichak
 - b. Baseball – Asst. II Pat Heffron
 - c. Baseball Scorekeeper John Ivan
 - d. Volleyball Head Coach – Boys Deb Gavin
 - e. Volleyball Asst. I – Boys James Gavin
 - f. Volleyball Scorekeeper – Boys Barbara Lach
 - g. Volleyball Timer – Boys Joyce Pietrzyk
 - h. Volleyball Alternate Libero Tracker/
Timer/Bookkeeper – Boys Carmella Brown
 - i. Basketball Volunteer – Boys Joseph Zelonis Jr.
 - j. Basketball Asst. IV – Girls William Goodman
 - k. Volleyball Volunteer – Boys David Marcozzi
 - l. Football Asst. III (a) Kyle Gavrish

Motion by Ken James, seconded by Matt Landmesser to accept the Athletic Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.2. **Buildings and Grounds** (Shepanski, James, Landmesser) Frank Shepanski, Chairperson

- 9.2.1. Buildings and Grounds Report – On file in district office.
- 9.2.2. Recommend approval to post and advertise bids for obsolete items no longer utilized by the school district.
- 9.2.3. Recommend approval for the Arts and Dance Company to host a Latin American Dance Program on November 7, 2017 at Greater Nanticoke Area High School Auditorium.
- 9.2.4. Recommend approval for a change order in the amount not to exceed \$33,800.00 to Mar Paul for dry wall work for the Kennedy Project.
- 9.2.5. The Chorus Band Parents would like to hold their monthly meeting in the Chorus Room on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Details will be confirmed with Mr. Sloan.
- 9.2.6. Recommend approval for the Newport Bidy Basketball, Inc. to utilize KM Smith, the Elementary Center and the Ed Center to run the Bidy Basketball program from September 2017 through March 2018. Use of the Elementary Center gym is also requested for sign-ups on September 7, 10 and 13, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 pm. All activities will be coordinated with GNA school officials.

Motion by Frank Shepanski, seconded by Matt Landmesser to accept the Buildings and Grounds Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.3. **Education** (Prushinski, Wiaterowski, Jacobs) Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

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- 9.3.1. Recommend approval of MOU between Wilkes University and Greater Nanticoke Area School District regarding the Gateway Scholars Program.

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Frank Shepanski to accept the Education Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

- 9.4. **Finance** (Olzinski, Tennesen, Landmesser) Len Olzinski, Chairperson

- 9.4.1. Recommend approval of the list for credit reimbursements.
9.4.2. Recommend approval of the list of incremental increases.
9.4.3. Recommend approval of an agreement with Pepsi Beverage Company from August 2017 through June 2022.
9.4.4. Ratify the approval of the agreement with Eastern Insurance for Sports and Student Accident Insurance for 2017-2018 school year. Total premium is \$13,856.07. **(Attachment)**
9.4.5. Ratify the approval of the agreement with Eastern Insurance for Student Catastrophic Accident Medical for 2017-2018 school year. Total premium is \$500.00
9.4.6. Recommend approval of P.R.O.S. Rehabilitation, Inc. to provide (PT) physical therapy and (OT) occupational therapy for the 2017-2018 school year at the contracted rate of \$70.00 per hour and a Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. **(Attachment)**

Motion by Len Olzinski, seconded by Megan Tennesen to accept the Finance Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

- 9.5. **Negotiations** (Wiaterowski, Olzinski, Landmesser) Wiaterowski, Chairperson

- 9.6. **Personnel** (Prushinski, Shepanski, Tennesen) Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

- 9.6.1. Recommend approval of all applications.
9.6.2. Recommend approval of the attached list of requests, field trips and conferences.
9.6.3. April Yarem requests September 11 and 12, 2017 as unpaid time off for personal reasons.
9.6.4. Recommend approval to post and advertise for one part-time Cafeteria positions (4 hour position).
9.6.5. Recommend accepting Ken Shimko's letter of resignation effective July 27, 2017.
9.6.6. Recommend approval to post a maintenance position.
9.6.7. Recommend approval to post a Special Education teaching position.
9.6.8. Recommend approval to hire the following Part-Time aides for the terms and conditions of the Educational Support Professionals Association contract:
A. Heather Gronkowski
B. Kevin Scott
C. Donna Pierson
9.6.9. Recommend approval to appoint Raymond Whittaker to the position of School Resource/ Police Officer at a cost of \$40,000.00 per terms and conditions of his contract. **(Attachment)**

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- 9.6.10. Recommend approval to appoint Dr. Robert Mauro as Federal Programs Coordinator, Grant Writer, and Educational Consultant for the 2017-2018 school year as per the terms and conditions of his Memorandum of Agreement. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.11. Recommend approval to add Brent Briggs to the substitute maintenance list.
- 9.6.12. Recommend approval to post a cleaner position.
- 9.6.13. Recommend approval to post and advertise a nurse's aide position.
- 9.6.14. Shelby Phillips requests to take an FMLA from July 31, 2017 through August 30, 2017.
- 9.6.15. Recommend approval of an MOU with the Greater Nanticoke Area Education Association to implement an outreach partnership of technology initiative for online instruction of students enrolled in the Greater Nanticoke Area Cyber Program.
- 9.6.16. Recommend approval to post the following cyber teaching positions per the MOU:
- 1 – Social Studies (7th - 12th grade)
 - 1 – Math (7th - 12th grade)
 - 1 – ELA (7th - 12th grade)
 - 1 – Biology
 - 1 – General Science
 - 1 – Environmental Science
 - 1 – Physical Education/Health
 - 1 – Family Consumer Science
 - 1 – Chemistry
 - 1 – Elementary (6th grade)
 - 1 – Reading (6th - 8th grade)
 - 1 – Special Education ELA HQT
 - 1 – Special Education Math HQT
 - 1 – Art
 - 1 – Business
 - 1 – Spanish
 - 1 – French

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Matt Landmesser to accept the Personnel Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.7. **Policy** (Wiaterowski, Prushinski, Tennesen)

Wendy Wiaterowski, Chairperson

- 9.7.1. Recommend approval of the third reading of Policy No. 823 – Naloxone.
- 9.7.2. Recommend approval of revision to Policy 246 – Wellness.
- 9.7.3. Recommend approval to name the GNASD high school library the “Dr. Stanley Dudrick Library”.
- 9.7.4. Approve acceptance of letter of resignation from Board President Mr. Ryan Verazin.
- 9.7.5. Authorize Superintendent to advertise the empty board position.

A discussion ensued regarding the legal time requirements to advertise for the open board position.

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Matt Landmesser to accept the Policy Report 9.7.1 through 9.7.5. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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9.7.6. Accept nominations for Board President.

Motion by Tony Prushinski to open nominations for board president.

Megan Tennesen nominated Len Olzinski to the office of board president. Tony Prushinski seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

Motion by Tony Prushinski to close the nominations for board president, seconded by Megan Tennesen. All present voted yes. Motion passes.

Motion to accept nomination of Len Olzinski to the position of board president. Tony Prushinski seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

Motion by Tony Prushinski to open nominations for board treasurer.

Tony Prushinski nominated Frank Shepanski to the position of board treasurer. Megan Tennesen seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

Motion to close the nominations for board treasurer, seconded by Megan Tennesen. All present voted yes. Motion passes.

Motion to accept nomination of Frank Shepanski to the position of board treasurer. Tony Prushinski seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.7.7. Recommend approval of Policy No. 918 – Title I Parent Involvement, as reviewed at the May 10, 2017 Nanticoke PTA (K-7) and guided by the 2016-2017 Parent Survey. Included in this policy is a provision for a School Compact for each of the four (4) schools.

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Len Olzinski to accept the 9.7.7 of the Policy Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.8. **Safety** (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Jacobs)

Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

9.9. **Transportation** (James, Olzinski, Jacobs)

Ken James, Chairperson

9.9.1. Recommend approval of the MOU between the Greater Nanticoke Area School District and Luzerne County Children and Youth to ensure transportation for foster care students in the school district. **(Attachment)**

9.9.2. Recommend approval of the list of tentative bus stops for the 2017-2018 school year. **(Attachment)**

9.9.3. Recommend approval of the contracts for the private contractors for the 2017-2018 school year. **(Attachment)**

- a. Antoinette Bonk
- b. Dobbs Transportation
- c. Cragle Bus Service
- d. Reliable Inc.
- e. Michael Shusta

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- 10.0 **Tabled Items** – None.
- 11.0 **I.U. Update** – No report.
- 12.0 **Wilkes Barre CTC Update** – No report.
- 13.0 **Solicitor’s Report** – Attorney DeLuca reported that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00 - 7:00 pm to discuss personnel matters and receive the Superintendent’s report. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.
- 14.0 **Communication from Citizens** – None.
- 15.0 **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

The next meeting of the GNA School Board will be on Thursday, September 14, 2017.