

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Tuesday, December 5, 2017 in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area High School. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 pm by President Mr. Len Olzinski.

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

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

Motion made by Matt Landmesser, seconded by Megan Tennesen, to accept the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session from November 2, 2017. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

3. COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – No comments.

4. TREASURER REPORT – As of October 31, 2017

Motion made by Megan Tennesen, seconded by Ken James to accept the October 2017 Treasurer’s Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

5.1. General Account list of bills for November 2017: \$1,800,165.30

5.2. Family Center list of bills for November 2017: \$11,489.28

Motion made by Ken James, seconded by Matt Landmesser to accept the payment of bills for November 2017. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENT – On file in the district office.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – On file in the district office.

8. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Motion made by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Ken James, to accept the Board Secretary’s Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9.1.1. Athletic Report – On file in the district office.

9.1.2. Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the **2017-2018** season:

(Note: Clearances on file.)

a. Swim Scorekeeper

Paula Fine

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| b. Track Head Coach – Girls | Jeff DeRocco |
| c. Track Head Coach – Boys | Zachary Pientka |
| d. Track Assistant I | Matt Meade |
| e. Track Assistant III | Dana Crockett |
| f. Track Scorekeeper | Anthony Fleury |
| g. Basketball Assistant III – Girls | Gerard Rentko |

9.1.3. Recommend approval to post the following Fall Sports positions for 2018-1019 season:

Field Hockey

- Head Coach
- Assistant I and II

Boys/Girls Cross Country

- Head Coach

Boys Soccer

- Head Coach
- Assistant I
- Assistant II – Jr. High

Girls Soccer

- Head Coach
- Assistant I

Golf

- Head Coach

Girls Volleyball

- Head Coach
- Assistant I and II
- Timer
- Scorer

Football

- Head Coach
- Assistant I, II, III and IV
- Timer
- Camera Person

Weightlifting

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

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

9.2.1. Buildings and Grounds Report – On file in the district office.

9.2.2. The Newport Twp. Bidy Basketball program is requesting use of the Elementary and Ed Center gymnasiums on March 2 – 4, 2018 for their annual Girls Basketball Tournament. Specifics will be coordinated with GNA Buildings and Grounds Director.

9.2.3. The Newport Twp. Bidy Basketball program is requesting use of the Elementary and Ed Center gymnasiums on February 16 - 18, 2018 for their annual Boys Basketball Tournament. Specifics will be coordinated with GNA Buildings and Grounds Director.

9.2.4. Ellen Rutkowski, Choral Director, requests permission to co-host the annual Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Chorus Fest on Friday, May 11, 2018. Use of the high school

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auditorium, cafeteria (blue and red), chorus room, band room and bathrooms will be needed. Any extra costs incurred by maintenance will be covered by PMEA. The details will be coordinated with GNA Buildings and Grounds Director pending approval.

9.2.5. Robert Wentz, GNA Wrestling Booster Club Treasurer, requests the use of the GNA high school cafeteria for their monthly meeting on December 6, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

9.2.6. Recommend approval of the following change orders for the Kennedy Early Childhood Center construction project: **(Attachment)**

- a. Provide additional Transaction Window in the amount of \$8,427.62 to Mar-Paul and American Millwork & Cabinetry.
- b. Provide a credit of \$5,200.00 to the district to provide Utility-size brick in lieu of Econo-size brick to match adjacent building.
- c. Electrical revisions for food service equipment in the amount of \$3,604.21 to G.R. Noto Electrical Construction.
- d. Provide tapered roof insulation at new roof area in the amount of \$3,955.31 to Dunmore Roofing.
- e. Repair two existing deteriorated exterior columns in the amount of \$13,080.05 to Mar-Paul.
- f. Unforeseen roof opening support beam repaired in the amount of \$3,839.78 to Mar-Paul.

Motion made by Ken James, seconded by Megan Tennesen, 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

9.3.1. Authorize the Superintendent to establish an after-school extra help program that focuses on closing the achievement gap for students in Math and Reading in grades 3 through 7.

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

9.4. **Finance** (Shepanski, Tennesen, Landmesser) Frank Shepanski, Chairperson

9.4.1. Recommend approval of the list for credit reimbursements per provisions set forth in the GNA Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

9.4.2. Recommend approval of the list of incremental increases per provisions set forth in the GNA Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

9.4.3. Motion to refund Anthony Delguidice of 351 E. Noble St., Nanticoke, PA in the amount of \$773.06. Reason for refund: Disabled Veteran's Exemption.

9.4.4. Motion to approve the resolution of the Greater Nanticoke Area School Board of Education implementing the LERTA Program to provide tax exemption for certain LERTA Designated Areas within Nanticoke City.

9.4.5. Recommend approval to purchase an electric griddle from Rice's Food Equipment and Consulting, Inc. at a cost of \$4,006.51.

9.4.6. Recommend to approve the Resolution of the Local Share Account Grant for the football field renovation.

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

9.5. **Negotiations** (Wiaterowski, James, Landmesser) W. Wiaterowski, Chairperson

No report.

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

9.6.1. Recommend approval of all applications.

9.6.2. Recommend approval of the list of requests, field trips and conferences.

9.6.3. Leonard Golemb, crossing guard, requests a leave of absence for medical reasons from November 28, 2017 until approximately March 1, 2018. He may return to work earlier pending doctor's release.

9.6.4. Motion to post positions for math and reading teachers for the after-school, extra help program. One teacher per grade (grades 3-7), per subject (math and reading) is required for a total of ten teachers.

9.6.5. Motion to accept the resignation and agreement with Jane Jennings.

9.6.6. Recommend approval to appoint Kathy Knorr to the position of cafeteria worker (5.48 hour shift) as per terms and conditions of ESPA CBA.

9.6.7. Motion to post a four-hour cafeteria position.

9.6.8. Motion to post a seventh grade Science teacher position.

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

9.7. **Policy** (Wiaterowski, Jacobs, Tennesen) W. Wiaterowski, Chairperson

9.7.1 Recommend approval of GNA Board Committees and Chairs. (**Attachment**)

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

9.8. **Safety** (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Cardone) Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

No report.

9.9. **Transportation** (James, Cardone, Jacobs) Ken James, Chairperson

No report.

10.0 **Tabled Items** – None.

11.0 **I.U. Update** – No report.

12.0 **Wilkes Barre CTC Update** – No report.

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- 13.0 **Solicitor's Report** – Attorney DeLuca reported that the board met in Executive session from 5:00- 6:00 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** – Mr. Hank Marks expressed his right to speak at board meetings citing the First Amendment. The board agreed with him and thanked him. Vito DeLuca pointed out the October 2018 board meeting date listed under Item 16 on the Reorganization minutes is incorrect. It should be October 11, 2018. Gina Miale will revise.
- 15.0 Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the GNA school Board will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm.