

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, July 13, 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 President Mr. Ryan Verazin.

1. ROLL CALL

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Wiaterowski called the roll: Present: Erika Jacobs, Matt Landmesser, Frank Shepanski, Len Olzinski, Megan Tennesen and Ryan Verazin. Also present were Atty. Vito DeLuca, Chuck Yasinkas and Dr. Ron Grevera. Absent: Tony Prushinski and Ken James

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 June 15, 2017. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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

4. TREASURER REPORT

Motion by Len Olzinski, seconded by Wenday Wiaterowski 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 May 2017: \$1,047,075.30

5.2. Family center list of bills for May 2017: \$11,651.50

Motion by Frank Shepanski, seconded by Matt Landmesser to accept the paying of the May 2017 bills. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENT – On file in district office.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – On file in district office.

8. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ken James, Chairperson

9.1.1. Athletic Report – No report.

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

Frank Shepanski, Chairperson

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- 9.2.1. Buildings and Grounds Report (**Attachment**)
- 9.2.2. Frank Petroski, Nanticoke Jr. Trojans Football Association, requests use of GNA football field on the following dates for football games: August 27, September 3, September 24 and October 1, 2017.
- 9.2.3. Frank Petroski, Nanticoke Jr. Trojans Football Association, requests the use of the GNA high school gym and cafeterias (including the hallways) to host a Cheer competition on September 16, 2017. They would require access from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- 9.2.4. Recommend approval of Innamorati Appraisal Service to conduct an appraisal of the property at KM Smith in the amount of \$1,200.00.
- 9.2.5. Paul Jenceleski, GNA Marching Band, requests use of GNA track and football field on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to hold a 5K/1 mile run/walk with cosplayers, Star Wars characters and a small “trunk or treat” for younger participants. They would also require use of the concession/garage area and the stadium parking lot from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- 9.2.6. Recommend approval of Jack Dudrick’s request to utilize the GNA high school cafeteria on July 19, 2017.

Motion by Frank Shepanski, seconded by Wendy Wiaterowski 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. Recommend approval of Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks for the 2017-2018 school year. (**Electronic Attachments**)

Motion by Wendy Wiaterowski, seconded by Matt Landmesser 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 attached list for credit reimbursements. (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.2. Recommend approval of the attached list of incremental increases. (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.3. Recommend approval to appoint Rainey & Rainey, Certified Public Accountants, as auditors for the 2017-2018 school year. (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.4. Recommend approval of the Letter of Agreement between Greater Nanticoke Area School District and The Children’s Service Center of Wyoming Valley, Inc. for the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and the Therapeutic Educational Program (TEP) for 2017-2018. The daily rate for PHP is \$125.00 and TEP is \$165.00. (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.5. Motion to approve payment of \$3,547.32 to Dr. Grevera for seven (7) vacation days at his current daily rate. This payment is in consideration of the extraordinary demands of Dr. Grevera’s position during the 2016-2017 school year and his inability to use several of his vacation days during the school year due to those demands.

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

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9.5. **Negotiations** (Wiaterowski, Olzinski, Landmesser) Wiaterowski, Chairperson  
No report.

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

9.6.1. Recommend approval of all applications. **(Attachment)**

9.6.2. Recommend approval to appoint the following extra-curricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

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| a. Head Teacher – KM Smith           | Ryan Amos    |
| b. Head Teacher – Elementary Center  | Val Bartle   |
| c. Head Teacher – Educational Center | Jenn Daniels |

9.6.3. Recommend approval to appoint the following 2017 summer positions at a rate of \$28.00 per hour:

- Guidance - Ann Marie Schultz – not to exceed 10 hours
- Guidance - Julie Perhacs – not to exceed 10 hours
- Guidance - Bill Hishack – not to exceed 50 hours
- Guidance - Lindsay Iacovazzi – not to exceed 50 hours
- School Psychologist - Lydia Brill – not to exceed 100 hours

9.6.4. Shelby Phillips, teacher, requests to take maternity leave beginning on or about August 30, 2017. Her anticipated return is the week of November 20, 2017.

9.6.5. Recommend approval to post and advertise for an aide for the In-School Suspension room.

9.6.6. Recommend approval of the Professional Teacher’s Seniority List for 2016-2017. **(Attachment)**

9.6.7. Jean Littleford, Paraprofessional, requests September 18-22, 2017 off without pay for personal reasons.

9.6.8. Jason Prushinski, teacher, requests to take an intermittent FMLA leave beginning August 28, 2017.

9.6.9. Recommend posting for two Special Education Aide positions.

Motion by Megan Tennesen, seconded by Len Olzinski 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 second reading of Policy No. 823 – Naloxone. **(Attachment)**

9.7.2. Recommend approval of revision to Policy No. 204 – Attendance. **(Attachment)**

9.7.3. Recommend approval to utilize Herff Jones as the yearbook company for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Wendy Wiaterowski, seconded by Frank Shepanski to accept 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

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9.9.1. Recommend approval of Transportation Contract with White Transit for the period of 2018-2023 pending review by the solicitor. **(Attachment)**

Motion by Len Olzinski, seconded by Erika Jacobs to accept the Transportation Report.  
Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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 7:25 pm.

The next meeting of the GNA School Board will be on Thursday, August 10, 2017.