

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday March 9, 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 Ryan Verazin.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Giovanna Miller (Kindergarten student)

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

Motion by Mrs. Wiaterowski, seconded by Mr. Smith to accept the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session – February 11, 2017. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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

4. TREASURER REPORT

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. James to accept the Treasurer Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

5.1 General Account list of bills for February 2017: \$809,771.49

5.2 Family center list of bills for February 2017: \$11,411.26

Motion by Mrs. Wiaterowski, seconded by Mr. Shepanski to approve the paying of the February 2017 bills. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Due to the fact that no one bid on Contract #10, food service construction, awarding the bids will be postponed until we have a special board meeting on March 28, 2017 after we receive information on state contract prices.
- Pending approval, make up days for weather will be added to the end of the school year June 6th, 7th, and 8th. The next snow day will be made up on Thursday April 13th as it appears likely that we might have another one. Moving forward, they will be all made up in June.

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- I want to thank Theresa Jacopetti for her years of service to the Greater Nanticoke Area School District and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.
- We are currently working with the Mill Library in updating our textbook section in the library. The library has received copies of our new math and reading elementary series and we are looking at updating our high school selection. Many students utilize the library and it is to our benefit to ensure the books are updated so that students can utilize them in the event they forget to take home their books.
- I want to congratulate both our boys and girls basketball teams and wish them both well this weekend.

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

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9.1.1 Athletic Report – On file in district office.

9.1.2 Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the **2016-2017** season:
(Note: Clearances on file.)

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| a. Baseball Volunteer Assistant | Charles Casey |
| b. Volleyball Volunteer – Boys | John Pietrzyk |
| c. Baseball Volunteer Assistant | James Cease |
| d. Volleyball Volunteer – Boys | Brent Piontkowski |
| e. Head Coach Track – Girls | Jeffrey DeRocco |

9.1.3 Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the **2017-2018** season: (Note: Clearances on file.)

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| a. Volleyball Volunteer – Girls | John Pietrzyk |
| b. Football Volunteer Assistant | Blake Balderamma |

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

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

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

9.2.2 Julie Dalmas and Connie Larson request the use of the GNA high school cafeteria on April 6, 2017 to host a GNA Special Education Family Night. The event will take place from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm (includes set up and clean up).

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- 9.2.3 Nanticoke Area Little League requests permission to use the Ed Center Gym to conduct tryouts from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on March 11-12, 2017. The league provided a copy of their 2017 Certificate of Liability Insurance.
- 9.2.4 Nanticoke Area Little League requests permission to use the KM Smith field for the 2017 season from March through October for practices based upon availability.
- 9.2.5 Nanticoke Area Little League requests permission to use the practice field area adjacent to the parking lot Monday through Friday, 5:00 – 7:00 pm from April 1 through June 30, 2017.
- 9.2.6 Robert Wentz, Wrestling Booster Club, requests permission to utilize the GNA high school cafeteria on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm for their monthly meeting.
- 9.2.7 The GNA softball booster club requests permission to use the GNA high school cafeteria for distribution of Krispy Kreme donuts on Saturday, March 27, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
- 9.2.8 Linda Kelchner and Robin Harbaugh request permission to use the GNA high school auditorium for the French and Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
- 9.2.9 Recommend approval of Sargent Enterprises for asbestos abatement at Kennedy Elementary in the amount of \$71,000.00. (Note: This is for Kennedy renovation project.)

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

9.3 **Education** (Prushinski, Wiaterowski, Landmesser) Tony Prushinski, Chairperson
No report.

9.4 **Finance** (Smith, Olzinski, Landmesser) Gary Smith, Chairperson
9.4.1 Recommend approval of the attached list for credit reimbursements. (**Attachment**)

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. James to accept the Finance Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.5 **Negotiations** (Smith, Wiaterowski, Landmesser) Gary Smith, 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 of the attached list of requests, field trips and conferences. (**Attachment**)
- 9.6.3 Motion to accept the letter of retirement from Theresa Jacopetti, Speech/Language Pathologist effective April 1, 2017. Her last day will be March 31, 2017.
- 9.6.4 Recommend approval post the position of Speech/Language Pathologist.
- 9.6.5 Joan Romanowski requests permission to take unpaid leave on May 8-12, 2017 for personal reasons.
- 9.6.6 Brenda Boone requests permission to take unpaid leave August 28-September 1, 2017 for a family vacation.
- 9.6.7 Recommend Sandy Najaka as mentor to newly hired certified school nurse, Amanda Bruza.

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Motion by Mr. Prushinski, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski 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 to add the following snow make-up days to the school calendar:

- June 6th for January 11th
- June 7th for January 24th
- June 8th for February 9th

(Note: If the district incurs another snow day, it will be made up on April 13th.)

9.7.2 Recommend the board approve the expulsion waiver of student 0306217 for violation of District Policy No. 218.1 for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Wiaterowski, seconded by Mr. Shepanski to accept the Policy Report.
Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.8 Safety (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Olzinski)

Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

No report.

9.9 Transportation (James, Smith, Olzinski)

Ken James, Chairperson

9.9.1 Recommend approval to add Cynthia Husband as a driver for Bonk Transportation.

9.9.2 Recommend approval to add Lisa Janison as a driver for Cragle Bus Service.

Motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski to accept the Transportation Report.
Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

Tabled Items – None

I.U. Update – No Report

Wilkes Barre CTC Update – No Report

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor DeLuca announced that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and receive the superintendent's report. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting of the GNA School Board will be on Thursday, April 6, 2017.