

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, October 12, 2017 in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area High School. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:09 pm by President Mr. Len Olzinski.

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

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kiele Maday (3rd grade), Nevaeh Baran (4th grade) and Cynthia Maldonado (5th grade)

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

Motion by Wendy Wiaterowski, seconded by Matt Landmesser to accept the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session from September 14, 2017. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Megan Tennesen, seconded by Ken James to accept the August 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 September 2017: \$972,920.91
 - 5.2. Family Center list of bills for September 2017: \$14,820.92

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Wendy Wiaterowski to accept the paying of the September 2017 bills. 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 by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Wendy Wiaterowski 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 (**Attachment**)

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

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| a. Basketball Alternate Scorer/Timer – Boys/Girls | Ed Lukowski III |
| b. Football Volunteer | Joe Shimko |
| c. Volleyball Volunteer – Boys | Joe Shimko |
| d. Baseball Assistant I | Kevin Ward |
| e. Baseball Assistant III | Eric Hauer |
| f. Basketball Videographer – Girls | Clarissa Tarnowski |
| g. Basketball Volunteer Assistant - Girls | Clarissa Tarnowski |

Motion 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 (**Attachment**)

9.2.2. Recommend approval for Tyco Simplex Grinnell to replace the Fire Master Controller at the high school in the amount of \$16,114.91.

9.2.3. Recommend approval to accept the change order for Rice’s Food Service Equipment for the Kennedy Project in the amount of \$532.80. (**Attachment**)

9.2.4. Tanya Ostopick, GNA Soccer Booster Club President, requests the use of the high school cafeteria on Thursday, October 12, 2017 for a Senior Night Celebration for the senior boys.

9.2.5. Wendy Lukowski, GNA Soccer Booster Club, requests the use of the high school cafeteria on October 10, 2017 for a Senior Night Celebration for the senior girls from 5-9:30 pm.

9.2.6. Ellen Rutkowki, Choral Director, requests use of the high school auditorium and blue cafeteria on the following dates for the GNA Band and Chorus concerts for the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. Fall Chorus Concert – December 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm
 - December 4, 2017 – dress rehearsals from 3:00 – 5:00 pm
 - December 5, 2017 – dress rehearsals from 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 - December 6, 2017 – dress rehearsals from 2:00 – 2:50 pm
- b. Fall Band Concert – December 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm
 - December 11, 2017 – dress rehearsals during normal band practice
 - December 12, 2017 – dress rehearsals during normal band practice
- c. Spring Chorus Concert – May 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm
 - April 30, 2018 – dress rehearsals from 3:00 – 5:00 pm
 - May 1, 2018 – dress rehearsals from 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 - May 2, 2018 – dress rehearsals from 2:00 – 2:50 pm
- d. Spring Band Concert – April 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm
 - April 23, 2018 – dress rehearsals during normal band practice
 - April 24, 2018 – dress rehearsals during normal band practice

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

9.4. **Finance** (Shepanski, Tennesen, Landmesser) Frank Shepanski, 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. Motion to ratify the contract with Conrad Siegel Actuaries to ensure compliance with Section 6055 and 6056 employer reporting mandated under the Affordable Care Act at a cost of \$6850.00.

Motion by Megan Tennesen, seconded by Matt Landmesser 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. **(Attachment)**

9.6.2. Recommend approval of the attached list of requests, field trips and conferences. **(Attachment)**

9.6.3. Melissa Sobeck, para-professional, requests three (3) unpaid days off (October 18-20, 2017) due to medical reasons.

9.6.4. Recommend appointing Leanne Harvey as David Baker's mentor.

9.6.5. Recommend appointing Jessica Cashner as Brianna Klug's mentor.

9.6.6. Lindsay Connolly requests to take FMLA leave for a period of approximately six (6) weeks to commence on or about November 13, 2017.

9.6.7. Connie Larson requests to take FMLA leave for a period of approximately three (3) weeks to commence on December 11, 2017.

9.6.8. Gerry Vahey requests to take intermittent FMLA leave for a period of nine (9) months from September 2017 through June 2018.

9.6.9. Donald Ostrander, Crossing Guard, requests six days unpaid leave for personal reasons from October 30, 2017 – November 6, 2017.

9.6.10. Recommend to post for a four-hour part-time cafeteria position.

Motion by Tony Prushinski, seconded by Wendy Wiaterowski 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 accepting the donation of two benches from the GNA Class of 1975. The benches will be utilized by visitors and students in the entrance and lobby of the high school. A thank you letter was forwarded to the Class of '75.

Motion by Wendy Wiaterowski, seconded by Erika Jacobs to accept the Policy Report. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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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.

13.0 Solicitor's Report – Attorney DeLuca reported that the board met in Executive session from 5:50 - 7:05 pm to discuss personnel matters and receive the Superintendent's report. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

13.0 Communication from Citizens – Mr. Hank Marks inquired about the credentials of newly appointed board member, Mark Cardone. Dr. Grevera explained that Mr. Cardone is an educator and past business owner from Nanticoke. Mr. Marks made comments on past accomplishments of the GNA School Board.

14.0 **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next school board meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm.