

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018
AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL
 - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:
 - 2.1. Reorganization and Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session – December 5, 2017
3. COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
4. TREASURER REPORT – As of November 30, 2017
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS
 - 5.1. General Account list of bills for December 2017: \$1,385,041.32
 - 5.2. Family Center list of bills for December 2017: \$11,827.38
6. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENT
7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 - 7.1. Ms. Scibek (**Attachment**)
 - 7.2. Mrs. Baddick (**Attachment**)
 - 7.3. Mr. Gorham (**Attachment**)
 - 7.4. Mrs. Lipsey (**Attachment**)
8. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 9.1. **Athletics** (James, Cardone, Jacobs) James, Chairperson
 - 9.1.1. Athletic Report (**Attachment**)
 - 9.1.2. Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the **2017-2018** season:
(Note: Clearances on file.)

a. Softball Head Coach	Ryan Stetz
b. Softball Assistant I	Leanne Harvey
c. Softball Assistant II	Nina Matzoni
d. Basketball Videographer – Boys	Matthew Kruczek
 - 9.1.3. Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the **2018-2019** season: (Note: Clearances on file.)

a. Volleyball Head Coach – Girls	Deborah Gavin
b. Volleyball Assistant I – Girls	James Gavin
c. Volleyball JH Assistant – Girls	Tracy Biehl
d. Volleyball Timer – Girls	Joyce Pietrzyk
e. Alternate Libero Tracker/Timer	Carmella Brown
f. Volleyball Volunteer – Girls	Dave Marcossi
g. Golf Head Coach	Nina Matzoni
h. Golf Volunteer	Linda Helmecki
 - 9.1.4. Recommend the creation of a varsity winter track program for boys and girls to be registered with the PIAA. This program will be an extension of our spring track program

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and will allow our athletes to participate in winter track invitationals and carnivals. Our current track coaches will oversee this program and will use our existing uniforms and equipment.

- 9.2. **Buildings and Grounds** (Shepanski, James, Cardone) Shepanski, Chairperson
- 9.2.1. Buildings and Grounds Report (**Attachment**)
- 9.2.2. Recommend approval to accept the quote from Wenger for the purchase of a new acoustic band shell in the amount of \$6,111.00 (Note: Total amount is \$13,911.00 but chorus/band raised \$7,800.00.) (**Attachment**)
- 9.2.3. Motion to accept quote from Giant Floor & Wall Covering in the amount of \$3,125.00 to cap the steps in the Elementary Center.
- 9.2.4. Approve the following change orders for the month of January for the Kennedy Early Childhood Center: (**Attachment**)
- a. Install under slab raceway and floor box for POS station per EL-RFI-0075 in the amount of \$2,367.00 to G.R. Noto Electrical Construction.
 - b. Provide a credit of \$495.58 to the district from G.R. Noto Electrical Construction for adjustments.
 - c. Ductwork and GRD revisions in the amount of \$2,126.20 to PAMSCO.
 - d. Provide a credit for Radiant Panel modifications per CBH-1 in the amount of \$980.00 from PAMSCO.
- 9.2.5. Bob Wentz, GNA Wrestling Booster Club, request use of the high school cafeteria on Friday, January 12, 2018 for their regular monthly meeting.
- 9.2.6. Wade Rowles, Nanticoke Area Little League, requests permission to use the Ed Center gym to conduct tryouts from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on March 10-11, 2018 and from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on March 13 and 15, 2018.
- 9.2.7. Wade Rowles, Nanticoke Area Little League, requests permission to use the KM Smith field for the 2018 season from March 2018 – October 2018, 2018 to have practices when the school is not using it.
- 9.2.8. Wade Rowles, Nanticoke Area Little League, requests to use the practice field area adjacent to the parking lot behind the school Monday through Friday from April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm for practice and warm up prior to little league games.
- 9.3. **Education** (Prushinski, Wiaterowski, Jacobs) Prushinski, Chairperson
- 9.4. **Finance** (Shepanski, Cardone, Landmesser) Shepanski, Chairperson
- 9.4.1. Recommend approval of the attached list for credit reimbursements per provisions set forth in the GNA Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.2. Recommend approval of the attached list of incremental increases per provisions set forth in the GNA Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.3. Motion to ratify the purchase of a 13-month Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 with First National Bank (FNB) beginning December 6, 2017.
- 9.4.4. Motion to refund Mr. Thomas Loke of 75 Sunrise Ave., Plymouth, PA 18651-4650 2017 school real estate taxes in the amount of \$464.33. Reason for refund: Taxpayer overpaid.
- 9.4.5. Motion to refund Phyllis Heski of 1705 W. Main St., Plymouth, PA 18651-4668 2017 school real estate taxes in the amount of \$484.61. Reason for refund: Taxpayer overpaid.
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- 9.4.6. Motion to refund Mr. Joseph Waichulis of 316 Front St., Nanticoke, PA 18643 2017 school real estate taxes in the amount of \$970.38. Reason for refund: Disabled Veterans Exemption.
- 9.4.7. It is recommended that the Greater Nanticoke Area School District enter into an agreement with DeHey McAndrew as §403(b) administrators for the calendar year 2018 providing certain IRC §403(b) Salary Reduction Agreement (SRA) plan administration services. The cost of the plan is \$4,175 plus \$1.59 per contributor per payroll period. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.8. It is recommended that the Greater Nanticoke Area School District enter into a Consultative Retainer Agreement with DeHey McAndrew for the calendar year 2018 providing professional consultation, administration, informational services and the preparation and filing of IRS and Department of Labor informational reports and tax returns towards GNASD'S employee benefit plans and/or related human resources or personnel issues. The cost of the agreement is \$2,575. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.9. Adopt the **RESOLUTION** which indicates the Greater Nanticoke Area School District will not raise property taxes by more than its inflation index for 2018-2019 school year. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.10. Motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement with ATX Learning for speech and language services for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.11. Motion to approve the 2018-2019 General Operating Budget with Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18. **(Attachment)**

- 9.5. **Negotiations** (Wiaterowski, Prushinski, James) Wiaterowski, Chairperson
9.5.1. Recommend approval of the MOU between Greater Nanticoke School District and the Greater Nanticoke Area Education Association offering an early retirement incentive.

- 9.6. **Personnel** (Prushinski, Shepanski, Tennesen) 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. **(Attachment)**
9.6.3. Motion to accept the resignation of Mary Mikulski, cafeteria, retroactive to December 22, 2017.
9.6.4. Motion to accept the resignation of Catherine Steidinger, cleaner, retroactive to November 28, 2017.
9.6.5. Motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Kozich, Marching Band Director, retroactive to December 21, 2017.
9.6.6. Motion to approve Tyrone Thompson's request to take an unpaid temporary leave of absence from his cleaning position at KM Elementary effective December 12, 2017. He requests to work as a substitute janitor. This position has been temporarily vacated by Charles Prizniak. While working as substitute janitor, Mr. Thompson will forfeit his health benefits. Once he returns back to his cleaning position, he will have lost no seniority and his benefits will be reinstated.
9.6.7. Jessica Holton Fletcher, teacher, requests approval to take FMLA leave beginning April 3, 2018. She anticipates returning before the end of the 2017/2018 school year.
9.6.8. Motion to approve Charles Prizniak, janitor, request to take FMLA leave retroactive from November 2, 2017 through December 22, 2017.
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- 9.6.9. Motion to post/advertise for a cleaning position.
- 9.6.10. Motion to post and advertise for the Marching Band Director position.
- 9.6.11. Recommend approval to appoint Miranda Matthews to the position of 7th Grade Science teacher at Bachelor's Step 1 per the terms and conditions of the Professional CBA.
- 9.6.12. Motion to approve the following teachers for the After School Extra Help Program:
 - a. Jenn Daniels
 - b. Carol Hromisin
 - c. Lisa Kapral
 - d. Miranda Matthews
 - e. Ralph Piontkowski
 - f. Denise Roote
 - g. Cara Rogers
 - h. Lee Ann Duda
 - i. Linnea Wilczewski
 - j. Ann Marie O'Donnell
 - k. Kelly Swencki
 - l. Kristen Cunningham
 - m. Val Bartle
 - n. Megan Lewis
- 9.6.13. Motion to accept letter of resignation from Sara Grega, Field Hockey Head Coach, effective January 7, 2018.

9.7. **Policy** (Wiaterowski, Landmesser, Tennesen) Wiaterowski, Chairperson

- 9.7.1. Recommend approval of the revised board meeting dates for 2018. (**Attachment**)
- 9.7.2. Recommend the board approve the expulsion of student 01112018 for violation of District Policy No. 218.2 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

- 9.9. **Transportation** (James, Jacobs, Landmesser) James, Chairperson
 - 9.9.1. Recommend approval for purchase and installation of cameras from 247 Security Inc. in the amount of \$11,235 for the remaining buses that did not receive cameras in the first round of cameras purchased.

10.0 **Cafeteria** (Tennesen, Cardone, Jacobs, Landmesser) Tennesen, Chairperson

11.0 **Tabled Items**

12.0 **I.U. Update** **Olzinski/Wiaterowski**

13.0 **Wilkes Barre CTC Update** **Tennesen/Wiaterowski**

14.0 **Solicitor's Report** **Attorney DeLuca**

15.0 **Communication from citizens**

16.0 **Adjourn**

The next meeting of the GNA school Board will be on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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Requests – 9.6.2

1. Lori Dennis, GNA HS Life Skills teacher, requests to take the following CBI trips in January:
 - January 18 – Morris Family Restaurant & Good Will
 - January 25 – Movies 14 “The Last Jedi” (rated PG13)
 - January 31 – Grateful Roast Café in Nanticoke
2. Josh Olzinski requests to take his life skills class to Grotto Pizza on January 3, 2018.
3. Katie Jarman, College Advisor, requests to take six (6) students and one (1) chaperone to Franklin & Marshall College on February 27, 2018 to attend an information session about the college search process.
4. Sharon Baddick requests to send two guidance counselors to a Career Readiness Indicator Training on January 16 and 23, 2018 at the LIU.
5. The GNA PTA would like to add Independence Hall to the 5th grade field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo which was approved at November 2, 2017 board meeting.
6. Erica Barrera, teacher, requests to take four (4) students and one (1) chaperone to Wyoming Area High School on Saturday, January 27, 2018 to participate in the “History Bowl”. Total cost is \$210.00 includes registration and exam fees. Transportation is required. The event gives students an opportunity to apply the knowledge they have learned in school from various classes in a competitive setting.
7. Megan Iagnemma, teacher, requests permission to create a board game club where students could meet, play and learn about different board games. Board games can harness players need to have good reading and comprehension skills, reasoning, strategic thinking and mathematical ability. The club would take place 8th period in the library every Wednesday.
8. Linda Kelchner, Spanish teacher, and Dawn Marshall, Science Department chair, request permission to accompany a group of science and Spanish students on an 8-day trip to Quito, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands beginning June 17, 2019. Because the trip will occur after the conclusion of the academic year, there is no cost to the district. Sample itineraries and additional information is available for your review.