

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, April 6, 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

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

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance – Students from Mrs. Yefko and Mrs. Kowalski’s class lead the pledge.

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

2.1. Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session – March 9, 2017

2.2. Special Board Meeting/Executive Session – March 28, 2017

Motion by Mrs. Wiaterowski, seconded by Mr. Shepanski, to accept the minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting, March 9, 2017 and the Special Board Meeting, March 28, 2018. Upon voice vote, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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

4. TREASURER REPORT

Motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, 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 February 2017: \$1,100,488.66

5.2. Family center list of bills for February 2017: \$15,800.45

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

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

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

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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 post the following Winter Sports positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

Basketball – Boys

- Head Coach
- Assistant I
- Assistant II
- Assistant III
- Assistant IV
- Scorekeeper
- Timer
- Camera Person

Basketball – Girls

- Head Coach
- Assistant I
- Assistant II
- Assistant III
- Assistant IV
- Scorekeeper
- Timer
- Camera Person

Wrestling

- Head Coach
- Assistant I
- Assistant II
- Scorekeeper

Swimming

- Head Coach
- Assistant I
- Timer
- Scorekeeper

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

a. Track Assistant III

Dana Crockett

b. Track Junior High Head Coach

Paige Antall

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- 9.1.4 Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the **2017-2018** season:
(Note: Clearances on file.)
a. Softball Volunteer Paul Robert Cullen
- 9.1.5 Recommend approval to purchase a high jump landing system from Gill Athletics
in the amount of \$6,060.67.

Motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Olzinski, 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 Recommend approval of Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, State Contract KPN-201302-01,
for materials and installment of stadium lighting in the amount of \$367,680.00.
- 9.2.3 Recommend approval for Nanticoke City to hold their annual Independence Day
Celebration with fireworks in the football stadium and surrounding areas on July 1, 2017
from 5:00 pm until dusk. *Location contingent upon stadium light installation project.*
- 9.2.4 Ann Marie Coughlin, 12th Man Football President, requests to use the football field for
Cow Chip Bingo in coordination with the Big Bang Fireworks Event on July 1, 2017.

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** - 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.
- 9.4.2. Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increases. *N/A*
- 9.4.3. The Newport Township Municipal Authority requests a motion to waive current and past
due taxes on the property at 68 West Main St., Glen Lyon. It is a blight property in
uninhabitable condition and must be demolished.
- 9.4.4. Conyngham Township Board of Supervisors requests a motion to waive current and past
due taxes on the property at 145 Main St., Mocanaqua. The building is in a dilapidated
condition and is a blight property in the Luzerne County Repository. The acquisition of this
property is for demolition and removal.
- 9.4.5. Motion to refund Northeast Counseling Services \$213.85 for 2016-2017 School Real Estate
taxes for property at 67 W. Green St., Nanticoke. Reason for refund: Parcel Exempt.
- 9.4.6. Motion to refund Northeast Counseling Services \$242.07 for 2016-2017 School Real Estate
taxes for property 311 S. Hanover St. thru 315 Hanover St., Nanticoke. Reason for refund:
Parcel Exempt.
- 9.4.7. Motion to refund Northeast Counseling Services \$683.86 for 2016-2017 School Real Estate
taxes for property at 109 W. Green St., Nanticoke. Reason for refund: Parcel Exempt.

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Motion by Mr. Olzinski, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, to accept the Finance Report.
Upon voice vote, all present voted yes except Mr. Landmesser voted no on 9.4.5, 9.4.6 and 9.4.7.
Motion passes.

9.5. **Negotiations** - Gary Smith, 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 attached list of requests, field trips and conferences.

9.6.3. Recommend the following extra-curricular positions be posted for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Band Director
- Assistant I
- Assistant II
- Spanish Club Advisor (*unpaid position*)
- French Club Advisor (*unpaid position*)
- Student Council Co-Advisors
- High School Newspaper Advisor
- Elementary Newspaper Advisor
- Honor Society Advisor
- Coordinator of Nurses
- Senior Projects Advisor
- Senior Class Advisors
- Junior Class Advisors
- Sophomore Class Advisors
- High School Yearbook Co-Advisors
- Art Club Advisor (*unpaid position*)
- Cheerleading Advisor
- Athletic Club Advisor (*unpaid position*)
- Writing Club Advisor (*unpaid position*)
- Chess Club Advisors (*unpaid position*)
- Educational Center Yearbook Advisor
- Head Teacher (Educational Center)
- Head Teacher (KM Smith Elementary)
- Head Teacher (Elementary Center)
- Website Designer
- Chorus Director (High School)
- Bookroom Attendant

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- 9.6.4 Susan DeCinti requests approval of intermittent FMLA beginning March 13, 2017 for a period of six months.
- 9.6.5 Kenneth Shimko requests approval of retroactive FMLA from March 9, 2017 through March 16, 2017.
- 9.6.6 Recommend appointing David Baker to the position of full time Speech/Language Pathologist at Master's/Step 1 in the Professional Contract Agreement.
- 9.6.7 Jennis Bunnell requests to take one unpaid day on May 12, 2017.
- 9.6.8 Recommend approval to post and advertise for summer school teachers in the following subjects:
- Science
 - Math
 - English
 - Social Studies
- 9.6.9 Recommend appointing Angela Evans as Special Education Attorney from the Law Offices of Angela J. Evans.
- 9.6.10 Request approval to post internally for three (3) ESY teachers and three (3) aides for the Extended School Year Programs to be held July 5-August 10, 2017 at GNA.

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:
- April 13th for January 2nd (originally scheduled as a day of school)
 - April 17th for March 10th
 - June 9th for March 14th
 - June 12th for March 15th
 - June 13th for March 16th
 - June 14th for March 17th
- 9.7.2 Approve a letter to be sent to the Northeastern Pennsylvania School District Health Trust giving our notice of intent to withdraw from the trust at the end of 2018. The letter will be sent before June 30, 2017. The District will remain in the Trust for the 2017-2018 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** - Megan Tennesen, Chairperson: No report.

9.9. **Transportation** (James, Smith, Olzinski) Ken James, Chairperson

- 9.9.1 Recommend approval to add Alan Rosenbaum as a driver for Dobbs Transportation.

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

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| 10.0 | Tabled Items | |
| 11.0 | I.U. Update | Olzinski/Wiaterowski |
| 12.0 | Wilkes Barre CTC Update | Tennesen/Wiaterowski |
| 13.0 | Solicitor's Report | Attorney DeLuca |
| 14.0 | Communication from citizens | |
| 15.0 | Adjourn | |

The next meeting of the GNA School Board will be on Thursday, May 11, 2017.