

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School.

1.0 ROLL CALL

Mrs. Wiaterowski called the Roll: PRESENT: Tennesen, Landmesser, Smith, Olzinski, Verazin, Wiaterowski and James. Absent: Prushinski. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Chuck (Melone's Office).

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Elementary Center Super Students of the month:

Atticus Warren Minnick; Zachary Winder; and Antonio Hernandez

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, to accept the minutes of the following meeting(s).

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session –March 10, 2016

Upon voice vote, all present voted aye, Motion passes.

3.0 COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were no comments.

4.0 TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. James, to accept the Treasurer Report.

4.1 Treasurer Report

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

5.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Olzinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for March 2016: \$ 302,164.35

5.2 Family Center list of bills for March 2016: \$ 14,116.49

Upon roll call, all present voted yes, Motion passes.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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6.1 Report

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None

8.0 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, to approve the Secretary's Report.

Upon voice vote, all present voted aye. Motion passes.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Athletics**

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, to approve the Athletic report.

9.1.1 Athletic Report

9.1.2 Recommend approval to appoint the following 2016-2017 coaches.

(Clearances on file)

- a. Head Boys' Basketball Coach.....John Beggs
 - b. Boys' Basketball Asst. 1.....Ed Lukowski
 - c. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Al Brown
 - d. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Eric Spencer
 - e. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Zach Pientka
 - f. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Matt Meade
- Salary for Asst. Boys' Basketball coaches 2, 3, and 4 will be totaled and divided equally between 5 coaches. *(Note: One coach still pending clearances)*
- g. Boys' Basketball Scoreboard.....Tracy Biehl
 - h. Boys' Basketball Video.....Matt Kruczek
 - i. Head Girls' Basketball Coach.....Alan Yendrzeiwski
 - j. Head Swim Coach.....Clare Finn
 - k. Swim Timer.....Mary Writer
 - l. Swim Scorekeeper.....Paula Fine

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.2 **Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Shepanski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Landmesser, to approve the Buildings and Grounds Report.

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- 9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report
- 9.2.2 Recommend approval to post a historical marker in front of the Greater Nanticoke High School in honor of Governor John S. Fine (1893-1978) by the PA Historical and Museum Commission. **(Attachment)**
- 9.2.3 Recommend approval for the Nanticoke Little League to use the practice field area adjacent to the parking lot from Monday through Friday from 5-7pm for practice and warm ups prior to the little league games from April 1st through June 30th, 2016.
- 9.2.4 Recommend approval for the GNA Chorus Parents to hold their annual Chorus Banquet in the blue cafeteria on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 from 6-9:30pm. Food will be catered; a DJ will provide music and senior members will receive awards.
- 9.2.5 Recommend approval for the GNA Wrestling Booster Club to hold their monthly meeting on April 20th, 2016 from 6-9pm in the HS cafeteria.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.3 Education

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. James, to approve the Education Report.

- 9.3.1 Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Franklin and Marshall College for participating in the College Advising Corps at a District cost of \$24,000 for the 2016-2017 school year. **(Attachment)**
- 9.3.2 Recommend approval to establish an Extended School Year (ESY) program for Life Skills Support at the Educational Center and High School beginning on 7/5/16 and ending 8/11/16. All costs for the ESY program will be reimbursed through IDEA funding for ESY via LIU 18.
- 9.3.3 Recommend adopting K-7 math series of "Go Math" Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for six years at a cost of \$144,825.72.
- 9.3.4 Recommend adopting McGraw Hill Education Building Citizenship Civics and Economics for 8th Grade civics.
- 9.3.5 Recommend approval to submit the Special Education Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. **(Attachment)**

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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9.4 Finance

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. James, to approve the Finance Report.

9.4.1 Recommend approval of the attached list for credit reimbursements.

(Attachment)

9.4.2 Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increases.

(Attachment)

9.4.3 Recommend approval to solicit quotes for Worker's Comp. Insurance.

9.4.4 MOVE, that the Board approve settlement of a matter concerning a special education student [or concerning special education student # 04072016]; the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of \$20,000.00 and reimbursement of \$8,500.00 in attorney's fees.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.5 Negotiations

9.6. Personnel

Mrs. Tennesen made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Smith, to approve the Personnel Report.

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

9.6.2 Recommend approval of the attached list of field trips and conferences.

(Attachment)

9.6.3 Approve posting for student workers for 2016 summer positions.

9.6.4 Recommend approval to post 2 teacher and 4 paraprofessional positions for the ESY program. All salaries will be reimbursed through IDEA funding for ESY via LIU 18.

9.6.5 Recommend approval to accept the retirement letter from Joe Novak, cleaner, effective April 15, 2016. **(Attachment)**

9.6.6 Recommend approval to appoint the following 2016 summer school teachers:

- a. Mr. Collins.....Science
- b. Mr. Rauh.....Math
- c. Mr. Piontkowski.....Social Studies
- d. Mrs. Jeffries.....English

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9.6.7 Recommend approval for an unpaid leave for Rose Maholski, aide, from May 10th to May 13th, 2016 for personal reasons.

9.6.8 Recommend approval to accept the resignation letter from Lori Demski, aide, effective April 15th, 2016. (**Attachment**)

9.6.9 Recommend approval to post a Special Ed Aide position.

9.6.10 Recommended approval that the following extra-curricular positions for the 2016-2017 school year be posted:

- A. Band Director (Post and Advertise)
 - Assistant I
 - Assistant II
- ☆ B. Spanish Club Advisor
- ☆ C. French Club Advisor
- D. Student Council Co-Advisors
- E. High School Newspaper Advisor
- F. Elementary Newspaper Advisor
- G. Honor Society Advisor
- H. Coordinator of Nurses
- I. Senior Projects Advisor
- J. Senior Class Advisors
- K. Junior Class Advisors
- L. Sophomore Class Advisors
- M. High School Yearbook Co-Advisors
- ☆ N. Art Club Advisor
- O. Cheerleading Advisor
- ☆ P. Athletic Club Advisor
- ☆ Q. Writing Club Advisor
- ☆ R. Chess Club Advisors
- S. Educational Center Yearbook Advisor
- T. Head Teacher (Educational Center)
- U. Head Teacher (Kennedy)
- V. Website Designer
- W. Chorus Director (High School)
- X. Bookroom Attendant
- Y. Department Heads
 - Math
 - English
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Electives (Specials)
 - Title 1 Reading
 - Special Education

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☆ = Non-Paying Position

- 9.6.11 Recommend approval to accept the resignation letter from Jason Woodard, aide, effective April 29th, 2016. (**Attachment**)
- 9.6.12 Recommend approval for Ken Shimko, maintenance, to take an FMLA. This leave will be intermittent.
- 9.6.13 Recommend approval for Theresa Jacopetti, teacher, to take an FMLA. This leave will be intermittent.
- 9.6.14 Recommend approval for Debra Munson, secretary, to take an FMLA. This leave will be intermittent.
- 9.6.15 Recommend approval for Theresa Walts to take two unpaid days on Wednesday, April 27th and May 16th, 2016 to chaperone student field trips.
- 9.6.16 Recommend approval for Mike Wisniewski, school police officer, to take an FMLA. This leave will be intermittent

Mr. James: Can we send a letter to Mr. Novak for his retirement.

Dr. Grevera: Yes

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.7 Policy

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, to approve the Policy Report.

- 9.7.1 Recommend approval to amend the 2015-2016 school calendar to change May 6th, 2016 to a full Act 80 day. (*Note: It was originally scheduled as a half Act 80*)
- 9.7.2 Recommend that the Board accept the **First** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy adding No. 815.1; Staff Cell Phone Use. (**Attachment**)
- 9.7.3 Recommend approval to appoint Megan Tennesen as the Greater Nanticoke Area School District representative and Wendy Wiaterowski as alternate to the Wilkes Barre CTC Board.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.8 Safety

9.9 Transportation

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10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. James, to approve the Tabled Item.

- 10.1. It is recommended that the computers in the Elementary Center be updated by entering into a three year agreement with HP for 200 machines at a total cost of \$127,000 to be divided over a three year period with a buyout in the fourth year. All funding for the first year of the project is in the 2015-2016 Technology Budget. (Note: There is no extra cost to the District since the money is in the current approved budget).

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

Mrs. Tennesen gave the minutes from the March 2016 meeting at CTC.

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Vito DeLuca announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and discussed personal matters and matters relating to a pending litigation and also received a report from the Superintendent. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Marks: Asked about the budget for the school districts in PA.

Mr. Verazin: They are still in discussion.

Deb (audience): Asked the Board if the graduation ceremony was going to be held indoors. Board explained that it was decided several years ago that all future graduations were to be held indoors due to weather (rain or temperature) and the set up by staff.

Dr. Grevera also explained the reasons for holding it inside.

Mr. Grevera explained the problems with setting up both for inside and outside.

Discussion continued with board members about graduation inside versus outside.

15.0 ADJOURN:

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski to adjourn the meeting.

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