

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, April 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:20 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School.

1.0 ROLL CALL

Mr. Prushinski called the Roll: PRESENT: Wiaterowski, James, Verazin, Tennesen, Beggs, Prushinski, Smith and Shepanski. Absent: Raineri. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Chuck from Al Melone's Office.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session--March 12, 2015

Special Meeting--March 24, 2015

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. Shepanski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for March 2015: \$ 1,774,786.16(**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for March 2015: \$11,083.68 (**Attachment**)

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

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6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 Mr. Long (**Attachment**)
- 7.2 Dr. Scott (**Attachment**)
- 7.3 Mr. Gorham (**Attachment**)
- 7.4 Maryann Jarolen (**Attachment**)
- 7.5 Susan Lipsey (**Attachment**)

8.0 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski, 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, Mrs. Tennesen, to approve the Athletic report.

9.1.1 Athletic Report

9.1.2 It is recommended that the following coaches be appointed for the 2015-2016 season: *Clearances on File*

- a. Girls Basketball Head Coach.....Alan Yendrzejewski
- b. Head Swim Coach.....Clare Finn
- c. Assistant Swim Coach.....Loretta Nutaitis
- d. Head Boys' Basketball Coach.....John Beggs
- e. Volunteer Girls' Volleyball Coach.....John Pietrzyk
- f. Football Asst. IV-b Coach.....Ken Kasprzyk (Split Salary)

9.1.3 It is recommended that the following coaches be appointed for the 2014-2015 season: *Clearances on File*

- a. Volunteer Asst. Boys' Volleyball Coach.....Joe Shimko
- b. Volunteer Asst. Boys' Volleyball Coach.....Austin Siegel

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

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9.2 Buildings and Grounds

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

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

9.2.2 The Honey Pot Volunteer Fire Department request permission to use the HS parking lot for their parade registration, inspection, and line-up on June 27, 2015 from 7am to 3pm. They are hosting the 112th Annual Six County Fireman's Association of PA Convention which includes a large fireman's parade.

9.2.3 The GNA Wrestling Booster Club requests permission to use the HS cafeteria on April 15, 2015 from 6pm to 9pm to hold their regular meeting.

9.2.4 The boys' and girls' basketball coaches request permission to use the HS and Elementary Center gyms from June 16th to June 20th from 8:30am to 4:30pm for their summer camp.

9.2.5 Kayla Reposky and Lovelia Pascuzzo request permission to have a Cheer for Cure cheer competition on October 11, 2015 as their Senior Project. A practice session will also be held on Saturday, October 10th. All money will be given to Candy's Place. They will use the football field and facilities.

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

9.3 Education

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Smith, to approve the Education Report.

9.3.1 It is recommended the Board approve the agreement between WVIA Education Enhanced Scholar Program and Greater Nanticoke Area School District for the 2015-2016; 2016-2017; 2017-2018 school years at a cost of \$1,425.00 per year. **(Attachment)**

9.3.2 It is recommended that a group of science and Spanish students along with chaperones take an educational trip to Costa Rica from June 12-18, 2016. Note: No cost to the district **(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 It is recommended that Paul and Susan Shiptoski, 9 Main Road Lee, Glen Lyon, PA 18617 be refunded \$475.14 due to veteran exemption.

(Attachment)

9.4.4 It is recommended that the Board accept the LIU Budget as presented for the 2015-2016 school year. **(Attachment)**

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

9.5 Negotiations

9.6. Personnel

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Tennesen, 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 Recommend approval of the following substitute teachers:

a. Ryan Elmy.....Middle Level Math

9.6.4 It is recommended that the following extra-curricular positions for the 2015-2016 school year be posted:

- A. Band Director
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

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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 (KM Smith Elementary)
V.	Head Teacher (Elementary Center)
W.	Website Designer
X.	Chorus Director (High School)
Y.	Bookroom Attendant
☆ =	Non-Paying Position

- 9.6.5 Ratify the request for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Theresa Jacopetti, teacher. This leave request will start March 3rd with a return date of April 14th, 2015.
- 9.6.6 Ratify the request for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Brenda Sowa, teacher. This leave request will start March 2nd, 2015 and will be intermittent.
- 9.6.7 Recommend approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Debra Munson, Secretary. This leave will be intermittent.
- 9.6.8 Recommend approval for Holly Rule to take 6 weeks of unpaid time for personal reasons starting April 7th, 2015 to May 26th, 2015.
- 9.6.9 Recommend approval to accept the resignation letter from Brent Briggs, custodian, effective April 7, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.10 Recommend approval to post a custodian position.
- 9.6.11 Recommend approval to post high school 2015 summer school teaching positions for the following: Math; English, Social Studies, and Science.
- 9.6.12 Recommend approval to post student workers for 2015 summer positions. **(Note: 4 positions in building and grounds; 1 office)**
- 9.6.13 Recommend approval to pay "Balance of Contract" to Debra Albanese by the last day of June 2015 due to her retirement.

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9.6.14 Recommend approval for Mary Mikulski, cafeteria, to take 3 unpaid days on May 7th, 8th, and 11th, 2015 for personal reasons.

9.6.15 Rescind the motion made on February 12, 2015 to increase the wages for Family Center Staff retroactive to January 1, 2015. The motion should have a retroactive date of October 1, 2014. (*Note: Paid by the Community Innovative Grant*)

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

9.7 Policy

9.8 Safety

9.9 Transportation

10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Vito DeLuca announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00pm to 7:20 pm and personnel, lawsuits and student matters were discussed. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Catherine Hall and Andrea spoke about getting uniforms and equipment for the band, a feeder program in elementary and to think about hiring a half day music teacher.

Dr. Grevera said he will speak to the Mr. Bunnell and the Principal about getting uniforms. The budget cannot add another music teacher at this time but changes have been made to have the current music teacher add some instrumental classes.

Mr. Shepanski asked if Mr. Bunnell can donate any time to help the students.

Mr. Marks: Programs were eliminated back in the 1990s due to bankruptcy but we have brought them back. We have a lot of low income and elderly people in this district. It is a good thing to have these programs if we can afford it.

Mr. James: the athletic program is 1% of our budget.

Mr. Grevera: 1.2 million dollars go to cyber schools. Just think what this district could do with that money. We need to take a good hard look into the cyber schools.

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Mr. Prushinski: Asked how many members are in the band. Told them to come back in May for an answer about the uniforms.

15.0 ADJOURN:

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all present voted aye. Motion passes.

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