

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Prushinski called the Roll: PRESENT: Smith, James, Prushinski, Wiaterowski and Tennesen. Also present were Atty. DeLuca, Albert Melone and Dr. Ronald Grevera. Matt Landmesser, Frank Shepanski, Len Olzinski and Ryan Verazin were absent.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:  
Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to accept the Minutes from the regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session from July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

3.0 COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None.

4.0 TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Tennesen, to accept the Treasurer Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

5.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS:

5.1 General Account list of bills for July 2016: \$318,051.77 (**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for July 2016: \$10,368.75 (**Attachment**)

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to accept the Treasurer Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Grevera thanked Mr. Schwenk for his short tenure at GNA and welcomed Ms. Amy Scibek to GNA School District as the next HS principal (pending board approval).
- The findings of Act I of 2016 were discussed as well as recommendations pursuant to Act I which dealt with high school graduation/post-secondary readiness requirements.
- A reminder to parents and the community that the first day of school was August 31<sup>st</sup> for all students in the district.

- Mr. Gorham was thanked for his work on the GNA Response Protocol.
- Dr. Grevera submitted his resignation and rehire in accordance PDE requirements.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 Mr. Schwenk
- 7.2 Mrs. Baddick
- 7.3 Mr. Gorham
- 7.4 Mrs. Lipsey

8.0 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski, to accept the Board Secretary's Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Athletics** (James, Landmesser, Shepanski)

Ken James, Chairperson

9.1.1 Athletic Report

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

- a. Volunteer Asst. Football.....Richard Balderrama
- b. Volunteer Asst. Football.....Jerry Bavitz
- c. Girls Basketball Scoreboard Operator.....Kevin Ward
- d. Baseball Asst. I.....Kevin Ward
- e. Boys Basketball Scorekeeper.....Kevin Ward
- f. Girls Volleyball Asst. II.....Matt Labenski
- g. Field Hockey Scorekeeper.....Jenna Lehman
- h. Baseball Asst. IV.....Allen Brown

9.1.3 Recommend GNA School District establishes a Competitive Spirit program for grades 9 through 12. This program would be incorporated into and administered by the Athletic Department and would be subject to all of its policies and procedures along with those of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

9.1.4 Recommend approval of the GNA Coaches Handbook.

9.1.5 Recommend to accept the resignation of Girls' Volleyball Coach Assistant II Celeste Deslich.

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, to accept the Athletic Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.2 **Buildings and Grounds** (Shepanski, James, Smith)

Frank Shepanski, Chairperson

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

9.2.2 Recommend approval for the Newport Bidly Basketball, Inc. to utilize K.M. Smith, the Elementary Center, and the Ed Center to run the Bidly Basketball program from September 2016 through March 2017. Use of the Elementary Center Gym is also requested for sign-ups on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

9.2.3 Recommend approval for the Nanticoke Junior Trojans Football Association to use the football field on the following dates:

- Sunday, August 21, 2016
- Sunday, August 28, 2016
- Sunday, September 4, 2016
- Sunday, September 11, 2016
- Sunday, October 9, 2016

9.2.4 Recommend approval for the Band Parent's Organization to utilize the high school cafeteria on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from noon until 9:00 pm for the end of band camp luncheon. Use of the concession stand is also requested during home games (maintenance vehicles to be moved that day as early as possible):

- Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, to accept the Buildings and Grounds Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes

9.3 **Education** (Prushinski, Wiaterowski, Landmesser)

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

9.3.1 Recommend approval to adopt student handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year.

9.3.2 Recommend approval of Special Education Procedure Manual for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prushinski, to accept the Education Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.4 **Finance** (Smith, Olzinski, Tennesen)

Gary Smith, Chairperson

9.4.1 Recommend approval of the submitted list for credit reimbursements.

9.4.2 Recommend approval of the submitted list for increment increases.

- 9.4.3 Ratify the approval of the Agreement with Eastern Insurance for Sports and Student Accident Insurance for 2016-2017 school year. *Cost: \$13,097*
- 9.4.4 Recommend approval of P.R.O.S. Rehabilitation, Inc. to provide (PT) physical therapy and (OT) occupational therapy for the 2016-2017 school year at the contracted rate of \$70.00 per hour and a Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.
- 9.4.5 Recommend approval to donate \$5,000 to the Mill Memorial Library.
- 9.4.6 Motion to approve FS&L Financial Solutions to act as the exclusive financial advisor for the school district's annual continuing disclosure requirements for a two-year period effective August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 9.4.7 Motion to ratify the contract of Conrad Siegel Actuaries to ensure compliance with Section 6055 and 6056 employer reporting mandated under the Affordable Care Act at a cost of \$6,850.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, to accept the Finance Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

**9.5 Negotiations** (Smith, Wiaterowski, Landmesser)

Gary Smith, Chairperson

**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 field trips, conferences and requests.
- 9.6.3 Recommend approval to accept the letter of resignation of High School Principal Mr. Matthew Schwenk.
- 9.6.4 Recommend posting and advertising the position of high school principal retroactive to July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 9.6.5 Recommend to appoint the following teachers as mentors to the newly hired Elementary teachers:
  - a. Edward Grant for Andrew Kaminsky
  - b. Pamela Coleman for Leann Duda
  - c. Tracey Egenski for Jennifer Harnischfeger
- 9.6.6 Recommend approval to appoint Amy Scibek as GNA High School Principal at a cost of \$ 88,500.
- 9.6.7 Recommend approval to appoint Dr. Robert D. Mauro, Educational Consultant, as Federal Programs Coordinator at a cost of \$4,000 for the 2016-2017 school year and as District Grant Writer at a cost of five (5) percent of the value of any additional governmental or private grant

successfully brought to the district. Travel expenses would include mileage and the cost of any overnight stays. **(Attachment)**

- 9.6.8 Ratify approval to accept the retirement letter from MaryAnn Prizniak, Cleaner, effective July 28, 2016. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.9 Recommend approval to post for position of Cleaner.
- 9.6.10 Recommend approval for Charles Prizniak to take intermittent FMLA leave effective immediately for a period of one year (7/1/16 – 6/30/17).
- 9.6.11 Recommend approval to accept the letter of resignation of Heidi Mullen, Special Education teacher, effective July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 9.6.12 Recommend approval to post for position of Special Education Teacher retroactive to July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 9.6.13 Recommend approval to appoint Ryan J. Kozick as Marching Band Director for the 2016-2017 season.
- 9.6.14 Recommend approval to appoint Melanie Lumi as Band Assistant II.
- 9.6.15 Recommend adding the following teacher(s) to the substitute teacher list:
  - a. Maureen Lisman – Certified in Elementary Ed Pre-K – 4
  - b. Lauren Jacobino – Certified in Elementary PreK-4/Special Education PreK-8
  - c. Vincent Genoble – Certified in Elementary K-4/Special Education K-8
  - d. Maggie Gola – Certified in Secondary Mathematics
- 9.6.16 Recommend accepting letter of resignation from Dr. Ronald Grevera, Superintendent.
- 9.6.17 Recommend approving the rehire of Dr. Ronald Grevera, Superintendent for a five year term effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021.
- 9.6.18 Recommend approval for Angela Sager, teacher, to take a leave of absence for personal reasons beginning on or about October 22, 2016 returning approximately January 18, 2017. She will use sick, personal and unpaid days while on leave.
- 9.6.19 Recommend approval to appoint Erin Kasa to the position of Special Education Aide effective August 29, 2016 per the terms and conditions of the support staff CBA.
- 9.6.20 Recommend approval to appoint Joanne Mendrzycki to the position of Special Education Aide effective August 29, 2016 per the terms and conditions of the support staff CBA.
- 9.6.21 Recommend approval to appoint Jennifer Lamb Pritchard to the position of Special Education Aide effective August 29, 2016 per the terms and conditions of the support staff CBA.
- 9.6.22 Recommend approval to appoint Deborah Degosky to the position of Special Education Aide effective August 29, 2016 per terms and conditions of the support staff CBA.
- 9.6.23 Recommend approval to appoint Tammy Boyd to the position of long-term substitute for speech and language for the 2016-2017 school year.

9.6.24 Recommend approval to appoint Jenette Stapert to the position of Special Education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at a Bachelor's Step 1.

9.6.25 Recommend approval to appoint Holly Sod to the position of Hall Monitor effective August 29, 2016 per the terms and conditions of the support staff CBA.

9.6.26 Recommend approval for Janell Barna to take FMLA leave beginning August 29, 2016 through October 2016.

9.6.27 Recommend approval for James Barna to take FMLA leave beginning October 2016.

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, to accept the Personnel Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

**9.7 Policy** (Wiaterowski, Prushinski, Tennesen)

Wendy Wiaterowski, Chairperson

**9.8 Safety** (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Olzinski)

Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

9.8.1 Recommend approval of the GNA Response Protocol.

Mrs. Tennesen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to accept the Safety Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

**9.9 Transportation** (James, Smith, Olzinski)

Ken James, Chairperson

9.9.1 Recommend approval for the posting of bus numbers, stops, and pick up times on the GNA Website. This information will be removed after the start of school.

9.9.2 Recommend approval of the list of *tentative* bus stops for the 2016-2017 school year.

9.9.3 Recommend approval of the contracts for the private contractors for the 2016-2017 school year. Private contractors are:

- a. Michael Shusta
- b. Cragle Bus Service
- c. Antoinette Bonk

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, to accept the Transportation Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

**10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

Len Olzinski/Wendy Wiaterowski

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

Megan Tennesen/Wendy Wiaterowski

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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Solicitor Vito DeLuca announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00pm to 7:00 pm and to discuss personnel matters and receive the superintendent's report. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

- Mr. Wiaterowski thanked the Dr. Grevera and the district for the providing a successful annual fireworks display.
- Mr. Marks inquired about the status of the bid opening. Dr. Grevera informed him that it was to take place on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

15.0 ADJOURN

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes.

\*Next meeting of the GNA School Board will be on September 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.