

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015

- 1.0 ROLL CALL
  - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:
  - 2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—July 16, 2015
- 3.0 COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:
- 4.0 TREASURER REPORT
- 5.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS:
  - 5.1 General Account list of bills for July 2015: \$408,682.32 (**Attachment**)
  - 5.2 Family Center list of bills for July 2015: \$10,557.05 (**Attachment**)
- 6.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
- 7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
- 8.0 BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT
- 9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ken James, Chairperson

- 9.1.1 Athletic Report
- 9.1.2 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Lindsay Thomas as Junior High Field Hockey Coach and appoint her as a volunteer coach.
- 9.1.3 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Heather Kowalski as Girls Volleyball Asst. II Coach and appoint her as a volunteer coach and alternate scorekeeper.
- 9.1.4 Recommend approval to appoint the following 2015-2016 coaches:  
**(Note:Clearances on file)**
  - a. Boys’ Volleyball Head Coach.....Deb Gavin
  - b. Boys’ Volleyball Assistant 1.....Jim Gavin
  - c. Boys’ Volleyball Timer.....Joyce Pietrzyk
  - d. Boys’ Volleyball Volunteer.....John Pietrzyk
  - e. Boys’ Volleyball Volunteer.....Chrislyn Cabonilas
  - f. Boys’ Volleyball Volunteer.....Robert Burke

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- g. Boys' Volleyball Volunteer.....Joe Shimko
- h. Boys' Volleyball Volunteer.....Jordan Williams
- i. Girls' Soccer Head Coach.....Rich Compton
- j. Girls' Soccer Asst. 1.....Dave Lane
- k. Girls' Volleyball Scorer/Vol.....Heather Kowalski
- l. Football Volunteer Coach.....Walter Szychowski
- m. Football Volunteer Coach.....Dean Myers
- n. Field Hockey Asst. II.....Kayla Reakes
- o. Softball Head Coach.....Ryan Stetz
- p. Softball Asst. I.....Leanne Harvey
- q. Softball Asst. II.....Leah Lavelle
- r. Softball Asst. III.....Nina Matzoni
- s. Softball Scorekeeper.....Bill Hischak
- t. Baseball Head Coach.....Dean Myers
- u. Baseball Asst. II.....Kevin Ward
- v. Baseball Asst. III.....Walt Szychowski
- w. Baseball Volunteer.....Ralph Piontkowski
- x. Field Hockey Volunteer.....Jen Harnischfeger

**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 use the K.M. Smith, Elementary, and Ed Center to run the Bidly Basketball program from October 2015 to March 2016. We would also need to use the Elementary Center Gym for sign-ups on 9/8, 9/9, and 9/13 from 6-8pm. Pending receipt of insurance.

9.2.3 MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A MAXIMUM PROJECT COST AND A MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION DESCRIPTION, PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROPER NOTICE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Greater Nanticoke Area School District (the "District") is a School District created and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the District has determined that certain new and expanded school facilities may be required for use of the pupils of this School District, and has authorized certain preliminary steps to be taken with regard to school projects, consisting of planning, designing, constructing, and furnishing the Kennedy Elementary School; and

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WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended (the "School Code"), including amendments made pursuant to Act 34 of the 1973 ("Act 34"), requires that a public hearing be held prior to the construction, the entering into a contract to construct, or the entering into a contract to lease a new school building or a substantial addition to an existing school building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors desires to authorize its Solicitor, Architect, Financial Consultant, and others to take certain actions with respect to these Projects; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to take certain action with respect to this Project, and to comply with Act 34 and the School Code; and

WHEREAS, the District has received from the Architect the estimated costs of this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves a maximum project cost for the Kennedy Elementary School Project of \$9,117,000 and a maximum building construction cost for the Kennedy Elementary School Project of \$5,600,700.
2. A public hearing for the purpose of informing the public generally of the Project and to receive public comment shall be held in the Auditorium of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School, 425 Kosciuszko Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634, on Thursday, September 10, 2015, beginning at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time.
3. A description of the Project shall be made available to the public at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing.
4. The description shall be mailed to the news media in sufficient time for release not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.
5. A notice of hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing. The notice is attached hereto and made a part hereof as if set forth in its entirety.
6. The notice of hearing shall advise residents how they may gain agenda time, submit written testimony, or both.
7. This School District hereby authorizes Vito J. DeLuca, Solicitor of this School District, to perform such acts on behalf of this School District as may be necessary in connection with these Projects.
8. This School District hereby authorizes the firm known as EI Associates, Architect for these Projects; to perform such acts on behalf of the School District as may be necessary in connection with these Projects.

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9. This School District hereby authorizes the firm of PNC Capital Markets LLC, as Financial Consultant, to perform such acts on behalf of the School District as may be necessary in connection with these Projects.

10. This School District further authorizes the engagement of a court stenographer to transcribe the Act 34 Public Hearing proceedings, consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

11. The Superintendent, the proper officers of the Board of School Directors, the Solicitor, the Project Architect, and the Financial Consultant are authorized and directed to take such other actions, obtain such approvals, and execute such documents as may be necessary, desired, or required to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

9.2.4 Recommend approval to purchase a John Deere Z9770R Commercial ZTrak Tractor at a cost of \$14,196.62. *(Note: PA State Contracted Price)*  
**(Attachment)**

9.2.5 Recommend approval to accept the quote from John Deere Landscapes to purchase a water reel at the cost of \$9,419.02. *(Note: Costar state contracted price)* **(Attachment)**

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

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

9.3.1 Recommend approval to adopt student handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year.

**9.4 Finance** (Smith, Raineri, Beggs)

Gary Smith, Chairperson

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 MOVE, that the Board approve settlement of a matter concerning a special education student the terms of the written settlement agreement to include compensatory education in the amount of \$10,000.00 and reimbursement of \$5,000.00 in attorney's fees.

9.4.4 Recommend approval of P.R.O.S. Rehabilitation, Inc. to provide (PT) physical therapy and (OT) occupational therapy at the contracted rate of \$65.00 per hour and a certified physical therapy assistant (COTA) and certified occupational therapy assistant (PTA) at a rate of \$45.00 per hour.  
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9.4.5 Motion to refund Robert P. Jr. and Kristine Snyder of 188 Middle Rd., Nanticoke, PA 18634 school real estate taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$257.94. (**Attachment**)

9.4.6 Motion to refund Plymouth Twp. 2014 school real estate taxes for the following: (**Attachment**)

a. Charles and Janice Casey.....\$39.35  
1615 W. Mountain Rd.; Plymouth, PA 18651

b. Charles and Deborah Atherton, Jr.....\$36.68  
45 Atherton Rd. Hunlock Twp.; PA 18621

9.4.7 Ratify the approval of the Agreement with Eastern Insurance for Sports and Student Accident Insurance for 2015-2016 school year. *Cost: \$13,097* (**Attachment**)

9.4.8 Recommend approval to donate \$5,000 to the Mill Memorial Library.

9.4.9 Recommend approval to raise the teacher substitute pay to \$95.00 per day and \$115.00 after the 20<sup>th</sup> day.

9.5 **Negotiations** (Raineri, Smith, Tennesen)

Bob Raineri, Chairperson

9.6. **Personnel** (Prushinski, Shepanski, Tennesen)

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

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

9.6.2 Recommend approval of the attached list of field trips, conferences and requests. (**Attachment**)

9.6.3 Recommend approval to appoint Carla Katra as a cafeteria worker at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.

9.6.4 Recommend approval to post and advertise an instructional aide position. (*Note: Funded by Title 1*)

9.6.5 Recommend approval to post and advertise six (6) special education aide positions.

9.6.6 Recommend approval to appoint the following Head Teachers:

a. Ed Center.....Jennifer Daniels

b. K.M. Smith.....Ryan Amos

c. Elem Center.....Ami Stelma (Did not Pass)

**Motion made to appoint Valerie Bartle as Elem Center head teacher.**

9.6.7 Recommend approval to appoint Susan Healey as a special ed aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.

9.6.8 Recommend approval to appoint Diane Kivler as a Business Office Secretary (Accts. Payable/Purchasing) at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.

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- 9.6.9 Recommend the Board to accept the verbal resignation from Sharon Julius, crossing guard.
- 9.6.10 Recommend approval to appoint the following extra-curricular position for the 2015-2016 school year:
  - a. Band Director.....Brad Bunnell
- 9.6.11 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Stacie Trudnak, special ed. aide, effective August 18, 2015.

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

- 9.7.1 Recommend that the Board accept the **Third and Final** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy adding No. 816; Use of Audio and Video Monitoring Equipment. (**Attachment**)
- 9.7.2 Recommend that the Board accept the **Third and Final** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy changes made to No. 204 adding Cyber Service Attendance Requirements. (**Attachment**)
- 9.7.3 Recommend approval to amend the 2015-2016 school calendar to add September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as a full Act 80 day.

**9.8 Safety** (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Beggs) Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

**9.9 Transportation** (Beggs, Smith, James) Chet Beggs, Chairperson

- 9.9.1 Recommend approval of Famtec Surveillance to provide cameras for buses in the amount of \$15,405. (**Attachment**) (Note: Cost includes installation)
- 9.9.2 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.
- 9.9.3 Recommend approval of the list of *tentative* bus stops for the 2015-2016 school year. **Attachment**
- 9.9.4 Recommend approval of the contracts for the private contractors for the 2015-2016 school year. Private contractors are:
  - a. Michael Shusta **Attachment**
  - b. Cragle Bus Service **Attachment**
  - c. Antoinette Bonk **Attachment**

10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

Chet Beggs

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

Bob Raineri/ Gary Smith

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

15.0 ADJOURN

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