

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School.

1.0 ROLL CALL

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—November 12, 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. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for November 2015: \$721,195.97 **Attachment**

5.2 Family Center list of bills for November 2015: \$10,642.42 **Attachment**

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

6.1 Superintendent Report

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None

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8.0 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Mr. Prushinski spoke about the WBCTC and the census and GNA losing the seat on the Board.

Mr. Marks also commented on the CTC.

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

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Athletics**

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

9.1.1 Athletic Report

9.1.2 Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the 2015-2016 season. **(Clearances on file)**

- a. Volunteer Wrestling Coach.....John Vassello III
- b. Baseball Asst. IV Coach.....Patrick Heffron
- c. Baseball Scorekeeper.....John Ivan
- d. Boy's Volunteer Volleyball Coach.....Celeste Deslich
- e. Boys' Basketball Asst. Coach (share 2,3,4)...Shawn Hrivnak
- f. Volunteer Baseball Coach.....Leonard Butzynski
- g. Wrestling Scorer.....Dave Jones
- h. Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach.....Clarissa Tarnowski
- i. Head Girls' Track Coach.....Jeffrey Derocco

9.1.3 It is recommended that the Board post the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

FALL SPORTS:

Field Hockey (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II

Boys/Girls Cross Country (Head Coach)

Boys Soccer (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II (Jr. High)

Girls Soccer (Head Coach)

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Assistant I
Golf (Head Coach)
Assistant I
Girls Volleyball (Head Coach)
Assistant I
Assistant II
Timer
Scorer
Football: (Head Coach)
Assistant I
Assistant II
Assistant III
Assistant IV
Timer
Camera Person
Weightlifting

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

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 Recommend approval for the Newport Bidy Girls' and Boys' Basketball programs to use the Educational Center and Elementary Center gyms for their annual basketball tournament.

BOYS: Feb 12 th (3:30 pm to 10pm)	GIRLS: March 4 th (3:30 pm to 10pm)
Feb 13 th (7 am to 10pm)	March 5 th (7am to 10pm)
Feb 14 th (7am to 7pm)	March 6 th (7am to 7pm)

9.2.3 Recommend approval for the GNA Wrestling Booster Club to hold their monthly meeting in the HS cafeteria on December 17, 2015 from 6-9 pm.

9.2.4 Recommend approval to accept the quote from Concrete Step Units, Inc. to purchase handrails at a cost of \$14,967. (**Attachment**)

9.2.5 Recommend approval for the Nanticoke Area Little League to use the Ed Center Cafeteria for sign-ups and Ed Center Gym for tryouts on the following dates: (**Insurance on file**)

Sign-ups (café).....January 9th, 10th, 23rd and 24th, 2016 (11am to 4pm)
Sign-ups (café).....February 6th, 20th, and 21st, 2016 (11am to 4pm)
Tryouts (gym).....March 12th and 13th, 2016 (9am to 5pm)

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- 9.2.6 Ratify the request for the GNA Basketball Booster Club to use the HS Gym on Friday, November 27, 2015 at 5pm to hold their annual meet the players' night.
- 9.2.7 Ratify the request from the GNA Elementary Wrestling Team to use the gym and cafeteria to host a meet on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 8am to 3:30pm.

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

9.3 Education

Mr. AL Melone: Spoke about the state budget.
Mr. Prushinski: Also spoke about the budget.
Mr. Marks: Added comments concerning taxes.

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 Motion to refund Dale and Tiffany Rockel of 542 Pond Hill Mountain Road, Wapwallopen, PA 18660 school real estate taxes for 2015 in the amount of \$84.67 due to duplicate bill. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.4 Motion to refund Angel and Grizel Aviles of 322 E. Ridge Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634 school real estate taxes for 2015-2016 in the amount of \$833.98 due to Disabled Veterans Exemption. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.5 Recommend approval to accept the donation of \$150.00 from Mary Swigonski , MaryLou Ramsey, Ruth Ann and David Balla, Jean, Michael and Matthew McCloskey. This donation was given to the GNA Elementary Library to purchase books/materials in memory of Regina Angle.
- 9.4.6 Motion to award the district banking services to First National Bank (FNB) beginning January 1st, 2016.

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

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9.5 Negotiations

9.6. Personnel

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, 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 to appoint Valerie Bartle as Elementary/Education Center Dean of Students effective first day of the third marking period.

9.6.4 Recommend approval to post and advertise an Elementary (K-6) teaching position.

9.6.5 Recommend approval to recall Susan Walton, furloughed teacher, to the position of gifted teacher effective December 22, 2015.

9.6.6 Recommend approval for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Kelly McCabe, teacher.

9.6.7 Recommend approval to accept the retirement letter from Cindy Canterini, 12 month secretary, effective December 31st, 2015. **(Attachment)**

9.6.8. Recommend approval to pay Cindy Canterini \$300 for 10 unused sick days.
(Note: \$30 per day x 10 days= \$300)

9.6.9 Recommend approval to post and advertise for a 12 Month Secretary position.

Mr. Marks: Questioned Board about the hiring of a new teacher and bringing back the furloughed teacher.

Mr. Verazin and Atty DeLuca: Explained

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

9.7 Policy

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

9.7.1 Recommend that the Board accept the **Second** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy adding No. 123.1; Concussion Management.
(Attachment)

9.7.2 Recommend that the Board accept the **Second** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy adding No. 819; Suicide Awareness, Prevention and

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Response and No. 819 Attachment of Suicide Prevention Resources for Schools. (**Attachment**)

- 9.7.3 Recommend approval to appoint **Matthew Landmesser** as a member of the Board of Education. (Note: Appointment made due to the resignation of Mr. Raineri)
- 9.7.4 Recommend approval of the attached committee board members' assignments. (**Attachment**)
- 9.7.5 Recommend approval to appoint **Len Olzinski** as the Greater Nanticoke Area School District representative and **Wendy Wiaterowski** as alternate to the Luzerne County Intermediate Unit Board.
- 9.7.6 Recommend approval to appoint **Tony Prushinski** as the Greater Nanticoke Area School District representative and **Megan Tennesen** as alternate to the Wilkes Barre CTC Board. Ms. Tennesen shall act as second representative in the event the District is successful in the matter of Crestwood v. WBCTC, et al.
Mr. Marks: Asked how many Board member applicants we received.
Mr. Verazin: I believe it was 6 and explained Mr. Landmesser's background.

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

9.8 Safety

9.9 Transportation

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, to approve the Transportation Report.

- 9.9.1 Recommend approval to accept the new bus stop at 351 W. Mountain Road, Plymouth Township.
- 9.9.2 Recommend approval for the following drivers to be added for the 2015-2016 school year: *All clearances on file.*
 - a. Merle Ullman.....Cragle Bus Service
 - b. Robert Sorber.....Cragle Bus Service
 - c. Amy Yefko.....White Transit

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

10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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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 5:30pm to 6:00 pm and discussed personnel. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Jonathan Kashatus: Would like to see a Veteran's Day recognition; enforcing the no smoking on school grounds; necessary equipment for sports; and the student use of cell phones should be looked at.

Mr. Verazin said we will look into those matters. Normal tradition after the reorganization meeting a holiday dinner will be served in the cafeteria and you are all welcome to join us.

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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