

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Tuesday, December 2016 in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area High School. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm by Board President Ryan Verazin.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Prushinski called the Roll: PRESENT: Ryan Verazin, Ken James, Matt Landmesser, Gary Smith, Frank Shepanski, Wendy Wiaterowski, Len Olzinski, Megan Tennesen, and Tony Prushinski. Also present were Atty. DeLuca, Albert Melone and Dr. Ronald Grevera.

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 November 10, 2016.

COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – No comments.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 1.1. General Account list of bills for November 2016: \$592,353.81
- 1.2. Family center list of bills for November 2016: \$11,173.75

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Landmesser, to accept the payment of bills. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

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

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1.1 Athletics (James, Landmesser, Shepanski) Ken James, Chairperson

9.1.2 Athletic Report

9.1.3 Recommend approval to appoint the following coaches for the 2016-2017 season: (Note: Clearances on file.)

- a. Wrestling Scorer Anthony Lovecchio
- b. Wrestling Volunteer John Vassello

9.1.4 Recommend appointing the following coaches for the 2017-2018 season: (Note: Clearances on file.)

- a. Soccer Head Coach - Girls Rich Compton
- b. Soccer Assistant I- Girls Dave Lane

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| c. Soccer Volunteer Assistant - Girls | Rebecca Dinelli |
| d. Football Head Coach | Ronald Bruza Jr. |
| e. Football Assistant I | Neal McMahan |
| f. Football Assistant III(b) (½ salary) | Walter Szychowski |
| g. Football Assistant IV(a) (½ salary) | Kenny Kasprzyk |
| h. Football (Assistant IV(b) ½ salary) | Ronald Bruza Sr. |
| i. Football Strength Coach | Neal McMahan |
| j. Football Camera Person | Caleb Race |
| k. Golf Head Coach | Nina Matzoni |
| l. Golf Volunteer | Linda Helmecki |
| m. Volleyball Head Coach - Girls | Deborah Gavin |
| n. Volleyball Asst. I - Girls | James Gavin |
| o. Volleyball Asst. II - Girls | Matt Labenski |
| p. Volleyball Timer - Girls | Joyce Pietrzyk |
| q. Volleyball Bookkeeper - Girls | Barb Lach |
| r. Volleyball Tracker, Timer or Book - Girls | Carmella Brown |
| s. Volleyball Volunteer Coach - Girls | Dave Marcossi |
| t. Volleyball Volunteer Coach – Girls | Joe Shimko |
| u. Football Timer | Alan Yendrzejewski |
| v. Field Hockey Head Coach | Sarah Grega |
| w. Field Hockey Asst. I | Kayla Reakes |
| x. Field Hockey Asst. II | Mary Ann Lang |

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

- 9.2.1 Buildings and Grounds** (Shepanski, James, Smith) Frank Shepanski, Chairperson
- 9.2.1 Buildings and Grounds Report
- 9.2.2 Motion to rescind the resolution of this Board dated November 12, 2015 adopting a Project Labor Agreement for the Kennedy Early Childhood Center Addition and Renovation Project. This project will be re-bid without the Project Labor Agreement.
- 9.2.3 Motion to appoint Cannon Construction Services as the Construction Manager, providing specific, limited services, for the Kennedy Early Childhood Center project for the lump sum fee of \$148,000. This fee is based upon the schedule included in Appendix D of Cannon’s November 2016 Post Bid Study and Recommendations.
- 9.2.4 Motion to authorize the district solicitor to inform the design architect of record to modify the current project drawings and specifications to reflect as many as eleven bid packages in lieu of four construction bid packages. The construction manager will provide to the architect a maximum of eleven bid package narratives to include in the re-bidding documents; the design architect will be responsible to coordinate the drawings and specifications with the bid package narratives to reflect the maximum of eleven bid packages. The scheduled bidding period is January 16, 2017 through February 10, 2017.
- 9.2.5 Motion to direct the design architect to modify and coordinate the current contractor bidding documents to reflect the School Board’s Selected and Approved recommendations as identified in Cannon’s “Appendix E, Recommended Summary”.

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- 9.2.6 Motion to direct the design architect to modify and coordinate the current contractor bidding documents to reflect the School Board's decision based upon Value Engineering Recommendations from Cannon's Appendix C & E, Recommendation Study. The school district will select alternatives as identified in Cannon's Appendix C & E Recommendation Summary on a "line by line" basis and inform Cannon and the design architect of the selections for inclusion in "Rebid #2".
- 9.2.7 The GNA Basketball Booster Club is requesting use of the high school gym on Friday, November 25th, 2016 from 5:00-9:30 pm for Meet the Players Night.
- 9.2.8 The GNA Wrestling Booster Club is requesting the use of the high school cafeteria on January 26, 2017 for Senior Recognition Night from 6:00 – 9:30 pm (originally scheduled for January 21, 2017).
- 9.2.9 The GNA Basketball Booster Club requests use of the high school cafeteria for their monthly booster club meetings the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00-8:30 pm. Booster club president to confirm availability with Frank Grevera on a monthly basis.

Mr. Tony Seiwel expressed his concern regarding bidding out the Kennedy Renovation Project without a PLA. He inquired what the school district was going to save without a PLA. Mr. Smith from CannonDesign explained what was involved and how his company has consistently saved school districts money on large building projects bidding without the PLA.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Olzinski, to accept the Buildings and Grounds Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes with the exception of Wendy Wiaterowski and Frank Shepanski. Mrs. Wiaterowski and Mr. Shepanski voted no to 9.2.2. Motion passes.

9.3 Education (Prushinski, Wiaterowski, Landmesser) Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

- 9.3.3 **Finance** (Smith, Olzinski, Landmesser) Gary Smith, Chairperson
- 9.3.4 Recommend approval of the attached list for credit reimbursements.
- 9.3.5 Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increases.
- 9.3.6 Motion to refund Randy and Marsha Richardson of 501 E. Washington St., Nanticoke 2016-2017 school real estate taxes in the amount of \$543.69. Reason for refund: Taxpayer made an extra installment payment.
- 9.3.7 Approve Letter of Agreement for Title I services between GNASD and Wyoming Valley West School District for non-public schools in the amount of \$2,960.00. (Note: This is budgeted for Title I and required by federal law.)
- 9.3.8 Approve Letter of Agreement for Title I services between GNASD and Wilkes-Barre Area School District for non-public schools in the amount of \$1,486.00. (Note: This is budgeted for Title I and required by federal law.)

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

- 9.4 **Negotiations** (Smith, Wiaterowski, Landmesser) Gary Smith, Chairperson
- 9.5 **Personnel** (Prushinski, Shepanski, Tennesen) Tony Prushinski, Chairperson
- 9.5.3 Recommend approval of all applications.
- 9.5.4 Recommend approval of the attached list of requests, field trips and conferences.

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- 9.5.5 Recommend appointing Beth Maney, Stacy Lewis and Becki Raczkowski to the position of co-cheer advisors for the remainder of the 2016-2017 season. A half-year stipend to be split among the three advisors retroactive to November 17th, 2016.
- 9.5.6 Barbara Ravin requests leave without pay for Thursday, December 22nd and half day Friday, December 23rd, 2016.
- 9.5.7 Recommend adding the following teacher(s) to the substitute teacher list:
 - a. Nabiha Garraoui – certified in French PreK-12
- 9.5.8 April Yarem requests that her maternity leave be extended to return on January 2nd, 2017 instead of her original date of November 29th, 2016.
- 9.5.9 Recommend adding Janet Kus and Andrea Fisk as Homebound Instructors.
- 9.5.10 Geraldine Vahey, Support Staff, requests intermittent FMLA beginning November 2016 through March 2017.
- 9.5.11 Anna Lamoreux, Para-Educator, requests to revise her medical leave dates beginning December 21, 2016 through February 2017. Her return date is contingent upon her doctor's authorized release date.
- 9.5.12 Sandy Najaka requests intermittent FMLA effective December 1, 2016.
- 9.5.13 Recommend accepting Suzanne Spengler as a substitute teacher from the Guest Teacher Program.
- 9.5.14 Recommend approval to appoint Donna Pierson, Cathy Steidinger and Jennifer Danza to the position of Cleaner per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Support Staff CBA.

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

9.6 **Policy** (Wiaterowski, Prushinski, Tennesen) Wendy Wiaterowski, Chairperson

- 9.6.3 Recommend approval to make January 2nd, 2017 a holiday and add the last of school as June 6th, 2017.

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

9.7 **Safety** (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Olzinski) Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

9.8 **Transportation** (James, Smith, Olzinski) Ken James, Chairperson

- 9.8.3 Recommend approval of the following drivers:
 - a. Brian Suder – Dobbs Transportation
 - b. Kimberly Gardner – Dobbs Transportation

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

Tabled Items – None

I.U. Update – No Report

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Wilkes Barre CTC Update – No Report

Solicitor’s Report – Solicitor DeLuca announced that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and receive the superintendent’s report. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting of the GNA School Board will be on Thursday, January 12th, 2017.