

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:10 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, Prushinski, Smith, and Shepanski. Absent: Raineri, Beggs and Tennesen. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Al Melone.

Mr. Verazin said a few words about Mr. Davis

Moment of Silence for Mr. Jim Davis, Athletic Director/Educator

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Cub Scouts 415

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session -January 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. Shepanski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for January 2015: \$584,807.45 (**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for January 2015: \$8,910.55 (**Attachment**)

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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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, Mr. Shepanski, 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, Mr. Smith, to approve the Athletic report.

9.1.1 Athletic Report

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

- a. Baseball Assistant Volunteer.....Len Butczynski
- b. Baseball Asst. III Coach.....Walter Szychowski, Jr.
- c. Track Assistant I Coach.....Matthew Meade
- d. Track Assistant II Coach.....Neal McMahon
- e. Track Assistant III Coach.....Jennifer Harnischfeger
- f. Softball Assistant III Coach .....Leah Lavelle

*(Note: Mr. Butczynski resigned from the Asst. #3 position.)*

9.1.3 Ratify the hiring of Michele Fadden as Assistant Band Director I for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

- a. Weightlifting Coach.....Neal McMahon
- b. Football Assistant I.....Neal McMahon

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, Mr. Smith, to approve the Buildings and Grounds Report.

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

9.2.2 Recommend that the Board approve the request from the Bureau of Elections to use the GNA Field House as a polling place. This agreement will extend until December 31, 2019. **(Attachment)**

9.2.3 Recommend approval for the GNA Music Department to conduct their annual spring music concerts as follows:

- Band Concert.....Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Dress rehearsals 4/27, 4/28, 4/29 after school
- Chorus Concert.....Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Elementary dress rehearsal 5/4 and 5/5 after school  
Ed Center dress rehearsal 5/5 at 2pm  
HS dress rehearsal 5/4 at 2pm

9.2.4 Recommend approval for the GNA Chorus Parents Organization to host the annual High School Variety Show on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6pm in the HS Auditorium. They also request the use of the cafeteria to hold a bake sale during the show. The auditorium will also be needed for March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for auditions and dress rehearsals.

9.2.5 Angela Higdon, Director of the Encore School of Dance, requests permission to use the HS auditorium for their year-end dance recital on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 1:30-5:30pm. A rehearsal would be held on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will cover the cost of the production and for 2 dance scholarships for the following year.

9.2.6 The Ed Center Drama Club requests permission to hold their spring play on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm.

9.2.7 The GNA Wrestling Booster club requests permission to use the HS Cafeteria for their monthly meeting on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 3:30pm. The meeting will follow their varsity meet scheduled for 2pm.

9.2.8 The Baseball Booster Club requests permission to conduct their meetings on March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6pm in the cafeteria.

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

## 9.3 Education

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

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- 9.3.1 Recommend approval of the Greater Nanticoke Area H.S. Personalized Education Plan for the 2015-2016 school year. **(Attachment)**
- 9.3.2 Recommend approval to enter into an agreement with Franklin and Marshall College for participating in the College Advising Corps at a District cost of \$22,500 for the 2015-2016 school year. (Note: To be budgeted in the 15-16 budget. Total cost is \$45,000 which is split with Franklin and Marshall College.) **(Attachment)**

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

#### 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 reimbursement. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.2 Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increase. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.3 It is recommended that George Pavlick, 120 Pavlick Rd., Hunlock Creek, PA 18621 be refunded \$244.14 due to a reassessment. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.4 It is recommended that Cecilia Shemanski-Wydawski, 48 Lee Park Ave., Hanover, PA 18706 be refunded \$573.51 for the 2013 taxes due to a court order. (Note: Property location is 326 E. Canal St., Plymouth Twp.) **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.5 It is recommended that Cheryl Stevenson, 112 Front St., Nanticoke, PA 18634 be refunded \$19.28 due to a reassessment. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.6 It is recommended that John and Jennifer Pietrzyk, 340 E. Broad St., Nanticoke, PA 18634 be refunded \$50.14 due to a reassessment. **(Attachment)**

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

#### 9.5 Negotiations

#### 9.6. Personnel

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

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- 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 list of substitute teachers. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.4 Recommend approval to appoint **Melissa Sobeck** to the position of Instructional Aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Collective Bargaining agreement. (Note: to be paid through Title I funding)
- 9.6.5 Recommend approval to appoint **Marlene Dennis** to the position of cafeteria worker at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Collective Bargaining agreement. This is a 4 hour position.
- 9.6.6 Recommend approval of the amended Act 93 Plan and the position change of Maryann Jarolen from the position of District Principal to the position of Assistant to the Superintendent at a salary of \$101,232.82 effective July 1, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.7 Recommend approval of the job description for Assistant to the Superintendent position. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.8 Recommend approval of the job description of the School Resource Officer/School Police Officer. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.9 Recommend approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Karen Oltra, teacher.
- 9.6.10 Recommend approval to increase the hourly wages on the following Family Center Staff retroactive to January 1, 2015:
- C. Mash.....\$2.00 per hour
  - B. Kratz.....\$1.45 per hour
  - W. Skoniecki.....\$1.45 per hour
  - J. Turner.....\$1.55 per hour
- (Note: Hourly increases are only in effect through the life of the Community Innovative Grant until June 2017.)*
- 9.6.11 Recommend approval to post a Special Education Aide position.
- 9.6.12 Recommend Board approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Ann Marie Shultz, guidance. This leave request will be intermittent starting February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 9.6.13 Recommend Board approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Jennis Bunnell, teacher. This leave request will be intermittent starting February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

### 9.7 Policy

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

9.7.1 Recommend approval to adopt the **final draft** of the 2015-2016 school calendar. (**Attachment**)

9.7.2 Recommend approval of the second reading of Policy # 806, Child Abuse. (**Attachment**)

9.7.3 Recommend approval to designate June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as student make-up days for Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 respectively and June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are teacher in service days.

9.7.4 It is recommended that the Board approve the 45 day expulsion for student 87653492.

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

### 9.8 Safety

#### 9.9 Transportation

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

9.9.1 Recommend approval to add bus stops at 256 W. Kirmar Ave. and 251 W. Kirmar Ave., Alden. This eliminates the problem of the driver not having enough time to activate his warning lights, because the homes are only a couple of houses away from each other. They were previously combined but due to snow and ice this has become dangerous for students.

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

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 7:00 pm received a report from the Superintendent and discussed matters related to student discipline and personnel matters. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

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14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

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.