

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 7:00 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, Verazin, Tennesen, Prushinski, James, Beggs and Smith. Absent: Raineri and Shepanski. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Chuck from Al Melone's office.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—June 18, 2015

2.2 Special School Board Meeting/ Executive Session---June 4, 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 June 2015: \$553,985.81 (**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for June 2015: \$10,442.65 (**Attachment**)

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

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6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Grevera welcomed Mrs. Sharon Baddick our new elementary principal at both the Elementary Center and Educational Center. Mrs. Baddick has large shoes to fill as she replaces Dr. Scott. Our next Educational Committee Meeting will be held on August 6th at 4:00 PM in the board room. We will be discussing a number of important educational issues such as career and college planning (we will have folks here from the Dallas Area School District collaborating and sharing ideas with us), PSSA Scores, remediation in math and reading for students in grades 2-7th, SHINE Program, in-service training for our new reading program and a number of other educational endeavors we will be examining the coming school year. Tonight the board will be voting on a second reading of policy 816 which will allow administration to monitor student activities on buses through not only the use of camera systems but also audio monitoring. Most new camera systems have audio monitoring capability. Before we purchase and install these systems, we are required by law to have a policy regarding the use of audio monitoring equipment. Additionally, the board will be voting on a second reading concerning cyber service attendance. Cyber students must participate in on-line instruction not less than 2.5 hours per week per course. Yesterday I received a letter from Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera concerning the decrease of state assessment scores across the Commonwealth. Last year was the first year of the new assessment. It is going to take some time for both districts and teachers to adjust to the new assessment. I think it is important for Greater Nanticoke Area School District to utilize this year as a baseline year. We will be unable to compare the assessment to prior year scores because it is an entirely new assessment. As we are at the midpoint of the summer, I want to thank our custodial staff for their hard work and dedication. There are many projects that are evident this summer including new carpet being installed at the high school and the board room is currently being renovated. Thanks to Mr. Grevera for the many extra hours that he puts in ensuring timely completion of the various projects.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.0 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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9.1 Athletics

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

9.1.1 Athletic Report

Dr. Grevera spoke about getting trophy cases for trophies that are not currently displayed and honoring the 1961 Basketball State Champs.

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

9.2 Buildings and Grounds

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Tennesen, to approve the Buildings and Grounds Report.

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

9.2.2 Recommend the Board approve the request from the NEPA Health Trust to hold a HIPAA training session in the HS Auditorium in August 2015. (Note: Date options are 8/6, 7, or 12th)

Mr. Verazin thanks Mr. Grevera for all the work that is being completed in the school.

Mr. Grevera gave an update on the projects.

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

9.3 Education

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 Recommend approval of the letter of agreement between the District and the Children's Service Center for Partial Hospitalization (PHP) and Therapeutic Program (TEP) for 2015-2016. Daily rate for PHP is \$120.00 and TEP is \$160.00. **(Attachment)**

9.4.4 It is recommended that **Matt Foster & Associates** be appointed to provide auditing services to the Greater Nanticoke Area School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 as per the proposal in the amount \$19,000.

(Attachment)

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- 9.4.5 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 \$20,000.00 and reimbursement of \$8,000.00 in attorney's fees.
- 9.4.6 Motion to close Conyngham Township Tax Collector Account with PNC Bank and to open a new account with Citizens Bank.
- 9.4.7 Motion to refund Roynon and Denise Turley at 96 Newport Street school real estate taxes in the amount of \$209.52. **(Attachment)**

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

9.5 Negotiations

9.6. Personnel

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Tennesen, 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, conferences and requests. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.3 Recommend approval for the following extra curriculum positions for the 2015-2016 school year:
 - a. Junior Class Advisor.....Cathy Kaminski
(Approved 6/18/15 meeting as Sophomore Advisor in error)
 - b. Bookroom Attendant.....Mike Stachowiak
- 9.6.4 Recommend approval to accept the Professional Teacher's Seniority List for the 2015-2016 school year. **Attachment**
- 9.6.5 Recommend approval to appoint Reine Paveltz as PIMS/Data Coordinator under ACT 93 (2) compensation plan at a salary of \$35,000 retroactive to July 9, 2015.
- 9.6.6 Recommend approval to appoint Marlene Dennis as a Cafeteria Worker at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.
- 9.6.7 Recommend approval to post a 4 hour cafeteria position.
- 9.6.8 Recommend approval to post and advertise for a Business Office Secretary: Purchase/Accounts Payable.
- 9.6.9 Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Denise Prushinski, crossing guard.
- 9.6.10 Recommend posting and advertising the position of crossing guard.
- 9.6.11 Recommend approval of an FMLA leave of absence for Barb Lukowski.

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9.6.12 Recommend approval to appoint Clarissa Davis to the position of part-time cleaner per the terms and conditions of the support staff CBA.

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

9.7 Policy

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

9.7.1 Recommend that the Board accept the **Second** 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 **Second** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy changes made to No. 204 adding Cyber Service Attendance Requirements. (**Attachment**)

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

9.8 Safety

9.9 Transportation

Dr. Grevera announced that the District qualified for an additional \$636,200 reimbursement for the school project.

10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

9.2.3 Recommend approval to authorize E.I. Associates to begin the Design Development phase.

9.2.4 Recommend approval to authorize the school district to secure the services of surveyors, geo-tech engineers, etc. to do required surveys, etc. without having to get a Board vote on each of these consultants as the need arises to begin their services.

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

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11.0 I.U. UPDATE

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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.

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