

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, March 10, 2016 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: Tennesen, Landmesser, Smith, Olzinski, Verazin, Prushinski, Wiaterowski and James. Absent: Shepanski. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Chuck (Melone's Office).

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session -February 11, 2016

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:

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for February 2016: \$1,008,725.14

5.2 Family Center list of bills for February 2016: \$39,072.11

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

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6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

6.1 Report

Sean Shamany from Northeast Revenue Service explained their process for collecting delinquent taxes and fees.

Dr. Grevera: Explained the State Budget concerns and within the next few weeks the district will be operating using our fund balance and will be out of money in May. We need to add 9.4.9 under Finance to the agenda. Encouraged the audience to contact the state legislators to get this settled.

Mr. Prushinski noted that the Charter schools and VoTec, etc. should not be paid.

Mr. Verazin said we will not exhaust our general fund.

Atty. DeLuca explained that it is necessary to notify everyone within the 60 days if the school will close. All bills will be looked at item by item to see what will be paid.

7.0 ADMINISTATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Mr. Schwenk (**Attachment**)

7.2 Mrs. Baddick (**Attachment**)

7.3 Mr. Gorham (**Attachment**)

7.4 Mrs. Lipsey (**Attachment**)

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

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 2015-2016 school year: **Clearances on file.**

- a. Baseball Asst. 1 Coach.....Joe Yudichak
- b. Baseball Volunteer Coach.....Frank Marcinkowski
- c. Softball Volunteer Coach.....Brian Stashak
- d. Track Scorekeeper.....Tony Fleury
- e. Boys' Volleyball Scorer.....Barb Lach

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9.1.3 Recommend approval to establish a Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

9.1.4 Recommend approval to post the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

**Winter Sports:**

**Basketball** (Boys-Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II

Assistant III

Assistant IV

Scorekeeper

Timer

Camera Person

**Basketball** (Girls-Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II

Assistant III

Assistant IV

Scorekeeper

Timer

Camera Person

**Wrestling** (Head Coach) *Post and Advertise*

Assistant I

Assistant II

Scorekeeper

**Swimming** (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Timer

Scorekeeper

Dr. Grevera announced that a thank you letter for the 1961 recognition ceremony was received from Mrs. Regina Plodwick.

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

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9.2.2 Recommend approval for the Foreign Language teachers to celebrate Foreign Language Week from April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

***Due to a conflict all dates were changed from original request in Feb.***

- Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Auditorium Foreign Language films  
Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
(During periods 1-2-3)
- Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> H.S. Cafeterias International Banquet  
(5:00 to 8:00 PM)
- Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> H.S. Gym French-Spanish Olympics  
(4:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

***They ask that the cafeteria serve an international menu during this week as they have done in the past.***

9.2.3 Recommend approval for the Ed Center Drama Club to hold their spring play on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7pm in the Ed Center Gym.

9.2.4 Recommend approval for the Softball Booster Club to use the HS Cafeteria for their meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6pm.

9.2.5 Ratify the request from the GNA Wrestling Booster Club to hold their monthly meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6-9pm in the HS Cafeteria.

9.2.6 Recommend approval for Angela Higdon, Director of the Encore School of Dance, to use the HS auditorium for their year-end dance recital on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 4:30-8:30pm. A rehearsal would be held on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will cover the cost of the production and for 2 dance scholarships for the following year.

9.2.7 Recommend approval for the GNA boys' and girls' coaching staff to use the High School and Elementary Center gymnasiums from June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in order to conduct their annual basketball camp. The camp is open to all students from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

9.2.8 Recommend approval for John Beggs, head boys' basketball coach, to use the HS, Ed Center and Elementary Center Gyms for their summer league varsity and junior varsity team games on the following dates: June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 and July 12, 14, 19, 20, and 21, 2016 from 5-8:30pm. Each gym will be staffed by members of the boys' basketball coaching staff and all games will use PIAA certified officials. They will be responsible for set up and cleanup of the gyms. All dates will be coordinated with Mr. Frank Grevera.

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

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**9.3 Education**

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

- 9.3.1 Recommend approval to establish 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade credit recovery summer school at the GNA High School this summer.

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 reimbursements.

**(Attachment)**

- 9.4.2 Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increases.

**(Attachment)**

- 9.4.3 Motion to authorize the Administration and the Architect, EI Associates, to prepare and submit PlanCon F (Construction Documents), for the project known as Kennedy Early Childhood Center, to the Department of Education for review and approval, and release the project for bidding pending final review of the documents by members of the board. **(Attachment)**

- 9.4.4 MOVE, that the Board approve settlement of a matter concerning a special education student the terms of the written settlement agreement to include \$8,500.00 in attorney's fees.

- 9.4.5 Motion, that the Board approve the transfer of \$14,190 from the Kennedy Construction Fund to reimburse the General Fund for paid bills.

**(Attachment)**

- 9.4.6 Motion, that the Board approve payment to EI Associates for the Kennedy Restoration Project in the amount of \$251,478.80 to date. (Note: Construction Fund)

- TABLED** 9.4.7 It is recommended that the computers in the Elementary Center be updated by entering into a three year agreement with HP for 200 machines at a total cost of \$127,000 to be divided over a three year period with a buyout in the fourth year. All funding for the first year of the project is in the 2015-2016 Technology Budget. (Note: There is no extra cost to the District since the money is in the current approved budget).

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9.4.8 Recommend approval to purchase internet service through the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Wide Area Network at an estimated cost of \$28,800. (Note: \$17,520 is estimated to be reimbursed to the district through E-rate.) **Attachment**

9.4.9 Recommend approval to authorize Superintendent, Business Administrator and Solicitor to take all steps necessary and proper in response to the Pennsylvania State Budget Impasse.

Mr. Verazin: Any public comment on #9.4.9?

None

Upon roll call, all present voted yes except Mr. Olzinski voted NO on # 9.4.8 but yes on all the rest. Motion passes.

## 9.5 Negotiations

### 9.6. Personnel

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Smith, 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 accept the additional teachers for the after school extra help program in elementary math and reading (grades 2-5):

- a. Valerie Bartle
- b. Ami Souder
- c. Ami Stelma

9.6.4 Recommend approval to appoint Ann Marie O'Donnell as Title 1 Head of Department for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

9.6.5 Recommend approval to appoint the following teachers for the Career Linking Academy in June 2016:

- a. Cathy Kaminski
- b. Bill Hischak
- c. Mike Fedorko
- d. Brandon Collins
- e. Denine Zielinski

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9.6.6 Recommend approval to post and advertise for summer school teachers in the following areas:

- Social Studies
- Science
- English
- Math

9.6.7 Recommend approval for Autumn Beggs, cafeteria, to take 5 unpaid days from April 18-22, 2016 for personal reasons.

9.6.8 Recommend approval of the following substitute teacher:

- a. Michael Fahnstock.....Social Studies

9.6.9 Recommend approval for Diane Kivler, business office, to take three unpaid on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for personal reasons.

9.6.10 Recommend approval for Tami Pease, crossing guard, to take two unpaid days on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for personal reasons.

9.6.11 Recommend approval for Brenda Boone, cafeteria, to take 3 unpaid days on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 for personal reasons.

9.6.12 Recommend approval for Melissa Sobeck, aide, to take one unpaid day on April 27, 2016 for personal reasons.

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

### 9.7 Policy

### 9.8 Safety

### 9.9 Transportation

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 and received information relative to Support Staff Association. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

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Mr. James: Asked if there were any reporters present?

No one was present.

Mr. Marks: Wanted to know what ever happened to the student that broke in the school (twice) last year.

Dr. Grevera: There is a hearing soon.

Atty DeLuca: Cannot discuss a juvenile matter.

Mr. Verazin: We are not just forgetting about it.

15.0 ADJOURN:

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting.

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



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