

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School.

1.0 ROLL CALL

Mrs. Wiaterowski called the Roll: PRESENT: Wiaterowski, James, Verazin, Tennesen and Raineri. Absent: Beggs, Prushinski, Smith and Shepanski. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Chuck from Al Melone's Office.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Top 3 Elementary Jump Rope for Heart Fundraisers:

4th Grade...Kendra Titus and Lauren Rudawski

2nd Grade...Joseph Jacobs

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session -February 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. Raineri 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. James made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for February 2015: \$ 776,024.71 (**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for February 2015: \$9,963.34 (**Attachment**)

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

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6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. James, 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, Mrs. Tennesen, to approve the Athletic report.

9.1.1 Athletic Report

9.1.2 It is recommended that the Board post the following positions for the 2015-2016 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

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Wrestling (Head Coach)

Assistant I

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Assistant II
Scorekeeper
Swimming (Head Coach)
Assistant I

- 9.1.3 It is recommended that the Board appoint the following 2015-2016 coaches. ***Clearances on file.***
- a. Assistant I Field Hockey.....Jason Woodard
 - b. Assistant II Soccer/Jr High.....Brian Ball
 - c. Assistant IV-a Football.....Ron Bruza Sr. (Split ½)
- 9.1.4 It is recommended that the Board appoint the following 14-15 coaches. ***Clearances on file.***
- Assistant II Band Director..... Ryan Lamoreux
 - Head Girl's Track Coach.....Jeff DeRocco
- 9.1.5 It is recommended that the Board establish an Athletic Recognition Committee from various members of the community who have participated in athletics in the past.

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

9.2 Buildings and Grounds

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

- 9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report
- 9.2.2 The Nanticoke City Fire Department requests permission to use HS classroom 226 and cafeteria on May 2nd, 2015 from 9am to 4pm to hold a fire department lecture. (Note: Box lunches would be served in the cafeteria.)
- 9.2.3 Recommend approval for the Nanticoke Fire Department to use the HS Cafeteria on Saturday, March 28th, 2015 from 7:30 am to 11 am to administer a fireman's written test.
- 9.2.4 The Luzerne Intermediate Unit requests the use of one classroom at the KM Smith School for Extended School Year Program (ESY). The program will run from July 6th through August 13th, 2015 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:45am to 12:15pm. July 6th and August 13th will be teacher-in- service/set up days/breakdown days.
- 9.2.5 It is recommended that the Board approve the request from Don Williams to use the field track in the Nanticoke Stadium for a charity event which is being held nationwide on May 16, 2015 from 8am until noon. This event is

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called the Eric Williams Race for Justice, which is a four mile relay race being run at multiple sites throughout the nation during Law Enforcement week. **(Attachment)**

- 9.2.6 The Office of Representative Gerald Mullery requests permission to use the HS parking lot to do an annual shredding event from 10-12 on April 25th, 2015.
- 9.2.7 Ratify the request from the GNA Wrestling Booster Club to hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 6-9pm in the HS cafeteria.
- 9.2.8 John Beggs, basketball coach, requests permission to conduct a summer basketball league for varsity and junior varsity teams. They will use the HS, Ed Center, and Elementary gyms on June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, and 30th along with July 7, 9, 14, 15, and 16th, 2015 from 5-8:30pm. Boys' basketball coaching staff and PIAA certified officials will also participate.

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

9.3 Education

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

- 9.3.1 Recommend approval to adopt the McGraw Hill "Wonders" Reading Program for grades K-5th at a cost of \$128,401.45.
- 9.3.2 Recommend approval to operate summer school for grades 9th-12th.

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

9.4 Finance

Mr. Raineri 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 from the Board to accept the audit of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2014 as presented by Matt Foster and Associates.

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- 9.4.3 It is recommended that Phyllis A. and James P. Petrochko, 132 Meadowcrest Dr., Nanticoke, PA 18634 be refunded \$6.86 due to a division of property. (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.4 Recommend approval to amend SAAS Software License Agreement with Skyward, Inc. (Note: 3 year contract starting July 1, 2015.) (**Attachment**)
- 9.4.5 It is recommended that the Board accept the agreement and payment to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Department of Education/OCDEL Project MOM/Young Fatherhood Initiative grant. (**Payment=\$263.38**)
- 9.4.6 Recommend approval to accept Northeast Micro's proposal for the campus wireless project at a cost of \$104,000. (Note: project reliant on E-rate Funding approval)

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

9.5 Negotiations

9.6. Personnel

Mrs. Tennesen made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski, 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 for Linda Moran, cafeteria, to take 2 unpaid days on March 30th and April 1st, 2015 for personal reasons.
- 9.6.4 Recommend Board approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Jessica Holton Fletcher, teacher. This leave request will start May 15, 2015 with a return date of August 31, 2015.
- 9.6.5 Recommend approval to hire Jason Woodard as a Special Ed Aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract. *Pending clearances*
- 9.6.6 Recommend approval of the following substitute teachers:
- a. Amanda Lipowski.....Math/Elementary
 - b. Francesca Klinger.....Elem/Spec Ed
- 9.6.7 Ratify the request for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Beth Kratz, Family Center. This leave request will be intermittent starting February 24th, 2015

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9.6.8 Recommend approval for Dolores Huk, cafeteria, to take 3 unpaid days on May 8th, 11th, and 12th, 2015 for personal reasons.

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

9.7 Policy

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

9.7.1 Recommend approval of the **third and final** reading of Policy # 806, Child Abuse. **(Attachment)**

9.7.2 Recommend approval of a photograph agreement with "Photo's by Andy" for the 2015-2016 school year. **(Attachment)**

9.7.3 Recommend approval to designate June 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2015 as student make-up days for March 2nd, 4th, and 5th, 2015 respectively and June 12th and 15th are teacher in service days.

9.7.4 Recommend approval of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District Worker's Compensation Program Panel of Physicians effective April 1, 2015. **(Attachment)**

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

9.8 Safety

9.9 Transportation

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

9.9.1 Recommend approval from the Board to add 1115 W Main St., Plymouth as a bus stop due to a new student on Route 11.

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 and discussed personnel matters and received a report from the

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Superintendent on various other matters. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Mrs. Coughlin: Asked the Board to consider updating the weight room facility and purchase new equipment. The Brick Fund which had been used for updates has now been depleted. Mr. Bruza also updated the Board on the need for updates.

Mr. Verazin said to look into any grants and meet with the Greveras to see what can be done. Dr. Grevera said he will meet with the coach and discuss what can be done. Mr. James also said something has to be done.

15.0 ADJOURN:

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all present voted aye. Motion passes.

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