

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

1.0 ROLL CALL

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Honor Society New Officers

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:  
Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—April 9, 2015

3.0 COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

4.0 TREASURER REPORT

5.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS:

5.1 General Account list of bills for April 2015: \$905,146.80 (**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for April 2015: \$16,215.25 (**Attachment**)

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 Mrs. Jarolen (**Attachment**)

7.5 Mrs. Lipsey (**Attachment**)

8.0 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Athletics** (James, Beggs, Shepanski)

Ken James, Chairperson

9.1.1 Athletic Report

9.1.2 It is recommended that the Board appoint the following 14-15 coaches.

**Clearances on file.**

a. Volunteer Boys' Volleyball Coach.....Jordan Williams

b. Track Assistant III Coach.....Anthony Fleury

9.1.3 It is recommended that the Board appoint the following 15-16 coaches.

**Clearances on file.**

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- a. Volunteer Assistant Football Coach.....Kyle Gavrish
- b. Assistant Boys Volunteer Jr High Soccer Coach....Eric Hauer
- c. Head Cross Country Coach.....Chris Thompson
- d. Football Assistant IVa (split salary).....Ron Bruza Sr.
- e. Football Assistant III Coach.....John Pietrzyk
- f. Head Wrestling Coach.....Harold Shotwell
- g. Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach.....Josh Allabaugh
- h. Girls Basketball Cameraperson.....Samantha Gow
- i. Girls Basketball Scorekeeper.....Tracy Biehl
- j. Girls Basketball Scoreboard Operator.....Kevin Ward

9.1.4 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Jennifer Harnischfeger as Assistant III Track Coach for the 2014-2015 school year effective March 2, 2015. She has only been a volunteer coach since the start of the season.

**9.2 Buildings and Grounds** (Shepanski, James, Smith)

Frank Shepanski, Chairperson

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

9.2.2 Recommend approval for the NEPA Health Trust to use the HS Auditorium on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9-12. Mr. Jon Sapochak, Conrad Siegel, will review the new Employer Shared Responsibility and Reporting requirements in detail.

9.2.3 Recommend approval for the 12<sup>TH</sup> Man Football Club to use the football field, press box, and field house on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9am to 7pm to hold a "Cow Chip Bingo". All proceeds will benefit the Trojan Football Program.

9.2.4 Ratify the request for the Nanticoke Little League to use the HS Hallway for team pictures on the following dates:

April 28<sup>th</sup> .....4-8pm

May 7<sup>th</sup> .....4-8pm

9.2.5 Recommend accepting an offer of \$500 from Rick Temarantz to purchase a 1965 Ford tractor from GNA. (Note: Tractor is obsolete and unusable to the district)

9.2.6 Recommend approval for Nanticoke City to use the Football Stadium and surrounding areas to hold the: *Big Bang Let Freedom Ring* fireworks display on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The booster clubs, cheerleaders and band will participate in selling refreshments and t-shirts.

9.2.7 Recommend approval for the Wrestling Booster Club to hold their monthly meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the HS Cafeteria from 6-9pm.

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- 9.2.8 Ratify the request for the GNA Baseball Booster Club to hold their monthly meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6-8pm in the HS cafeteria. They are also requesting the use of the cafeteria on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6-9pm for their end of the year pizza party.
- 9.2.9 Recommend approval for the Positive Behavior Support Team of Kennedy and the Elementary Center to hold an outdoor family movie night for students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the high school football stadium on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Team will pay for the set-up and dismantle of the equipment along with our police officers and custodian. Refreshments will also be sold. The cost of the equipment will be paid by a grant from Bob's Furniture.
- 9.2.10 Recommend approval for the GNA Band Parent Booster Club to hold a Run-Walk Fund Raiser on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the GNA Stadium. *(Note: They will cover the cost of a custodian)*
- 9.2.11 Recommend approval for the LIU18 to use the Kennedy School Building Gym along with room 1 and 9 for a summer therapeutic activities program starting June 23, 2015 and will continue until August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 8:30am to 1:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- 9.2.12 Recommend approval for Ana Henriquez, student, to host a field day for the HS Life Skills class on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Activities will include: freeze dance, kick ball, bunny hop, and water balloon toss. Parental permission slips will be required for student participation. Teachers and aides will serve as chaperones.
- 9.2.13 Recommend approval of JMSI Environmental at a cost of \$14,500.00 to monitor asbestos abatement for carpet removal at the high school.
- 9.2.14 Recommend approval of Shaw Integrated Solutions at a cost of \$136,096.51 for purchase and installation of classroom carpet for the high school. *(Note: Keystone Purchasing Network)*
- 9.2.15 Recommend approval of Prism Response Asbestos Abatement Company in the amount of \$91,937.00 to abate and remove carpet at the high school.

**9.3 Education** (Prushinski, Beggs, Wiaterowski)

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

- 9.3.1 Recommend approval of agreement for contracted School Psychologist services of Karina Ostorch Sheehan in the amount not to exceed \$1,000. *(Note: Services needed for evaluation of a non-English speaking student)*  
***(Attachment)***

**9.4 Finance** (Smith, Raineri, Beggs)

Gary Smith, Chairperson

- 9.4.1 Recommend approval of the attached list for credit reimbursements.  
***(Attachment)***

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9.4.2 Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increases.

**(Attachment)**

9.4.3 Recommend that the Board approve the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center Budget as presented for the 2015-2016 school year.

**(Attachment)**

9.4.4 Authorize the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District to adopt the proposed final budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 which reflects total anticipated expenditures of **\$26,679,392.** Further authorize that the Real Estate Tax rate for budgetary purposes be established at **10.4932** mills on each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation on Real Estate situated within the corporate limits of said school district, comprised of Nanticoke City and the Townships of Plymouth, Newport, and Conyngham. Authorize the following Resolution on the proposed final budget for the Greater Nanticoke Area School District be approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District, in accordance with the law, prepared the following proposed budget, of the amount of funds that will be required by the School District in its several departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District hereby proposed the expenditures hereinafter set forth in the proposed final budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and further proposes to adopt said proposed final budget, and per capita tax of \$5.00 under Section 679 and proposes to re-enact and/or continue in force the Resolution previously adopted, providing for levy, assessment, and collection of the following taxes:

- *One half (.500) per centum on transfers of Real Estate under Act 511*
- *The Earned Income Tax (Wage Tax) of one half percent (.500) under Act 511*
- *Local Service Tax of Five Dollars (\$5.00) under Act 511 as amended by Act 222 for residents of Nanticoke City, Newport Township, Conyngham and Plymouth Townships*
- *The Per Capita Tax of Five Dollars (\$5.00) under Act 511*

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 \$15,000.00, an independent evaluation in the amount of \$1,800.00, and reimbursement of \$8,000.00 in attorney's fees.

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9.5 **Negotiations** (Raineri, Smith, Tennesen)

Bob Raineri, Chairperson

9.6. **Personnel** (Prushinski, Shepanski, Tennesen)

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

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 Jason Prushinski, teacher, to take 1 unpaid day on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for personal reasons.

9.6.4 Recommend approval for Marya Siergiej, teacher, to take 3 unpaid days on September 23, 24, and 25, 2015 for personal reasons.

9.6.5 Recommend approval to appoint the following summer school teachers:

- a. Math.....Nicholas Rauh
- b. Science.....Brandon Collins
- c. Social Studies.....Ralph Piontkowski
- d. English.....Rachel Jeffries

9.6.6 Recommend approval of the hiring of **Neal McMahon** as custodian at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.

9.6.7 Recommend approval for Melissa Sobeck, aide, to take an unpaid day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to chaperone a field trip.

9.6.8 Recommend approval for the following extra curriculum positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

- a. Web Designer.....James Verazin
- b. Cheer Advisor.....Crystal Lore
- c. K-L Flier Newspaper.....Theresa Jacopetti
- d. Sophomore Class Advisor.....Angelo Cipriani

9.6.9 It is recommended that the Board accept the availability letter for the 2015-2016 school year from **Susan Walton** a 2011 furloughed teacher. Mrs. Walton has a certificate in Business, Middle School Math, and Elementary Education.

9.6.10 Recommend approval that Nicholas Rauh, teacher, take 1 unpaid day on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for personal reasons.

9.6.11 Recommend approval to appoint the following 2015 summer student workers:

- a. Morgan Mislitski (Office)
- b. Dwayne Oshinski
- c. Tyler Hanna
- d. Michael Rosario-Clark
- e. Frank Marcinkowski (*Note: He will assume the summer position when his maintenance sub position ends*)
- f. Joseph Levandowski

9.6.12 Recommend approval to post the following summer hours:

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- a. Three (3) secondary guidance counselors not to exceed 50 hours each.
- b. One (1) school psychologist not to exceed 100 hours.

(Note: Terms and conditions of the C.B.A. @ \$28 per hour)

- 9.6.13 Recommend approval for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Michele Wisniewski, teacher. This leave will be intermittent.
- 9.6.14 Motion to approve the resolution of grievance # 03-31-14 and authorize proper GNASD officials to pay \$250 to the grievant and execute the MOU regarding involuntary transfer pay with the GNAESPA. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.15 Recommend approval to accept the retirement letter from Dr. Mariellen Scott, principal, effective June 29, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.16 Recommend approval to post and advertise for an Elementary Principal.
- 9.6.17 Recommend approval that Tracey Busa, cleaner, take two unpaid days on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 9.6.18 Recommend approval that Nancy Pokrinchak, cleaner, take 9 unpaid days from June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**9.7 Policy**

(Prushinski, Wiaterowski, Tennesen)

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

- 9.7.1 Approve a letter to the Northeastern Pennsylvania School District Health Trust be sent giving our notice of intent to withdraw from the trust at the end of 2016. The letter will be sent before June 30, 2015. The District will remain in the Trust for the 2015-2016 school year.
- 9.7.2 It is recommended that the Board approve the 45 day expulsion for student 04091415 for violation of board policy #227
- 9.7.3 Recommend approval to designate June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> as half Act 80 days for students. *(Note: Dismissal Secondary 12; Elementary 1pm)*
- 9.7.4 It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution that appoints Dr. Ronald Grevera the liaison between the School District and Berkheimer. **(Attachment)**

**9.8 Safety**

(Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Beggs)

Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

**9.9 Transportation**

(Beggs, Smith, James)

Chet Beggs, Chairperson

- 9.9.1 Recommend approval to solicit quotes for bus cameras.
- 9.9.2 Recommend approval for the following bus drivers: **Clearances on file.**
  - a. Cragle Bus.....Rachel Caruso
  - b. White Transit.....Carol Kriton

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10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

Chet Beggs

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

Bob Raineri/ Gary Smith

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

15.0 ADJOURN