

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, May 14, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, May 14, 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, Raineri and Shepanski. Absent: Beggs, Smith and James. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Al Melone.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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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. Shepanski, 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 April 2015: \$905,146.80 (**Attachment**)

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

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

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6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Greater Nanticoke Area School District is finishing up with our first year with our own cyber school through Seneca Valley. Our projected total cost avoidance for the school year is \$234,724.33. We invested \$45,000 in laptop computers for the first year of operation. The cost avoidance for next year should be even more. This summer, we are planning on setting up a cyber-lab in an effort to bring more students back to the school district next year. We will also be planning another informational night in August for students attending other cyber-schools such as Agora and PA Cyber Charter School.

I want to thank Mrs. Debra Albanese for her many years of service to the Greater Nanticoke Area School District as she is retiring this year. Additionally, I want to thank Dr. Scott for her nearly 40 years of commitment to the students of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District and wish her a happy and healthy retirement. I also want to thank Betty Height

The High School will be running a Summer Credit Recovery Program that will run from June 22-July 16th and a second session from July 20th – August 12th. Credit Recovery Program will run at the Educational Center.

S.T.A.R.S. – Stop Truancy and Really Succeed Program – I want to thank our Solicitor for putting us in contact with Children and Youth to start a program next year that will be piloted at Greater Nanticoke Area School District to stop truancy and increase student achievement. The program will designate a Children and Youth employee for the Greater Nanticoke Area School District to work with our Student Assistance Team to increase student attendance. The focus of the program is to work directly with families to increase student attendance and consequently student achievement.

There will be a special board meeting on June 4th at 6:00 PM to discuss the results of the feasibility study and examine issues related to building and grounds.

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.

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Mr. Melone presented the 2015-2016 budget.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Athletics

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

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.

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.

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

9.2 Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Shepanski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Prushinski, to approve the Buildings and Grounds Report.

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 24th, 2015 from 9-12. Mr. Jon Sapochak, Conrad

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Siegel, will review the new Employer Shared Responsibility and Reporting requirements in detail.

- 9.2.3 Recommend approval for the 12TH Man Football Club to use the football field, press box, and field house on Sunday, July 5th, 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 28th4-8pm
May 7th4-8pm
- 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 5th, 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 20th, 2015 in the HS Cafeteria from 6-9pm.
- 9.2.8 Ratify the request for the GNA Baseball Booster Club to hold their monthly meeting on May 14th, 2015 from 6-8pm in the HS cafeteria. They are also requesting the use of the cafeteria on June 5th, 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 5th grade at the high school football stadium on June 5th, 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 8th, 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 14th, 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

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Life Skills class on May 27th, 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.

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.

- 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)

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

9.4 Finance

Mr. Raineri made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Wiaterowski, 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 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

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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.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Mr. Prushinski voted No on # 9.4.5 but Yes on all the rest. Motion passes.

9.5 Negotiations

9.6. Personnel

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, 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 for Jason Prushinski, teacher, to take 1 unpaid day on Monday, June 15th, 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 20th, 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 15th, 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:
- 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)

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- 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 11th and 12th, 2015.
- 9.6.18 Recommend approval that Nancy Pokrinchak, cleaner, take 9 unpaid days from June 18th – June 30th, 2015.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes; Mr. Verazin abstained on # 9.6.8a but voted yes on all the rest. Motion passes.

9.7 Policy

Mrs. Tennesen made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, to approve the Policy Report.

- 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 8th, 9th, and 10th 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)**

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

9.8 Safety

9.9 Transportation

Mrs. Tennesen made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski, to approve the Transportation Report.

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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

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

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

15.0 ADJOURN:

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Prushinski to adjourn the meeting.

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