

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, November 10, 2016 in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm by Board President Ryan Verazin.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Prushinski called the roll: PRESENT: Ken James, Matt Landmesser, Wendy Wiaterowski, Len Olzinski, Megan Tennesen, Tony Prushinski and Ryan Verazin. Also present were Atty. Vito DeLuca, Albert Melone and Dr. Ronald Grevera. ABSENT: Gary Smith and Frank Shepanski
Pledge of Allegiance: GNA High School Senior Adrianna Roberts

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Mr. Olzinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to accept the Minutes from the regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session from October 13, 2016. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

3.0 COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – No Report

4.0 TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Olzinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prushinski to accept the Treasurer Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

5.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS:

5.1 General Account list of bills for October 2016: \$576,720.73

5.2 Family Center list of bills for October 2016: \$11,093.91

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski to accept the payment of bills. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Ms. Scibek

7.2 Mrs. Baddick

7.3 Mr. Gorham

7.4 Mrs. Lipsey

8.0 BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski to accept the Board Secretary’s Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ken James, Chairperson

9.1.1 Athletic Report

9.1.2 Recommend approval to appoint the following 2016-2017 coaches:

(Note: Clearances on file.)

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- a. Wrestling Volunteer.....Anthony Lovecchio
- b. Girls Basketball Videographer.....Samantha Gow
- c. Boys Basketball Volunteer.....Joseph Zelonis Jr.

9.1.3 Recommend approval to post the following positions for 2017-2018:

FALL SPORTS:

Field Hockey (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II

Boys/Girls Cross Country (Head Coach)

Boys Soccer (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II (Jr. High)

Girls Soccer (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Golf (Head Coach)

Girls Volleyball (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II

Timer

Scorer

Football: (Head Coach)

Assistant I

Assistant II

Assistant III

Assistant IV

Timer

Camera Person

Weightlifting

9.1.4 Recommend approval of cooperative sponsorship with Hanover Area for boys and girls swimming.

9.1.5 Recommend the Boys Basketball Assistant Coaches salaries be paid in the following manner for the 2016-2017 season: Assistant 2, 3 and 4 combined salary pool – Z. Pientka (30%), M. Meade (30%), E. Spencer (20%) and A. Brown (20%).

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mr. Landmesser to accept the Athletic Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

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

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mr. Olzinski to accept the Buildings and Grounds Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.3 **Education** (Prushinski, Wiaterowski, Landmesser) Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

9.3.1 Recommend approval to appoint Deborah Hartman as Educational Consultant to conduct a study of K-7 educational programs at a cost of \$4,000.00 plus travel expenses not to exceed \$500.00.

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Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski to accept the Education Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.4 **Finance** (Smith, Olzinski, Landmesser) Gary Smith, Chairperson

9.4.1 Recommend approval of the list of teachers to receive credit reimbursements.

9.4.2 Recommend approval of the list of teachers to receive incremental increases.

Mr. Olzinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Landmesser to accept the Finance Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.5 **Negotiations** (Smith, Wiaterowski, Landmesser) Gary Smith, 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, conferences and requests.

9.6.3 Recommend approval to appoint Pam Aftewicz to the position of K/1st Learning Support Aide.

9.6.4 Recommend approval to appoint Jessica Powell to the position of 1:1 Personal Care Aide at New Story retroactive to September 15th, 2016.

9.6.5 Recommend adding Sharon Nichols-Cullen (BA in Sociology) to the substitute teacher list retroactive to October 28, 2016.

9.6.6 Recommend approval to appoint Kathy Carlisle, Certified School Psychologist, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour to complete psychoeducational testing, evaluations, and reevaluation reports, as assigned by the Director of Special Education. (Note: This is a temporary appointment to ensure timelines are adhered to. It will be funded by Access and will accrue no additional cost to the district.)

9.6.7 Kristen Cunningham requests permission to take intermittent FMLA for the period of October 2016 through October 2017.

9.6.8 Recommend approval of agreement between GNA School District and Source 4 Teachers to provide substitute teachers for the district.

9.6.9 Ratify approval to accept letter of resignation from Vicki Endler, Special Education Aide, effective October 28th, 2016.

9.6.10 Jessica McHugh requests permission to take FMLA beginning on or about December 9th, 2016 for a period of six weeks.

9.6.11 Recommend approval to appoint Carly Scholla to the position of Elementary Choral Director for the 2016-2017 school year.

9.6.12 Recommend approval to appoint Michel Hughes, LIU Emotional Support teacher, to provide homebound instruction to two GNA students awaiting placement.

9.6.13 Recommend approval to accept letter of resignation from Crystal Lore, Varsity Cheerleading coach, effective November 11, 2016.

9.6.14 Recommend adding Lisa Welkey to the para-professional aide substitute list.

9.6.15 Recommend approval to accept letter of resignation from Tina Strait, Assistant Cheerleading coach, effective November 11, 2016.

9.6.16 Recommend to post for cheer advisor positions retroactive to November 7th, 2016.

9.6.17 Recommend approval to appoint the following as volunteer cheer advisors:

- a. Stacey Lewis
- b. Beth Maney
- c. Becki Raczkowski

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Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Olzinski to accept the Personnel Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.7 **Policy** (Wiaterowski, Prushinski, Tennesen) Wendy Wiaterowski, Chairperson

- 9.7.1 Recommend approval of the third reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 827 entitled "Conflict of Interest". **(Attachment)**
- 9.7.2 Recommend approval of the third reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626 entitled "Federal Fiscal Compliance". **(Attachment)**
- 9.7.3 Recommend approval of the third reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.1 entitled "Cash Management – Federal Programs". **(Attachment)**
- 9.7.4 Recommend approval of the third reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.2 entitled "Administration of Federal Funds – Type of Costs, Obligations and Property Management". **(Attachment)**
- 9.7.5 Recommend approval of the third reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.3 entitled "Procurement – Federal Programs". **(Attachment)**
- 9.7.6 Recommend approval of the third reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.4 entitled "Grant Sub-recipient Monitoring Procedures – Federal Programs". **(Attachment)**
- 9.7.7 Recommend approval of the third reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.5 entitled "Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs". **(Attachment)**
- 9.7.8 It is recommended that the board approve the 45 day expulsion inclusive of the ten day suspension for student 1110416 for violation of District Policy No. 218.1.

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tennesen to accept the Policy Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

9.8 **Safety** (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Olzinski) Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

9.9 **Transportation** (James, Smith, Olzinski) Ken James, Chairperson

- 9.9.1 Recommend approval of Dobbs Transportation as a carrier retroactive to October 19th, 2016.
- 9.9.2 Recommend approval of the following drivers:
 - a. Bonk Transportation – Ronald Uren
 - b. Dobbs Transportation – Joseph Sperrazza

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mr. Olzinski to accept the Transportation Report. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion passes.

11.0 I.U. UPDATE – Olzinski (Chair) – No Report.

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- 12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE – Tennesen (Chair) – Meeting was held on October 24, 2016. Awards were given at the WB Fair; 19 were won by CTC students; 4 were won by GNA students. Next meeting is November 21, 2016.

- 13.0 SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Solicitor Vito DeLuca announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm to discuss personnel matters and receive the superintendent’s report. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

- 14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS – Mr. Martz inquired about the status of the Kennedy Renovation Project. Frank Grevera and Dr. Grevera gave a brief update. Dr. Grevera explained that the district hired Canon Design to conduct a study to make recommendations to save money. They will look at the impact of the PLA, Architectural Design and Project Engineering. The project will be rebid at the end of December.

- 15.0 ADJOURN – Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The re-organization and regular meeting of the GNA School Board will be on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at 6:00 pm.