

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, November 12, 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, Beggs, James, and Smith. Absent: Raineri and Shepanski. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Chuck (Melone's Office).

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Henry Sedorchuk (Ed Center Student)

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—October 15, 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. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski, to accept the Treasurer Report.

4.1 Treasurer Report

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

5.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beggs, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for October 2015: \$602,993.54 (**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for October 2015: \$11,542.61 (**Attachment**)

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

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6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Prushinski was thanked for serving 8 years on the Board, Mr. Raineri for his 16 years and Mr. Beggs for his 4 years.

The Board will be conducting its first reading of Policy 819 on Suicide Awareness Prevention, and Response and the first reading of Concussion Management Policy.

Thanks to Coach Bart (A.D.) for his work on the Coaches handbook.

Thanks to Mr. Grevera and his staff for the repairs to the outside lighting.

Mr. Verazin gave a power point presentation of the year-end review and thanked everyone for all they did.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Mr. Speece (**Attachment**) (*Absent*)

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 the 2015-2016 school year: (**Clearances on file**)

a. Volunteer Cheerleading Assistant Coach.....Tina Strait

b. Head Boys' Track Coach.....Zachary Pientka

c. Girls' Asst. III Coach.....Gerard Rentko

d. Girls' Asst. IV Coach.....Bill Goodman

e. Girls' Softball 4a Coach.....Jake Biehl

9.1.3 Recommend approval to establish the Friends of Trojanette Field Hockey Booster Club. (**Attachment**)

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

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**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

9.2.2 Ratify the request from the GNA Wrestling Booster Club to use the HS cafeteria on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6-9pm for their regular monthly meeting.

9.2.3 Ratify the request from the Nanticoke Junior Trojans to hold a pizza party for the players on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the HS cafeteria.

9.2.4 Angela Higdon, Director of the Encore School of Dance, requests permission to use the HS auditorium for their annual dance recital on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 5:30-8:00pm. All proceeds will cover the cost of the production and 2 dance scholarships for the following year.

9.2.5 Ratify the request from Hanover Area School District to use our pool from November 9<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 during their pool renovations. All days, times, and door access will be coordinated by Mr. Grevera and Mr. Bartuska as to eliminate any conflicts with our daily schedules. *A Certificate of Liability Insurance is on file. (Attachment)*

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 to authorize the Superintendent to establish an after school extra help program in elementary math and reading (grades 3-5).

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)*

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- 9.4.2 Appoint Albert B. Melone Company, Certified Public Accountants, as our School Business Consultants to a three (3) year contract from December 1, 2015 to December 1, 2018 at a base fee of \$77,544. Each year on the anniversary date (December 1<sup>st</sup>) that amount is to be adjusted by the cost of living index provided to the school district by the State of Pennsylvania. *(If the cost of living index is zero or below, the contract amount will be the same as the prior year and no increase will be granted.)*
- 9.4.3 Motion to refund Kelly M. Knick of 234 Lee Park Ave., Hanover Twp., PA 18706-3212 school real estate taxes for 2015-16 in the amount of \$413.38 due to razed building at 67 W. Green St. Nanticoke. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.4 Motion to refund Albert and Sandra Cumberland of 138 Oak Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634-4314 school real estate taxes for 2014-15 in the amount of \$3.36 due to changed land assessment. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.5 Motion to refund David G. Fruehauf of 35 Ryman St., Luzerne, PA 18709-1416 school real estate taxes for 2014-15 in the amount of \$1.05 due to razed building on Vandermark St. in Newport Twp. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.6 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 \$20,000.00, an independent evaluation not to exceed \$1,750, and reimbursement of \$8,500.00 in attorney's fees.
- 9.4.7 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Todd J. Bushta, CPA, auditor.
- 9.4.8 Recommend approval to appoint Rainey & Rainey, Certified Public Accountants, as auditors for the 2015-2016 school. **(Attachment)**
- 9.4.2 Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increases. **(Attachment)**

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

Mr. Verazin thanked the Albert B. Melone Company for their service.

## 9.5 Negotiations

## 9.6. Personnel

Mr. Prushinski made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Tennesen, to approve the Personnel Report.

- 9.6.1 Recommend approval of all applications. **Attachment**

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9.6.2 Recommend approval of the attached list of field trips and conferences.

***Attachment***

9.6.3 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Barbara Lynn Ravin, Special Ed Aide, effective October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. ***(Attachment)***

9.6.4 Recommend approval to post and advertise two Special Ed Aide positions.

9.6.5 Ratify the request from Chester Prushinski, crossing guard, to take an unpaid day on 11/3/15 and a ½ unpaid day on 11/4/15.

9.6.6 Recommend approval to appoint **Christine Szychowski** as a cleaner at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.

9.6.7 Ratify the following list of substitute teachers:

- a. Thomas J. Stavitski
- b. Kelly Smith
- c. Melinda Ross
- d. Abigail Bachman
- e. Danielle Correll-Mule'

9.6.8 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Clarissa Davis, cleaner, effective November 6, 2015. ***(Attachment)***

9.6.9 Recommend approval to post and advertise a cleaning position.

9.6.10 Ratify the request to appoint **Melissa McGovern** as an Instructional Aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract effective November 3, 2015.

9.6.11 Recommend approval to post and advertise for teachers for the after school extra help program in elementary math and reading (3-5).

9.6.12 Recommend approval to appoint **Theresa Walts** as a Special Ed Aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.

9.6.13 Recommend approval to accept an MOU with the Greater Nanticoke Area Education Association to create the position of an Elementary Dean of Students. ***(Attachment)***

9.6.14 Recommend approval to post an Elementary Dean of Students position.

9.6.15 Recommend approval to post and advertise a Special Education K-12 teaching position.

9.6.16 Recommend approval to post and advertise for a High School Principal.

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

**9.7 Policy**

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

9.7.1 Recommend approval to adopt the 2015-2016 Coaches Handbook.

**(Attachment)**

9.7.2 Recommend approval of the Project Labor Agreement for the Kennedy Early Childhood Center Alterations and Additions. **(Attachment)**

9.7.3 Recommend that the Board accept the **First** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy adding No. 123.1; Concussion Management.

**(Attachment)**

9.7.4 Recommend that the Board accept the **First** reading of the Greater Nanticoke Area Policy adding No. 819; Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response and No. 819 Attachment of Suicide Prevention Resources for Schools. **(Attachment)**

9.7.5 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Bob Raineri, board member, effective November 12, 2015. **(Attachment)**

9.7.6 Recommend approval to accept Letters of Interest for the vacated Board position.

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

### 9.8 Safety

### 9.9 Transportation

10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

Mr. Verazin thanked Mr. Beggs for his service.

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Vito DeLuca announced that the Board met in Executive Session from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm and received a report from the Superintendent relating to personnel. No deliberations took place and no decisions were made.

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Marks talked about teachers strikes in PA. Thank goodness we do not have that here in our district. Also spoke about Mr. Rostock losing the election.

15.0 ADJOURN:

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

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