

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

- 1.0 ROLL CALL
  - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Henry Sedorchak (Ed Center Student)
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) NOTATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:
  - 2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—October 15, 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 October 2015: \$602,993.54(**Attachment**)
  - 5.2 Family Center list of bills for October 2015: \$11,542.61 (**Attachment**)
- 6.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS
  - 6.1 Board President’s year-end review
- 7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
  - 7.1 Mr. Speece (**Attachment**)
  - 7.2 Mrs. Baddick (**Attachment**)
  - 7.3 Mr. Gorham (**Attachment**)
  - 7.4 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 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

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

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

Frank Shepanski, Chairperson

- 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)*

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

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

- 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).

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

Gary Smith, Chairperson

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

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- 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)**

9.5 **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 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)**

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- 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.

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

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

- 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.

9.8 **Safety** (Tennesen, Wiaterowski, Beggs)

Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

9.9 **Transportation** (Beggs, Smith, James)

Chet Beggs, Chairperson

10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

Chet Beggs

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- 12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE
- 13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT
- 14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS
- 15.0 ADJOURN

Bob Raineri/ Gary Smith