

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, October 15, 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, Raineri, Prushinski, Shepanski, James, and Smith. Absent: Beggs. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Al Melone.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Sy'raia Maney (7th grade)

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—September 10, 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, Mr. Raineri, to accept the Treasurer Report.

4.1 Treasurer Report

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

5.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wiaterowski, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for September 2015: \$1,012,589.32 (Attachment)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for September 2015: \$14,153.62(Attachment)

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

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6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Grevera: During the month of October the following two grants are being submitted to the PA Department of Education

A. Safe Schools SPO/SRO Grant-This Safe Schools Grant will allow us to supplement the salary and benefits of the School Police Officer for this year if we are approved.

B. Safe Schools Equipment Grant-This Safe Schools Grant will allow us to purchase upgraded security cameras for the high school.

Next week we are expecting security cameras to be installed on about half of our school buses. The Board approved that expenditure a few months ago.

There will be a half Act 80 Day on October 30th. The topic of the Act 80 Day for teachers will be on teacher professionalism roles and responsibilities.

Mr. Peter Ortiz from E.I. Associates will update the public on the Kennedy Early Childhood Center renovation and addition project.

6.1 Peter Ortiz-E.I. Associates Kennedy Restoration and Addition Update

Representatives from PNC Bank explained the Bond.

Mr. Prushinski: Since the budget has not passed, will that effect the reimbursement?

Mr. Ortiz: No, since we made the July 1st deadline.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Mr. Long (**Attachment**)

7.2 Mrs. Baddick (**Attachment**)

7.3 Mr. Gorham (**Attachment**)

Mr. Prushinski: Suggested that the students practice fire drills or lockdowns while students are in the cafeteria.

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.

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9.1.1 Athletic Report

9.1.2 Recommend approval to appoint the following 2015-2016 coaches:

(Note:Clearances on file)

- a. Girls' Basketball Assistant 1.....Terry Ziolkowski
- b. Field Hockey Camera PersonMegan Matthews
- c. Football Camera Person.....Scott Tarnowski
- d. Boys' Basketball Assistant 1.....Ed Lukowski
- e. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Al Brown
- f. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Eric Spencer
- g. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Zach Pientka
- h. Boys' Basketball Assistant 2, 3, 4(share).....Matt Meade
Salary for Asst. Boys' Basketball coaches 2, 3, and 4 will be totaled and divided equally between 5 coaches. *(Note: One coach still pending clearances)*
- i. Boys' Basketball Timer.....Tracy Biehl
- j. Boys' Basketball Scorebook.....Kevin Ward
- k. Volunteer Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Coach....Dave Marcossi
- l. Swimming Scorer.....Mary K. Writer
- m. Jr. High Volleyball Coach.....Tracy Biehl
- n. Swimming Timer.....Paula Fine
- o. Volunteer Girls' Volleyball Coach.....Lauren Rinehimer
- p. Wrestling Assistant 2 Coach.....Luke Capie
- q. Wrestling Assistant 1 Coach.....Scott Shotwell
- r. Boys' Basketball Camera Person.....Matt Kruczek

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

9.2 Buildings and Grounds

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

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

9.2.2 Recommend permission for The GNA Chorus Parents Organization to hold a Craft Fair on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 in the HS hallway, cafeteria and auditorium.

9.2.3 Recommend approval to submit Plan Con D (design development) estimate and Act 34 information to PDE and Plan Con E (design development drawings) to PDE **(Attached Resolution)**

9.2.4 Recommend approval to authorize EI Associates to begin Plan Con F (construction document). **(Attached Resolution)**

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9.2.5 Recommend approval for the GNA Chorus Parents Organization to hold their annual variety show on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 6 pm in the HS Auditorium.

They will also need to use the auditorium on November 9th at 5pm and November 16th at 6pm for auditions and dress rehearsals.

9.2.6 Recommend approval to purchase a 2016 Ford F-250 4x4 Regular Cab 8' Box truck at a cost of \$26,854.22. **(Attachment)**

9.2.7 Recommend approval for the City Event Committee to use the HS parking lot on Saturday, October 31st, 2015 to do a trick or trunk for the city of Nanticoke.

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

9.3 Education

9.4 Finance

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Shepanski, 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)**

FAILED 9.4.3 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.

9.4.4 A motion authorizing the adoption by the Board of School Directors of Greater Nanticoke Area School District of a Resolution authorizing certain actions to be taken and approving execution of documentation in connection with the issuance of one or more series of General Obligation Bonds and the incurrence of the debt associated therewith for the purposes of funding a project consisting of the following: (1) planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, installing, furnishing and equipping of improvements and renovations to facilities of the School District; (2) purchasing capital equipment for use by the School District; (3) additional

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capital projects of the School District to the extent approved by the Board; (4) funding capitalized interest on the Bonds; and (5) paying the costs and expenses of issuance of the Bonds, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution. **(Attachment: Resolution)**

- 9.4.5 Recommend approval to pay Alexa Carros Laughlin, 121 Center St., Forty Fort, PA 18704, \$303.94 for a refund of transfer taxes due to the reversal and cancellation. **(Attachment)**

Upon roll call, all present voted yes on all except the following voted NO on # 9.4.3 Smith, James, Prushinski, Shepanski, Raineri, and Tennesen. Motion passed except 9.4.3 Failed.

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)**
- 9.6.2 Recommend approval of the attached list of field trips, conferences and requests. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.3 Recommend approval to appoint **Ryan Lamoreux** as Band Assistant 1 and **Melanie Lumi** as Band Assistant 2.
- 9.6.4 Recommend approval to accept the retirement letter from **Barbara Piontkowski**, cleaner, effective September 15, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.5 Recommend approval to post and advertise a cleaning position.
- 9.6.6 Recommend approval to appoint **Theresa Rogers** as a Special Ed Aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.
- 9.6.7 Recommend approval of the P.I.M.S. Coordinator, Act 93/Group 2, job description. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.8 Recommend approval to accept the resignation letter of Cynthia Siergiej, business office, effective October 15, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.9 Recommend approval to appoint **Carrie Konetski** as a cleaner at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.
- 9.6.10 Recommend approval to appoint **Eric Speece** as Acting High School Principal, Act 93, with a salary increase of \$5,000 above his current salary retroactive to October 7, 2015.
- 9.6.11 Recommend approval to appoint **Michael Zubritski** as High School Dean of Students retroactive to October 7, 2015. **(Attachment: MOU)**

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- 9.6.12 Recommend approval for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Suzanne Harvey, cafeteria. This leave will be intermittent.
- 9.6.13 Recommend approval to appoint **Tami Pease** as a crossing guard at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.
- 9.6.14 Recommend approval for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Ken Shimko, maintenance.
- 9.6.15 Recommend approval to pay Claudine Drugotch, aide, for 1 unused sick day due to her resignation. (\$30 x 1=\$30)
- 9.6.16 Recommend approval to pay Claudia Painter, cleaner, for 6 sick days and 5 vacation days due to her retirement. (\$30 x 6 and \$38.88 x 5 or \$374.40)
- 9.6.17 Recommend approval to pay Joe Long, principal, for 87.5 sick days and 1/2 personal day. (\$150 x 87.5 + \$343.19 x .5 or \$13,296.60)
- 9.6.18 Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Joe Zanetti, aide, effective October 30, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.19 Recommend approval to appoint **Ashley Florek** as a Special Ed Aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.
- 9.6.20 Recommend approval to post and advertise two Special Ed Aide positions.
- 9.6.21 Recommend approval to appoint **Lisa Kosicki** as an Instructional Aide at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract.

Upon roll call, all present voted yes on all except the following voted NO on # 9.6.2 #9: Verazin, James, Prushinski, Wiaterowski, and Tennesen. Motion passed except Attachment 9.6.2 #9 Failed.

9.7 Policy

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

- 9.7.1 It is recommended that the Board approve the 45 day expulsion for student 01100115 for violation of board policy #218.1.

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

9.8 Safety

9.9 Transportation

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. James, to approve the Transportation Report.

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9.9.1 Recommend approval for 2015-2016 following:

- White Transit list of drivers
- Private Transporter list of drivers and aides
- Bus Stops and Special Transportation stops

Attachment

9.9.2 Recommend approval for John S. Lysiak to be added to the list of drivers for White Transit. **Clearances on file.**

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

Mr. Marks: Questions to the Board concerning Crestwood and the CTC.

Mr. Raineri: It is in limbo now

Mr. Marks: Are we contesting?

Mr. Smith: We have an attorney

Mr. Raineri: It is not by the number of students in the votec but the population of the school

Mr. Prushinski: It is reviewed every 10 years and the next census is 2020 and they are breaking the rules of the contract in the middle of the game. We should pull out and go to West Side

Mr. Marks: We should pull out and go to the West Side; I don't think they are doing a good job.

Mr. Raineri: We have the backing of the other school districts. We are going to try and amend the bylaws.

Mr. Marks: When is the project of the school going to start?

Mr. Ortiz: Begin in April but they will not have access until June when the students are out of the school.

15.0 ADJOURN:

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

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

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