

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nanticoke Area School District was held Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Greater Nanticoke Area Senior High School.

1.0 ROLL CALL

Mrs. Wiaterowski called the Roll: PRESENT: Wiaterowski, Verazin, Tennesen, Raineri, and Smith. Absent: Beggs, Shepanski, Prushinski, and James. Also present were Attorney Vito DeLuca, Dr. Ron Grevera, and Chuck from Al Melone's office.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—August 18, 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. Raineri made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the paying of bills.

5.1 General Account list of bills for August 2015: \$811,943.53 (**Attachment**)

5.2 Family Center list of bills for August 2015: \$10,603.61 (**Attachment**)

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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Pending board approval, I want to welcome Mr. Jeffrey Gregory to our administrative team. Mr. Gregory will be replacing Mr. Long as the high school principal. His experience includes both elementary and secondary principal at both Old Forge and Lackawanna Trail School Districts. He also served as the Director of Admissions at Lackawanna College. Additionally, he has been very involved on the PIAA District II Committee with athletics. I want to thank Mr. Long for his service to the Greater Nanticoke Area School District for nearly a decade. I wish him well as the Elementary Principal in the Wyoming Area School District.

Last month I spoke about the dismal scores regarding the PSSA Assessment Test. The Commonwealth filed a waiver with the United States Department of Education that was approved which removes SPP for this school year. I am encouraged that the Commonwealth took this measure. Moving forward, the Commonwealth will be examining the further utilization of test scores as a measure of the School Performance Profile. Additionally, the graduation requirement with respect to the Keystones has also been placed on hold, consequently changing the way teachers are evaluated will also be part of the discussion.

I want to thank the Board of Education for approving at our last board meeting an extra Act 80 Day for teachers which will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be a no student day. Elementary Teachers will be in-serviced on Webb's Depth of knowledge and our high school teachers will be writing curriculum for social studies, science, and specials. High School Teachers will be in-serviced on February 12<sup>th</sup> on Webb's Depth of Knowledge which will assist in the way we prepare for the PSSA's.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1 Mr. Long (***Attachment***)
- 7.2 Mrs. Baddick (***Attachment***)
- 7.3 Mr. Gorham (***Attachment***)
- 7.4 Mrs. Lipsey (***Attachment***)

8.0 BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Wiaterowski made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Smith, to approve the Secretary's Report.

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

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 **Athletics**

Mr. Raineri made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski, 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' Volleyball Volunteer.....Chrislyn Cabonilas
- b. Girls' Volleyball Volunteer.....Robert Burke
- c. Girls' Volleyball Volunteer.....Joe Shimko
- d. Girls' Volleyball Volunteer.....Jordan Williams
- e. Girls' Volleyball Volunteer.....Leanne Harvey
- f. Girls' Volleyball Asst. II.....Celeste Deslich

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

**9.2 Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Raineri, to approve the Buildings and Grounds Report.

9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report

9.2.2 Recommend approval for Julianna Waclawski and Abbey Zaykoski to hold a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the football field to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project as their senior project. (Note: Registration at 9 am; race begins at 11)

9.2.3 Recommend approval for the GNA Band Parents Association to use the field house for the band concession stand during the 2015 football season.

9.2.4 Recommend approval for the Wrestling Booster Club to hold its monthly meetings in the HS cafeteria on September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6-9pm.

9.2.5 Recommend approval for the Wrestling Booster Club to hold their Senior Night in the HS cafeteria. The district will be notified of the date when schedules are completed.

9.2.6 Recommend approval for the Wrestling Booster Club to use the wrestling room for practices for the elementary wrestling program from October to March. All practices will be coordinated with the high school and junior high coaches.

9.2.7 Recommend approval for the Wrestling Booster Club to use the HS gym and cafeteria to host 2 Penn League home meets on Sundays. Details will follow. (Note: Dates must be reported to Mr. Grevera prior to events)

9.2.8 Recommend approval for John Barno, Scholastic Youth Services Program Coordinator, to use the HS Auditorium on Friday, November 20, 2015 for the Foreign Language Program. There will be two shows "The Latin

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American Spectacular” at 9:50 am and “Reflections of Spain” at 11:15 am. Complimentary tickets will be issued to the GNA Spanish students in lieu of a rental fee.

- 9.2.9 Recommend approval for the Nanticoke Area Little League to use the HS Cafeteria the first Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm for their monthly meetings.
- 9.2.10 Recommend approval for the GNA Girls’ Soccer Booster Club to hold Senior Night in the HS Cafeteria on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 4-10pm.
- 9.2.11 Recommend approval for the GNA Boys’ Soccer Booster Club to hold Senior Night in the HS Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 following the 6:30 home game.
- 9.2.12 Recommend approval for Ellen Rutkowski, Play Director, to perform the annual school musical theater production on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Show times will be at 7 pm. They are also requesting the blue cafeteria on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for a set and cast party.
- 9.2.13 Recommend approval for the HS Student council to hold the following events during Spirit Week:
  - a. Spirit games on Thurs. October 1<sup>st</sup> which will be in the gym
  - b. Pep rally and bonfire on Thursday evening October 1<sup>st</sup>
- 9.2.14 Recommend approval for the Ed Center Drama Club to hold their annual Christmas play on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 starting at 6:30 pm in the Ed Center cafeteria.

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

### 9.3 Education

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

- 9.3.1 Recommend approval to adopt the PASS Program (Parent and Student Success) to reduce truancy in the GNA School District. **(Attachment)**
- 9.3.2 Recommend approval of the Chapter 339 Guidance Plan. **(Attachment)**

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

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**9.4 Finance**

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by, Mr. Raineri, 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 approval that Joseph and Irene Lukashewski, 447 Pond Hill Mountain Road, Wapwallopen, PA 19660-1214 be refunded \$662.29 due to disabled veteran exemption. **(Attachment)**

9.4.4 Recommend approval to accept the resignation from Matt Foster & Associates, auditors. **(Attachment)**

9.4.5 Recommend approval to appoint Todd J. Bushta, CPA as auditor for the 2015-2016 school. **(Attachment)**

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

**9.5 Negotiations**

**9.6. Personnel**

Mrs. Tennesen made a motion, seconded by, Mrs. Wiaterowski, 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 Dr. Robert D. Mauro, Educational Consultant, as Federal Programs Coordinator at a cost of \$3,000 for the school year and as District Grant Writer at a cost of five (5) percent of the value of any additional governmental or private grant successfully brought to the district. Travel expenses would include mileage and the cost of any overnight stays. **(Attachment)**

9.6.4 Recommend approval to accept the verbal resignation from Carla Katra, cafeteria, effective August 21, 2015.

9.6.5 Recommend approval to post and advertise a cafeteria position.

9.6.6 Recommend approval to accept the resignation letter from Claudine Drugotch, aide, effective August 22, 2015.

9.6.7 Recommend approval to post for a special education aide position.

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- 9.6.8 Recommend approval to appoint the following as special education aides at the rate and hours stipulated in the Support Staff Contract:
- a. Christine Salus
  - b. Eileen Gray
  - c. Joseph Mayday
  - d. Vicki Endler
  - e. Deborah Ward
  - f. Melissa McGovern
  - g. Catherine Domashinski
- 9.6.9 It is recommended that the Board appoint **Dr. Ron Grevera** as the management representative for the NEPA Health Trust and **Sue Lipsey** as alternate effective the 2015-2016 school year.
- 9.6.10 It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation letter from **Joseph Long**, principal. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.11 It is recommended the Board accept the resignation letter from Mary Zipko, cleaner, effective November 30, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.12 It is recommended the Board accept the resignation letter from Claudia Painter, cleaner, effective September 30, 2015. **(Attachment)**
- 9.6.13 Recommend approval to post and advertise two (2) cleaning positions.
- 9.6.14 Recommend approval to post and advertise a high school principal position retroactive to August 28, 2015.
- 9.6.15 Recommend approval for Diane Kivler, business office, to take three (3) unpaid days on November 25<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 for personal reasons.
- 9.6.16 Recommend approval for Mary Kay Dailey, teacher, to take a half school year sabbatical starting September 8, 2015.
- 9.6.17 Recommend approval to appoint **Jeffrey Gregory** as High School Principal at a salary of \$88,000. (Note: Act 93 Compensation Plan)
- 9.6.18 Recommend approval of an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the GNA Education Association concerning Cyber School. **Pending Solicitor's review. (Attachment)**
- 9.6.19 Recommend approval to appoint **Jennis Bunnell** as Chorus Director Asst. I for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

## 9.7 Policy

## 9.8 Safety

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**9.9 Transportation**

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:

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

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