

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

1.0 ROLL CALL

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: Ryan Kenney, Mackenzie Stratton and Lauren Youngblood

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

2.1 Regular School Board Meeting/Executive Session—August 11, 2016

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 August 2016: \$618,306.67

5.2 Family Center list of bills for August 2016: \$11,107.71

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Ms. Scibeck (**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, 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)**

a. Boys Volleyball volunteer.....Joseph Shimko

b. Girls Volleyball volunteer.....Joseph Shimko

c. Football volunteer.....Joseph Shimko

d. Boys Volleyball volunteer.....Deanna Thomas

e. Girls Volleyball volunteer..... Deanna Thomas

f. \*Football Assistant 3.....John Pietryzk Sr./ Walter Szychowski

*\* Pietryzk was hired as Asst. 3 and Szychowski was hired as volunteer. They should be a split salary as Asst. 3.*

g. Boys Soccer volunteer.....Jacob Niewinski

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- h. Field Hockey Asst. I.....Maryann Lang
- i. Girls Soccer Volleyball volunteer.....Rebecca Dinelli

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

Frank Shepanski, Chairperson

- 9.2.1 Building and Grounds Report
- 9.2.2 Recommend approval to accept the quote from DOLLAMUR Sports Surfaces to replace wall padding in the wrestling room. Delivered and installed for \$8100.00.
- 9.2.3 Recommend approval to reject bids from August 12, 2016 regarding the Kennedy renovation and addition project.
- 9.2.4 On behalf of the music faculty, Ellen Rutkowski requests permission to use the high school auditorium for the annual December concerts and dress rehearsals:
  - a. Band Concert on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
  - b. Chorus Concert on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
  - c. Elementary Chorus Dress Rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00 pm
- 9.2.5 Tanya Ostopick, Booster Club President, would like to request the use of the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. They will be holding a Senior Night Celebration after the last home game. The game is at 6:30. The celebration will take place afterwards in the cafeteria to honor the senior players.
- 9.2.6 Brad and Jennis Bunnell are requesting permission to use the Ed Center cafeteria on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm to hold their annual instrument rental meeting.
- 9.2.7 The GNA High School Student Council requests permission to use the school grounds for a 6:00 pm Pep Rally followed by a 7:00 pm Bon-Fire as part of the Homecoming and Spirit Week Activities on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 9.2.8 The 2017 Senior Class Friends Don't Let Friends Fight Cancer Alone Committee requests permission to use the field at the Football Stadium on October 8 with a rain venue being the High School gymnasium for the same date.

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

Tony Prushinski, Chairperson

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

Gary Smith, Chairperson

- 9.4.1 Recommend approval of the attached list for credit reimbursements.

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- 9.4.2 Recommend approval of the attached list for increment increases.
- 9.4.3 Recommend approval to accept the quote from Edwards Business Systems for copier lease/maintenance services for 2016-2021 at an estimated monthly cost of \$5,555.00. (Note: Current cost is \$9,732.65 per month; projected savings = \$250,659.00)
- 9.4.4 Recommend approval to accept the Purchase of Education Service Agreement between Wilkes Barre Behavioral Hospital Company, LLC, Transition Partial Hospitalization Program and the Greater Nanticoke Area School District to provide special educational services to children and adolescents at a per diem rate of \$110.00.
- 9.4.5 Recommend approval to accept a Cyber Services Agreement with Seneca Valley School District for 2016 through 2020 school years. (Note: Agreement can be terminated in April before the next school year.)
- 9.4.6 Motion to refund Barbara Rentko of R419 Jones St., Nanticoke, PA 2015-2016 school real estate taxes in the amount of \$87.75. Reason for refund: assessment lowered.
- 9.4.7 Motion to refund Alice Gorka Pawlowski of 1204 S. Hanover St., Nanticoke, PA, 2015-2016 school real estate taxes in the amount of \$123.40. Reason for refund: assessment lowered.

**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.
- 9.6.2 Recommend approval of field trips, conferences and requests.
- 9.6.3 Recommend approval to appoint Jeffrey Stanford as Band Assistant I.
- 9.6.4 Recommend approval of Heather Kowalski's request to take Maternity Leave on or about October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She will use her accrued sick leave and unpaid leave. Her anticipated date of return is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- 9.6.5 Recommend accepting the following substitute teachers from the Guest Teacher Program:
  - a. Heather David
  - b. Richard Evanski
  - c. Kristopher Gildein
  - d. Krista Gromelski
  - e. Jason Kalbach
  - f. Suzanne Keller
  - g. Samantha Krochmaluk
  - h. Deborah Switzer
  - i. Lisa Welkey

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- j. Amy Zanicky
- k. George Brown
- l. Brian Dankulich
- m. Gail Hiller

9.6.5 Recommend adding the following paraprofessional aides to the substitute list:

- a. Pamela Aftewicz
- b. Dorothy Knorr
- c. Keira Pasquarella
- d. Jessica Powell

9.6.6 Recommend adding the following teacher(s) to the substitute teacher list:

- a. Christin Zaborney – Certified in Elementary Ed/Early Childhood
- b. Nicole Reese – Certified in English/Library Media Specialist
- c. Kaitlyn Sipe – Certified Elementary Ed/K-6
- d. Brittany Dunn – Certified in Health & Physical Education

9.6.7 Recommend approval to appoint Julie Dalmas as Special Education teacher at Masters Step 1 retroactive to August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

9.6.8 Recommend approval to appoint Crystal Lore as a 1:1 Personal Care Aide retroactive to August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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 2016-2017 school year.

9.6.10 Recommend Megan Buckley as mentor to newly hired Special Education Teacher, Julie Dalmas.

9.6.11 Nina Herbst requests to take an FMLA leave beginning December 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She will utilize her paid leave until it is exhausted. At that time, she will be on unpaid leave.

9.6.12 Jennis Bunnell requests to take an FMLA leave beginning approximately the second week of October 2016 through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She will utilize her paid leave until it is exhausted. At that time, she will be on unpaid leave.

9.6.13 Recommend approval to appoint Tyrone Thompson as Cleaner per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Support Staff CBA.

9.6.14 Melissa McGovern, Instructional Aide to the teachers, is requesting five (5) days of unpaid leave for a family vacation.

9.6.15 Recommend approval to appoint Kelsey Gallagher as the substitute for Theresa Jacopetti while she is on FMLA.

9.6.16 Recommend acceptance of the letter of resignation from Tammy Boyd, long term speech-language pathologist.

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9.6.17 Recommend approval to appoint Andrew Viscuso to the position of long-term substitute for speech and language for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Wendy Wiaterowski, Chairperson

9.7.1 Recommend approval of the first reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 827 entitled "Conflict of Interest".

9.7.2 Recommend approval of the first reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. policy 626 entitled "Federal Fiscal Compliance".

9.7.3 Recommend approval of the first reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.1 entitled "Cash Management – Federal Programs".

9.7.4 Recommend approval of the first reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.2 entitled "Administration of Federal Funds – Type of Costs, Obligations and Property Management".

9.7.5 Recommend approval of the first reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.3 entitled "Procurement – Federal Programs".

9.7.6 Recommend approval of the first reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.4 entitled "Grant Sub-recipient Monitoring Procedures – Federal Programs".

9.7.7 Recommend approval of the first reading of Greater Nanticoke Area School District Policy No. 626.5 entitled "Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs".

9.7.8 Recommend approval to designate September 21<sup>st</sup>, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> as full Act 80 days for students in the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Megan Tennesen, Chairperson

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

Ken James, Chairperson

10.0 TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

11.0 I.U. UPDATE

Olzinski/Wiaterowski

12.0 WILKES BARRE CTC UPDATE

Tennesen/Wiaterowski

13.0 SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney DeLuca

14.0 COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

15.0 ADJOURN

The next meeting of the GNA School Board will be on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.