

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING APRIL 8, 2020**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Brian Conway  
Mr. Frank Gazze  
Miss Lynn Jobe  
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.  
Mr. Jeff Metrosky  
Mr. Jonathan O'Brien  
Mrs. Robin Savage  
Mrs. Lynna Thomas  
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas

**ABSENT**

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Dr. Gary Peiffer, Superintendent  
Mr. James R. Dzurica, Business Manager and School Board Secretary  
Mr. John Scales, Solicitor  
Mr. Lee Demosky, Solicitor

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Kenneth Bissell, Coordinator of Secondary Education and Instruction

**NEWS MEDIA**

No one from the media was present.

Approximately fifteen (15) citizens of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr., School Board President, called the meeting to Order at 7:30 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Mr. James Dzurica called the Roll, which is indicated above.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session of the Board was held at 6:00 P.M for personnel and legal matters. The April 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting convened at 7:30 P.M.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items presented.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

There were no student representatives present and no report was given at this time.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

No one signed in to address the Board

**BUILDING REPORTS**

There were no building reports.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2020/REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2020**

A motion was made by I.Thomas/O'Brien to approve the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of March 3, 2020 and the Regular School Board Meeting of March 11, 2020 as presented.

Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was not able to vote.**

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-16

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A motion was made by S.Thomas/O'Brien to approve the following financial reports for March: Bank Reconciliation; Capital Projects Fund; Tax Report; Student Activity Funds; Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals – General Fund; Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals – General Fund; Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals – Capital Project Fund; Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals – Capital Project Fund; Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals – Cafeteria Fund; and Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals – Cafeteria Fund.

Section 508 vote: All nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present but not able to vote.**

SEE ATTACHMENTS 11-30

**DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID**

A motion was made by Gazzo/Metrosky to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$3,619,961.59; Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: Cafeteria Fund - \$138,002.83; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$327,456.60.

Section 508 Vote: All nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present but not able to vote.**

SEE ATTACHMENTS 31-73

**ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS MADE/BILLS TO BE PAID SINCE LAST MEETING**

A motion was made by Metrosky/Savage to approve the following: Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$22,401.46; and Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: Capital Improvement Fund - \$6,975.00.

Section 508 vote: All nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

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SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-5

**ESEA TITLE I, II, AND VI**

Dr. Lenni Nedley shared that Title I budget was reduced by \$97.00 and Title IIA budget was reduced by \$3,285.00.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Board** – Mrs. Robin Savage announced that the Board Meeting for the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center will be held next Wednesday, April 15, 2020. They are in the process of hiring a new Executive Director and are working on getting computers for students to use.

**Westmoreland Intermediate Unit** – Mrs. Lynna Thomas expressed appreciation to the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit for all they do.

**Greensburg Salem Education Foundation** – No report at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Buildings and Grounds** – Mr. Ronald Mellinger shared that we are looking to get started on the Senior High School roof project with financing voted on at tonight's meeting. Also, a ZOOM Meeting will be held for the four firms that were selected by the ESCO Committee to present their qualifications to the Board.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report at this time.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

All appointments and additions to the substitute lists under the Personnel Report are pending receipt of governmental clearances, certification records, and physical and tuberculin test, where applicable.

**ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LIST**

A motion was made by Savage/Metrosky to approve the following additions to the substitute list for custodians: Tom Abraham and Shane Stofko.

Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present not able to vote.**

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion as made by Jobe/Savage to approve the appointment of Jason Stofko, Custodian at the Senior High School, temporary permanent position effective April 9, 2020, salary set at \$15.00 per hour as per the negotiated Agreement.

Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present not able to vote.**

**FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

A motion as made by Savage/L.Thomas to approve a Family and Medical Leave for Employee #328, Custodian at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School, effective retroactive to March 9, 2020 and continuing for approximately eight (8) to twelve (12) weeks.

Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present not able to vote.**

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD PAPER BID**

A motion was made by L.Thomas/Conway to approve the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7 Joint purchasing Board's Resolution to award the bid for paper for the 2020-2021 school year to W.B. Mason Company, Inc. as presented. Voting Aye: Conway, Gazze, Jobe, Mellinger, Metrosky, O'Brien, Savage, and L.Thomas.

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD PAPER BID (cont'd)**

Voting Nay: No one.

Absent: No one.

Abstaining: No one.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present not able to vote.**

SEE ATTACHMENTS 71-72

**SECURE LOAN FOR ROOF PROJECT**

A motion was made by Gazze/Savage to accept the proposal from First National Bank to secure a loan in the amount of \$950,000.00 for a term of five (5) years at an interest rate of 1.93% to help with the cost of replacing the roof at the Greensburg Salem High School as presented pending Business Manager and Solicitor approval.

Voting Aye: Conway, Gazze, Jobe, Mellinger, Metrosky, O'Brien, Savage and L. Thomas.

Voting Nay: No one.

Absent: No one.

Abstaining: No one.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present not able to vote.**

SEE ATTACHMENTS 6-8

**ADELPHOI EDUCATION, INC. AGREEMENT**

A motion as made by Savage/O'Brien to approve the Agreement between Greensburg Salem School District and Adelphoi Education Services for Private Academic School Program and Partial Program to provide services on an as needed basis, effective for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present not able to vote.**

SEE ATTACHMENTS 9-18

**FINAL READING/ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES**

A motion was made by Savage/O'Brien to approve the final reading/adoption of Board Policy 626.4 – Federal Programs Procurement

Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Due to technical difficulties, Board Member Stephen D. Thomas was present not able to vote**

SEE ATTACHMENTS 19-33

**FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE**

A motion was made by Metrosky/L.Thomas to approve Financial Literacy to be taken as a stand-alone course as a graduation requirement starting with the Class of 2024 as approved as part of Board Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements. Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WERE RESOLVED AND BOARD MEMBER STEPHEN D. THOMAS WAS ABLE TO VOTE ON ALL MOTIONS HEREAFTER.**

**PRE-AP FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING SERIES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

A motion was made by Conway/Gazze to grant approval for Kristen Solomon to attend the Pre-AP Foundational Learning Series at Goucher College, Baltimore MD on July 27-August 1, 2020 at an approximate cost to the District of \$1,230.00 and to grant up to five (5) professional development days during the 2020-2021 school to Cheryl Harper to participate in the Contemporary Physics Education project at no cost to the District.

Section 508 vote: All nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 73-77

**SCHOOL CALENDAR/LAST STUDENT DAY**

A motion was made by Gazze/O'Brien to have the last student remain day as May 28, 2020 and May 29, 2020, June 1-3, 2020 to be designated as a combination of professional development and clerical days, allowing two (2) of those days for teachers to clean out their rooms.

Section 508 vote: All nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**Superintendent Dr. Gary Peiffer announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for May will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administrative Conference Room pending lifting of government restrictions. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Regular School Board Meeting for May will be held on Wednesday, May, 2020 at 7:30 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, pending lifting of government restrictions.**

Mr. Mellinger asked if anyone in the audience had questions. No one had questions at this time.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Savage/Conway to adjourn the meeting.

Section 508 vote: All nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Greensburg Salem School District Board of Education held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, beginning at 7:30 P.M., held as a ZOOM Meeting, was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

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James R. Dzurica, School Board Secretary