

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JULY 24, 2018**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Frank Gazze  
Mrs. Charlotte Kemerer  
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.  
Mr. Jeff Metrosky  
Mr. Nicholas Rullo  
Mrs. Robin Savage  
Mrs. Rachel Shaw  
Ms. Lynna Thomas  
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas – By Telephone

**ABSENT**

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Dr. Eileen Amato, Superintendent  
Mr. James Meyer, Business Manager and School Board Secretary  
Mr. John N. Scales, Solicitor  
Mr. Lee Demosky, Solicitor

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. Courtney Doran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative  
Mr. Erik Doran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative  
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services  
Mrs. Lisa Giacomo, Greensburg Salem Education Association  
Miss Jennifer Tucci, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative  
Ms. Jessica Zahorchak, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative

**NEWS MEDIA**

Ms. Gloria Boring, *Penn-Franklin-Salem-Delmont News* Newspaper  
Mr. Jacob Tierney, *Greensburg Tribune Review* Newspaper

Approximately nine (9) citizens of the community

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr., School Board President, called the meeting to Order at 7:02 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Mr. James Meyer called the Roll, which is indicated above.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

None.

**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.

**RETIREMENT/RESIGNATIONS**

A motion was made by Savage/Shaw to approve the following retirement: Dennis Flock, Assistant to the Director of Informational Services, effective August 31, 2018 and the following resignations: Racquel Sutton, Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School, effective June 9, 2018; Racquel Sutton, Dean of Students at the Middle School, effective June 9, 2018; Megan McQuaide, Classroom Instructional Assistant at James H. Metzgar Elementary School, effective June 8, 2018; and Rachelle Cancilla, part-time Nurse Assistant at the Middle School, effective June 9, 2018.

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

**MATERNITY/FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE; FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE:**

A motion was made by S.Thomas/Savage to approve the following maternity/family and medical leave: Holly Bova, Kindergarten Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective approximately August 27, 2018 and continuing for six (6) to eight (8) weeks; and the following family and medical leave: Robert Price, Custodian at the Senior High School, effective retroactive to July 10, 2018 and continuing for up to twelve (12) weeks.

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

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Savage/Shaw to approve the following appointment: Gary Peiffer, Superintendent, effective upon release from his current position, salary set at \$144,000.00 as per the Agreement.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 6-41

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Salaries for new teacher are contingent upon certification of years of service.**

**APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)**

A motion was made by Savage/L. Thomas to approve the following appointments: Angelo Testa, Science Teacher at the Senior High School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at \$54,180.00 as per the negotiated Agreement; Nick Diehl, Social Studies Teacher at the Senior High School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at \$50,780.00 as per the negotiated Agreement; Katie DeSantis, Elementary Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at \$54,649.00 as per the negotiated Agreement; Lacey Weimer, Learning Support Teacher at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary school, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at \$50,780.00 as per the negotiated Agreement; and Jason Thompson, Guidance Counselor at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at \$55,115.00 as per the negotiated. Agreement.

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

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by S. Thomas/Metrosky to approve the following appointment: Mark Zahorchak, Boys' Head Varsity Basketball Coach at the Senior High School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at \$9,762.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement.

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by L.Thomas/Rullo to approve the following appointments: Marisa Edwards, substitute Extended School Year Teacher, effective summer 2018, salary set at \$29.00 hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Melissa Bowman, Athletic Event Manager, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$25.00/\$50.00 per event; John Manley, Athletic Event Manager, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$25.00/\$50.00 per event; Christina Burkhart, Athletic Event Worker, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$35.00/\$40.00 per event; John Manley, Athletic Event Worker, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$35.00/\$40.00 per event; Robin Stofko, Athletic Event Worker, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$35.00/\$40.00 per event; Kristin Williams, Athletic Event Worker, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$35.00/\$40.00 per event; and Thomas Leasure, Spotter for varsity football, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$30.00 per event.

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Rullo/Shaw to approve the following appointments: Georgeanne Trask, Classroom Instructional Assistant at James H. Metzgar Elementary School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at \$28,776.00 as per Board policy; Marisa Edwards, Extended School Year Classroom Instructional Assistant, effective summer 2018, \$21.72 hourly rate as per Board policy; Melissa Bowman, Personal Care Assistant for band member, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$13.74 per hour; and Kimberly Smith, Personal Care Assistant for band member, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, \$13.74 per hour.

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

**SUBSTITUTE LISTS**

A motion was made by Shaw/Savage to approve the following substitute lists for the 2018-2019 school year as presented: Nurse Assistants; Custodians; and Lunchroom Supervisors.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 42

**ADVERTISE POSITIONS**

A motion was made by S.Thomas/L.Thomas to approve advertising the following positions: Social Studies Teacher, permanent position, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set as per the negotiated Agreement; and Dean of Students at the Middle School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, salary set at the supplemental contract rate as per the negotiated Agreement.

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

**RFP FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

A motion was made by Shaw/L.Thomas granting approval for the proper officers of the 'District to create an RFP for a School Resource Officer.

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

**AMEND RETIREMENT DATE FOR SUPERINTENDENT**

A motion was made by Savage/Metrosky to amend the retirement date for Dr. Eileen Amato to August 24, 2018.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF READING SPECIALISTS**

A motion was made by L.Thomas/Savage to approve the appointment of the following Reading Specialist Interns for the 2018-2019 school year as part of a contract with the University of Pittsburgh (\$19,000.00 per intern): Kylie McSwaney, James H. Metzgar Elementary School and Hannah Williams, Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School.

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

**ST. VINCENT COLLEGE PREVENTION PROJECTS CONTRIBUTION**

A motion was made by L.Thomas/Shaw to continue the annual contribution to St. Vincent College Prevention Projects for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$1,264.00 for School-Based Prevention Services.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 43-44

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN REGIONAL**

A motion was made by L.Thomas/Savage to approve the Educational Services Agreement between Greensburg Salem School District and Franklin Regional School District effective for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 45-48

**PRESSLEY RIDGE DAY SCHOOL AGREEMENT ADDENDUM**

A motion was made by Shaw/L.Thomas to approve Addendum #1 to the Contractual Agreement between Pressley Ridge Day School Greensburg and Greensburg Salem School District to provide special education services effective for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 49

**WESTMORELAND CASEMANAGEMENT & SUPPORT, INC. AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Savage/Shaw to approve the Letter of Agreement between Westmoreland Casemanagement & Support, Inc. and Greensburg Salem School District for the development and ongoing operation of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 50-53

**WESTMORELAND COMMUNITY ACTION HEAD START MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A motion was made by Shaw/L.Thomas to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Greensburg Salem School District and Westmoreland Community Action Head Start as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 54-57

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION HEAD START LEASE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Savage/Shaw to approve the Westmoreland County Community Action Head Start Lease Agreement for a Child Development Center at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School with rental set at \$700.00 per month payable over a twelve (12) month period.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-6

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-6

**ADOPTION OF ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS RESOURCES**

A motion was made by Kemerer/Shaw to approve the adoption of the Elementary Language Arts Resources, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, *Journeys K-5*, 2017 edition premium package at a total cost of \$191,465.16.

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

**PARTICIPATION IN SURVEY**

A motion was made by Savage/Shaw granting approval for Middle School students to participate in a student survey during the 2018-2019 school year as part of the *Too Good for Drugs and Violence* Program provided by Saint Vincent College Prevention Projects.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 60-64

**FACILITIES USAGE**

A motion was made by Savage/Shaw to approve the following facility usage requests:

- Westmoreland County Republican Committee to retroactively use the auditorium at the Senior High School from 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. pm Saturday, July 14,2018;
- City of Greensburg Police Department to use the cafeteria at the Senior High School for Civil Service hiring test from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 noon on Saturday, September 22, 2018;
- City of Greensburg Police Department to use the gymnasium, outdoor track, wrestling and weight rooms at the Senior High School for Civil Service physical agility test from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon on Saturday, October 20, 2018;
- Glass City Swing Band, Inc. to use the auditorium, lobby, faculty lounge and one (1) classroom at the Middle School for their Battle of the Sinatra's Swing Band Concert from 5:00-10:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 1, 2018 for rehearsal and from 5:30-10:00 P.M. on Friday, November 2, 2018 for their performance;
- Glass City Swing Band, Inc. to use the auditorium, lobby, faculty lounge and one (1) classroom at the Middle School for their Holiday Swing Band Concert from 5:00-10:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 6, 2018 for rehearsal and from 5:30-10:00 P.M. on Friday, December 7, 2018 for their performance; and
- Greensburg Salem Senior High School National Honor Society to use the gymnasium, cafeteria, concession stand, gymnasium sound system and microphone and restrooms for their county-wide Dodgeball Tournament with setup beginning at 7:15 A.M., Tournament start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 65-70

**Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for August will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Regular School Board Meeting for August will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School.**

**The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2018 has been cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018 at 9:15 A.M. in the Administrative Conference Room; the Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Administrative Conference Room; and the Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Administrative Conference Room.**

Mr. Mellinger asked if anyone in the audience had questions.

Mrs. Lisa Giacomo asked about security issues with Head Start Programs in the building and what if the District needs more classroom space, what would happen to Head Start.

**ADJOURN**

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

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

The Special School Board Meeting of the Greensburg Salem School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

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James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary