

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2017**

PRESENT

Mr. Frank Gazze
Mrs. Charlotte Kemerer
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.
Mr. Jeff Metrosky
Dr. Richard Payha
Mr. Nicholas Rullo
Mrs. Robin Savage
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas
Mrs. Barbara Vernail

ABSENT

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dr. Eileen Amato, Superintendent
Dr. Chris Suppo, School Board Secretary pro tempore
Mr. John Scales, Solicitor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kenneth Bissell, Coordinator of Secondary Education and Instruction
Mrs. Jonelle Dini, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. Samuel Dini, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. Erik Doran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mrs. Justine Federico, Principal, James H. Metzgar Elementary School
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services
Mrs. Lisa Giacomo, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mrs. Kelly Gustafson, Coordinator of Elementary Education, Federal Programs and Instruction
Mr. Todd McMillen, Coordinator of Student Services
Mr. David Redinger, Associate Principal, Greensburg Salem Middle School
Mrs. Kristen Williams, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. David Zilli, Principal, Greensburg Salem Senior High School

NEWS MEDIA

Ms. Brenda Haas, *Penn-Franklin-Salem-Delmont News* Newspaper Reporter
Mr. Jacob Tierney, *Greensburg Tribune Review* Newspaper Reporter

Approximately twenty-five (25) citizens of the community

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr., School Board President, called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601 and asked for a moment of silence and remember those people affected in Los Vegas.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE

A motion was made by Savage/Vernail to approve the following appointment: Dr. Chris Suppo, Board Secretary pro tempore for the October 11, 2017 Board Meeting.

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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr., School Board President called the Roll, which is indicated above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held at 6:00 P.M. to discuss employee issues, a tax appeal, supplemental appointments, resignations and advertisements. The regular meeting convened at 7:08 P.M.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Dr. Eileen Amato shared that Solicitor John Scales made the front page of the ***Penn-Franklin News*** in an article about him being one of the most famous graduates of Trafford High School now known as Penn-Trafford High School. Miss Jobe asked that Dr. Eileen Amato thank Charlotte and George Kemerer for planting and watering the beautiful fall plants at Offutt Field. Dr. Eileen Amato honored Mrs. Andrea Redinger who was named a Pennsylvania State Finalist in the 2017 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and her name has now been submitted to the White House and she is in the running for the National Math and Science Teacher of the year. Students from Mrs. Redinger's class spoke about being in her classroom.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Sara Deegan and Brenda White of the Greensburg-Hempfield Area Library shared information about the services provided to the community by the library. Mr. James Barbe talked about the previous Audit Report and retirement policies.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 13, 2017 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-12

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Dr. Eileen Amato, Superintendent, asked if there were any questions regarding the following reports: Bank Reconciliation – September; Capital Projects Fund - September; Tax Report – September; Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals and Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 13-22

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

A motion was made by Kemerer/Vernail to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$3,329,122.04; Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: Cafeteria Fund - \$84.15; Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$506,966.08; Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$19,427.74; Additional Bills to be Paid – General Fund \$331,002.75; and Additional Bills to be Paid: Cafeteria Fund \$144,400.73.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 23-50, 1-12

ESEA TITLE I, II AND VI REPORTS

No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Board – Mrs. Robin Savage noted that the CWCTC is participating in the County’s Snow Plow competition with a Greensburg Salem student part of the design team. She also shared that the CWCTC now has a Café open to the public on certain days for lunch and/or take out.

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit – Mrs. Barbara Vernail announced that the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit building is being renovated.

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation – Mrs. Barbara Vernail asked Mrs. Charlotte Kemerer to comment on the Alumni Picnic. Mrs. Charlotte Kemerer shared that the picnic was successful with nearly two hundred (200) people in attendance with the oldest graduate from 1941.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

School Facility Advisory Committee – Dr. Chris Suppo shared that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

Student Representatives – Jeremy Mauser, Abbygale Andrasko and additional students shared the following: Salem Psychos attend events in support of our sports teams; cross country team had a great season with several athletes moving on in competition; students held a tailgate party at Homecoming; students took a bus to an away game for the first time in three (3) years. There will be **An Evening with Sinatra** fundraiser for the drama club, powderpuff football game raised money for the Food Bank, there will be an open mic night at the High School to raise money for the Senior Class, and plans are in the works for a large scale talent show at the High School in the spring.

Greensburg Community Development Corporation – Mr. Ronald Mellinger is a participant as a member of the Board. This organization is looking to revitalize the City of Greensburg. The College Avenue apartment project is complete and the apartments are occupied. Projects in the works are a medical marijuana dispensary coming to Greensburg; Beeghly and Company Jewelers is looking at an expansion; and Summit Development, the Miller family, is doing some work on the Greensburg Storage and Transfer Building. There are people looking into building a hotel in downtown Greensburg, additional bars, restaurants, bakery and possible whiskey distillery.

LEGAL COUNSEL 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.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail to approve the following maternity/family and medical leave: Nicole Kwaczala, Classroom Instructional Assistant at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective beginning September 27, 2017 and continuing for eight (8) weeks.

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

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Vernail/Metrosky to approve the following appointment: Rachel Brannigan, Head Softball Coach at the Senior High School, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, \$5,260.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement.

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

APPOINTMENTS/ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS

A motion was made by Thomas/Savage to approve the following appointments: Carrie Vottero, substitute After School Detention/Suspension Supervisor at the Senior High School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$29.00 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; David DeNezza, Scorekeeper – Girls' Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$25.00 per event; Victor Sackett, Scorekeeper – Girls' Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$25.00 per event; Barry Roddy, Clock Operator – Girls' Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$25.00 per event; Jeremy Lenzi, Clock Operator – Boys' Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball, effective for the 2017-2018 school year \$25.00 per event; Matthew Sofran, Clock Operator – Boys' Seventh, Eighth and Ninth grade Basketball, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$25.00 per event; Victor Sackett, Clock Operator – Boys' Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Grade Basketball, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$25.00 per event; Matthew Sofran, Clock Operator – Middle School Wrestling, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$30.00 per event; Victor Sackett, Clock Operator – Middle School Wrestling, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$30.00 per event; Jeremy Lenzi, Clock Operator – Boys' Varsity/Middle School Wrestling, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$30.00/\$35.00 per event; Nathan Snyder, Clock Operator – Boys' Varsity/Middle School Wrestling, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$30.00/\$35.00 per event; Brian Higginbotham, substitute Scorekeeper/Clock Operator for all winter sports programs effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$25.00/\$35.00 per event; Jeremy Lenzi, substitute Scorekeeper/Clock Operator for all winter sports programs, effective for the 2017-2018 school year, \$25.00/\$35.00 per event; David DeNezza, volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, effective for the 2017-2018 school year; Lisa Mankins, volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, effective for the 2017-2018 school year; Marvel McGowan, volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, effective for the 2017-2018 school year; Michael Reinhart, Jr., volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2017-2018 school year; David Thurston, volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2017-2018 school year; and Aubree Daumit, volunteer Band – Media Intern, effective for the 2017-2018 school year; and the following additions to the lunchroom supervisor/substitute lunchroom supervisor list for the 2017-2018 school year: Dorothy Donovan, Amos K. Hutchinson

APPOINTMENTS/ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS (cont'd)

Elementary School; Kim Gillott, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School; Inda Secleter, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School and Melissa Teacher, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School.

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

RESIGNATIONS/ADVERTISE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Vernail/Metrosky to approve the following resignations: Jerry Cooley, Jr., Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach at the Senior High School, effective October 5, 2017; Rachel Brannigan, Ninth Grade Volleyball Coach at the Senior High School, effective October 11, 2017; and Taylor Guido, Seventh/Eighth Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach at the Middle School, effective October 11, 2017; and to advertise the following supplemental contract positions: Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, \$4,519.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement; Ninth Grade Volleyball Coach, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, \$3,361.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement; and Seventh/Eighth Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, \$2,688.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement.

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

TAX APPEALS

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail to file tax appeals on the following parcels: Professional Life Services – Tax Map #10-02-15-4-001; Spectrum Family Network Foundation – Tax Map #10-04-11-0-028; and Laurel Village Apartments – Tax Map #34-01-10-0-002 and Tax Map #34-01-10-0-025.

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

REPRESENTATIVES TO WIU JOINT PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to appoint James Meyer as the District's representative and Chris Suppo as the District's alternate representative to the Westmoreland Intermediate Joint Purchasing Consortium.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 75

ADVERTISE FOR THE PURCHASE OF MULTI-PURPOSE PAPER

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to advertise jointly as a member of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium for the purchase of multi-purpose paper for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 76

DAY TREATMENT AGREEMENT WITH ADELPHOI VILLAGE

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas granting approval to enter into an Agreement with Adelphoi Village and Greensburg Salem School District to provide day treatment services as needed for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 77-87

FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze granting approval to continue the French Exchange Program at Greensburg Salem School District for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 88

SPANISH CLUB TRIP

A motion was made by Metrosky/Vernail granting approval for the Spanish Club to participate in an educational trip to Peru on June 19-27, 2018.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 89-95

PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SURVEY

A motion was made by Vernail/Savage granting approval for Greensburg Salem School District to have students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 participate in the Pennsylvania Youth Survey at no cost to the District.

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

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze granting approval for Maxine Forbes to attend the 2017 HELIX Conference: High Expectations for Students with Low Incidence Disabilities at Penn State Conference Center Hotel, State College PA on November 13-15, 2017 at no cost to the District.

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

STUDENT TO COMPETE IN WPIAL GYMNASTICS

A motion was made by Savage/Vernail to grant approval for Katlyn Swiercynski, a ninth grade student, to compete in the 2017-2018 WPIAL Gymnastics as an independent representative of Greensburg Salem Senior High School with Lori Mertz serving as her coach and representative for the season.

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

WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the winter athletic schedules as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 98-111

FACILITIES USAGE

A motion was made by Gazze/Rullo to approve the following requests for facility usage:

- DMJ Transportation, Inc. to use the auditorium and parking lot at the Senior High School for first responder school bus propane training at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 11, 2017;
- Kevin Brajdic to use the gymnasium at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School for adult volleyball from 6:30-8:30 P.M. on the following Friday evenings: October 13, 20, 27, 2017; November 3, 10, 2017; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018; April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018 and May 4, 2018; and from 8:30-10:30 P.M. on November 17, 2017; December 1, 8, 15, 2017, January 5, 12, 29, 26, 2018; and February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018;
- Student Council Association to use Offutt Field for their Annual Junior-Senior Powder Puff Game from 5:00-9:30 P.M. on Thursday, November 9, 2017 (rain date – November 15, 2017);
- SAI Consulting Engineers for Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 12-0 to use the cafeteria at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School to present preliminary plans for a bridge replacement project on SR 119/South Main Street from 3:00-7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017;
- Lions Clubs of District 14E to use the auditorium at the Greensburg Salem Middle School for their Youth Talent Show from 6:00-11:00 P.M. on Friday, April 27, 2018;
- Westmoreland Museum of American Art to use the parking lot at the Middle School from 5:00-11:00 P.M. for **Big Art Party Annual Fund Raising Bash** on Saturday, October 21, 2017;
- Third Grade Girls' Little Lions Basketball to use the gymnasium at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School for basketball practice from 6:00-8:30 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings, when available, beginning Monday, October 23, 2017 through Wednesday, January 31, 2018; and
- Greensburg Salem Junior Wrestling to use the seventh/eighth grade wrestling room and varsity wrestling room, boys; and girls' locker rooms and bathrooms by the gymnasium from 5:45-7:45 P.M. on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning November 27, 2017 through March 22, 2018 and Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 112-177, 13-15

Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for November will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Regular School Board Meeting for November will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School.

Board Member Stephen D. Thomas left the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr. asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Robert Iuzzolini asked about the Human Resources position.

ADJOURN

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

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

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Greensburg Salem School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, beginning at 7:08 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

ATTEST:

Chris Suppo, School Board Secretary pro tempore