

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING March 8, 2017**

PRESENT

Mr. Frank Gazze – Arrived 7:04 P.M.
Mrs. Charlotte Kemerer
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.
Mr. Jeff Metrosky
Dr. Richard Payha
Mrs. Robin Savage
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas
Mrs. Barbara Vernail

ABSENT

Mr. Nicholas Rullo

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kenneth Bissell, Coordinator of Secondary Education and Instruction
Mrs. Melissa Bowman, Community Liaison/Assistant Coordinator of Technology and Transportation
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services
Mrs. Lisa Giacomo, Greensburg Salem Education Association
Mrs. Susan Glowa, Greensburg Salem Education Association
Mrs. Kelly Gustafson, Coordinator of Elementary Education, Federal Programs and Instruction
Mr. Todd McMillen, Coordinator of Student Services
Mr. Matthew Sofran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Dr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology, Transportation and Community Relations

NEWS MEDIA

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

Approximately twenty (20) 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

CALL TO ORDER (cont'd)

Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Mr. James Meyer called the Roll, which is indicated above.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

There was a moment of silence in memory of James "Jimmy" Martz and Nancy Truxal, retired District employees who recently passed away.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held for supplementals, family and medical leave, and legal matters, beginning at 7:03 P.M. with the regular meeting reconvening at 7:32 P.M.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Board Member Mrs. Barbara Vernail commented that the Senior High School musical was wonderful/very professional. Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato shared that our Mock Trial is the Westmoreland County Region 3 Champs, with state competition being held on March 24-25, 2017; two (2) of our wrestlers qualified for PIAA Championships; and the Senior High School Debate Team is going to state competitions.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Debbie Prohaska spokesperson for First Student bus drivers with concerns about their jobs, the desire to have the same run, same pay, same benefits and same seniority as well as their concern for the safety of kids.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AND RECONVENED ON FEBRUARY 13, 2017

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 8, 2017 and reconvened on February 13, 2017 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-13

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. James Meyer, Business Manager, asked if there were any questions regarding the following reports: Bank Reconciliation – February; Tax Report – February;

FINANCIAL REPORTS (cont'd)

Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals and Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 14-22

DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$2,019,125.93; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$606,991.01.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 23-56

ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS MADE/BILLS TO BE PAID SINCE LAST MEETING

A motion was made by Kemerer/Vernail to approve the following: Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$9,871.55; and Additional Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$162,816.91; and Additional Bills to be Paid: Construction Fund - \$102,605.64.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-10

ESEA TITLE I, II AND VI REPORTS

No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Board – Mrs. Robin Savage shared that the proposed 2017-2018 Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center budget will be released next week and that Career Day was held on March 8, 2017.

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit – Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that lead testing has been completed at all facilities and all passed; facility upgrades are being made to the auditorium, and the Art Show for special needs students will be held in Latrobe.

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation – Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that the purse bash this past Saturday was very successful.

Student Representative – No report at this time.

School Facility Advisory Committee – Dr. Chris Suppo noted a final report meeting with Schneider electric was held on February 15, 2017 and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Mr. John Scales commented on the accomplishments of the Mock Trial Team.

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Metrosky/Kemerer to approve the following retirements: Rosemarie O'Neill, Science Teacher at the Senior High School, effective June 2, 2017 and Willa Tekavec, learning Support Teacher at James H. Metzgar Elementary School, effective June 2, 2017; and the following resignation: Alyssa Bureau, Fifth Grade Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective June 2, 2017.

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

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVES

A motion was made by Thomas/Gazze to approve the following family and medical leaves: Justine Federico, Principal at James H. Metzgar Elementary School, effective February 15, 2017 through and including March 3, 2017; Roger Pechart, Technology Education Teacher at the Senior High School, effective January 26, 2017 through and including February 28, 2017; and Elizabeth Jones, Nurse Assistant at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School, effective March 8, 2017 and continuing for approximately four (4) to six (6) weeks

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Vernail/Savage to approve the following appointments: Madalyn Minahan, P.A.W.S. Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement paid from the CIZ Grant; Cynthia Mondy, P.A.W.S. Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement paid from the CIZ Grant; Katie DeSantis, P.A.W.S. Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement paid from the CIZ Grant; Katie Firment, P.A.W.S. Teacher at James H. Metzgar Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Breanne Englert, P.A.W.S. Teacher at James H. Metzgar Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Carol Bishop, P.A.W.S. Teacher at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Eileen Burkart,

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)

P.A.W.S. Teacher at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; James Baker, Technical Director for the Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$1,000.00; Christina Branthoover, Events Supervisor, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$25.00/\$50.00 per event as per the negotiated Agreement; Maxine Forbes, Events Supervisor, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$25.00/\$50.00 per event as per the negotiated Agreement; Victor Sacket, Events Supervisor, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$25.00/\$50.00 per event as per the negotiated Agreement; Michelle Sparrow, P.A.W.S. Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement paid from the CIZ Grant; and Jordan Truscott, volunteer Assistant Freshman Baseball Coach, effective for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

EXTENSION OF A FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

A motion was made by Vernail/Savage to approve the following extension of a family and medical leave: Lindsay Scarpo, Associate Principal at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective approximately March 20, 2017 through and including April 28, 2017.

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

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT BUDGET

A motion was made by Thomas/Metrosky to adopt the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit general operating budget for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$5,374,763.00 with Greensburg Salem School District's contribution set at \$22,873.46 as presented.

Voting Aye: Gazze, Kemerer, Mellinger, Metrosky, Payha, Savage, Thomas and Vernail.

Voting Nay: No one.

Absent: Rullo

Motion passed.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 60-73

COUNSEL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

A motion was made by Savage/Thomas to appoint Andrews and Price as Counsel for Special Education.

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

WESTMORELAND COUNTY FORUM FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Thomas/Gazze to contribute \$5,000.00 per year for a three (3) year period to the Westmoreland County Forum for workforce Development as presented.

Voting Aye: Gazze, Kemerer, Payha, Thomas and Vernail.

Voting Nay: Mellinger, Metrosky and Savage.

Absent: Rullo.

Motion passed.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 74-76

CENTER FOR HEARING AND DEAF SERVICES, INC. AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Savage/Vernail to enter into an Agreement with the Center for Hearing and Deaf Services, Inc. to provide occasional interpreting services, effective February 21, 2017 through and including June 30, 2017 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 77-80

PARTICIPATEION IN WESTERN REGION ORCHESTRA

A motion was made by Gazze/Vernail to grant approval for Andrew Chung, accompanied by Band Director Jaime West, to participate in the Western Region Orchestra on March 9-11, 2017 at DuBois Middle School, DuBois PA.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 11-12

2017-2018 GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Metrosky/Savage to approve the 2017-2018 Greensburg Salem School District calendar as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 16-17

PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A motion was made by Gazze/Thomas to grant approval for six (6) qualifying students, accompanied by sponsors, Mary Logan and Irene Wallaert, to compete in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Championships at Bloomsburg University on March 16-18, 2017 at an approximate cost to the District of \$3,691.52.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 83-84

MARCHING BAND TRIP

A motion was made by Savage/Metrosky to grant approval of the Senior High School Marching Band trip to the Virginia International Music Festival in Norfolk VA on April 28-30, 2017.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 85-86

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Savage/Kemerer to grant approval for Kelly Gustafson to attend the 2017 PASA Education Congress on March 29-30, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, Camp Hill A at an approximate cost to the District of \$500.00.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 87

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Vernail/Savage to grant approval for Kelly Gustafson to attend the Governor's Institute Special Session: Cultural Responsiveness as part of the CIZ Grant, on April 6-7, 2017 at Hotel Hershey, Hershey PA at no cost to the District.

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

FACILITY USAGE

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

- Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival to use the parking facilities at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School for patrons to park their cars and board shuttle buses to the festival from 10:30 A.M.-6:30 P.M. (approximate times) on June 29, 30, July 1, 2, 2017;
- Senior Legion Baseball (Greensburg Salem students) to use the baseball field at the Senior High School for tryouts from 1:30-3:30 P.M. on Sunday, March 19, 2017 and Sunday, March 26, 2017;
- Westmoreland County Republican Committee to use the auditorium at the Senior High School for their WCRC Political Convention from 8:00 A.M.-2:00 on Saturday, March 25, 2017; and
- Westmoreland County Department of Planning to use the auditorium and seven (7) or eight (8) classrooms for a workshop for the County Comprehensive Plan from 5:00-9:00 P.M. on either Tuesday, April 25, 2017, Wednesday, April 26, 2017 or Thursday, April 27, 2017 (date to be determined once travel arrangements have been made).

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 88-89, 13-15

BAND BOOSTERS BYLAWS

A motion was made by Vernail/Metrosky to acknowledge the revised Band Booster Bylaws as presented.

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

Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for April will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administrative Conference Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Regular School Board Meeting for April will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School.

Mr. Mellinger asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Robert Iuzzolino questioned GSEA contract and the amount approved for year one. He also questioned \$2.9m fund balance and if any of the balance was earmarked for projects.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Thomas/Gazze 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, March 8, 2017, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, was recessed at 8:04 P.M.

ATTEST:

James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary