

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JANUARY 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  
Mrs. Barbara Vernail

**ABSENT**

Mr. Stephen D. Thomas

**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. Erik Doran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative  
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  
Mrs. Lindsay Scarpo, Associate Principal, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School  
Mr. Matthew Sofran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative  
Dr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology, Transportation and Community Relations  
Mr. David Zilli, Principal, Greensburg Salem Senior High School

**NEWS MEDIA**

Ms. Brenda Haas, *Penn-Franklin-Salem-Delmont* Newspaper Reporter

Approximately four (4) 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 auditorium 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.

**WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT PRESENTATION**

Dr. Jason Conway, Executive Director of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit gave a presentation on the Intermediate, its services and structure.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session of the Board was held for personnel and student matters, beginning at 7:17 P.M. with the regular meeting reconvening at 8:00 P.M.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Board Member Mr. Jeff Metrosky shared that Teegan Hahn was named a second team all-star. Board Member Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that the Critter Cruise at the High School was well attended and successful. She also commented that she and Board Member Mrs. Robin Savage attend the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Student Recognition Christmas Dinner and it was excellent.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

No one signed in to address the Board.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2016**

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Board Meeting of December 7, 2016 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-5

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2016**

A motion was made by Savage/Vernail to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 7, 2016 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 6-12

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

Mrs. Kelly Gustafson shared that James H. Metzgar Elementary School was recognized as a 2017 Title I Improving Schools Distinguished School and Amos K. Hutchinson staff were invited to present at the PAFPC Title I Improving Schools Conference on January 30, 2017.

**SCHOOL FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dr. Chris Suppo invited the Board to attend a meeting with the School Facility Advisory Committee for mid-point review of Schneider Electric at 6:00 P.M. on January 25, 2017 final report at 6:00 P.M. on February 15, 2017.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. James Meyer, Business Manager, asked if there were any questions regarding the following reports: Bank Reconciliation – December; Tax Report – December; Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals and Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 13-21

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

A motion was made by Rullo/Kemerer to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$3,935,400.74; Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: Cafeteria Fund - \$150,054.49; Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$272,909.09; and Bills to be Paid: Cafeteria Fund - \$132,055.85.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 22-82

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

A motion was made by Gazze/Vernail to approve the following: Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$1215.00; and Additional Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$441,404.39.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-16

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Board** – Mrs. Robin Savage shared that the Christmas Student Recognition Dinner was a great success and Skills USA Competition was held with seventeen (17) categories.

**Westmoreland Intermediate Unit** – No report at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)**

**Greensburg Salem Education Foundation** – Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that the Foundation meeting scheduled for last week was cancelled because of the weather. The Foundation will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 and the Purse Bash fundraiser is schedule for March 4, 2017.

**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.

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVES/PAID LEAVE/UNPAID LEAVE**

A motion was made by Rullo/Kemerer to approve the following extension of a family and medical leave: Joe Maluchnik, Associate Principal at the Senior High School, effective January 3, 2017 through and including January 13, 2017; family and medical/maternity leaves: Katie Graper, Fifth Grade Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective approximately March 13, 2017 and continuing for six (6) to eight (8) weeks, and Nicole Harvan, Classroom Instruction Assistant at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School, effective approximately January 27, 2017 and continuing for six (6) to eight (8) weeks; family and medical/child rearing leave: Katie Graper, Fifth Grade Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective immediately following family and medical leave/maternity leave and continuing four (4) to six (6) weeks; paid leave of absence: Joe Maluchnik, Associate Principal at the Senior High School, effective January 16, 2017 through and including March 31, 2017; and unpaid leave of absence: Katie Graper, Fifth Grade Teacher at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective at the end of her twelve (12) week family and medical leave and continuing for one (1) year, through approximately April 27, 2018.

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

**FAMILY AND MEDICAL/MATERNTIY LEAVE**

A motion was made by Rullo/Gazze to approve the following family and medical/maternity leave: Lindsay Scarpo, Associate Principal at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective approximately February 2, 2017 and continuing for six (6) to eight (8) 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: Raphael Pantalone, Artist for the Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$1,000.00; James Baker, Technical Director for the Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$1,000.00; Jeffrey Glowa, Set Construction for the Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2016-2017 school year; and Greg Moyer, Costume Design for the Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Rullo/Metrosky to approve the following appointment: Vickie Rowe, Props Coordinator for the Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, \$500.00.

Voting Aye: Gazzo, Kemerer, Mellinger, Metrosky, Payha, Rullo, and Savage.

Voting Nay: No one.

Abstaining: Vernail.

Absent: Thomas.

Motion passed.

**CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS/APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Rullo/Metrosky to approve the following changes in employment status: Irene Wallaert, French Teacher at the Middle/Senior High Schools, effective January 12, 2017, from full-time substitute position to 1<sup>st</sup> step masters prorated and Louis Downey, Computer Teacher, James H. Metzgar/Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School, from day-to-day substitute to full-time substitute position, effective January 9, 2017 with end date to be determined, 80% 1<sup>st</sup> step bachelors prorated.

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

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Savage/Vernail to approve the following appointment: Anthony Barbato, Acting Associate Principal at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School, effective approximately February 2, 2017 and continuing for six (6) to eight (8) weeks, \$72,000.00 prorated.

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

**ACKNOWLEDGE INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

A motion was made by Gazze/Rullo to acknowledge the independent audit for school year ending June 30, 2016 (all Board Members received a copy previously).  
Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**ACCEPT DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze for the proper officers of the District to accept three separate donations of \$300.00 each from Robert Allshouse of Kades-Margolis to be used for needy students at Amos K. Hutchinson, James H. Metzgar and Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary Schools  
Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**E-RATE FUNDING**

A motion was made by Gazze/Rullo for the proper officers of the District to apply for E-Rate Funding for the 2017-2018 school year.  
Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**LERTA PROGRAM PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Gazze/Rullo to authorize the District Solicitor to notify the Westmoreland County Tax office that Greenburg Salem School District consents to 112 College Avenue Apartment Building to participate in the LERTA Program as set forth in the ordinance.  
Voting Aye: Gazze, Kemerer, Mellinger, Metrosky, Payha, and Rullo.  
Voting Nay: Savage.  
Abstaining: Vernail.  
Absent: Thomas  
Motion passed.

**AGREEMENT WITH BERKHEIMER ONESOURCE**

A motion was made by Gazze/Rullo granting approval to enter into an Agreement with Berkheimer OneSource for the completion of Act 80 under the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue at an approximate cost of \$750.00.  
Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

**PRESSLEY RIDGE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze granting approval to enter into an Agreement between Pressley Ridge and Greensburg Salem School District, as presented with noted change  
Section 508 vote: All eight Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 86-87

**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Gazze/Vernail granting approval to offer required Extended School Year for eligible special needs students, Monday through Thursday at the Greensburg Salem Senior High School for 2 ½ (two and one-half) hours per day on June 12-15, 2017; June 19-22, 2017; and June 26-29, 2017.

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

**DISCIPLINARY ADJUDICATION**

A motion was made by Rullo/Vernail to approve the disciplinary adjudication for a Senior High School student.

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

**DISCIPLINARY ADJUDICATION**

A motion was made by Rullo/Gazze to approve the disciplinary adjudication for a Middle School student.

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

Voting Nay: Metrosky.

Absent: Thomas

Motion passed.

**CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

A motion was made Savage/Rullo granting approval for Judi Constantine, Sarah Gazze and Lori Mertz to attend the PAFPC Title I Improving Schools Conference on January 30-February 1, 2017 at the Sheraton Conference Center, Pittsburgh PA at an approximate cost of \$600.00 paid from Title I funds.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 88-89

**AWARD SPRING SPORTS EQUIPMENT/SUPPLY BIDS**

A motion was made by Gazze/Thomas to award spring sports equipment and supply bids as presented. Note that all bids were awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specifications.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 90-94

**ELIMINATE NINTH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACHING POSITION**

A motion was made by Metrosky/Savage to eliminate the Ninth Grade Boys' Basketball paid position since program was eliminated.

Voting Aye: Metrosky, Savage and Vernail.

Voting Nay: Gazze, Kemerer, Mellinger, Payha, and Rullo.

Absent: Thomas.

Motion failed.

**FACILITY USAGE**

A motion was made by Rullo/Kemerer granting approval for the following facility usage:

- City of Greensburg Police to use the Middle/Senior High School gymnasiums for basketball pickup games on Monday evenings as presented;
- Greensburg Salem Junior Wrestling to use the Senior High School gymnasium, cafeteria, bathrooms, locker rooms, snack area and teachers room for a Novice Wrestling Tournament from 6:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 22, 2017; and
- Joey Lux, Isabella Lucci and Katie Wotus to use the Senior High School cafeteria, kitchen, gymnasium lobby, bathrooms for a Greensburg Salem Senior High School "Mini-Thon" Pancake Breakfast fundraiser as part of their Senior Project from 8:00-11:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 95-96, 17-18

**REPRESENTATIVE TO WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD**

A motion was made by Savage/Rullo to appoint Barbara Vernail as the District's representative to the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for a term commencing July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

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

**Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for February will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 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 February will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 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. No one had questions.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Thomas/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, January 11, 2017, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

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James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary