

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

PRESENT

Mrs. Angela DeMarino-Toooh
Mr. Frank Gazze
Mr. Lee Kunkle
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.
Mr. Jeff Metrosky
Mr. Richard Payha
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas – Arrived 7:20 P.M.
Mrs. Barbara Vernail

ABSENT

Mr. Richard Guerrieri

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kenneth Bissell, Coordinator of Secondary Education and Instruction
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services
Mrs. Kelly Gustafson, Coordinator of Elementary Education, Federal Programs and Instruction
Miss Lynn Jobe, Athletic Director
Mr. Adam Jones, Principal, Greensburg Salem Middle School
Mr. Joe Maluchnik, Associate Principal, Greensburg Salem Senior High School
Miss Lisa Malloy, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
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
Mr. Chris Thomas, Principal, Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School
Ms. Jessica Zahorchak, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative

NEWS MEDIA

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

Approximately (110) one hundred and ten citizens of the community

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr., School Board President, called the meeting to Order at 7:01 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held for personnel and legal matters beginning at 7:03 P.M. prior to the start of the regular meeting which convened at 7:50 P.M.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Barbara Vernail commented on the Friday football event honoring former teacher and Coach Robert Williams and Huddie Kaufman. Dr. Eileen Amato announced that Lindsay Scarpo was the recipient of the Athena Youth Professional Award. Mr. Joe Maluchnik shared that three (3) students, Zach Pellis, Chris Schrecengost and Ryan Downs, under the direction of teacher Joanne Finoli, were recognized by Representative Kreiger for placing first (1st) in the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge National Virtual Competition.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Christine Gallagher, Ms. Patty Neil and other Saybrook Village/Greensburg Central Catholic/Aquinas parents expressed concerns about changes in busing of students as a result of route cuts Ms. Lynna Thomas, Mr. Brock Smith, Mr. Shaun Teacher and other parents voiced concerns about fourth and fifth grade class sizes at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School. Ms. Karla Noel requested fees waived for Amos K. Hutchinson PTA to use facility for vendor/craft show fundraiser.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2015

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of August 12, 2015 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-14

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 15-25

DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Kunkle/Vernail to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$1,740,035.54; Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: Cafeteria Fund - \$780.00; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$441,102.28.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 25-32

ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING

A motion was made by Thomas/Gazze to approve the following: Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$356.33; and Additional Bills to Be Paid: General Fund - \$80,291.16; and Additional Bills to be Paid: Cafeteria Fund - \$53,205.97 Fund – \$1,221.00.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-4

ESEA TITLE I, II AND VI REPORTS

No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Board – Mr. Lee Kunkle reported that the Board is discussing ways to increase attendance and looking at other options for tax anticipation notes.

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit – Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that Dr. Conway has met with all County Superintendents and IU Board Members promoting the IU and its available resources.

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation – Mrs. Barbara Vernail encouraged teachers to join the GSEF and apply for grants from the Foundation.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Lee Demosky stated that litigation issues were discussed in executive session.

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.

RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail to approve the following resignations: Barbara Cribbs, Classroom Instructional Assistant – Metzgar Elementary School, effective August 10, 2015; and Elizabeth Kallock, Nurse Assistant – Middle School, effective August 29, 2015.

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Vernail/DeMarino-Toooh to approve the following appointments: Ryan Cameron, Social Studies, full-time permanent position, effective upon release from his current position, salary set at third step bachelor's, prorated, as per the negotiated Agreement; Marissa Edwards, Classroom Instructional Assistant – Metzgar Elementary School, effective September 10, 2015, salary set at \$27,776.00 per Board policy, prorated.

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Vernail/DeMarino-Toooh to approve the following appointment: Austi Cole, Elementary Learning Support Teacher, full-time permanent position, effective September 10, 2015, salary set at third step bachelor's, prorated, as per the negotiated Agreement.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Gazze, Mellinger, Metrosky, Payha, Thomas and Vernail.

Voting Nay: Kunkle.

Absent: Guerrieri

Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail to approve the following appointments: Sarah Beltram, Bus Supervisor – Nicely Elementary School, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Elizabeth Jamison, Bus Supervisor – Nicely Elementary School, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Jessica Pritts, substitute Bus Supervisor – Nicely Elementary School, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Renee Hajdukiewicz, substitute AM Bus Supervisor – Senior High School, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Patrick Hutchinson, substitute AM Bus Supervisor – Senior High School, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Alanna Gaudiello,

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)

Personal Care Assistant – Extra-Curricular Activities, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, \$13.74 per hour as per Board policy; Kimberly Smith, Personal Care Assistant – Extra Curricular Activities, effective for the 2015-2016 school year; Alissa Jones, substitute Personal Care Assistant – Extra-Curricular Activities, effective for the 2015-2016 school year; and Kristen Luczki, substitute Personal Care Assistant – Extra-Curricular Activities, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement.

Voting Aye: Gazze, Kunkle, Mellinger, Metrosky, Thomas and Vernail.

Voting Nay: DeMarino-Toooh and Payha.

Absent: Guerrieri.

Motion passed.

ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS

A motion was made by Gazze/Vernail to approve the following additions to the substitute lists: Administrative Assistants – Cynthia Fetchero and Alanna Gaudiello; and Lunchroom Supervisors: Melissa Hertzog, Hutchinson Elementary School and Tiffany Moy, Metzgar Elementary School.

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

Voting Nay: DeMarino-Toooh.

Absent: Guerrieri

Motion passed.

ADVERTISE POSITIONS

A motion as made by Vernail/DeMarino-Toooh to advertise the following positions: Part-time Nurse Assistant for an individual student as required by the student's IEP; and additional personnel for increase in class size at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School.

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

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the following family and medical leave: Mary Ann Jordan, Administrative Assistant – Metzgar Elementary School, effective beginning September 9, 2015 and continuing for approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks.

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

RESOLUTION FOR BOND REFUNDING

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Vernail to approve the Resolution for bond refunding authorizing the incurring of non-electoral debt by the issuance of General Obligation Bond, Series of 2015.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Gazze, Kunkle, Mellinger, Metrosky, Payha, Thomas and Vernail.

Voting Nay: No one.

Absent: Guerrieri

Motion passed.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 36-72

REPRESENTATIVES TO WIU JOINT PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

A motion was made by Kunkle/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 for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

ADVERTISE FOR THE PURCHASE OF MULTI-PURPOSE PAPER

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to advertise jointly as a member of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium for the purchase of multi-purpose paper for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

ACCESS BILLING SERVICES

A motion was made by Kunkle/Thomas to approve the 2015-2016 Agreement between Westmoreland Intermediate Unit and Greensburg Salem School District to provide ACCESS billing services, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 75-80

SCHOOL-BASED ACCESS PROGRAM/ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING PROGRAM

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to approve an LEA Agreement between Public Consulting Group and Greensburg Salem School District to participate in the School-Based Access Program (SBAP) and School-Based Administrative Claiming Program (ACP), effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 81-82

FACILITIES AND SERVICES CONTRACT

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Vernail to enter into a Facilities and Services Contract between Saint Vincent College and Greensburg Salem School District for the use of St. Vincent's pool for Middle School swim team practice on September 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 2015 as presented. Rental cost of the facility to be paid by the Middle School Swim Team Boosters, with transportation provided by the District.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 83-91

COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AGREEMENT (DUAL ENROLLMENT)

A motion was made by Thomas/Kunkle to enter into a College in the High School Agreement (Dual Enrollment) by and between Westmoreland County Community College and Greensburg Salem School District, effective for a two year period beginning August 1, 2015 through and including July 31, 2017, as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 92-97

AGREEMENT WITH MEADOWS PSYCHIATRIC CENTER

A motion was made by Gazze/Thomas to enter into an Agreement between Meadows Psychiatric Center and Universal Community Behavioral Health and Greensburg Salem School District to provide care for individuals assigned to Greensburg Salem School District, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 98-99

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH PRESSLEY RIDGE

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to enter into a Contractual Agreement between Greensburg Salem School District and Pressley Ridge to provide educational services to District students attending Pressley Ridge Day School Greensburg, as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 100-103

HANDLING OF FIREARMS AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to approve the Agreement between Westmoreland County Juvenile Probation and Greensburg Salem School District

HANDLING OF FIREARMS AGREEMENT (cont'd)

authorizing the juvenile probation officer to carry a weapon during the commission of his/her official duties for defensive purposed only, as presented.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Kunkle, Mellinger, Metrosky, Payha, Thomas and Vernail.

Voting Nay: Gazze

Absent: Guerrieri

Motion passed.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 104-106

ACKNOWLEDGE LIST OF ADDITIONAL BUS DRIVERS

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to acknowledge the list of additional bus drivers for First Student, Inc. and DMJ Transportation, Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year, pending receipt of all governmental clearances, certification records, safety training, physicals and tuberculin tests, where applicable.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 107-108

KENNYWOOD PICNIC DAY

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to schedule the Kennywood Picnic on Monday, June 6, 2016.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-3

BOARD POLICY

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to approve the Board Policy for Administrative Assistants, Classroom Instructional Assistants and Nurse Assistants as presented. (All Board Members received a copy previously.)

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

FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Vernail/DeMarino-Toooh to continue the French Exchange Program between Greensburg Salem School District and the Lycee Jean Monnet High School near Paris, France for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 109

TEAM PHYSICIAN

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to appoint W. Todd Winslow, D.O. as team physician for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$1,800.00.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to approve the following requests for facility usage:

- Salem Township Gymnastics to use the multi-purpose room at James H. Metzgar Elementary School for gymnastics classes from 4:00-8:00 P.M., Monday through Friday beginning September 2015 through May 2016;
- Pennsylvania State Police to use the Senior High School track and field from 8:00-10:30 A.M. on Friday, September 11, 2015 for physical fitness assessment testing of police trainees;
- Westmoreland Museum of American Art to use the Middle School parking lots from 4:30-11:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 24, 2015 and from 10:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. on Sunday, October 25, 2015 for the Westmoreland Grand Reopening;
- Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School PTA to use the cafeteria, gymnasium and adjoining hallways from 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 14, 2015 for a vendor/craft show fundraiser; and
- Greensburg Salem Cheerleader Parent Association to use the cafeteria at the Senior High School for a vendor show fundraiser from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Board Agenda Section H. Facilities/Facilities Usage, Item 2 request was withdrawn by the City of Greensburg Police and not voted on.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 110, 112-116

PSBA OFFICER VOTE

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to approve Mary Birks, Mt. Lebanon School District (Allegheny County) as Pennsylvania School Boards Association President and Michael Faccincetto, Bethlehem Area School District (Northampton County), as Pennsylvania School Boards Association Vice President as per PSBA Bylaws and PSBA Policy 108 for the 2016 campaign year.

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

Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for October will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Regular School Board

Meeting for October will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School.

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr. asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Richard Mignogna asked if refunding of BOD savings could be used for additional buses. Mr. Frank Gazze commented that people spoke with passion and took interest in local government.

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, September 9, 2015, 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 9:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary