

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING APRIL 8, 2015**

PRESENT

Mrs. Angela DeMarino-Toooh – Arrived 7:03 P.M.
Mr. Frank Gazze
Mr. Richard Guerrieri
Mr. Lee Kunkle
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.
Mr. Jeff Metrosky
Mr. Richard Payha
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas
Mrs. Barbara Vernail

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. Justine Federico, Principal, Metzgar Elementary School
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services
Mrs. Kelly Gustafson, Coordinator of Elementary Education, Federal Programs and Instruction
Miss Lisa Malloy, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. Todd McMillen, Coordinator of Student Services
Ms. Anita Rometo, Community Liaison/Assistant Coordinator of Technology and Transportation
Mr. Matt Sofran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Dr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology, Transportation and Community Relations
Ms. Jessica Zahorchak, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. David Zilli, Principal, Senior High School

Approximately twelve citizens of the community

NEWS MEDIA

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, 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. Mr. James Meyer called the Roll, which is indicated above.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Ronald Mellinger discussed Clairview lease issue and thanked Mrs. Barbara Vernail for her efforts in resolving issues in the best interest of students with special needs. Mr. Jeff Metrosky shared that Emma Slezak was honored as Sportswoman of the Year with Special Needs by the YWCA of Westmoreland County. Mr. Lee Kunkle wished Board Vice President Mrs. Barbara Vernail a Happy Birthday. He also thanked Dr. Chris Suppo for printing the Middle School Musical Programs.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Mike Cioffe asked that the District review policy and procedures in reporting inappropriate behavior and stated that it is an obligation by all to report inappropriate behavior to the proper authority.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015

A motion was made by Thomas/Guerrieri to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of March 11, 2015.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-9

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 10-18

DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Gazze/Guerrieri to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$2,975,062.50; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$539,949.37.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 19-26

ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the following: Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$19,981.60; and Additional Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$132,585.39.

Section 508 vote: All nine 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 shared that the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center will be replacing the Office Manager, who is retiring, with a Business Manager. Negotiations are continuing with teachers.

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit – Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that the search, with PSBA, continues for a replacement for Dr. Luanne Matta. Applications are due April 20, 2015.

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation – Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that the 2nd Annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet honoring the Honorable John Driscoll and Anita Leonard was a success. She also shared that the Foundation is accepting applications for teacher grants.

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 tests, where applicable.

RETIREMENTS

A motion was made by DeMarino-Tooch/Guerrieri to approve the following retirements: Margery Okonak, Elementary School Nurse, effective June 8, 2015; Renee Richards, Administrative Assistant – Senior High School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2015; and Gary Carns, Electrical Maintenance Worker, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2015.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 30, 5-6

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Metrosky to approve the following resignation: Margaret Shaw, Health Room Assistant, effective retroactive to March 27, 2015.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 31

PAID/UNPAID MILITARY LEAVE; PAID MATERNITY/FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE; PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE/FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVES

A motion was made by Thomas/Guerrieri to approve the following paid/unpaid military leave: Joe Maluchnik, Associate Principal – Senior High School, effective from approximately April 6, 2015 through and including May 20, 2015, pending verification from the military; paid maternity/family and medical leave: Katie Graper, Fifth Grade Teacher – Hutchinson Elementary School, effective approximately May 18, 2015 and continuing through the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; paid leave of absence/family and medical leaves: Melissa Gibbon, Mathematics Teacher – Senior High School, effective beginning approximately April 27, 2015 and continuing through the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; Renee Hajdukiewicz, Art Teacher – Senior High School, effective April 2, 2015 through approximately May 18, 2015; and Pamela Leonard, Fourth Grade Teacher – Metzgar Elementary School, effective April 24, 2015 through and including May 8, 2015.

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to approve the following appointments: Rachel Roddy, Softball Assistant Coach – Senior High School, effective beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, \$3,540.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement; Nicole Cribbs, Softball Assistant Coach – Junior Varsity, effective beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, \$2,894.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement; Anthony Manley, Homebound Instruction, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$32.75 supplemental hourly rate as per the negotiated Agreement; Travis Ankrom, Bus Monitor - Metzgar Elementary School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$13.74 per hour; Mary Ann Jordan, Bus Monitor – Metzgar Elementary School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$13.74 per hour; and Kayla Anthony, volunteer Assistant Track and Field Coach, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri granting approval to make budget transfers up to and including June 30, 2015.

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

ADOPTION OF WESTMROELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the adoption of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit general operating budget for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$4,844,230.00. Greensburg Salem School District's contribution - \$31,903.48.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 32-35

RESOLUTION TO AWARD PAPER

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7 Joint Purchasing Board's Resolution to award the bid for paper to Unisource Worldwide as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 36-37

RESCIND/AWARD BID FOR THE SALE OF 1986 DUMP TRUCK

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to rescind awarding of a bid by Michal J. Wilson at the March 11, 2015 Board Meeting and accept a bid from Louis M. Zecchini in the amount of \$3,152.00 for the sale of the 1986 Chevrolet dump truck

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

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to appoint Keystone Collections Group as Deputy Tax Collector for Greensburg Salem School District as required under Act 164 of 2014.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 7-9

LETTER OF COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NHS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to approve the Letter of Collaborative Agreement between NHS of PA Therapeutic Family Care Program and Greensburg Salem School District effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 38-39

CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL NURSE FOR SIXTH GRADE CAMP SOLES

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Vernail to contract with Judy Franko to act as the school nurse for Sixth Grade Camp Soles, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, at a rate of \$17.70 per hour.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE ADDITIONAL BUS DRIVER

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to acknowledge the additional bus driver for DMJ Transportation for the 2014-2015 school year, pending receipt of all governmental clearances, application records, safety training, physical examinations and tuberculin tests where applicable.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 40

SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN SERVICES, INC.

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to enter into a Service Agreement between Greensburg Salem School District and Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc. to provide behavioral health services to children/adolescents on an as needed basis for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 9-13

BOARD POLICY

A motion was made by Thomas/Gazze to approve Board Policy: Section 300 – Board Policy 304.2 of the Board Policy Manual.as presented.

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

Voting Nay: DeMarino-Toooh and Metrosky.

Abstaining: No one.

Absent: No one.

Motion passed.

BOARD POLICIES

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve Board Policies: Section 300 – Board Policies 331, 334, 335, 337, 338 and 342 of the Board Policy Manual.as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 44-66

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh to approve the Greensburg Salem School District ***Special Education Plan*** for a three year period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 as presented. (The ***Special Education Plan*** is on file in the Superintendent's Office.)

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

ACCEPT KINDLE TABLETS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze granting approval for the proper officers of the District to accept twenty (20) Kindle HDX7 tablets with cases, charging cart with locking mechanism, and technical support from the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation as part of the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation Tablets in Education Program.

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

APPLY FOR GRANT - OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze granting approval for the proper officers of the District to apply for a \$32,000.00 grant from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) for programs to reduce the student achievement gap by grade 3.

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

STATE MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

A motion was made by Metrosky/Thomas to grant retroactive approval for six (6) students, accompanied by sponsor, Erik Doran, to participate in the State Mathcounts Competition on March 27-28, 2015 in Harrisburg PA.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 67-69

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle to reappoint Dr. Robert Tymoczko, school physician, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, at a rate of \$5.00 per exam for students in grades six and eleven who did not return private physician reports.

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

SCHOOL DENTIST

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to appoint Dr. Vance Barber, school dentist, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, at a rate of \$1.00 per exam for students in grades one, three and seven.

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BOWLING TEAM REGIONAL/STATE COMPETITION

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail granting approval for the Greensburg Salem School District to contribute to the Greensburg Salem Bowling Parents' Association for the Bowling Team's Regional and State Competition in the amount of \$982.87.

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

NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE COMPETITION

A motion was made by Thomas/Kunkle granting approval for students, Adam Petro, Claire Simpson and Fernando Soriano, accompanied by sponsors, Carol Leshock and Mary Logan, to compete in the National Speech and Debate Competition in Dallas TX on June 14-19, 2015 at an approximate cost to the District of \$3,456.00. (Also supported by funds from the TLC Foundation and the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation)

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 17

**REVISED CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle to approve the revised Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center 2014-2015 School Calendar as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 70

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze granting permission for Jessica Pritts to attend the 2015 Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services Annual Spring Conference on April 8-9, 2015 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, Harrisburg PA at an approximate cost to the District of \$854.00.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 71-74

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh granting approval to advertise for fall sports bids.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to approve the following facility usage requests:

- Greensburg Recreation Department to use the Senior High School or the Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School parking lot for baseball team practice on the days when the ball fields are not playable from 5:30-7:00 P.M. during the months of April, May and June;
- Westmoreland Intermediate Unit to use the Senior High School auditorium, cafeteria, and some classrooms on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 12, 2015 for setup and to test technology, and from 7:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 13, 2015 for employee in-service;
- Greensburg Recreation Department to use the Senior High School baseball field for tryouts beginning at 11:00 A.M. on April 11-12, 2015 and for practices and games beginning May 4, 2015 through July 15, 2015 when available;
- Red Cross Club to use the Senior High School gymnasium, cafeteria, classrooms, tennis courts and band field for a fundraiser for the local Red Cross that includes various sporting events, games, and food from 3:00-6:00 P.M. on Friday, May 22, 2015; and,
- Diocese of Greensburg to use the parking lots at Dr. Robert F. Nicely, Greensburg Salem Middle and Senior High Schools for the Mass of Installation of Greensburg's new bishop – date to be determined..

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 75-76, 18-19

Mr. Mellinger asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Richard Mignogna inquired if the District can require reporting on first time offense. Mrs. Anita Leonard commented that someone with a DUI has an illness and asked if the District has a policy to place an employee in rehab.

Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for May will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:01 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Regular School Board Meeting for June will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School.

ADJOURN

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

Section 508 vote: All nine 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, April 8, 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 7:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary