

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MARCH 11, 2015**

PRESENT

Mrs. Angela DeMarino-Toooh
Mr. Frank Gazze
Mr. Richard Guerrieri
Mr. Lee Kunkle
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.
Mr. Jeff Metrosky
Mr. Richard Payha – Arrived 7:01 P.M.
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, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School
Mr. Erik Doran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services
Mrs. Kelly Gustafson, Coordinator of Elementary Education, Federal Programs and Instruction
Miss Lynn Jobe, Athletic Director
Miss Lisa Malloy, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. Joe Maluchnik, Associate Principal, Senior High School
Mr. Todd McMillen, Coordinator of Student Service
Ms. Anita Rometo, Community Liaison/Assistant Coordinator of Technology and Transportation
Mr. Matthew Sofran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Dr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology, Transportation and Community Relations

Approximately eight (8) 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held for personnel and legal matters beginning at 7:01 P.M. and the regular meeting was reconvened at 7:19 P.M.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Dr. Eileen Amato thanked Mrs. Sue Glow and staff for a job well done for the Senior High School musical production; announced that the Middle School musical production *Shrek Jr.* will be performed on March 19-22, 2015; noted that the Junior High School County Band will perform at the Senior High School on Saturday, March 14, 2015; and thanked Mrs. Barbara Vernail, Ms. Angelo DeMarino-Toooh, Mr. Jeff Metrosky and Mr. Rich Guerrieri for a job well done at the Purse Bash. Mrs. Barbara Vernail thanked the Board and other for volunteering and giving back to the community. Mr. Richard Guerrieri thanked Mrs. Barbara Vernail, Ms. Angela DeMarino-Toooh and the fire department for the wonderful work done at the Purse Bash.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following people addressed the Board: Mr. Richard Mignogna asked about the cost to the District for "Court In School" and whether or not it will be a cost to the taxpayer; Mrs. Charlotte Kemerer questioned several Board Policies for approval; and Mrs. Robin Savage stated that positive issues should be brought to the table, commented on the success of the Purse Bash, asked why we have the PSSA Test, and thanked Mrs. Kelly Gustafson for coming and presenting to the PTA about the test; and thanked the Board of School Directors for a good hire in Mrs. Kelly Gustafson.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2015

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

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-10

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 11-20

DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$428,933.08; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$452,356.91 (voided check #61062 in the amount of \$33,174.00); Bills to be Paid: Cafeteria Fund - \$144,461.70.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 21-27

ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the following: Additional Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$10,214.20; Additional Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$379,642.33; Additional Bills to be Paid: Cafeteria Fund - \$114,329.04.

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 CWCTC has advertised for various items for the center, accepted two (2) retirements and approved the 2015-2016 school calendar.

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit – Mrs. Barbara Vernail talked about fundraisers for the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Foundation and shared that Dr. Matta, Executive Director will be retiring in August.

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation – Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that the Foundation's 'Purse Bash Fundraiser' was a success. She also reminded everyone of the 2nd Annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet honoring distinguished alumni, the Honorable John Driscoll and Anita Leonard, on Friday, March 27, 2015.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

No report at this time. Mr. Scales shared that as a result of tax assessment settlements, approximately \$400,000.00 will come back to the District.

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/RESCIND APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to approve the following resignations: Kristin Steininger, Assistant Girls' Softball Coach – Junior Varsity, effective retroactive to February 23, 2015; and Rick Petro, Assistant Girls' Softball Coach, retroactive to February 25, 2015, rescind the following appointment: Maria Brecht, Reed 1 Musician – Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$500.00.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 31-32

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Vernail/Metrosky to approve the following appointments: Jeffrey Kronenwetter, Acting Associate Principal – Senior High School, effective for approximately seven (7) weeks, \$92,000.00 prorated as per Board Policy; Kelly Hribal, Acting Dean of Students – Senior High School, effective for approximately seven (7) weeks, \$5,404.00 supplemental contract prorated, as per the negotiated Agreement; and Linda Carpellotti, Cheerleader Sponsor – Senior High School, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, \$3,608.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement.

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to approve the following appointments: James Baker, Technical Director – Middle School musical production, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$795.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement; Michael Pagnotta, Reed I Musician, Senior High School musical production, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$500.00; Michele Cribbs, volunteer Assistant Softball Coach – varsity/junior varsity, effective for the 2014-2015 school year; Rick Petro, volunteer Assistant Softball Coach – varsity/junior varsity, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, Rick Earle, volunteer Assistant Softball Coach – varsity/junior varsity, effective for the 2014-2015 school year;

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Denise Stoner, volunteer Assistant Softball Coach – varsity/junior varsity, effective for the 2014-2015 school year; Shane Stofko, volunteer Assistant Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach, effective for the 2014-2015 school year; Corey Mentch, Baseball Assistant Coach – ninth grade, effective beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, \$2,171.00 supplemental contract as per the negotiated Agreement; Christina Branthoover, Timer/Track Helper – Middle/Senior High School track teams, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$30.00 per event; Patrick Hutchinson, Timer/Track Helper – Middle/Senior High School track teams, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$30.00 per event; Megan McIntyre, Timer/Track Helper – Middle/Senior High School track teams, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, \$30.00 per event; Matt Diehl, volunteer Assistant JV/Varsity Baseball Coach, effective for the 2014-2015 school year; Rick Petro, volunteer Assistant Ninth Grade Baseball Coach, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, Rick Petro, Jr., volunteer Assistant Ninth Grade Baseball Coach, effective for the 2014-2015 school year; and Maryanne Sobota, volunteer Assistant JV/Varsity Lacrosse Coach, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to approve the following additions to the substitute lists: Heather Johnson, Administrative Assistant, effective March 12, 2015; Marcy Monteparte, Administrative Assistant, effective March 12, 2015; William S. Taylor, Custodian, effective March 11, 2015; and Dionne Lewis, Lunchroom Supervisor – Nicely, effective retroactive to February 18, 2015.

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

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Metrosky/Kunkle to approve the following appointment: Georgeanne Trask, Sixth Grade Teacher, full-time substitute position, retroactive to February 24, 2015 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year, salary set at 80% of first step bachelors prorated.

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

TAX APPEALS SETTLEMENT

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle granting approval for Solicitor, John N. Scales to proceed with tax appeal settlements on fourteen (14) properties.

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

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FURNISHING GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze granting approval to advertise for bids for furnishing gasoline and diesel fuel for all District vehicles for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

SALE OF DUMP TRUCK

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to accept a bid from Michael J. Wilson in the amount of \$4,100.00 for the purchase of a 1986 Chevrolet dump truck.

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

AGREEMENT FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to enter into an Agreement between Greensburg Salem School District, Westmoreland County Behavioral Health and Development Services Program and the Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. for the continuation of the Westmoreland County Student Assistance Program, effective for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 33-37

KEYTEX ENERGY RENEWAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to renew the Agreement between Greensburg Salem School District and Keytex Energy to provide energy curtailment services to the District for a three year period beginning June 1, 2015 through and including May 31, 2018 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 5-13

BOARD POLICIES

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Vernail to approve Board Policies: Section 200 – Board Policy 236.1, and Section 300 – Board Policies 314, 314.1, 316, 317, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 326, 340, 348 and 351 of the Board Policy Manual as presented. Board Policies 304.2 and 331 were tabled for further review.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 38-45, 49-71, 76-90

REVISED 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to approve the revised 2014-2015 school calendar to reflect a snow days on Thursday, February 19, 2015, Friday, February 20, 2015, and Thursday, March 5, 2015 with makeup days scheduled on Thursday, April 2, 2015, Monday, April 6, 2015, and Tuesday, April 7, 2015; with the end of the third nine week grading period moved to March 27, 2015.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 91-92

PARTICIPATION IN PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle granting approval for five (5) students, accompanied by sponsors, Mary Logan and Kristen Solomon, to compete in the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Championships at Susquehanna University on March 20-21, 2015, at an approximate cost of \$2,905.82.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 93

SIXTH GRADE CAMP SOLES PARENT INVOLVEMENT

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri granting approval for parents, Dave Burnfield, Harry Damerow and Jen Lucy to accompany sixth grade students to Camp Soles on May 18-22, 2015, pending receipt of current governmental clearances.

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

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to approve **Fiddler On The Roof** as the Senior High School musical production for the 2015-2016 school year, with performance dates of February 26, 27, 28, 2016.

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

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Metrosky granting approval for Julia Howard to attend the New Balance Indoor National Track and Field Meet at the Armory in New York City NY on Thursday and Friday, March 12-13, 2015, accompanied by coaches Robert Lehman and Matthew Boe.

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

ADDITIONS TO GIRLS' VARSITY LACROSSE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to add two (2) scrimmages to the Girls' Varsity Lacrosse schedule, 4:00 P.M. at Offutt Field, on March 9, 2015 vs. Hempfield Area High School and on March 17, 2015 vs. Franklin Regional High School.

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

FACILITY USAGE

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

- Greensburg YMCA to use Offutt Field for soccer games from approximately 12:00-6:00 P.M. on Sundays, beginning March 28, 2015 through June 14, 2015;
- Westmoreland Democratic Committee to use the auditorium at the Senior High School from 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 21, 2015;
- Salem Township Recreation Board to use the Senior high School gymnasium, restrooms, large fans, three (3) tables, and microphone for their Annual Gymnastics Show on Thursday evening, May 28, 2015 for setup and from 5:00-9:30 P.M. on Friday, May 29, 2015;
- Greensburg Salem Baseball Parents Association to use the Senior High School gymnasium and foyer for a Youth Baseball Camp for 9-14 year olds from 7:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 94-96, 14

Mr. Mellinger asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Richard Mignogna suggested that specific language for conference requests received between meetings be incorporated in Board Policy 331 Reimbursement for Job-Related Expenses, Travel, Meals and Lodging. Mr. Bob Iuzzolino questioned the \$16,000/year expense for eAcademy with the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit. Why are we still doing this and have our teachers been trained? Ms. Angela DeMarino-Toooh commented on why she is not running for another term on the Board.

Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for April will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 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 April will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/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, March 11, 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 8:02 P.M.

ATTEST:

James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary