

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING April 11, 2012**

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Angela DeMarino-Toooh  
Mr. Frank Gazze  
Mr. Richard Guerrieri  
Mr. Lee Kunkle  
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.  
Mr. Natale Pantalone  
Dr. Richard Payha  
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas  
Mrs. Barbara Vernail

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Dr. Eileen Amato, Superintendent  
Mr. James Meyer, Business Manager  
Mr. John Scales, Solicitor

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Anthony Barbato, Teacher  
Mr. Kenneth Bissell, Assistant Principal, Middle School  
Mr. Kevin Bringe, Assistant Principal, High School  
Mrs. Justine Federico, Principal, James H. Metzgar Elementary School  
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services  
Mrs. Lisa Hauswirth, Principal, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary  
Mrs. Kathryn Hricenak, Principal, Robert F. Nicely Elementary  
Ms. Lynn Jobe, Athletic Director  
Mr. Todd McMillen, Principal, Middle School  
Mrs. Ashley Nestor, Coordinator of Elementary Education, Federal Programs and Instruction  
Ms. Anita Rometo, Community Liaison/Assistant Coordinator of Technology and Transportation  
Mr. Matt Sofran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative  
Mr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology, Transportation and Community Relations  
Mr. Chris Thomas, Assistant Principal, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary  
Mr. Steve Tribble, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative  
Mrs. Jessica Zahorchak, Teacher  
Mr. David Zilli, Principal, Senior High School

**NEWS MEDIA**

Mr. Bob Stiles, *Greensburg Tribune Review* Newspaper Reporter  
Ms. Linda Lyman, *Penn-Franklin-Salem-Delmont* Newspaper Reporter

Approximately six citizens of the community.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items to share.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mr. Richard Mignogna asked that the District and Westmoreland Intermediate Unit create email addresses for Board Members that will forward to their personal email accounts. Mr. Tom Ridella inquired as to the number of special education students and the list of schools for outside placements. He also asked about the salary for Chris Thomas.

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2012**

A motion was made by Thomas/Kunkle to approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of March 14, 2012, as presented.  
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 - February; Summary of Investments – February; Tax Report – February; Student Activity Funds Report; Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals and Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 10-21

**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 - \$2,319,974.64, and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$146,025.11.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 22-29

**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 - \$111,482.46; Additional Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$86,729.20; and Additional Bills to be Paid: Cafeteria Fund - \$155,289.40.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-4

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ESEA Title I, II, and VI Report** – Ashley Nestor thanked the Board for allowing her and Sarah Gazze to attend the Federal Programs Conference last month.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need to conduct an Executive Session.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT ---**

**RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Kunkle/Thomas to approve the following resignation: Paul Sapotichne, Head Coach – Boys’ Varsity Basketball, effective April 12, 2012.

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

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Mellinger/Guerrieri to approve the following appointment: Chris Thomas, Principal – Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School, effective beginning with the 2012-2013 school year at a salary of \$119,222.00.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toohey, Gazze, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha and Vernail

Voting Nay: No one

Abstaining: Thomas

Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Thomas/Kunkle to approve the following appointment: Adam Jones, substitute Assistant Senior High School Principal, effective April 10, 2012 with ending date to be determined, \$139.85 additional per day.

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

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Kunkle/Thomas to approve the following appointment: James J. Meyer, Open Records Officer, effective retroactive to January 1, 2012, with no additional salary compensation

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh to approve the following appointments: Daniel Beck, PSSA Tutor – Senior High School, effective for the 2011-2012 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate; Christine Burkhart, PSSA Tutor – Senior High School, effective for the 2011-2012 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate; Rosemarie O’Neill, PSSA Tutor – Senior High School, effective for the 2011-2012 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate; and, Andrea Redinger, PSSA Tutor – Senior High School, effective for the 2011-2012 school year, \$28.75 supplemental hourly rate.

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

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to approve the following appointment: Ashlee Peters, Track and Field Timer/Helper, effective retroactive to March 15, 2012, \$30.00 per meet.

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

**SCHOOL PHYSICIAN**

A motion was made by Mellinger/Guerrieri to reappoint Robert Tymoczko, school physician, effective for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

**REVISED BOARD POLICY**

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the revised Board Policy for Rates of Pay for Health Room Assistants and for Day-do-Day Substitute Instructional Classroom Aides, Non-Instructional Aides, Health Room Assistants and Personal Care/Classroom Assistants – Code 300.23.1.

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

Voting Nay: Pantalone

Motion passed.

SEE ATTACHMENT 33

**REVISED BOARD POLICY**

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the revised Board Policy for Personal Care Assistants and Personal Classroom Assistants – Code 300.27.1.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Gazze, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Payha, Thomas

Voting Nay: Pantalone and Vernail

Motion passed.

SEE ATTACHMENT 34

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Guerrieri to approve the resolution for refunding authorizing the incurring of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2002.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Gazze, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha, Thomas and Vernail

Voting Nay: No one

Motion passed.

**JOINT PURCHASING RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Mellinger/Guerrieri to approve the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7 Joint Purchasing Board Resolution to award the bid for paper.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Gazze, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha, Thomas and Vernail

Voting Nay: No one

Motion passed.

**PURCHASE INCOME TAPES**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle to approve the purchase of income tax tapes from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

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

**ACCEPT AUDIT**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to accept the audit for year ending June 30, 2011 (all Board Members received a copy previously).

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

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

A motion was made by Thomas/Guerrieri to approve making budget transfers up to and including June 30, 2012.

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

**CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER BUDGET**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Vernail to approve the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center 2012-2013 budget as presented.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Gazze, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha, Thomas and Vernail

Voting Nay: No one

Motion passed.

**CONVEY PROPERTY TO CITY OF GREENSBURG**

A motion was made by Vernail/DeMarino-Toooh to approve conveying property located at Laird Street, Tax Map #10-02-15-392 (near Offutt Field) to the City of Greensburg at no cost.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Gazze, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha, Thomas and Vernail

Voting Nay: No one

Motion passed

**PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF PROGRAM AND STAFF NEEDS**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle to approve the Preliminary Analysis of Program and Staff Needs for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOWLING TEAM**

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to approve a \$580.00 reimbursement to the Bowling Team for expenses incurred during participation in the Pennsylvania State Bowling Championships.

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

**HOCKEY CLUB COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to approve the creation of a co-op program between the Greensburg Salem Hockey Club and Ligonier Valley Hockey Club beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

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

**MUSIC CONFERENCE FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE**

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to approve Melanie Callas and participating students to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Music Conference Festival in Lancaster PA on April 18-21, 2012 at no cost to the District.

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

**FACILITY USAGE**

A motion was made by Gazze/Thomas to grant approval for the Greensburg Recreation Department to use the softball field at the Senior High School for 9/10 year old baseball practices beginning March 16, 2012 through and including June 29, 2012.

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

**FACILITY USAGE**

A motion was made by Thomas/Guerrieri to grant approval for Bob Fontanesi, Director of the Tommy Smith Junior Golf Program to use the Middle School auxiliary gym and room 183 on April 10, 17, and 24, 2012 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. for golf lessons free to Middle School students.

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

**FACILITY USAGE**

A motion was made by Gazze/Mellinger to grant approval for the Greensburg YMCA to use the Greensburg Salem Middle School cafeteria, gymnasium, restrooms and an area to store supplies for their YMCA Middle School Day Camp (Adventure Club) from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. beginning Monday, June 4, 2012 through and including Friday, August 17, 2012.

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

**FACILITY USAGE**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Mellinger to grant approval for the Greensburg Recreation Department to use the Senior High School track and field facilities for Instructional Track and Field Camp for ages 6-15 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. for the week of July 9-13, 2012.

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

**AWARD BID FOR 10 PASSENGER VAN**

A motion was made by Mellinger/Vernail to approve awarding the bid for a 10 passenger van to Day Fleet Sales, the lowest, responsible bidder in the amount of \$26,658.00.

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

**ADVERTISE POSITION**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to grant approval to advertise the following position: Head Coach – Boys’ Varsity Basketball.

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

**BASKETBALL CAMP ATTENDANCE**

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Kunkle to grant approval for members of the girl's junior varsity and varsity basketball teams and coaches Janine Vertacnik, Rachel Roddy and Wes Sandin to attend an overnight basketball camp at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond VA from July 24-27, 2012 and to use District vans to transport the teams to camp.

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

**APPLY FOR GRANT MONEY**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to apply for Race to the Top grant money in the amount of \$23,085.00 to be used for educational reform around the areas of adopting standards and assessments; building data systems that measure student growth and success; and recruiting and retaining effective teachers and principals.

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

**FACILITY USAGE**

A motion was made by Mellinger/Kunkle to grant approval for the Greensburg Pennsylvania Youth Legion (formerly Junior Legion) baseball team to use the baseball field at the Senior High School for Youth Legion baseball tryouts on Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15, 2012 from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

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

**SUMMER PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

A motion was made by Mellinger/Payha granting approval to hear information prepared by Administration regarding summer programs.

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

**TABLE SUMMER PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh to table the discussion regarding summer school programs until May meeting.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toooh, Guerrieri and Thomas

Voting Nay: Gazze, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha and Vernail

Motion failed.

Mr. Pantalone asked if we have to offer students a lunch – is this mandated. Mr. Meyer responded yes, under federal funding guidelines we must offer students breakfast and lunch. Mr. Pantalone then asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Rich Mignogna reiterated that the District has 430 special education students which is roughly 13-14% of our enrollment.



**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mellinger/DeMarino-Tooch 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 held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 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 8:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

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James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary