

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

PRESENT

Mrs. Angela DeMarino-Toooh
Mr. Frank Gazze
Mr. Richard Guerrieri
Mr. Lee Kunkle
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr
Mr. Natale Pantalone
Mr. 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. 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. Joe Maluchnik, Assistant Principal, High School
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
Dr. Lisa Rullo, Coordinator of Student and District Services
Mr. Matt Sofran, GSEA Representative
Mr. Bob Stiles, ***Greensburg Tribune Review*** Newspaper Reporter
Ms. Linda Lyman, ***Penn-Franklin-Salem-Delmont*** Newspaper Reporter
Mr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology, Transportation and Community Relations
Mr. Chris Thomas, Assistant Principal, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary
Dr. Tammy Wolicki, Director of Curricular Services
Mr. David Zilli, Principal, High School

Approximately four citizens of the community.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Natale Pantalone, School Board President, called the meeting to Order at 7:12 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

Mrs. Barbara Vernail attended the Art Show at the Westmoreland Museum of Art before the holidays where our Senior High School students had art work on display. Mrs. Vernail shared that the art work displays were incredible. Mr. Ronald Mellinger expressed sympathy to the Pantalone family for their recent loss. Mr. Lee Kunkle congratulated Dr. Eileen Amato on her birthday. Mrs. Angela DeMarino-Tooch shared that one of the Mock Trial teams took second place out of thirty (30) teams from across Pennsylvania at a recent Pitt competition. Dr. Tammy Wolicki shared information regarding three one-half semester elective course offerings for the 2012-2013 school year that will be presented for approval during the meeting: Introduction to 2-D Art, Introduction to 3-D Art, and Introduction to Programming.

CHANGE ORDER OF MEETING

A motion was made by Kunkle/DeMarino-Tooch to change the order of the meeting to Item F of the agenda – Proposed Preliminary Budget.
Section 508 vote: All nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

REVISE PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Kunkle/Guerrieri authorizing Mr. Meyer to revise the Proposed Preliminary Budget to contain revenue that is set by the state mandated index of 2.2% or 1.72 mils and therefore eliminating the need to file for exceptions.
Voting Aye: DeMarino-Tooch, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha, Thomas, Vernail
Voting Nay: Gazze
Abstain: No one
Motion passed.

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Kunkle/DeMarino-Tooch to approve the Proposed Preliminary Budget reflecting 1.72 mils and total expenditures of \$39,916,858.00.
Voting Aye: DeMarino-Tooch, Gazze, Guerrieri, Kunkle, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha, Thomas, Vernail
Voting Nay: No one
Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Richard Mignogna addressed the Board stating that he had copies available of the US and PA constitution if anyone is interested. Mr. Tom Ridella questioned the change in order of the agenda and why the Board does not set a budget and require administration to stay within that budget number. Mr. Jim Barbe had questioned whether setting the increase at no more than 1.72 mils negates the District's right to file exceptions for pensions and/or special education and/or make it an item on the ballot. Mr. Scales indicated that is correct. Mr. Barbe also inquired about the retirement rate set by PDE for the employer and employee and also the formula for determining retirement.

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2011

A motion was made by Kunkle/Guerrieri to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of December 5, 2011.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-5

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2011

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Vernail to approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 5, 2011, with the following correction: Adjourn, page 13 – Mr. Mellinger and Mr. Thomas left the meeting prior to adjournment – therefore all seven Board Members present voted in the affirmative – correction made by kg.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 6-13

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 14-24

DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Mellinger to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$ 3,427,576.96, Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: Construction Fund - \$ 125.00; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$ 620,176.86; Bills to be Paid: Cafeteria Fund - \$ 139,899.42.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 25-37

ADDITIONAL BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the following: Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$142,455.35; and Cafeteria Fund - \$108,258.00.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-2, 1

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ESEA Title I, II and VI – Dr. Amato provided the Board with Title I conference budget handout.

Legal Report – No report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held for personnel and legal matters beginning at 7:21 P.M. and the regular meeting was reconvened at 7:41 P.M.

MATERNITY/FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

A motion was made Guerrieri/Mellinger to approve the following maternity/family and medical leave: Melanie Bernsdorf, English Teacher, High School, effective on or before April 2, 2012 through approximately May 17, 2012.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 41-42

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Mellinger/Thomas to approve the following appointments: Andrew Austin, Assistant Elementary Band Director, effective January 12, 2012, supplemental contract, Rachel Roddy, assistant coach, Girls' Varsity/JV Basketball Team, effective January 12, 2012, supplemental contract, Zack Krejdovsky, head coach, Varsity Swim Team, effective January 12, 2012, supplemental contract, Sylvia Guerrieri, assistant JV Field Hockey Coach, supplemental contract, Scott Elliott, Varsity Swim Team coach, effective January 12, 2012, volunteer, and Jeff Mayo, Varsity Track and Field Team coach, effective January 12, 2012, volunteer.

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: Karen Gnesda, Secretary to the Superintendent and Human resources, effective retroactive to November, 1, 2011, as per Board approved policy.

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

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh to approve the following appointment: Denise Cullen, Secretary to the Director of Curricular Services and coordinator of Elementary Education, effective retroactive to November 1, 2011, as per Board approved policy.

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

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the following appointment: Mary D. Fetter, Secretary to the Director of Student and District Services and Business Manager, effective retroactive to November 1, 2011, as per Board approved policy.

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: Mary Ann Jordan, Level II – Non-Confidential Secretary at the Middle School, effective January 12, 2012, as per Board approved policy.

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

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh to approve the following appointment: Robin Stofko, Level II – Non-Confidential Secretary at the Senior High School, effective January 12, 2012, as per Board approved policy.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS

A motion was made by Thomas/Guerrieri to approve the following additions to the substitute lists: Karly Kunkle, 1419 Eighth Avenue, Irwin PA 15642, K-12 Library Media, Amy S. Harvey, 803 Christina Court, Greensburg PA 15601, Elementary Education/Special Education, and Jeffrey T. Hite, 315 Culbertson Avenue, Greensburg PA 15601, Elementary Education.

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

Voting Nay: No one.

Abstain: Pantalone

Motion passed.

ADDITION TO THE SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Guerrier to approve the following addition to the substitute list: Charlotte Kuhns, 101 Baughman Street, Greensburg PA 15601, Secretary, retroactive to January 3, 2012.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS POLICY

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the Revised Recognition of Visitors at School Board Meetings Policy – Code: 100.9.1 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 43-44

ADVERTISE POSITION

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to retroactively approve advertising for an Assistant Elementary Band Director.

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

ADVERTISE AND SALE OF DISTRICT VEHICLE

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Gazze to grant retroactive approval to advertise for the sale of the District pick-up truck and to accept the bid amount of \$800.00 from Mr. Gregory Beaver for the sale of the pick-up truck.

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

ACCEPT DONATIONS

A motion was made by Vernail/DeMarino-Toooh for the proper officers of the District to accept three separate donations of \$400.00 each from Robert Allshouse (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 nine Board Members present voted in the affirmative.

E-RATE FUNDING

A motion was made by Mellinger/Guerrieri granting approval for the proper officers of the District to apply for E-Rate Funding for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

ACCEPT GRANT MONIES

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh granting approval for the proper officers of the District to accept Lulu Pool Health and Education Fund monies in the amount of \$500.00 to support student scholarships for sixth grade camp.

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

ACCEPT BOOK DONATION

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to accept a donation of Newberry Series books from Tom Kubas for all elementary buildings, to be used for elementary classroom libraries or building libraries.

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

ACCEPT AWARD

A motion was made by Gazze/Guerrieri granting approval for the proper officers of the District to accept an award from the American's Farmers Grow Communities Fund in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used at James H. Metzgar Elementary School to expand the classroom libraries and reading resources of each grade level teacher.

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

AGREEMENT WITH NHS PENNSYLVANIA

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to approve the Agreement between NHS Pennsylvania and the Greensburg Salem School District to provide education to school age children with autism and/or emotional disturbance, effective November 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012 as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHEMTNS 67-76

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Vernail to discuss Item M Title I conference.

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

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Pantalone/DeMarino-Toooh granting approval for Jenna Galloway, Kathryn Hricenak, Beth Jamison, Keli Pennesi and Lisa Thomas to attend the 2012 Title I Improving School Conference in Pittsburgh PA on January 29, 2012 – February 1, 2012 at a cost to the District of \$1,500.00.

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

ACCEPT DONATION

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to accept the donation of fifteen (15) home and away basketball uniforms for the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team from the Greensburg Salem Basketball Boosters Association.

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

ACCEPT DONATION

A motion was made by Vernail/DeMarino-Tooch to accept the donation of twenty-four (24) wrestling singlets for the Varsity Wrestling Team from the Greensburg Salem Varsity Wrestling Parents Association.

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

ACCEPT DONATION

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Tooch to accept the donation of twenty-five (25) wrestling warm-ups for the Middle School Wrestling Team from the Greensburg Salem Varsity Wrestling Parents Association

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by DeMarino-Tooch/Guerrieri granting approval for the Greensburg Rotary Club to use the Greensburg Salem Senior High School for Community Health Screening on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 5:30 – 10:30 A.M.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze granting approval for the Greensburg Recreation Baseball Program to use the multi-purpose room at Dr. Robert F. Nicely Elementary School on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 P.M., beginning January 2012 through February 29, 2012 for elementary students, grades 1-5 to learn to play baseball.

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

ADDITIONAL COURSE OFFERINGS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the addition of the following course offerings at the Senior High School: Introduction to 2-D Art, Introduction to 3-D Art, and Introduction to Programming

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

AGREEMENT WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK

A motion was made by Mellinger/Gazze granting approval of the Agreement between Greensburg Salem School District and First National Bank to accept facsimile signatures bearing the names Paul Puleo, James J. Meyer and Natale N. Pantalone.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Vernail granting approval for Inferno Softball to use the Greensburg Salem Middle School gymnasium on Saturday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 P.M., beginning January 2012 through April 2012.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas granting approval for local police departments to use the alumni Fitness Center to train police officers in self-defense on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 P.M. beginning January 12, 2012.

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

Mr. Pantalone asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Mignogna once again reminded everyone that he had copies of the US and PA constitution available. Mr. Tom Ridella inquired about the results of the Arrest/Conviction Reports and Certification Form for District employees. Mr. Jim Barbe asked if under the current plan an employee with more than forty (40) years service falls under the same formula for retirement. Mr. Gerome Spino addressed the Board regarding his sixth grade son and the lack of sufficient educational programs offered to enable his son to get the best education possible.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vernail/Mellinger 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, January 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 8:03 P.M.

ATTEST:

James Meyer, School Board Secretary

