

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2011**

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 of Schools
Mr. James Meyer, Director of Business Affairs
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. Lyn Jobe, Athletic Director
The Honorable Richard McCormick, Judge
Mr. Todd McMillen, Principal, Middle School
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
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 two 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

Dr. Amato presented Mr. Gazze, Mr. Guerrieri, Mr. Pantalone and Mr. Thomas with plaques in recognition of their service.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No one signed in to address the Board.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail to approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of November 9, 2011.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-7

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 8-18

DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Kunkle/Guerrieri to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$2,080,196.52; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$326,441.25; and Cafeteria Fund - \$158, 182.52.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 19-26

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ESEA Title I, II and V – Dr. Amato reported that the Title I parents' night was attended by over 500 parents, students and staff.

Legal Report – No report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held for personnel and legal matters beginning at 7:25 P.M. and the regular meeting was reconvened at 8:29 P.M.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh to accept the following retirement: Charlotte Kuhns, Secretary, effective December 31, 2011, subject to previously approved and stated conditions.

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

MATERNITY/FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVES

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to approve the following maternity/family and medical leaves: Laura Klipa, Guidance Counselor, High School, effective approximately January 3, 2011 through April 2, 2012 and Kristen Vassar, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, High School, effective approximately February 3, 2012 through May 14, 2012.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 31-32

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Thomas to approve the following appointments: Michael Rinehart, Jr., Varsity Wrestling coach, effective November 10, 2011, volunteer; Michael Rinehart, Sr. Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective retroactive to November 10, 2011, volunteer; Dave Voytek, Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective retroactive to November 10, 2011, volunteer; Perry Miller, Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective retroactive to November 10, 2011, volunteer; Bill Shaw, Junior High Wrestling Coach, effective retroactive to November 10, 2011, volunteer; Jeff Shaw, Junior High Wrestling Coach, effective retroactive to November 10, 2011, volunteer; Chris Nuerohr, Boys' Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, retroactive to November 10, 2011, volunteer; Curt Smith, Swim Team Coach, effective 2011-2012 school year, volunteer; Mark Vallozzi, Boys' Junior High Wrestling Assistant Coach, effective 2011-2012 School year, volunteer; Barry Roddy, Girls' Varsity/JV Basketball Assistant Coach, effective 2011-2012 school year, volunteer; Benjamin Cleary, Wrestling Coach, effective December 6, 2011, volunteer; Matt Sofran, Clock Operator, Boys' Varsity/JV Basketball Games, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Jim Stewart, Clock Operator, Boys' Varsity/JV Basketball Team, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Brian Julian, Scorer, Boys' Varsity/JV Basketball Team, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Victor Sackett, Clock Operator, Boys 7th, 8th and 9th Basketball Teams, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Holly Guerrieri, Scorekeeper, Girls' Varsity/JV Basketball Team, effective 2011-2012 School Year, as per Board approved rate; Nathan Snider, Clock Operator, Boys' Wrestling Team, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Matt Sofran, Clock Operator, Boys' Wrestling Team, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Jim Stewart, Clock Operator, Boys' Wrestling

APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

Team, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Victor Sackett, Clock Operator, Boys' Junior High Wrestling Team, effective 2011-2012 school year, as per Board approved rate; Paige Kemsey, Clock Operator, Boys Wrestling Team, effective 2011-2012 school year, volunteer.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS

A motion was made by Kunkle/Gazze to approve the following additions to the substitute lists: Mario Battaglia, 1232 Waverly Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650, Guidance Counselor; Thomas Judice, 3 Harrington Way, Greensburg, PA 15601, Guidance Counselor; Sherry Lee Light, 434 North Fifth Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Elementary Education K-6, Special Education N-12; Patrick A Lynn 11535 Drop Road, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642, Mathematics; and Anthony Manley, 527 Sewickley Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, Mathematics.

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

RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Vernail to accept the following resignations; Nannette Barker, Head Coach, Girls' Varsity Track and Field, effective December 6, 2011; Kevin Bowkley, Head Coach, Boys' Soccer, effective December 6, 2011 and Aaron Panigall, Assistant Coach, Girls' Varsity Track and Field, effective December 6, 2011.

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

PAY BILLS UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

A motion was made by Gazze/Vernail to grant approval to pay all bills up to and including December 31, 2011.

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

AWARD SPRING SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY BIDS

A motion was made by Thomas/Mellinger to grant approval to award spring sports equipment and supply bids as contained herein. In all cases, the bids have been awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. In cases where the low bid did not meet specifications, the next lowest responsible bidder was awarded the bid. Ties were awarded by a coin toss.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 33-38

RESOLUTION APPOINT JAMES MEYER LIAISON

A motion was made by Vernail/Payha to approve the Resolution appointing James Meyer a liaison between the District and Berkheimer for the purpose of sharing confidential tax information with the District for official purposes a contained herein.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 39

ADVERTISE ADOPTION OF 2012-2013 PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Mellinger/Guerrieri to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to advertise for the adoption of the 2012-2013 proposed preliminary budget at the January 11, 2012, Regular School Board Meeting and file for referendum exceptions with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

Voting Nay: No one

Abstain; No one

Motion passed.

APPLY FOR STRIVING READERS GRANT MONIES

A motion was made by Guerrieri/DeMarino-Toooh to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Striving Readers Grant monies.

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

APPLY FOR LULU POOL HEALTH AND EDUCATION FUND MONIES

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to apply for Lulu Pool Health and Education fund monies in the amount of \$500 to provide scholarships to the sixth grade camp program.

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

PERMISSION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE TO ATTEND CONFERENCES

A motion was made by Thomas/Gazze to grant approval for school board members and administrators to attend one state and one national educational conference during the period of December 6, 2011 through December 2, 2012.

Voting Aye: Gazze, Mellinger, Pantalone, Payha and Thomas

Voting Nay: DeMarino-Toooh, Guerrieri, Kunkle and Vernail

Abstain; No one

Motion passed.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Thomas/Guerrieri to grant approval for Tammy Wolicki to attend the Regional Forum of the College Board in Baltimore, MD on January 23-24, 2012 – Cost to District \$755.

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

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Thomas/Mellinger to grant retroactive approval for Ashley Nestor to attend the 2011 SAS Institute: Defining and Aligning for Student Achievement Conference in Hershey, PA on December 4-7, 2011 – Cost to District \$765.

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

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Vernail/Mellinger to grant approval for Lynn Jobe to attend the Pennsylvania Athletic Directors' Association Annual Conference in Hershey, PA on March 20-23, 2012 – Cost to District \$1105.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to grant approval for Girl Scout's Daisy Troop to use the library, auditorium or smart room at Robert F. Nicely Elementary School on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:30 P.M. for bi-weekly meetings and activities December 2011 through May 2012.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toohey/Guerrieri to grant approval for the girls' travel basketball program to perform at half-time and gain admission to the girls' varsity basketball games at no cost on December 13, 2011 and January 23, 2012.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to grant approval for Greensburg Salem Junior Wrestling program to use the High School gymnasium and locker rooms for wrestling eliminations from 5:30-8:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

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

SALE OF PROPERTY

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve of the sale of property located at tax map number 10-04-11-0-200 currently listed in Westmoreland County's Unsold Property Repository for bid amount of \$7,200.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPARTURE FROM WPIAL

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to grant approval for the Athletic Office to apply for departure from the WPIAL and to join a countywide sports network for Middle School athletics.

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

ADVERTISE VACANCIES

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to grant approval to advertise the following positions: Head Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach; Head Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach; Assistant Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach; Head Girls' Varsity Track and Field Coach; Assistant Girls' Varsity Track and Field Coach; and Assistant Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Coach.

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

GRANT TENURE

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to grant approval to grant Lori Mertz tenure retroactive to June 2009.

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

LIMIT BOARD PRESIDENT'S TERM IN OFFICE

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toohey/Kunkle to limit terms of the Board President and Vice President to a maximum of two consecutive one-year terms.

Voting Aye: DeMarino-Toohey, Kunkle, Pantalone and Vernail

Voting Nay: Gazze, Guerrieri, Mellinger, Payha and Thomas

Abstain: No one

Motion failed.

Mr. Pantalone asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Mr. Ridella asked the Board if he would need to request the bill list and board book each month and also how was the meeting advertised. Mr. Meyer indicated that Mr. Ridella would need to request the bill list and board book each meeting. He also indicated that both the reorganization and regular meeting of the board was advertised correctly.

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 Monday, December 5, 2011, beginning at 7:12 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

James Meyer, School Board Secretary