

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2011**

PRESENT

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dr. Eileen Amato, Acting Superintendent
Mr. James Meyer, Business Manager and School Board Secretary
Mr. John Scales, Solicitor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kenneth Bissell, Assistant Principal, Middle School
Mr. Kevin Bringe, Assistant Principal, High School
Mr. Larry George, Director of Informational Services
Mrs. Lisa Hauswirth, Principal, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary
Mrs. Kathryn Hricenak, Principal, Robert f. Nicely Elementary
Miss Lynn Jobe, Athletic Director
Ms. Linda Lyman, *Penn-Franklin-Sale-Delmont News* Newspaper Reporter
Mr. Joe Maluchnik, Assistant Principal, High School
Mr. Todd McMillen, Principal, Middle School
Mrs. Ashley Nestor, Coordinator of Instruction
Ms. Anita Rometo, Community Liaison
Dr. Lisa Rullo, Coordinator of Student Services
Mr. Matt Sofran, GSEA Representative
Mr. Bob Stiles, *Greensburg Tribune Review* Newspaper Reporter
Mr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology
Mr. Steve Tribble, GSEA Representative
Mr. Christopher Thomas, Assistant Principal, Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Werlinich, Coordinator of Superintendent's Search
Dr. Tammy Wolicki, Director of K-12 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Mrs. Jessica Zahorchak, GSEA Representative
Mr. David Zilli, Principal, High School

Approximately ten citizens of the community were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Trudy Ivory, 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.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT

A motion was made by Mellinger/Vernail to approve the appointment of Dr. Eileen Amato as Superintendent of Schools effective with the certification of her commission by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and that Dr. Amato be awarded a contract through June 30, 2015 at an initial annual salary of \$142,500 with other terms and conditions of employment as specified in the contract (all Board Members received a copy previously) – Until awarding of her commission, Dr. Amato will serve as Acting superintendent.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Dr. Amato thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to lead Greensburg Salem School District and to work with administrators, teachers and community members to make a kind, caring and supportive district. Dr. Amato also thanked Board Members for taking time to be involved in the selection process. Mr. Kunkle thanked Joe Werlinich for leading the superintendent's search. Mr. Werlinich thanked the Board, James Meyer and Thomas Shipley for their time and efforts. Mrs. Vernail indicated her support of the trainers and students efforts to raise money for breast cancer by wearing a pink Greensburg Salem tee shirt.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Rich and Penny Armentrout present a power point presentation on their request for a bus stop change on Mark Drive. Mr. Jim Barbe addressed the Board regarding salary increase, and a grievance. Mr. Tom Ridella addressed the Board regarding the superintendent's contract and the bill list. Mr. Rich Migivogna questioned the Board regarding when contract negotiation will begin and are negotiations open to the public.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

A motion was made by Vernail/Mellinger to approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 14, 2011, as presented.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-11

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 12-22

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 - \$2,252,238.88; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund – \$242,519.88; and PLGIT/ARM Fund - \$19,340.00.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 23-33

ADDITIONAL DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/ADDITIONAL BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to approve the following: Additional Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$179,659.47 and Additional Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$395,626.75.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 1-4

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ESEA Title I, II and V – No report at this time.

Legal Report – No report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held for personnel and legal matters beginning at 7:42 P.M. and the regular meeting was reconvened at 8:21 P.M.

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 tine tests where applicable.

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Pantalone/Kunkle to approve the following appointments: Michelle Eaglehouse, Special Education/Learning Support Teacher, Full-Time Permanent Position, effective October 13, 2011, as per negotiated Agreement; Jeremy Peoples, Special Education/Learning Support Teacher, Full-Time Permanent Position, effective October 13, 2011, as per negotiated Agreement; Alyssa Bureau, Elementary Teacher, Full-Time Permanent Position, effective 13, 2011, as per negotiated Agreement; Pamela Leonard, Elementary Teacher, Full-Time Permanent Position, effective October 13, 2011, as per negotiated Agreement; Molly McMaster, Elementary Teacher, Full-Time Permanent Position, effective October 13, 2011, as per negotiated Agreement.

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Kunkle to approve the following appointments: Marion Arndt, PAWS Program Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Anthony Barbato, PAWS Program Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Carol Bishop, PAWS Program Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Eileen Burkart, PAWS Program Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Katie Firment, PAWS Program Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Cindy Mondri, PAWS Program Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Ali Cox, Kids' Express Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Patricia Neil, Kids' Express Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Lisa Thomas, Kids' Express Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Teresa Barkley, PAWS Program Teacher, effective 2011-2012 school year, supplemental hourly rate; Maxine Forbes, Athletic Event Worker, effective retroactive to September 23, 2011, as per Board approved rate; Elizabeth Jamison, Instructional Aide, Kids' Express program, effective October 13, 2011, as per Board Policy and Katie Marsteller, Instructional Aide, Kids' Express Program, effective October 13, 2011, as per Board Policy.

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

ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LISTS

A motion was made by guerrieri/Mellinger to approve the following additions to the substitute lists: Jaime Boerio, 403 Glacier Court, Latrobe, PA 15650, Music K-12; Patricia DeBiasio, 318 Wheatridge Drive, Jeannette, PA 15644, Elementary Education, Reading Specialist; Victoria Franco, 493 N. Saint Clair Street, Ligonier, PA 15658, Elementary Education, Deaf Education; Marissa Lichwa, 1544 Greensburg Pike, West Newton, PA 15089, Elementary Education; Liam O'Donnell, 115 Brush Creek Drive, Irwin, PA 15642, Social Studies; Alexandra Palcic, 113 Chapel View Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601, Early Childhood Education; Lindsey Rankin, 214 Murdock Way, Greensburg, PA 15601, Elementary Education; Jared Rebick, 5505 North Eighth Street, Jeannette, PA 15644, Social Studies; Jeannine Yerecic, 2200 Elizabeth Court, Export, PA 15642, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education; Shirley Thomas, 957 Orchard Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601, Secretarial; Katherine Katchmar, 1523 Elm Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, Lunchroom Supervisor Hutchinson; Jennifer Swartz, 432 Green Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, Lunchroom Supervisor Hutchinson; and Melissa Teacher, 701 Green Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, Lunchroom Supervisor Hutchinson.

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

EXTEND THOMAS SHIPLEY'S EMPLOYMENT

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Pantalone to extend the period of employment of Thomas Shipley through and including Wednesday, November 30, 2011. During this time period, he will continue to serve as Director of Secondary Education, Human Resources, Transportation and as Assistant to the Superintendent at his current salary. The terms and conditions of retirement as stated in Mr. Shipley's original retirement, dated June 22, 2011, will take effect upon his retirement on November 30, 2011.

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

HIRE JOE WERLINICH

A motion was made by Thomas/Kunkle to grant approval to hire Joe Werlinich for the amount of \$5000 to coordinate the search and identification of a recommended candidate for the position of Superintendent of Schools retroactive to July 15, 2011.

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

ACCEPT JIMMY COOK MEMORIAL FUND MONIES

A motion was made by Pantalone/Vernail to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to accept Jimmy Cook Memorial Fund monies in the amount of \$2,809.22 from The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County for High School boys' soccer team uniforms and miscellaneous expenses.

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

INSURANCE POLICIES

A motion was made by Pantalone/DeMarino-Tooch to approve the following: School Leaders' Legal Liability Insurance Program, Director's Identity Theft Protection, Property-Casualty Protection and Commercial Automobile policies effective November 3, 2011 to November 3, 2012 through Pennsylvania School Boards Association at a cost of \$96,979.

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

ESTABLISH EMOTIONAL SUPPORT CLASSROOM

A motion was made by Vernail/Pantalone to approve a contract with the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit to establish, as soon as possible, an emotional Support Classroom operated by the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School.

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

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION GUIDELINES

A motion was made by DeMarino-Tooch/Guerrieri to approve the revised Booster Organization Guidelines as contained herein.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 37-39

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1657

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Gazze to grant approval to adopt a Resolution in support of House Bill 1657 as contained herein.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 40

FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Pantalone/DeMarino-Toooh to approve the continuation of the French Student Exchange Program for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

MARCHING BAND TO TRAVEL TO DISNEY WORLD

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle to grant approval for the High School marching band (grades 9-12) to travel to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, from Friday, April 27 through and including Tuesday, May 1, 2012. The recommendation for approval holds the requirement that the trip be supervised and chaperoned by members of the marching band staff supplemented by members of the band parents association.

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

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Vernail/Kunkle to grant approval for Matt King and Roger Pechart to attend the TEEAP Conference in Harrisburg, PA on November 3-4, 2011 – cost to the District \$364.

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

WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

A motion was made by Guerrieri/Kunkle to approve the revised Winter athletic schedules as contained herein.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 41-46

KERRIGAN BAN

A motion was made by Mellinger/DeMarino-Toooh to grant approval for Kerrigan Ban, a 10th grade student at Greensburg Salem High School, to compete in 2011-2012 WPIAL gymnastics as an independent representative of Greensburg Salem High School under the direction of Coach Renee Ruggeri.

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:

- O. Host Mathcounts Competition at the Middle School on Saturday, February 4, 2012, with Saturday, February 11, 2012 as the snow date;
- P. Troop 20235 of the Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania to use the cafeteria at Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School from 5:30-7:30 P.M. on Tuesdays through the end of the school year at no charge;

FACILITY USAGE (Continued)

- Q. Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra to use the Middle School auditorium from 6:00-10:30 P.M. on October 27, 2011 at no charge;
- R. Westmoreland AFS (Exchange Student Program) to use the High School cafeteria from 6:30-9:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 17, 2011 and from 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 19, 2011;
- S. South Greensburg Recreation men's volleyball league to use Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School's gymnasium from 6:30-8:30 P.M. on Friday evenings November 4, 2011 through April 2012;
- T. Greensburg boys' travel basketball team to use Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School's gymnasium from 6:00-9:00 P.M. on Tuesday evenings beginning November 1, 2011 through March 15, 2012 – Also request permission to use other District gymnasiums as time is needed and can be scheduled;
- U. Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg Barracks, to use Offutt Field from 3:00-6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 to host the 9th annual turkey bowl flag football game;
- V. Southwest Greensburg girls' softball program to use Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School's gymnasium from 6:00-9:00 P.M. on Thursday evenings beginning November 1, 2011 through March 29, 2012;
- W. Greensburg Recreation boys' basketball program (grades 1-4) to use the Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School's gymnasium from 6:00-8:00 P.M. on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning January 12 through March 12, 2011 and from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. on Saturdays beginning January 14 through March 3, 2012;
- X. Greensburg Salem junior wrestling program to use the old wrestling area at the High School and Middle School wrestling room from 5:30-8:00 P.M. Monday-Thursday beginning November 7, 2011 through March 30, 2012;
- Y. Relevant Community Church to hold services in the Robert F. Nicely Elementary School on Sundays subject to District facility usage policy regarding restrictions and costs;
- Z. Child Evangelism Fellowship to use a classroom at Robert F. Nicely Elementary School from 4:00-5:00 P.M. every Thursday.

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

APPLY FOR GRANT MONIES

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Guerrieri to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to apply for Great Idea grant monies in the amount of \$1,485 through the Consortium for Public Education to be used to purchase e-readers which will be used at the Middle School.

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

SALE OF WRESTLING MATS

A motion was made by Vernail/Guerrieri to approve of the sale of used wrestling mats to the Pennsylvania State Police Training Center for the amount of \$1000.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by Kunkle/Thomas to grant approval for Girl Scout Troop 21870 to use Amos K. Hutchinson Elementary School cafeteria on Wednesdays evenings from 6:00-7:30 P.M. to conduct meetings.

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

FACILITY USAGE

A motion was made by DeMarino-Toooh/Guerrieri to grant approval for John Lynch to use Amos K. Hutchinson and Robert F. Nicely Elementary Schools any time and any evening available October 2011 through April 2012 for youth soccer practice.

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

CONTRACT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Kunkle/Thomas to approve the Superintendent's contract as given to all Board Members previously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pantalone/Guerrieri 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, October 12, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

James Meyer, School Board Secretary

