

**GREENSBURG SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING December 9, 2015**

PRESENT

Mr. Frank Gazze
Mrs. Charlotte Kemerer
Mr. Lee Kunkle
Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr.
Mr. Jeff Metrosky
Mr. Nicholas Rullo
Mrs. Robin Savage
Mrs. Barbara Vernail
Mr. Stephen D. Thomas

ABSENT

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kenneth Bissell, Coordinator of Secondary Education and Instruction
Mr. Kevin Bringe, 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
Ms. Lynn Jobe, Athletic Director
Mr. Adam Jones, Principal, Middle School
Miss Lisa Malloy, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mr. Joe Maluchnik, Associate Principal, Greensburg Salem Senior High School
Mr. Todd McMillen, Coordinator of Student Services
Ms. Anita Rometo, Community Liaison/Assistant Coordinator of Technology and Transportation
Mr. Matt Sofran, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Mrs. Michelle Sparrow, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Dr. Chris Suppo, Coordinator of Technology, Transportation and Community Relations
Mr. Steve Tribble, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative
Ms. Jessica Zahorchak, Greensburg Salem Education Association Representative

NEWS MEDIA

Ms. Brenda Haas, *Penn-Franklin-Salem-Delmont News* Newspaper Reporter

Approximately one hundred and twelve (112) citizens of the community

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr., School Board President, called the meeting to Order at 7:30 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Mr. James Meyer, Board Secretary called the Roll, which is indicated above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session of the Board was held for personnel and legal matters beginning at 7:30 P.M. prior to the start of the regular meeting which convened at 8:12 P.M.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Barbara Vernail welcomed the new Board Members. Mr. Ronald Mellinger expressed his appreciation for the attendance and sign of solidarity of the teachers. He shared that the next negotiation session will be on December 17, 2015.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Julia Howard, Senior at the High School talked about the coaching situation for indoor track (club sport vs. varsity sports) where the coach is a teacher who volunteers and is unable to coach during negotiations.

Mr. Richard Mignogna suggested that in the transition from Discussion Meeting to Regular Meeting, changes that impact the agenda should be brought out in informational items and open for public discussion prior to vote for board approval.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 11, 2015

A motion was made by Vernail/Gazze to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of November 11, 2015 as presented.

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 – November; Tax Report – November; Year-to-Date Expenditure Function Totals and Year-to-Date Revenue Function Totals.

SEE ATTACHMENTS 11-19

DISBURSEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST MEETING/BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to approve the following: Disbursements Made Since Last Meeting: General Fund - \$1,881,742.38; and Bills to be Paid: General Fund - \$476,028.21.

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

SEE ATTACHMENTS 20-26

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 Wednesday, December 16, 2015 is the Annual Dinner/Reorganizational Meeting open to all School Board Members.

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit - Mrs. Barbara Vernail shared that Dr. Conway continues to restructure the Intermediate Unit staff; office hours have change to 7:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.; and they will be naming a new solicitor in January.

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation – Mrs. Barbara Vernail announced that the Foundation has reviewed twelve (12) grant applications totaling approximately \$10,000.00 and will be awarding them in January.

Student Representative – Anna Kate Payha expressed students' perspective of negotiations and how it is affecting them. Her message to teachers is whatever is done to keep the students best interest in mind.

School Facility Advisory Committee - Dr. Chris Suppo shared that the committee met on November 18, 2015 with Board members present. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on December 14, 2015. He thanked all who serve on the Committee.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

No report at this time.

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

A motion was made by Thomas/Vernail to approve the following resignations: Lisa Pelia, Scorekeeper – Boys'/Girls' Varsity Swim Teams, effective November 17, 2015; and Rachel Brannigan, Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, effective December 9, 2015.

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Vernail/Kemerer to approve the following appointments: Melissa Paravate, Scorekeeper – Boys'/Girls' Varsity Swim Teams, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, salary set at \$25.00 per event; and George Carter, volunteer Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

ADVERTISE POSITION

A motion was made by Kunkle/Metrosky to advertise the following supplemental contract positions: Instructional: Assistant Varsity Softball Coach– Senior High School.

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Vernail/Kemerer to adopt the Resolution pursuant to section 311 (d)(1) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006 indicating the District will not raise the rate of tax for public schools by more than its index of 3.2%.

Voting Aye: Gazze, Kemerer, Kunkle, Mellinger, Metrosky, Rullo, Savage, Thomas and Vernail.

Voting Nay: No one.

Motion passed.

PERMISSION TO PAY BILLS

A motion was made by Gazze/Metrosky to approve paying all bills up to and including December 31, 2015.

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

SELL CARTRIDGES/EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Vernail/Kemerer to sell unused printer and copier cartridges and audio visual equipment that are no longer useful to the District.

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

ARMSTRONG FUND

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to accept \$1,000.00 from the Rachel and James Armstrong Fund to be used for needy students.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A motion was made by Thomas/Gazze to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Greensburg Salem School District and the Greensburg Salem Education Association to pay three (3) stipends for holiday musical rehearsals and performances during the month of December 2015 as presented.

Voting Aye: Gazze, Kemerer, Kunkle, Mellinger, Metrosky, Rullo and Thomas.

Voting Nay: Savage and Vernail.

Motion passed.

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A motion was made by Thomas/Rullo to grant approval for Lynn D. Jobe to attend the Pennsylvania Athletic Directors' Association Annual Conference in Hershey PA on March 14-18, 2016 at an approximate cost to the District of \$1,300.00, pending approval of the State budget.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 30

FACILITIES USAGE

A motion was made by Thomas/Metrosky to approve the following retroactive facility usage:

- GSEA to use Room 190 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School from 11:30-12:45 on Saturday, November 21, 2015 as a meeting place for members and their families before walking in the City of Greensburg Holiday Parade.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 31

ARCHITECT FEES

A motion was made by Vernail/Thomas to cap the architect fees with the Feasibility Study at \$10,000.00.

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

PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE

A motion was made by Gazze/Vernail to grant approval for the proper officers of the District to enter into an Agreement to purchase electric generation service as recommended by KeyTex Energy.

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

Superintendent Dr. Eileen Amato announced that the Board Discussion Meeting for January will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Regular School Board Meeting for January will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School.

Mr. Ronald Mellinger, Jr. asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Dr. Richard Payha commended his daughter on her speech delivered earlier in the meeting. He also mentioned the Oath of Hypocrisy and applied it to teachers and doing what is best for students.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kunkle/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, December 9, 2015, beginning at 7:30 P.M. in Room 003 of the Greensburg Salem Middle School, 301 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601, was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

James J. Meyer, School Board Secretary