

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
August 30, 2018

Board President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Superintendent Brian J. Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz called the roll.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session on August 20, 2018 and prior to the Committee Meeting of August 30, 2018 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of August 30, 2018.

- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Costello thanked Citizens present for attending the Board Meeting and noted that if they did not sign in to address the Board they could go to the District website and send him an email. Dr. Costello noted that he responds to all emails and Dr. Costello also noted that he will continue to hold informal meetings at various schools throughout the school year.

Dr. Costello stated that WBASD has received one million dollars from the "Ready To Learn Grant" and the District is very appreciative of this additional funding. Dr. Costello expressed his gratitude to Governor Tom Wolf and the local Legislators for their support and noted that the WBASD will continue to fight to be funded properly.

Dr. Costello informed those present at the Regular Board Meeting that the WBASD has formed a partnership with Wilkes University this year and will be conducting two Pilot Schools at Heights Murray Elementary and G.A.R. High School. Dr. Costello further noted that it will be a Professional Development School. Wilkes University will teach classes within Heights and G.A.R. and those students will become part of Heights and G.A.R., work side by side with District teachers, Administrators and students and make sure the District has Best Practice in place, adding additional resources that our students desperately need. The WBASD is grateful to have established this partnership with Wilkes University.

Dr. Costello stated that at this point in time he would like to share with the Public the floor plans for the new Consolidated High School. Dr. Costello noted that he is doing the presentation prior to Public comment in order to make it possible for any Citizen who has a question after seeing the floor plans to be able to address those questions or concerns.

Ms. Thomas presented the following Resolution.

Resolution of Congratulations

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Caffrey, retired Teacher and Guidance Counselor for 35 years and current Wilkes-Barre Area School Board Member, coached local High School boys basketball for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, he is a longtime member of the Wyoming Valley Boys Basketball Coaches Association, serving as its President since 2011; and

WHEREAS, as Head Coach at Meyers High School, his teams won 280 games, five Wyoming Valley Conference Championships and earned five State playoff berths, including six Wyoming Valley Conference Championships, two PIAA District 2 AA Championships, and won the 1997 PIAA Eastern State AA Championship; and

WHEREAS, as Head Coach at Coughlin, his teams won 86 games and earned two State playoff appearances; and

WHEREAS, he was named nine times as the Wyoming Valley Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he was recently named to the 2018 Class of the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it be recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors and that the Secretary be instructed to express Congratulations from the members of the Board to Joseph A. Caffrey for his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame recognizing his decades of service to the academic, athletic and emotional growth of the students in the Wilkes-Barre Area.

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Ms. Thomas moved to accept the Resolution by Acclamation.

All In Favor: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Mr. Mike Krzywicki, Apollo Project Manager, presented information in regard to the status of WBASD current projects.

There was no **Unfinished Business**

Communications from Citizens

1. Charles Luce
2. Tracey Hughes
3. Lois Grimm
4. Bob Holden
5. Deb Formola
6. Tom Dombroski
7. Ruth Borland
8. Sam Troy

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The above listed Citizens addressed the Board in regard to the following:

1. Invitation for WBASD students to participate in the Veterans Day Parade Committees Essay Contest, "Centennial of the end of World War I". Appreciation expressed to the District for the High School Bands participation in the Veterans Day Parades.
2. The District Administration Board Room is not acceptable to hold Board Meetings.
3. There were no students who spoke in regard to sports consolidation.
4. There will be ramifications of building new high school outside of the City of Wilkes-Barre.
5. Additional bleachers will be required for the Meyers/G.A.R. football game.
6. There were multiple questions submitted to the Save Our Schools Facebook Website in regard to school consolidation site of new school: the Boards unwillingness to listen to the Community, student test scores, Board Member refusal to resign, sports consolidation, transportation costs for new school, safety/security plan for new school, curriculum, transparency and the amount of money wasted by this Board.
7. Was there an independent appraisal of the Pagnotti site and what are the grading costs and what type of fill will be used?
8. Board Meetings should not be held at the Administration Building.
9. The Board needs to stop patting themselves on the back and needs to start listening to the Community.
10. Text books are out of date. This Board needs to start thinking about students and Education.
11. Items need to be placed on the Agenda. More communication and open discussions are necessary.
12. The inclusion of G.A.R. in the consolidated high school was not handled in the right way.
13. When will there be an Act 34 Hearing and when will the Public be notified?

Superintendent, Dr. Brian Costello, Board President Joseph Caffrey, Attorney Wendolowski and Mike Krzywicki, Apollo Project Manager responded to questions/statements presented by the Citizens who addressed the Board.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Galella stated the next meeting of the LIU will be held the end of September.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn noted the next meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center will be held on September 17, 2018.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Galella presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

1. To approve an agreement with The Graham Academy, 1 Institute Lane, Kingston, PA to provide special education services to students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. To approve an agreement with New Story, 1150 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, PA to provide special education services to students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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BUDGET FINANCE / MATERIAL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Walker presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Exterior Facade	Capital Project	AGI-15052-WBASP PR #16	\$67.60
Dunmore Roofing	Kistler Pool Roof Replacement Proj.	Capital Projects	App. No. 3	\$1,376.55
Dunmore Roofing	Kistler Pool Roof Replacement Proj.	Capital Projects	App. No. 4	\$12,290.00
Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc.	Kistler Pool Roof Replacement Proj.	Capital Projects	Inv. # 6043	\$387.75
Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	App. No. 17	\$13,068.28
Borton Lawson	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	2017-3091-001-0000011	\$56,406.29
TGL Engineering, Inc.	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	Invoice #9	\$23,000.00
WKL Architecture	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	Invoice #10	\$68,700.00
The Citizens Voice	Adv. Site Clearing New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	Ref. # 82225065 CLL	\$762.50
The Times Leader	Adv. Site Clearing New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	Trans. # 300850844	\$755.63
Plains Township	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	Reilly Assoc. Inv.#1-18036.00	\$6,736.00

1. That approval be given to appoint Martin Flaherty, Controller as Trustee and Frank Castano, Director of Human Resources as Alternate Trustee to the Northeast Pennsylvania School Districts Health Trust for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. That approval be given to set the adult meal prices for lunch and breakfast at \$3.70 and \$2.20, respectively. These prices account for the minimum PDE requirements.
3. That approval be given to the Board of Education and the Solicitor to attend educational meetings, seminars and conferences during the 2018-2019 school year, and that such attendance be in accordance with the requirements of Section 516 of the Pennsylvania School Code, Act 155 and all other statutes that may be enacted, and in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Education. Included under conferences are the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Annual State Conference, the National School Board Association (NSBA) Annual Conference, and the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Annual Conference.
4. That approval be given to enter into the Agreements for Participation in Child Nutrition Programs between School District, Area Vo Techs and Intermediate Units with the Alternative Learning Center/Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 and The Milford E. Barnes Junior School for the 2018-2019 school year.

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5. That approval be given to renew the lease with George Sincavage for the Warehouse located at 62 Maffett Street, Plains, PA beginning August 1, 2018 to July 30, 2019 at a rate of \$2,295 per month.
6. That approval be given to contribute \$17,200 to Wilkes-Barre City for the use/maintenance of the Municipal Athletic Fields for the 2018-2019 school year.

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1748-1755 and Federal Wire transfer #201700845-#20180056 and Chapter I AP checks #1936-1949 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201700847-#201800065 were drawn for payment since the last regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on August 7, 2018 be approved.

- C. That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201710875 to #201710904 and #201810905 to #201810926 and General Fund checks, #49403-49483 and Food Service Checks #3153-3171 which were drawn for payment since the regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on August 7, 2018.
- D. That the checks listed on the following pages #49484 to #49645 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Nay: Patla – A –

2 Nays: Thomas, Walker - #6

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

At this time Mr. Galella noted that the District is in dire need to have the fields taken care of at the Solomon/Field Complex.

Dr. Costello noted that there is a plan in place to address and correct the situation in regard to the condition of the field.

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Evans announced that Michelle Gay, President of Safe and Sound Schools and parent of a Sandy Hook School student who was killed during the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School will be a guest speaker on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Board Members, the LIU, School Safety Personnel and Administrators will be present for the presentation at Solomon/Plains Complex.

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Geiger presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

1. That approval be given to the Building and Property insurance coverage for the property located at 20 Casey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 through Seneca Specialty Insurance Company, effective September 12, 2018 at a rate of \$21,329.29.
2. That approval be given to increase the coverage on the Data and Cyber Security Coverage insurance policy to \$500,000 at an annual premium of \$5,050.00 (Prorated for 18-19).
3. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. to provide prevention/education services for a total of \$15,000 for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, to provide School Based Access Program Services for the 2018-2019 school year and continuing every year unless cancelled by either party. The fee for the service will be 10% of the value of the net claims to be paid per the Claim Status Report Management Reported generated by PCG.
5. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with Geisinger Clinic for a Fellow Physician to receive training and education in Sports Medicine during related activities on our premises at no cost to the District.
6. To amend article 13.2.3.2 of the contract with Williams Kinsman Lewis Architecture, PC dated September 11, 2017 to allow additional services for additional Traffic Improvements at a fee of \$143,600.00

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

2 Nays: Patla, Walker - #6

There was no **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Thomas noted that due to the rainy season it has become difficult to keep up with the grass cutting at the fields, however, the condition of the fields are being aggressively addressed.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to accept the revisions in the School Wellness Policy.

The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

PATHWAY/NEW CONSTRUCTION/TRANSITION REPORT

Ms. Thomas stated that the Committee is meeting every month and meeting their milestones.

Personnel Committee Report

Dr. Susek presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

All appointments are made pending receipt of PDE required clearances, certifications, and any applicable pre-employment drug test.

A. Agreements

1. That approval be given to Administrators Association ACT 93 Agreement, between the Board of Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the members of Act 93, effective July 1, 2016.
2. That approval be given to Confidential Secretary Agreement, between the Board of Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Confidential Secretaries, effective July 1, 2018.

B. Professionals

1. That **Lorraine Farrell's** request for a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2018-19 school year be approved.
2. That **Carissa Wargo's** request for a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2018-19 school year be approved.
3. That **Robb Sieminski's** request for a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2018-19 school year be approved.
4. That the resignation of **Emily Bly** be accepted with regret effective August 21, 2018.
5. That the resignation of **Melissa Kravulski** be accepted with regret.
6. That the resignation of **Mary Olszewski** be accepted with regret effective September 21, 2018.
7. That the resignation of **Courtney Thomas** as a long term substitute teacher be accepted with regret effective August 14, 2018.
8. That **Tom Zelinka** be appointed as the Supervisor of K-12 Curriculum effective September 1, 2018 at a salary to be determined by the Act 93 Agreement.
9. That **Harold Gabriel** be appointed a 12 Month Senior High Principal effective September 1, 2018 at a salary to be determined by the Act 93 Agreement.
10. That **Sean Flynn** be appointed a 12 Month Elementary Principal effective September 1, 2018 at a salary to be determined by the Act 93 Agreement.
11. That **Anthony Khalife** be appointed a 12 Month Junior High Principal effective September 1, 2018 at a salary to be determined by the Act 93 Agreement. **TABLED**
12. That **James Geiger** be appointed an Acting Special Education Supervisor effective September 1, 2018.
13. That **John Mendola** be appointed an Acting Elementary Principal effective September 1, 2018.

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14. That **Glenn Zimmerman** be appointed a professional employee as a Special Education Teacher effective September 4, 2018 contingent upon the requirements of the Act 97 Waiver being met.
15. That **Jason Lukachinsky** be appointed a temporary professional employee as a Special Education Teacher effective September 4, 2018 contingent upon the requirements of the Act 97 Waiver being met.
16. That **Veronica Tobin** be appointed a half day temporary professional as an Elementary Education Teacher.
17. That **Veronica Tobin** be appointed as a half day Long Term Elementary Substitute Teacher for the 2018/19 school year.
18. That **Lauren Yaniello** be appointed a temporary professional employee as a Speech and Language Pathologist effective September 4, 2018.
19. That **Michelle Binker** be appointed a full time school nurse effective September 4, 2018.
20. That **Heather Engle** be appointed a half day Long Term Title I Math Substitute Teacher.
21. That **Jamie Kramer** be appointed a Long Term Elementary Substitute Teacher for the first semester of the 2018/19 school year.
22. That **Jessica Hendler** be appointed a Long Term Title I Elementary Reading Substitute Teacher for the first semester of the 2018/19 school year.
23. That **Brittany Hess** be appointed a Long Term Title I Secondary Math Substitute Teacher for the first semester of the 2018/19 school year.
24. That **Erin Gerrity** be appointed a Long Term Secondary Reading Substitute Teacher for the first semester of the 2018/19 school year.
25. That **Shari Terran** be appointed a Long Term Special Education Substitute Teacher for 2018/19 school year.

C. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That the resignation of **Nancy Fedor** be accepted with regret effective August 9, 2018.
2. That **Lisa Majikes** be appointed a full time 32.5 hour per week Paraprofessional/PCA.
3. That **Teresa Torres** be appointed a full time 32.5 hour per week Paraprofessional/PCA.
4. That **Stephanie Carter** be appointed a part time 20 hour per week Paraprofessional/PCA.
5. That **Sharon Roarty** be appointed a part time 20 hour per week Paraprofessional/PCA.
6. That _____ be appointed a part time 20 hour per week Paraprofessional/PCA. **TABLED**
7. That _____ be appointed a part time 20 hour per week Paraprofessional/PCA. **TABLED**
8. That _____ be appointed a part time 20 hour per week Paraprofessional/PCA. **TABLED**

D. Custodians

1. That **Dwayne Harrison's** resignation as Head Custodian be accepted effective August 28, 2018.
2. That **Dwayne Harrison** be appointed as a Grade I Custodian effective August 28, 2018.

E. Crossing Guard

1. That **James Gallagher** be appointed a substitute crossing guard.

F. Athletics

1. The following appointments are made for the sport season and will be continued on a season to season basis unless, the post is declared vacant by the Board of School Directors. All appointments are effective upon all PDE required clearances and documents being submitted.

GAR	Field Hockey	Varsity Assistant Coach	Kelsey Drozda
Meyers	Girls Basketball	Varsity Assistant Coach	TABLED
Coughlin	Soccer	Jr. High Head Coach	Sarah Benezkowsi
Coughlin	Cross-country	Jr. High Head Coach	Anthony Dates
Coughlin	Boys Soccer	Volunteer Assistant Coach	Matthew Davison

ADDENDUMS

A. Professionals

1. That **Linda Scarantino** be appointed a Long Term Elementary ESL Substitute Teacher for the 2018/19 school year.

A. Agreements

1. That **Ray Wendolowski** be appointed the Right to Know Officer at a salary to be determined effective August 30, 2018.

A. Athletics

1. The following appointments are made for the sport season and will be continued on a season to season basis unless, the post is declared vacant by the Board of School Directors. All appointments are effective upon all PDE required clearances and documents being submitted.

Coughlin	Soccer	Junior High Assistant Coach	Matthew Davison
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Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Patla, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Abstain: Geiger - #12

1 Nay: Susek – D -No.'s 1&2

Ms. Thomas presented Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **DR. GEORGE P. MOSES** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of St. Nicholas High School, Kings College and Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia. After graduation from medical school his education continued as an intern at the Misericordia Hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Moses continued his surgical training at the Lower Bucks County Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Veterans Administration Hospital. Dr. Moses was an active surgeon whose primary affiliation was with the Mercy Hospital of Wilkes-Barre, where he served as chairman of surgery and president of the medical staff. Dr. Moses had a great love for the Wyoming Valley and dedicated himself to many charitable causes which included the Catherine McCauley Center, a clinic devoted to the care of the less fortunate and the George P. Moses Senior All Star Classic which raised funds for local charities. Dr. Moses also served as a school physician for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for many years; and

WHEREAS, his passing on August 7, 2018 will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that his death be recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors and that the Secretary be instructed to express the sympathy of the members of the Board to his brothers, Attorney John P. Moses and Peter P. Moses; and to his entire family.

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Ms. Thomas moved to accept the Resolution by Acclamation.

All In Favor: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Mr. Galella Presented Resolution No. 2

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **THOMAS J. DAVIS** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS. He is the husband of Barbara Davis, production, print and postal Coordinator for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, he was a retired health and physical education teacher for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and also coached basketball at G.A.R. High School from 1964-1973 and golf at Meyers High School; and

WHEREAS, his passing on August 11, 2018 will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that his death be recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors and that the Secretary be instructed to express the sympathy of the members of the Board to his wife, Barbara, daughter Jacquie, sons, Thomas and Jeffrey; and to his entire family.

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Mr. Galella moved to accept the Resolution by Acclamation.

All In Favor: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

New Business

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to cancel the Kistler Project due to the consolidation of the three High Schools. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Report of the Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motions.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Patla, to approve the Due Process Settlement and Release Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and student PK. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to ratify the proposal from Johnson Controls to repair and update the fire alarm system at G.A.R. High School at a cost of \$31,900.26. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Dr. Susek moved to adjourn.

President Caffrey adjourned the Meeting at 8:45 PM.