

Summary of Minutes
Special Board Meeting
August 27, 2013

President, John R. Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Superintendent Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Walker, Quinn

President Quinn stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session on August 20, 2013 and prior to the Special Board /General Purposes Meeting of August 27, 2013.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Communications from Citizens

Jeff Ney, 703 Metcalf Street, Wilkes-Barre PA

Mr. Ney, President of the Teachers Association expressed to the Board that he was looking forward to the 2013-2014 school year and working together to serve the best interests of the students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

All appointments are made pending receipt of required clearances.

A. Professional

1. That **Michael Corcoran** be appointed Elementary Math/Science Coordinator effective, August 26, 2013.
2. That **Samantha Page, BA.** be appointed as a temporary professional employee on the 3rd step of the salary schedule effective, August 26, 2013.
3. That **Leah Lavelle** be appointed a full time substitute for the 2013-2014 school year on the 2nd step of the salary schedule effective, August 26, 2013.
4. That **Meghan Aileen Upton** be granted a personal leave of absence without pay for the 2013-2014 school year.
5. That **Patricia Choman** be granted a medical sabbatical leave for the 2013-2014 school year.

B. Classified

ESL Teacher Associate

1. That the resignation of **Antonia Camera Hammond** be accepted with regret effective, August 12, 2013.

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

9 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Walker, Quinn

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Mr. Latinski presented Resolution #1

RESOLUTION

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak possesses the necessary qualifications to hold the Office of District Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District (District), and

WHEREAS, Dr. Prevuznak has professionally and faithfully served the District as a Teacher from 1980 to 1997, Secondary Principle from 1997 to 2002, Deputy Superintendent from 2002 to 2012 and Interim Superintendent since 2012, and

WHEREAS, while serving as Interim Superintendent, Dr. Prevuznak has exhibited the skills and abilities, the motivation and work ethic, and the leadership and focus to be a Superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak be appointed District Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District effective September 1, 2013, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Prevuznak be appointed to serve a three (3) year term, which term shall run through August 31, 2016, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent be entitled to the salary, and benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions as reflected in the "Contract for Employment as Superintendent", effective September 1, 2013.

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Mr. Latinski moved, seconded by Mr. Elmy, to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:

6 Ayes: Elmy, Galella, Latinski, Susek, Walker, Quinn

3 Nays: Evans, Katsock, Toole

Dr. Prevuznak expressed his thanks to the members of the Board who supported him and pledged his support to all members of the Board. Dr. Prevuznak also expressed his gratitude to all who have worked with him and supported him during the past challenging year. Dr. Prevuznak stated that he has a white collar background and a blue collar mentality and is going to roll up his sleeves and get the job done.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Elmy motioned, seconded by Ms. Evans, to eliminate Deputy Superintendent Position from the Budget.

The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Walker, Quinn

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Mrs. Toole read the following statement:

In December of 2003, with my husband Tom by my side, I was sworn in as a Wilkes-Barre Area School District School Director. Since then I have committed myself to serve the School District and School Community with diligence, honesty, fiduciary responsibility and a passion for moving the District forward. On January 31, of this year, my friend, my confident, my partner and the love of my life, my husband Tom, unexpectedly passed away. We had a lovely life together and my husband would sometimes compare us to Clark Cable and Carol Lombard, Romeo and Juliet, Scarlet and Ret and even Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. His passing set in motion a series of events which have led me here tonight. It is with heaviness in my heart that I tell you that soon I will be leaving this area which I have called home for 72 years. On or about this coming December, I and Jingles will be relocating to California to be closer to my brother Richard and his family and begin a new adventure. I will take with me many wonderful memories, lasting friendships and sweet recollections of happy times. At this time, I want to wish you all good health, good wishes and the best of times.

Ms. Evans expressed to Mrs. Toole that she will be missed.

Dr. Prevuznak, Superintendent expressed to Mrs. Toole that she has always provided good advice and stated on behalf of himself and District teachers that she would be missed.

Mrs. Toole informed the Board that she wanted to provide the Board sufficient time to find a replacement for her two year remaining term that will become vacant upon her leaving the Board in December.

Attorney Wendolowski congratulated Dr. Bernard Prevuznak on his appointment as Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and expressed that he is looking forward to working with him in the future and noted that he (Dr. Prevuznak) did a great job as Acting Superintendent during a very difficult year.

Attorney Wendolowski expressed to Mrs. Toole that it has been his pleasure to work with her and extended his best wishes to her for the future.

Mr. Latinski noted that he has known Mrs. Toole perhaps longer than anyone else on the Board and was good friends with her husband, Tom. Mr. Latinski stated that it has been a pleasure serving with Mrs. Toole on the Board of Directors.

There was no **Report of Solicitor**

There was no **New Business**

Report of Board Secretary

Leonard Przywara, Board Secretary/Business Manager announced the following Meeting schedule.

September – 2013

Committee Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2013 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Monday September 9, 2013 – 7:00 PM

Miss Evans moved to adjourn the Meeting.

President Quinn adjourned the Meeting at 6:20 PM.