

Summary of Minutes
Special Meeting-General Purposes
June 13, 2018

Board President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 4:00 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

Note: Ms. Thomas participated via phone.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Costello thanked all involved for their time, focus and dedication in regard to negotiations for the WBASD Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Communications from Citizens

1. Carol Yedinak
2. Sam Troy

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

1. The Board needs to be aware of the talented students at G.A.R. and not forget that they also matter when considering school consolidation.
2. More time needs to be allotted for Citizens comments
3. Why was this meeting scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM?
4. This Board does not have any accountability.
5. Were there concessions in the teacher's contract in regard to health care benefits and retirement?
6. The performance level of the District continues to go down.
7. The Board continues to go in the wrong direction.
8. Board Members who have family members employed by the District should not be able to vote on teacher's contract. Is there a conflict of interest? The State Ethics Board should be made aware of possible conflict of interest.
9. The tax base of the City of Wilkes-Barre is eroding.
10. The District's 3.5 % tax increase is immoral.

Superintendent, Dr. Brian Costello and District Solicitor, Attorney Wendolowski, responded to questions/statements presented by the Citizens who addressed the Board.

There was no Unfinished Business

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Personnel Committee Report

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

1. That approval be given to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Wilkes-Barre Area Education Association, effective September 1, 2017.

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

8 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Nay: Susek

There was no New Business

Communications form Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motion:

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to give authority to the District Solicitor to conclude a District initiated Tax Appeal with TFP Limited. The vote was as follows:

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

Dr. Susek moved to adjourn.

President Caffrey adjourned the Meeting at 4:24 PM