

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
May 23, 2016

President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Committee Meeting of May 23, 2016 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of May 23, 2016.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2016 and the Special Meetings-General Purposes of April 25, 2016 and May 11, 2016 and dispense with the reading of those minutes. The vote was as follows:

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

Leonard B. Przywara, Business Manager, presented the Treasurer's Report for the months ending January 31, 2016 and February 29, 2016.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2016

GENERAL FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$543,161.89)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$25,916,968.29
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$285,766.61
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$180,639.33
FNB BANK	\$2,937,192.60
FNB BANK	\$2,070,424.01
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$709,432.04
PNC BANK	\$3,385,516.65
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$0.00
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,619.09
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$63,183.52
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,601.34
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$461,586.76
PLGIT EIT	\$819,721.63
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$37,127,489.98

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,372.78
ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK	\$546,229.87
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$556,602.65

TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,382,893.52
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.76
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$225,066.44
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$130,209.99
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$306,095.49
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,319.28
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$2,377,847.48

FOOD SERVICE FUND	
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank	\$1,632,742.79
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$1,632,742.79

DEBT SERVICE FUND	
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,285.62
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$9,285.62

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2016

GENERAL FUNDS	
GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$653,117.57)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$19,920,988.23
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$604,071.72
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$427,869.56
FNB BANK	\$2,938,065.71
FNB BANK	\$2,071,039.46
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$709,438.08
PNC BANK	\$3,186,157.87
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$0.00
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,625.67
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$17,244.03
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,603.25
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$461,790.62
PLGIT EIT	\$819,888.54

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TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$31,343,665.17
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,373.19
ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK	\$554,471.10
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$564,844.29
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,518,622.66
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.77
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$225,074.43
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$138,567.08
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$297,338.73
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,374.03
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$2,513,239.70
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank	\$2,042,180.78
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$2,042,180.78
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,287.15
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$9,287.15

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2016. The vote was as follows:

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

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 29, 2016. The vote was as follows:

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

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At this time Tom Zelinka made the following remarks prior to presenting to Dr. Amanda Caleb and Kailin Hall a plaque to recognize their service to the students of Wilkes-Barre Area, and to congratulate them on earning the National Service Project Award.

Three years ago, students from Misericordia University's English honor society, Alpha Sigma Epsilon, contacted me with the idea of raising money to purchase dictionaries for our Secondary English classes. Through their efforts, we were able to provide a set of dictionaries to every Secondary English and Reading classroom. The chapter contacted me again at the beginning of the 14-15 school year to propose donating dictionaries to the Elementary classrooms as well. Through their efforts, Alpha Sigma Epsilon provided a set of dictionaries to every Elementary ELA classroom in grades 3-6. But that wasn't the end. This school year, Misericordia students raised over \$1200 to create a fund in each of our Elementary schools to allow students, who are financially unable to purchase books on their own, the opportunity to purchase their very own books to take home. Alpha Sigma Epsilon's service to Wilkes-Barre Area was recently recognized by their National Chapter as an Outstanding Service Project and received an additional \$500 for the purchase of books.

Tonight, we would like to present Dr. Amanda Caleb and Kailin Hall this plaque to recognize their service to the students of Wilkes-Barre Area, and to congratulate them on earning the National Service Project Award.

At this time Mr. Gary Salijko, Apollo Project Manager, presented information in regard to the status of WBASD current projects.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to suspend Board policy and allow a maximum of a three minute time allotment for Citizens to address the Board due to the significant amount of people who have signed in to address the Board. The vote was as follows:

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

Communications from the Superintendent

At this time Dr. Prevuznak read letters from: Patrick Patte, Principal of James M. Coughlin High School, Colleen Robatin, Principal of G.A.R. Memorial Jr. /Sr. High School and Michael Elias, Principal of E.L. Meyers High School. The letters stated the following: James M. Coughlin High School has 134 males and 122 females, G.A.R. Jr. /Sr. Memorial High School has 62 males and 66 females and E.L. Meyers High School has 81 males and 63 females, who have met the requirements of the State of Pennsylvania and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for high school graduation. They are hereby recommended for diplomas to be awarded on June 10, 2016 provided their academic performance, attendance and conduct are satisfactory for the remainder of the school year.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to approve the 2016 Graduates of James M. Coughlin, G.A.R. Memorial Jr. /Sr., and Elmer L. Meyers High Schools. The vote was as follows:

ALL IN FAVOR: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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Communications from Citizens

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. John Padilla | 25. John Sulcoski |
| 2. Kenny Macko | 26. Tracey Hughes |
| 3. Kyle Sattof | 27. Kim Borland |
| 4. Keith Eberts | 28. Ruth Borland |
| 5. Alyssa Lane | 29. Joe Borland |
| 6. Elasa Romero | 30. Janna Michael |
| 7. Natalie Davidson | 31. Brittany Wolovich |
| 8. Dylan Romero | 32. Cries Cruz |
| 9. Mary Beth Romero | 33. Emily Glycener |
| 10. Patrick Franckiewicz | 34. Ben Gelb Dyller |
| 11. Devon Jackson | 35. Asia Charles |
| 12. Kerry Flaherty | 36. Melonie Proshlet |
| 13. Jeff Ney | 37. Earl Mashenski |
| 14. Miss Pride | 38. Zack Banaszek |
| 15. Melissa Patla | 39. Barry Trieval |
| 16. Mark Schiowitz | 40. Robert Holden |
| 17. Josh Schiowitz | 41. Miss Parham |
| 18. Ricard Holidick | 42. Angel Mathis |
| 19. Kyle Ostrowski | 43. Melissa Rush |
| 20. Keith Ostrowski | 44. Victoria Wallace |
| 21. Ann Gubitose | 45. Tyler Mulvill |
| 22. Helen Campbell | 46. Katherine Flannery |
| 23. Lansa Goldstein | 47. Eric Perluke |
| 24. Ron Swingle | 48. George Brown |
| | 49. Debra Foymala |
| | 50. Caitlyn McAtee |
| | 51. Nina Cinth |
| | 52. Alissa Lukasavage |
| | 53. Michelle Mrozowski |
| | 54. Rom Romanelli |
| | 55. David Kerr |
| | 56. Jonah Aben |

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

1. Elimination of Art, Library Science, Consumer Science and the Stem Program
2. Teacher furloughs

All those who addressed the Board expressed deep concerns and displeasure with the Boards anticipated elimination of "Programs and Teacher Furloughs". Students, Faculty Members and Citizens all emphasized their strong beliefs of the negative effects program cuts and teacher furloughs will have on the students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. Those who addressed the Board requested that the Board review their options and refrain from eliminating Art, Library Science, Consumer Science and the Stem Program.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Miss Katsock informed the Board that the next meeting of the LIU is scheduled for May 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn informed the Board that the next meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center is on May 25, 2016, and there will be no meeting in the month of July.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval is given to the G.A.R. High School Marching Band to participate in the Wilkes-Barre Township, American Legion Post 815, Memorial Day Service and Parade being held on May 30, 2016 from 10:00AM to 11:30 AM.
2. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit No. 18, 368 Tioga Avenue, Kingston, PA to provide instructional programs and support services to students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District during the 2016-2017 school year. A complete copy of the agreement (Exhibit "A") is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.
3. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement with New Story, 1150 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, PA to provide extended school year educational services to students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, commencing July 5, 2016 and ending August 12, 2016. A complete copy of the agreement (Exhibit "B") is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary, and incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.
4. That approval be given to extend the terms of the agreement with Michael C. Maydak and Barbara A. Wilson, d/b/a Student Assistance Services, P.O. Box 331, Bloomsburg, PA to provide this District comprehensive behavioral support services for students with special needs, the student's educators and caregivers. This approval will allow Student Assistance Services to provide six (6) additional days of service to the District.
5. That ratification be given to the Inter-District Agreements with Wyoming Area School District and Wyoming Valley West School District, whereby each District will provide Reading Instructional Services in accordance with the Title I Program to resident students during the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Miss Katsock presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. That approval be given to the below listed payments:

Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School	Capital Projects	10	\$4,931.68
Borton Lawson Architecture	New High School	Capital Projects	11	\$2,985.40
TGL Engineering, Inc.	New High School	Capital Projects	11	\$35,000.00
WKL Architecture	New High School	Capital Projects	11	\$64,269.03
TGL Engineering, Inc.	Coughlin High School Demolition	Capital Projects	04	\$3,500.00
Abmech, Inc.	Coughlin High School Asbestos Abatement	Capital Projects	01	\$88,650.00

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Apollo Group, Inc.	Kistler Addition Renovations	Capital Projects	07	\$3,415.10
Borton Lawson Architecture	Kistler Addition Renovations	Capital projects	10	\$14,590.00
Fabcor, Inc.	G.A.R. Drainage & Retaining Wall	Capital Projects	05	\$11,500.45

2. That ratification be given to the Repository Tax Sale by Northeast Revenue Service, LLC, as agent for the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau as follows:

PROPERTY OWNER	PARCEL NO.	PROPOSED BID
Realty Spring Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-H10SW2-007-23B-000	\$500.00

3. That approval be given to exonerate the following listed property owner from the payment of school property taxes. The Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission for Real Estate Exemption has verified with the Department of Veterans Affairs that the property owner is totally and permanently disabled as a result of service connected causes incurred during a period of war or armed conflict.

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Heather Goobic	650 Bald Mountain Road Wilkes-Barre, PA	February 7, 2015

4. That the School District's operating budget for the 2015-2016 school year be revised, to reflect the following changes:

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10.3250.615	Athletic Uniforms	\$7,600.00
10.1110.610.000.30	Supplies, Instructional	-\$7,600.00

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1491-1495 and Federal Wire transfer #201500633 from April 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016 and Chapter I AP checks #1528-1540 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201500634-201500643 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on April 11, 2016 be approved.

- C. That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201510342-201510360 and General Fund checks, #42305-42477 and Food Service Checks #2752-2768 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on April 11, 2016.
- D. That the checks listed on the following pages #42478 to 42657 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

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

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

1 Nay: Katsock: #1 - C&D

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT

1. That approval be given to Jeff Labatch, Meyers Head Football Coach, to host "7 on 7 Football Passing Scrimmages" in Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium beginning June 6, 2016 through June 27, 2016 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be no fee for the use of the stadium and no fee for participants. Insurance waivers reviewed and approved by Attorney Wendolowski will be signed by all participants.

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:
ALL IN FAVOR: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

There was no **SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That after advertising and having received proposals due on March 29, 2016 that award is made to the following vendor for:

DISTRICT-WIDE PRINTER AND COPIER SERVICES

Vendor	Price	Price (40)	Support (30)	Compliance (20)	Reputation (10)	Total
Topp Copy (Lanier)	\$25,261.51	40	30	19	10	99
Topp Copy (Cannon)	\$26,992.45	37	30	19	10	96
Xerox	\$26,965.00	38	30	18	10	96
Golden Business Machines (Cannon)	\$29,115.00	35	30	18	10	93
Toshiba	\$25,898.93	39	25	15	10	89
Ricoh	\$27,658.96	36	25	15	10	86
Golden Business Machines (Cannon)	\$29,127.46	34	30	5	10	79

2. That upon the recommendation of Provident Energy Consulting, LLC, the District's energy consultant's approval be given to enter into a thirty-six (36) month agreement for the purchase of natural gas as follows:

DS/DSO Accounts-Direct Energy-100% Tolerance at a price of minus \$0.109/DTH (Basis Only Price) NT Accounts- Washington Gas & Light-100% Tolerance at a price of \$0.87/DTH (Basis Only Price)

This pricing offer will ensure the School District reduced natural gas Basis costs for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:
9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Attorney Wendolowski stated that Topp Copy the lowest bidder was awarded the contract for DISTRICT-WIDE PRINTER AND COPIER SERVICES.

There was no **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Walker informed the Board that the Building Maintenance Committee continues to meet on a regular basis and projects that require attention are being recognized and addressed. Rev. Walker also noted that the sheds are being painted at Meyers.

There was no **LEGISLATIVE /FEDERAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

MATERIAL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That after having advertised and received bids due on April 20, 2016 that award is made to the following vendors for:

CUSTODIAL CLEANING SUPPLIES	TOTAL \$56,543.00
FALL ATHLETICS SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	TOTAL \$37,891.82

*** (SEE FOLLOWING REPORTS FOR DETAIL)

2. That after having secured (3) three proposals that award is made to the following vendors for:

COUGHLIN ANNEX SECURITY CAMERAS

Berkshire Systems Group, Inc. Reading, PA	\$10,628.00
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(Proposed system will provide (15) cameras and be capable of future re-location)

**Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:
9 Ayes:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Personnel Committee Report

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

A. Professional

1. That **Meagan Sabbatini's** sabbatical request for the first semester of the 2016-17 school year be approved.
2. That **Lisa Angelo's** sabbatical request for the first semester of the 2016-17 school year be approved.
3. That **Kim Davis'** sabbatical request for the first semester of the 2016-17 school year be approved.
4. That **Ted Jackson's** request for unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year be approved.
5. That the resignation of **Jason Blazosek** be accepted with regret effective May 24, 2016.
6. That the following professional employees be appointed to the following Grant funded Summer Curriculum Committees at an hourly rate of \$25.

K-2 ELA

Stephanie Brewster
Lorrie Gardner
Lauren Greeley
Erika Jacobs
Melissa Matello
Maria Sullivan
Mary Tranguch
Mary Grace Walkowiak
Jennifer Yuhas
Leah Zelinka

3-6 ELA

Susan Domiano
Colleen Franchi
Lisa Giovannini
Maura Leighton
Amy Pascale
Susan Schwab
Mary Beth Sharkey

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K-6 Math/Science

Stephanie Brewster
Jamee Capristo
Amanda Carannante
Yvonne Corcoran
Erika Jacobs
Michelle Krzywicki
Melissa Matello
Erin McGavin
Megan Peters
Amanda Poplawski
Joseph Sebastian
Kevin Sickle
Maria Sullivan
Amy Sullivan
Lindsay Tasker Barker
Mary Tranguch
Mary Grace Walkowiak
Carissa Wargo
Jennifer Yuhas
Leah Zelinka

7-12 Math

Amanda Costello
Jennifer Decker
Katherine Genovese
Marianne Kapuschinsky
Mary Krolewski
Matthew Mill
Christina Nordmark
Jennifer Perks
Brittany Scarnulis
Christopher Sedon
Lauren Wolfer

7-12 English/Reading

James Blaum
Amanda Brooks
Denise DeMellier
Ashley Filipek Pasquariello
Karen Gayton
John Gosciwski
Heather Johnson
Aliccia Lyons
Lisa Zelinski-McCabe

7-12 Science

Brenda Banaszek
Meredith Falchek
Michael Komorek
Nicole Lewis
Joyce Marzouca
Jared Meehan
Keith Moules
Deborah Wychock

STEM

Keith Eberts
William Hatzis
David Lewis
Sean McLaughlin
Erik O'Day
Rob Osmanski
Vito Pasone Jr.
Ronald Swingle

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Title I Reading Specialist

Sandy Atherton
Lorraine Farrell
Georgette Ferkel
Lorrie Gardner
Linda Gubitose
Christine Hayward
Kristin Laiuvara
Maura Leighton
Kimberly Pasonick
Mary Jo Petlock

Title I Math

Amanda Bowman
Maria Bowman
Lesley Gunn
Sandra Marinko
Lori Miller
Darlene Payne

ESL

Genelle Hoban-Sedon
Tara Murphy
Mildred Roke
Amy Wargo-Secor

7. That the following professional employees be hired as a grant funded Elementary STEM Summer School Teacher, at rate of \$25 per hour:

Amanda Carannante
Cynthia Craig
Diane Grochowski
Jessica Hendler
Sandra Marinko
Lauren Medvec
Anthony Mercadante

Mary Mushock
Darlene Payne
Kristen Pstrak
Stephan Sedon
Jaclyn Selepak Walksh
Keli Shanahan
Daniel Volpetti

8. That the following professional employees be hired as a grant funded Elementary ESL Summer Tutoring Teacher, at rate of \$25 per hour:

Kelly Jackson
Mildred Roke

Linda Scarantino
Sara Zydallas

B. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That the retirement of **LaVerne M. O'Boyle** be accepted with regret effective August 15, 2016.
2. That the retirement of **June Chilcott** be accepted with regret effective June 10, 2016.
3. That the retirement of **Lynn Brown** be accepted with regret effective June 30, 2016.
4. That the retirement of **Alyson Spagnuolo** be accepted with regret effective June 10, 2016.
5. That **Lana Chukonis'** request for unpaid leave from April 25, 2016 through April 29, 2016 and May 27, 2016 through June 3, 2016 be approved.
6. That **Tina Najera** be appointed as a Grade II, 12 month secretary.

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7. That the following employees be hired as an ESL Summer Tutoring Program Teachers' Aide at their current hourly rate:

Margaret Bailoni

Donna Majikes

Christine Zak

Migdalia Roldan

Mary Claire Corcoran

8. That **Lynn Jarnot** be appointed as the ESL Summer Curriculum Secretary at a rate set by the corresponding labor agreement and/or contract.

C. Custodians

1. That the following employees be hired as Summer Custodian at their current hourly rate:

Judy Blaine

Linda Koch

Karen Charnichko

Stacey Krawczeniuk

Donna Kalson

Mary Ann Susek

2. That **Teofil Zalinski's** request for unpaid leave beginning April 21, 2016 for period of five weeks be approved.

D. Security Greeters

1. That **Gale Winder's** status be changed from a 28 hour per week security greeter to a substitute security greeter.
2. That the termination of **Gerald Cookus** be approved effective April 12, 2016.
3. That **Carmen Santiago** be appointed a substitute security greeter/traveling security greeter effective April 19, 2016.
4. That **Michael Khalife** be appointed a substitute security greeter/traveling security greeter effective April 29, 2016.
5. That **Christine Kuhl** be appointed a substitute security greeter/traveling security greeter effective April 19, 2016.

E. Crossing Guards

1. That the resignation of **Michael Dudascik** be accepted with regret effective May 16, 2016.
2. That **Diane Johnson** be appointed a permanent crossing guard effective May 16, 2016.
3. That **Joyceline Laurent** be appointed a permanent crossing guard effective May 16, 2016.

F. Athletics

1. That **James Post's** status as G.A.R.'s Varsity Assistant Track Coach be changed to a Volunteer Assistant Track & Field Coach effective the end of the 2016 spring sports season.
2. That the termination of **Christopher Gray** as Meyers Girls' Basketball Varsity Head Coach be approved.
3. 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.

Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Varsity Head Coach	Mary Mushock
G.A.R.	Boys' Basketball	Varsity Head Coach	Jerry Altavilla
Coughlin	Football	Junior High Head Coach	Michael Mitchell

G. Policies

1. That the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Absence without Authorized Leave Policy be adopted effective May 24, 2016.

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

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

1 Nay: Katsock - C – Custodians

1Abstain: Susek - C – Custodians – Mary Ann Susek

Mr. Quinn presented resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center has submitted its 2016-2017 Operating Budget to the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Board of Directors for review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center shall operate for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, in accordance with the Operating Budget (Budget) presented by the Center's Joint Operating Committee;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget anticipates total expenditures of \$10,417,311, of which the Wilkes-Barre Area School District's net contribution is estimated at \$3,133,714 for operations, an increase of \$95,294 from the District's adjusted contributions for year 2015-2016.

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Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt Resolution No. 1.

The vote was as follows:

9 Nays: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Resolution does not pass

Miss Katsock presented resolution No. 2

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, in accordance with law, prepared the following budget, of the amount of funds that will be required by the School District in its several departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$116,934,282.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District hereby presents the expenditures as hereinafter set forth during the fiscal year 2016-2017 and levies a tax of 16.8536 mills per dollar (\$16.85 per thousand dollars) of assessed valuation on real estate; re-enacts and/or continues in force the Resolution of June 29, 1971, providing for the levy, assessment and collection of the following taxes: (a) one (1) per centum on transfers of title of real estate; (b) a local services tax (formerly occupational privilege tax) of ten (10) dollars; (c) the earned income tax (wage tax) of one (1%) per cent; (d) the mercantile tax at the rate and under the terms and provisions set forth in the Resolution previously adopted; re-enacts and/or continues in force the Resolution of June 30, 1986 providing for the levy, assessment and collection of the business privilege tax at a rate of one and one-half (1 ½) mills; re-enacts and /or continues in force the Resolution of June 26, 1987 providing for the levy, assessment and collection of a per capita tax of ten (10) dollars.

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to adopt Resolution No. 2.

The vote was as follows:

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

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At this time Dr. Prevuznak made the following statement:

During my tenure as Superintendent I have encountered many days that have provided numerous challenges and demanded very difficult decisions. Today it is with great anguish and regret that I must present to this Board for its consideration a resolution that will once again affect the lives of many who have served this district loyally during their tenure as professional employees. This past Friday I met with the individuals who will be directly affected by this action and it was personally the most heartbreaking experience that one could ever imagine. In having to look into the faces of some of our teachers, both young and old alike, and tell them that their professional services will not be needed at this time, is something that I would hope that no one would ever have to experience. For Board members and administrators alike it has been an agonizing decision. And for me, the last few days have been the worst in my 35 year professional career.

Both the Board and our Administration, have examined every possible scenario in order to maintain and provide a quality education for the students of this district. Sadly, a curtailment and alteration of current educational programs must be accomplished in order to “permit the district to operate more efficiently and reallocate resources from one department to another”.

Thus as required by the state, I as the Superintendent of this district, to submit for approval the following recommendations in form of a resolution in order to suspend educational services for the following educational programs after the current school year 2015-2016:

Elementary and Secondary Library Services
Family and Consumer Science Services
Technology Education
Elementary and Secondary Art

Regretfully, I bring this resolution to the Board for its consideration:

I would hope that the future will bring better days for our district and a brighter tomorrow for those who are affected by this necessary action.

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Attorney Wendolowski presented Resolution No. 3

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with Section 1124 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, in order to promote a more effective and efficient educational system, and/or to conform with the standards of reorganization, be it resolved to approve the alteration/curtailment of the educational programs and to approve the following personnel actions effective the close of the 2015-2016 school year:

1. The suspension of Elementary and Secondary Library Services.
2. The suspension of Family and Consumer Science Services.
3. The suspension of Technology Education.
4. The suspension of Elementary and Secondary Art.

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Ms. Thomas, moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to adopt Resolution No. 3.

The vote was as follows:

1 Nay: Evans

8 Ayes: Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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Ms. Thomas presented Resolution No. 4

RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
OF THE WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), a school district organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, intends to finance a project (the "Project") with the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing (the "Debt") consisting of all or any of the following: (1) planning, designing, engineering, acquiring, constructing, installing, furnishing and equipping of alterations, replacements, renovations, improvements and additions to the School District's facilities, including but not limited to the High School Renovation/Replacement Project; (2) purchasing capital equipment for use in or in connection with the facilities of the School District; (3) additional capital projects of the School District as approved by the Board of School Directors of the School District; and (4) paying the costs and expenses of issuance of the Debt; and

WHEREAS, design, engineering, acquisition and construction of the Project may commence prior to the issuance of the Debt and the School District desires to pay for certain of the costs of the Project (the "Expenditures") from general funds of the School District which do not constitute proceeds of tax-exempt bonds; and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined that the funds that have been or are to be advanced to pay Expenditures are or will be available only for a temporary period and it is necessary to reimburse the School District for Expenditures with respect to the Project from the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing represented by the Debt; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, there are no funds from sources other than the Debt that are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside by the School District or any member of the same controlled group as the School District to pay the Expenditures;

WHEREAS, the School District, in compliance with Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Regulations, reasonably expects to reimburse the Expenditures made by it for the Project with proceeds of the Debt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the School District (the "Board"), in lawful session duly assembled, hereby declares the intent of the School District as follows:

The School District reasonably expects to reimburse itself for original Expenditures to be paid by the School District from general funds of the School District in connection with the Project with the proceeds of the Debt.

This Resolution constitutes a declaration of official intent intended to comply with the requirements of Section 1.150-2(e) of the United States Treasury Regulations, as amended.

The maximum amount of debt expected to be issued to finance the Project is \$150,000,000.

The Expenditures are or will be "capital expenditures" as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d) (3).

No reimbursement allocation will employ an "abusive arbitrage device" under Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147 of the Code. The proceeds of the Debt used to reimburse the School District for costs of the Project, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used, within one year after the reimbursement allocation, in a manner that results in the creation of "replacement proceeds," including "sinking funds," "pledged funds," or funds subject to a "negative pledge" (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1) of the Debt or another issue of debt obligations of the School District, other than amounts deposited into a "bona fide debt service fund" (as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1).

All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of: (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than the Debt is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is "placed in service" (within the

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meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

The adoption of this Resolution is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the School District.

The Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Proper officers of the Board are authorized and directed to do such things as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, specifically including, but not limited to, the making of timely reimbursement allocations upon the issuance of the Debt.

In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of the School District that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

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DULY ADOPTED by the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, this 23rd day of May, 2016, in lawful session duly assembled.

Attest: WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Secretary

By: _____
President

(SEAL)

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt Resolution No. 4.

The vote was as follows:

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

1 Nay: Katsock

Rev. Walker presented Resolution No. 5

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **Susan Jill Chapin** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, prior to her retirement she served as a Building/Maintenance secretary for Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS she is the mother of Jill (Chapin) Milunic, Secondary Special Education teacher for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, her passing on April 30, 2016 will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that her 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 her husband, Mike, her daughter, Jill, sons, Michael and Matthew; and to her entire family.

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Rev. Walker moved, to accept Resolution No. 5 by Acclamation.

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Ned Evans presented Resolution No. 6

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, he served as an Elementary teacher and principal for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and retired after thirty-three years of service; and

WHEREAS, he was an Army veteran of the Korean conflict and was awarded the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the United Nations Service Medal , National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service medal and was most proud of his Combat Infantry Badge; and

WHEREAS, he is the father-in-law of Samuel Elias, Secondary teacher for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, his passing on May 3, 2016 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, Judith, son, Donald, daughter, Susan, son in-law Samuel, and to his entire family.

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Mr. Evans moved, to accept Resolution No. 6 by Acclamation.

Dino Galella presented Resolution No. 7

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **Michael D. Elias Sr.** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, early in his career he served as an Secondary Chemistry teacher at G.A.R. High School for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and taught data processing for many years at the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School and co-authored the manuscript "The Microprocessor as a Classroom Tool" which was used as a supplemental text in various Wilkes-Barre Area schools; and

WHEREAS, he is the father of Michael Elias, Secondary Principal of Meyers High School and Samuel Elias, Secondary teacher for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, his passing on May 7, 2016 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, Melody, daughter, Lori, sons, Michael and Samuel, and to his entire family.

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Dino Galella moved, to accept Resolution No. 7 by Acclamation.

There was no **New Business**

Solicitors Report

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motion:

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to grant “Acknowledgement and Consent to Levan Legal Group’s Concurrent Representation of Multiple School Districts” in regard to Charter School litigation. The vote was as follows:

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

Board Secretary Report

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

June, 2016

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2016– 7:00 PM

Meetings will be held in the Board room of the Administration Building.

President Caffrey adjourned the Meeting at 11:15 PM