

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
October 7, 2019

Board President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz called the roll

7 Members Present: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

2 Members Absent: Evans, Patla

President Caffrey stated:

- The Chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of October 7, 2019.
- The subjects discussed in Executive Session related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, and/or threatened or actual litigation.
- Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meetings of August 26, 2019 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Walker to adopt the above-mentioned Minutes. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Treasurer's Report:

Thomas F. Telesz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, presented the Treasurer's Report ending August 31, 2019

WILKES-BARE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2019

GENERAL FUND

	\$	
1 GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(970,672.33)	
2 GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB		15,461,221.26
3 FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB		867,048.73
4 FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB		973,146.93
5 FNB BANK		454,717.04
6 FNB BANK		75,771.33
7 JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT		1,741,135.52
8 PNC BANK		391,429.30
9 LPL FINANCIAL		832,284.15
10 EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB		4,422.39
11 COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1		12,171.62
12 REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB		-
13 LANDMARK CD		474,473.93
14 PLGIT EIT		853,316.85
15 ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK		221,920.31
16 PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB		1,788,906.36
17 PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB		-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	23,181,293.39

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

18	2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$	1,431,201.19
19	PNC BANK INVESTMENT		2,522,529.41
20	2019 BOND ISSUE		126,470,998.03
21	PLGIT CASH RESERVE		1,786,364.01
	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	\$	132,211,092.64

FIDUCIARY FUNDS - TRUST AND AGENCY

TRUST FUNDS:

22	WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$	121,337.04
23	COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS WHOLE LIFE		349,703.69

AGENCY FUNDS:

24	ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK		128,410.84
25	SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK		295,282.54

TOTAL FIDUCIARY - TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS **\$** **894,734.11**

PROPRIETARY FUND - FOOD SERVICE

25	FOOD SERVICE CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank	\$	3,550,065.57
	TOTAL PROPRIETARY FUND - FOOD SERVICE	\$	3,550,065.57

DEBT SERVICE FUND

26	COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS DEBT SERVICE	\$	9,742.51
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	9,742.51

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to adopt the Treasurer's Report ending on August 31, 2019. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Old Business

Apollo Report – Mike Krzywicki

District Maintenance Plan – Apollo has secured a prevailing wage rate determination and advertised for bids for the elevator repairs at Heights-Murray Elementary. The Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019. Bids are tentatively scheduled to be opened on October 22, 2019.

E.L. Meyers Monitoring Structure/Walkway/Tunnel – Apollo performed a monthly inspection of the areas where settlement had been observed. No major movement has been observed since last inspection.

New High School - The Sitework Contractor has completed temporary entrance from Maffett Street, sanitary sewer from building to property line, meter pit, and water service piping from meter pit to building, continued cutting and filling parking areas to subgrade elevation, installation of site water supply piping and fire hydrants, storm sewer piping catch basins, and manholes. Building Shell Contractor has continued installation of footings, foundation walls, foundation dampproofing, foundation insulation, perimeter drain, backfill, CM walls, door frames

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and floor slabs. The Plumbing Contractor has continued installation of undergrounds sanitary and stormwater piping and cleanouts. The Electrical Contractor has continued installation of conduit and boxes under slab and in masonry walls. HVAC Contractor has continued preparation of 3D coordination drawings and performing clash detection with other trades.

Soil samples were collected on west side of site, between Cross Valley Expressway and loop road. Lab test results show no detectable amount of hexavalent chromium. One sample tested slightly above residential standard for arsenic, but well below commercial standard. DEP has authorized placement of 6" topsoil in that area as originally designed. Applications for new water and gas services have been submitted to PA American Water Co., and UGI.

Old Business

Denise Thomas – Atty. Wendolowski are there any new developments regarding the appraisals and marketing of the vacant properties?

Response by Atty. Wendolowski – The appraisals for the Coughlin site are underway and there has been some expressions of interest in regards to that site. The next appraisals will be the Meyers site but that has not been started as of yet. Grant Street is being marketed but there haven't been any offers.

Superintendent's Report:

Good Evening everyone. Heights Elementary has been awarded a \$70,000 grant thanks to Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo has selected Heights Elementary for their Signature Day of Caring event on October 19. All community members are invited and festivities will begin at 12:00 p.m. which will end with a community picnic and ribbon cutting ceremony for all the new additions they have made to that school.

On Friday, October 11 the District will provide a link for any community member that would like to register to be part of an interest group that will begin exploring the possibilities of the Meyers site after the 2020-2021 school year. I would encourage all that are interested to sign up and a District representative will contact you.

Communications from Citizens:

John Suchoski

Commented on the following:

The elevated levels of arsenic at the New High School site.

The meeting procedures and comment periods

LERTA regarding the property in Plains next to the River Grill.

Response by Atty. Wendolowski: One sample tested slightly above residential standard for arsenic, but well below commercial standard. DEP has authorized placement of 6" topsoil cap in that area is sufficient.

Richard Holodick

Asked if former athletic volunteer coaches could be recognized in some way for their years of service prior to the consolidated teams. Commented on the following: SOS plan and research they have completed regarding the consolidation of the high schools; the placement of the new high school and the costs that will now burden the taxpayers; more cost effective to renovate the current buildings.

Response by Atty. Wendolowski addressed a comment that "SOS is not adversarial to the District." Within the last two weeks SOS has named the school district as a party in a litigation presently pending in PDE. Technically we are legal adversaries at this point because of the actions of SOS. We are being petitioned before the Department of Education as a defendant in a petition filed by SOS and Mr. Borland. I will note that if the relief that SOS requests is granted, it will not stop the construction of the school, it will simply cost the taxpayers the reimbursement we could have received of up to 20 million dollars. If SOS is successful with litigating the petition, the school will still be built and we lose approximately 20 million dollars of reimbursement. We are adversaries and that will continue until that petition has been decided by the Department of Education.

Brian Kelly

Discussed his recently published book.

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Sam Troy

He noted the School District property on Empire Street is being used as a dumping ground; expressed his concerns regarding the tax break Boscov's received; and asked for the possibility of having two comment periods – one for the agenda and one for general comments.

Cecelia Williams

Commented on the lack of participants in the marching band for the District. Is there a plan to increase the membership of the band?

Luzerne Intermediate Unit Report: Ms. Thomas reported the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center: Mr. Quinn reported Monday, November 18.

CURRICULUM/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Atherton submitted the following report and recommendation for the Board's approval.

1. That approval be given to ratify the Agreement with RSVP of Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming Counties, 100 N. Wilkes-Barre Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA to provide RSVP volunteers at Heights-Murray Elementary School. **"Exhibit A"**
2. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement with Wyoming Valley Children's Association (WVCA), 1133 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, PA for the 2019-2020 school year. This agreement will cover the following services: **"Exhibit B"**
 - Inclusive Kindergarten Programming at a rate of \$14,400 for the school year.
 - Verbal Behavior Kindergarten Programming at a rate of \$17,700 for the school year.
 - Speech Therapy at a rate of \$50 per recommended session (30 minutes per session).
 - Occupational and Physical Therapy at a rate of \$70 per recommended session (30 minutes per session).

Mr. Atherton moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt this report.

On the question:

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey.

BUDGET FINANCE/MATERIALS & SUPPLIES/CONTRACTED SERVICES REPORT

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

A. Administrative

1. Capital Projects

That approval be given to pay the following invoices:

Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 28	\$73,416.37
Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	Pagnotti Property, Phase II ESA	Capital Projects	2017-3091-003-0000015	\$2,796.03
Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	2017-3091-001-0000023	\$26,270.79
Duggan & Marcon, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 1	\$32,580.00

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Geo-Science Engineering & Testing	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #017843	\$36,937.40
Geo-Science Engineering & Testing	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #017649REV	\$22,641.88
Benell, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 3	\$152,004.87
Benell, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 4	\$161,278.62
Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 3	\$122,895.00
Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 4	\$114,403.50
Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 4	\$1,138,442.98
Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 5	\$1,888,285.77
Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 3	\$66,037.50
Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 4	\$23,647.50
Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 2	\$367,168.50
Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 3	\$714,809.70
Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 6	\$110,512.27
Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 7	\$73,599.59
Sterling Glass, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 1	\$28,093.50
TGL Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #19	\$15,000.00
TGL Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #20	\$7,500.00
WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #22	\$12,000.00
WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #23	\$12,000.00

2. That approval be given to ratify the following Capital Project checks:

Frontier Communications	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #20178	\$38,422.14
PA American Water Co	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #20187	\$333.10
PA American Water Co	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #20188	\$618.28
Wilkes-Barre Area School District	Transfer of Funds	Capital Projects	Check #295	\$238,842.54
Wilmington Trust	Debt Service Pmt. 2019 Bond	Capital Projects	WT#201950001	\$2,622,075.01

3. 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:

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Property Address	Parcel No.	Proposed Bid
454 North Main Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-H10NW4-004-11A-000	\$500.00
69 Kado Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-H10NE1-009-015-000	\$500.00
Northampton Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	39-I10S4-001-03H-000	\$500.00

4. That approval be given to ratify the agreement by and between Luzerne County Head Start, Inc. (the Purchaser) and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District (the District) whereby the Purchaser agrees to purchase meals from the District during the 2019-2020 school year.
5. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part F: Construction Documents (Revised) Project No. 3885 – January 17, 2019. **Exhibit C**
6. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part G: Project Accounting Based on Bids Project No. 3885 – May 31, 2019 – Maximum Reimbursable Formula Account.
Exhibit D
7. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part I: Interim Reporting Project No. 3885 – May 31, 2019 – Change Order Nos: Bulletin 1 (2.02, 2.09). **Exhibit E**
8. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part I: Interim Reporting Project No. 3885 – June 24, 2019 – Change Order Nos. 2.2.002. **Exhibit F**
9. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part I: Interim Reporting Project No. 3885 – August 26, 2019 – Change Order Nos. 2.11.001. **Exhibit G**

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1879 to #1891 and Federal Wire Transfer #201900265; and Chapter 1 AP checks #2168 to #2188 and Chapter 1 August Wire Transfers #201900147 to #201900159 and September Wire Transfers #201900266 to #201900283, were drawn for payment since the last regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on August 26, 2019 be approved.

C. GENERAL FUND

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201911196 to #201911245 and General Fund checks #52965 to #53044 were drawn for payment since the last regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on August 26, 2019 be approved. Food Service checks #3232 and #3341 to #3356 which were drawn for payment since the regular board meeting of the Board of Education on August 26, 2019.

D. GENERAL FUND

That the checks #53045 to #53312 listed on the following pages, which have been inspected, be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

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E. Contracted Services

1. That approval be given to engage the services of Berkheimer One Source to manage the processing, printing and mailing of the "Homestead/Farmstead Act-1 Application" as required by the taxpayer Relief Act 1 of Special Section 1 of 2006. The cost of these services is .3485 per application, plus postage.
2. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with Borton Lawson Engineering Architecture, 613 Baltimore Drive, Suite 300, Wilkes-Barre, PA for Strategic Site Planning at a cost of \$25,000. **Exhibit H**
3. To approve a Change Order for Quandel in the amount of \$3,268.18. The Change Order consists of the following:

--To add additional steel support (4" x 3" angles) at 4 locations under the stage.

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas

On the questions:

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Athletic Committee – I would like to commend Mike Namey and the AD's for the work they are doing Working with all the athletes in five buildings. The fall sports are off to a great start and there is a lot of students and community and showing their pride and support for the Wolfpack.

Safety/Security Committee – No Report

Transportation Committee – No Report

Building Maintenance Committee – No Report - The next meeting will be November 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Policy Committee – No Report – The next meeting will be October 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Pathway/Transition Committee – No Report – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Student Wellness Committee – No Report - The next meeting will be October 24 at 2:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

A. Professionals

1. That the following temporary professional employees, having received their final satisfactory evaluation, be classified as permanent professional employees:

Heather Vinciarelli

Yazan Mahmoud

2. The following members of the professional staff, having made claim for an incentive raise under the WBAEA Agreement and having produced official transcripts listing the graduate credits earned, be granted the following effective September 3, 2019:

Bachelors' +15

Tammy Latinski

Ashleigh Soboleski

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Karen Coyne
Keryn Bevan

Bachelors' +30

Susan Ferretti
Jill Hall
Sara Gravine
Beth Gagliardi

Bachelors' +39

Michael Mitchell
Ashley Pasquariello

Masters' Equivalency

Rachel Hedgcock
Candace Day

Masters' + 9

Lauren Yanniello
Tianna Falcone
Samantha Woodard

Masters' +18

Erin Moran
Samantha Jenkins
Megan Petrylak
Stephanie Martinson
Glenn Zimmerman

Masters' +27

Jennifer Roman
Jessica Speicher
Amanda Carannante
Deborah Pride

Masters' +36

Cherine Bankus
Jennifer Jones
Amanda Brooks
Brooke Joyce
Nikole Karkut
Brandilynn Nilon
JoAnne Kelly

Masters' +45

Mary Beth Sharkey
Alissa Jo Lukasavage
Lori Ohrin
Mary Gallis
Colleen Yanora
Maria Wujcik

Masters' +54

Joan Caffrey
Brittany Kalinay
Brittany Scarnulis
David Lewis
Keli Shanahan

Doctorate

Renee Pizzella
Jennifer Welgosh
Daniel Volpetti

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3. The Board agrees to waive **Lisa Angelo's** return to service requirement in Article XIX, Section 3 of the WBAEA Agreement for the sabbatical leave for the 2016-17 school year. The Board further agrees to accept Lisa's retirement effective the last day of the 2018-19 school year.
4. That the resignation of **Anthony Neak** be accepted effective September 24, 2019.
5. That **Neil Grimes's** request for an unpaid leave for the 2019-20 school year be approved.
6. That **Colleen Yanora's** request for a sabbatical beginning September 19, 2019 through the first semester of the 2019-20 school year be approved.
7. That **Michelle Southern's** request for a sabbatical beginning September 18, 2019 through the end of the 2019-20 school year be approved.
8. That **Tania Artmont's** request for a sabbatical for the second semester of the 2019/20 school year be approved.
9. That **Jennifer Welgosh's** request to return from unpaid leave effective October 10, 2019 be approved.
10. That **Amanda Butch** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher, for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year.
11. That **Lauren Medvec** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher, for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year.
12. That **Jessica Hendler** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher effective September 23, 2019 through the 2019-20 school year.
13. That **Brian O'Connor** be appointed a Secondary Social Studies Long Term Substitute Teacher, for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year.

B. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That the retirement of **Norma Galella** be accepted effective September 24, 2019.
2. That **Marie Mushinsky's** request for unpaid leave beginning October 7, 2019 through October 25, 2019 be approved.
3. That **Debra Pickett's** request for unpaid leave for a period of six months.
4. That **Rebecca Emmert** be appointed a Full Time Paraprofessional/PCA, 32.5 hours per week.
5. That **Trisha Tabron** be appointed a Part Time Teachers' Associate as a 20 hours per week office aide.
6. That **Amanda McGarry** be appointed a Part Time Paraprofessional/PCA, 20 hours per week.
7. That **Mary Ruth Burke** be appointed a Part Time Paraprofessional/PCA, 20 hours per week.

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C. Custodians, Housekeepers & Food Service

1. That the resignation of **Joseph Katsock** be accepted effective September 23, 2019.
2. That **Timothy Conway** be appointed a Head Custodian effective September 3, 2019.
3. That **Stanley Mirin** be appointed a Head Custodian effective September 3, 2019.
4. That **John Spurga** be appointed a Substitute Custodian.

D. Security/Greeters

1. That **Scott Kaminski** be appointed a Substitute Security Greeter effective September 16, 2019.
2. That _____ be appointed a Substitute Security Greeter. **TABLED**
3. That **Jesse Carter** be appointed a Substitute Security Greeter.

E. Crossing Guards

1. That the voluntary resignation of **Helen Telencio** be accepted with regret effective September 30, 2019.
2. That the voluntary resignation of **Richard Achuff** be accepted with regret effective September 30, 2019.
3. That **Gregory Price** be appointed a Permanent Crossing Guard.
4. That **Walter Geiger** be appointed a Permanent Crossing Guard.
5. That **Dorothy Henry** be appointed a Permanent Crossing Guard.
6. That **John Dane** be appointed a Substitute Crossing Guard.
7. That **Anthony Greskewicz** be appointed a Substitute Crossing Guard.
8. That **Theresa Pavloski** be appointed a Substitute Crossing Guard.
9. That **Cynthia Stofey** 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.

Soccer	Junior High Assistant Coach	Glen Zimmerman
Soccer	Volunteer Assistant Coach	Joshua Anstett
Football	Varsity 2nd Assistant Coach	Clifford Francis
Wrestling	Volunteer Assistant Coach	TABLED
Field Hockey	Varsity Assistant Coach	Allison Banks

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G. Agreements

1. That the Field Placement Memorandum of Understanding between the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors and Drexel University be approved. See Attachment A.

ADDENDUMS

A. Agreements

1. That approval be given to extend the employment contract by and between the Board of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and **Frank J. Castano**, Director of Human Resources for a period of five years effective October 14, 2019 with the addition of the following addendums to the original contract:
Article XII, Section 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and The Wilkes-Barre Area Education Association, the ability to negotiate an additional incentive package with the Board and the conversion of 10 unused vacation days to sick days at the end of each contract year.

B. Crossing Guards

1. That the resignation of **Mary Conrad** be accepted effective August 28, 2019.

C. Security Greeters

1. That the resignation of **Christine Kuhl** be accepted effective October 31, 2019.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas

The votes were as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

New Business

Miss Thomas asked about the usage of the Stanton Street field.

Dr. Costello stated we are not using it at this time.

Mr. Quinn commended Mr. Geiger and Dr. Susek for their service to the Board.

Mr. Caffrey presented Resolution #1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **Nicole M. Wallace** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she was a 1988 graduate of E.L. Meyers High School and earned a bachelor's degree in art from Wilkes University. Nicole loved the outdoors, exercising and golfing, but above all she was a devoted wife to Kenneth M. Wallace and a passionately proud mother to her three sons, Kenneth Marc Jr, Charles Robert and Andrew Jamison; and

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WHEREAS, she was the daughter of Robert Corba, former teacher and Athletic Supervisor of Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Alice Corba, former Wilkes-Barre Area Board Member and the daughter-in-law of Patricia Wallace, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, her passing on September 6, 2019 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, Kenneth; and sons, Kenneth Marc, Jr., Charles Robert, Andrew Jamison, and to her entire family.

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7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Communication from Solicitor

Solicited a motion for approval for the Settlement Agreement for the Special Education case with the student MD as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Dr. Susek, seconded by Rev. Walker

Votes were as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Solicited a motion to approve a MOU with the District and the Education Association with regard to classes as discussed during Executive Session.

Motion by Rev. Walker seconded by Mr. Atherton

Votes were as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Solicited a motion to approve a MOU with the District and the Wilkes-Barre Area Secretaries, Associates, Educational and Support Personnel Union with regard to the responsibility studies as discussed in executive session.

Motion by Ms. Thomas seconded by Mr. Quinn

Votes were as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Geiger, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Last week we had a very productive meeting with the Auditor General's Office at Coughlin High School. Despite rumors to the contrary it was a very productive dialogue between the Auditor General's representative and those of the District. We had a full and fair opportunity to answer all questions they had. We provided them with significant information. We extended them an invitation to visit the project – it was raining that day so we weren't able to see the site. We also invited them to tour Meyers High School. They will let us know if they will return for that visit. They will also let us know if they need any additional information from us.

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Susek seconded by Mr. Geiger

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 p.m.