

Summary of Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 15, 2017

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**President Denise T. Thomas** called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

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

**Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz** called the roll.

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

President Thomas stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Committee Meeting of November 15, 2017 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2017.
- 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 Mr. Caffrey**, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 16, 2017 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

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

Thomas F. Telesz, Business Manager/Board Secretary, presented the Treasurer's Report of August 2017.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES  
MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2017

GENERAL

FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$352,543.82)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$15,426,966.28
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$47,248.21
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$810,161.89
FNB BANK	\$443,544.52
FNB BANK	\$73,909.62
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$1,691,810.19
PNC BANK	\$384,835.89
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$4,280,141.99
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,798.40
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$36,173.30
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,708.90
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$465,402.57
PLGIT EIT	\$825,057.78
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$24,973,215.72</b>

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$16,320,196.35
ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK	\$111,846.11
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>\$16,432,042.46</b>
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,539,651.76
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.95
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$171,361.74
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$111,836.48
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$317,127.73
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$336,408.99
<b>TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,476,649.65</b>
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank	\$2,178,901.53
<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$2,178,901.53</b>
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,357.10
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$9,357.10</b>

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Evans,** to adopt the Treasurer's Report of August, 2017.

The vote was as follows:

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

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Costello announced that an "Open House, Meet and Greet" will be held at Mackin on November 29, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Dr. Costello noted he along with staff members will be available to answer questions. There will also be a tour of the Mackin facility at the conclusion of the Open House.

Dr. Costello stated that he has had the pleasure of working with Miss Katsock over the past eight years in many capacities. Dr. Costello noted that Miss Katsock has always been a leader and maintained a level of professionalism, which has been evident through her effective communication, whether she is speaking with members of the community, students, staff, colleagues or administrators. Dr. Costello stated that as Vice President of the School Board and Chairperson of the Budget Finance Committee her true leadership skills shined. Dr. Costello noted it was at a time when Wilkes-Barre Area School District faced unprecedented financial times and concerns and it was through Miss Katsock's leadership, courage and expertise that she was able to work collaboratively with her Budget Finance Committee, lead, and create a strategic plan for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in order to gain financial stability. Dr. Costello thanked Miss Katsock for her accomplishments, her leadership skills and the dedication she has shown over the years that have made her a "District Leader". Dr. Costello noted that Miss Katsock has been a true friend to him and she will be missed.

At this time Dr. Costello presented Miss Katsock with a certificate from PSBA in recognition of her honorable service as a Board Member for eight years and a gift of appreciation from the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Miss Katsock**, that this board authorize a committee to be formed in order to explore alternative options, to possibly utilize, may it be an internal or external plan; the transfer of students of this district from its present location to an alternant Career Technical Center.

This option will be part of this districts financial recovery plan.

Ms. Thomas asked that this be approved tonight in order to begin the process as soon as possible.

Following discussion, the vote was as follows:

**4 Ayes:** Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

**4. Nays:** Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Quinn

**1 Abstain:** Galella

MOTION DID NOT PASS

**Communications from Citizens**

1. Laura E. Keller
2. Gabby Richards
3. Joanne Tennerello
4. Robert Brannon
5. Richard Holidick
6. Dave Wilkson
7. Bob Holden
8. Jim Hayard

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

1. Superintendent and Board should review the policies in WBASD as it relates to screenings for students entering Kindergarten.
2. WBASD should hold work sessions for their staff who work with students who have dealt with trauma in their life.
3. Board needs to have conversations in regard to developing high quality and high performance in low income areas.
4. Board needs to be innovative and think outside the box.
5. Wilkes-Barre City has a poverty level of 30% and teachers need to recognize what a majority of their students go through.
6. Board should become familiar with Renaissance Charter Schools.
7. The Board needs to change the culture of Wilkes-Barre Area School District and cater to the needs of students.
8. Wilkes-Barre Area should be a Community School Model and lift the Community up.
9. The problems that lie within WBASD cannot be fixed with a new school.
10. WBASD needs to change the way they approach education and change the way teachers are prepared.
11. Did the District pay for land testing in regard to the site in Plains proposed for the new school?
12. Why can't Meyers High School be renovated?
13. Board should have agreed to get a second opinion in regard to consolidation.
14. Why is there concern over the use of the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center?
15. What is the cost of the land in Plains for new high school?
16. What was the cost to investigate condition of land?
17. What are the costs associated with re-design, cost of steel cost of bussing and recreation?

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18. Will there be a tax increase when new school is built and what will the environmental impact be?
19. Board needs to listen to requests from taxpayers, to teach differently, research community schools, establish better job training and do research in regard to consolidation.
20. Board needs to realize that SOS is here to help.
21. Board has spent \$20,000 to \$25,000 in regard to Meyers High School repairs, what is the cost to repair walkway?
22. Who prepared the estimate for the cost to renovate Meyers High School?
23. Who is the owner of the Pagnotti site?
24. What is the policy in regard to field trips?
25. Is there any update in regard to sports consolidation?
26. What is the Board Policy in regard to the posting of new coaches?
27. Who is the right "Right To Know Officer"?

Superintendent Brian Costello, Board Members Joseph Caffrey, Denise Thomas, Rev. Walker, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Tom Telesz, Project Manager, Gary Salijko, and Solicitor Ray Wendolowski, responded to the various questions/statements presented by the Citizens who addressed the Board.

#### **LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Miss Katsock stated the next meeting of the LIU will be held on November 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

#### **WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER**

Mr. Quinn informed the Board the next meeting for the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center will be on Monday, November 20, 2017.

#### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

1. That approval be given to change the district's configuration model to allow the Wilkes-Barre Area STEM Academy to be assigned its' own AUN number.
2. That approval be given to enter into a revised agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to provide licensed social work services for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$126.80 per quarter day for a total of cost of \$125,785.56.

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

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

**2 Nays:** #2 Susek, Walker

**BUDGET FINANCE / MATERIAL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

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

Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Exterior Facade	Capital Project	AGI-15052-WBASD – PR10	\$692.90
Masonry Preservation Services, Inc.	GAR Pilot Phase Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 5	\$13,043.00
Dunmore Roofing & Supply Co., Inc.	GAR Re-Roof Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 9	\$2,700.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	Kistler Pool Roof Replacement Proj.	Capital Projects	AGI-17057-WBASD – PR1	\$338.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	AGI-16045-WBASD – PR#9	\$2,376.72
Apollo Group, Inc.	CHS Auditorium Shop Debris Removal	Capital Projects	AGI-17054-WBASD-PR #3	\$185.90
Borton Lawson	WBASD – Pagnotti Property – Phase II ESA	Capital Projects	2017-3091-003-0000002	\$17,343.69
The Times Leader	Legal Notice CHS Debris Removal	Capital Projects	Trans # 300766165	\$1,086.80
The Citizen's Voice	Legal Notice CHS Debris Removal	Capital Projects	Ref. # 82122540 CLL	\$620.00

2. That approval be given to exonerate the following listed property owners 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 owners are totally and permanently disabled as a result of service connected causes incurred during a period of war and armed conflict.

<b><u>PROPERTY OWNER</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u></b>
Robert D. Clause	753 Buck Blvd White Haven, PA 18661	March 28, 2017

3. That after having reviewed bids received on November 7, 2017 award is made to the following vendors for:

SPRING ATHLETICS SUPPLIES \$23,086.44

Battaglia's  
BSN  
Pyramid  
AAE  
M-F Athletic  
(As listed next pages)

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10 E 3250 610 000 21 040 058 000 000	<b>CHS JH SOFTBALL</b>	<u>QTY</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
SOF-BALL-000001	SOFTBALLS PIAA	3	\$63.46	\$190.38	BSN
SOF-EQIP-000003	CATCHING GEAR	1	\$145.00	\$145.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-MISC-000005	SCOREBOOK	1	\$2.85	\$2.85	BSN
				<b>\$338.23</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 21 082 058 000 000	<b>MEYERS JH SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-BALL-000001	SOFTBALLS PIAA	4	\$63.46	\$253.84	BSN
SOF-EQUIP-00001	BASE SET	1	\$12.49	\$12.49	BSN
SOF-MISC-000008	LINE UP CARDS	2	\$3.96	\$7.92	BSN
SOF-MISC-000013	HOME PLATE RUBBER	1	\$8.95	\$8.95	PYRAMID
SOF-TEES-000005	TANNER TEE	2	\$64.98	\$129.96	BSN
				<b>\$413.16</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 22 082 057 000 000	<b>MEYERS JH BASEBALL</b>				
BAS-BAG-0000001	EQUIPMENT BAG	1	\$25.98	\$25.98	BSN
BAS-MISC-000008	BALL BUCKET	2	\$10.28	\$20.56	BSN
				<b>\$46.54</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 30 080 055 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN TRACK</b>				
TRA-DISC-000004	DISCUS PURP FLY	1	\$285.00	\$285.00	M-F
TRA-EQIP-000008	NEEDLE SPIKE,3/16"	6	\$8.00	\$48.00	M-F
TRA-EQIP-000009	PYRAMID SPIKES 3/16"	1	\$8.00	\$8.00	M-F
TRA-EQIP-000010	PISTOL BLANKS	4	\$50.00	\$200.00	AAE
TRA-EQIP-000016	START BLOCK FUSION	1	\$359.78	\$359.78	BSN
TRA-EQIP-000038	PYRAMID SPIKE 1/4	3	\$7.70	\$23.10	BSN
TRA-JAV-0000004	JAVELIN 50M,600GR WOMENS	1	\$155.00	\$155.00	M-F
TRA-POLE-000002	POLE 12FT/150LB	1	\$440.00	\$440.00	M-F
TRA-POLE-000003	POLE TIP SPIRIT	3	\$14.50	\$43.50	M-F
TRA-POLE-000004	POLE TIP ALTIUS	3	\$14.00	\$42.00	M-F
TRA-POLE-000005	POLE TIP MYSTIC	3	\$14.00	\$42.00	M-F
				<b>\$1,646.38</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 30 080 057 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN BASEBALL</b>				
BAS-BALL-000001	BALLS ALL WEATHER	4	\$37.95	\$151.80	PYRAMID
BAS-BALL-000002	PRACTICE BALL BLEM	3	\$34.00	\$102.00	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-BALL-000006	BASEBALLS GAME PIAA	8	\$65.00	\$520.00	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-BALL-000007	INCREDIBALL	1	\$38.28	\$38.28	BSN
BAS-BATS-000019	BAT DEMARINI VOODOO 32"	1	\$221.00	\$221.00	PYRAMID
BAS-BATS-000023	BAT MARUCCI 33"	1	\$179.00	\$179.00	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-EQUIP-00004	BLAZER HOPPER	1	\$90.65	\$90.65	BSN
BAS-TEES-000006	TEES TANNER	1	\$64.98	\$64.98	BSN
				<b>\$1,367.71</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 30 080 062 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN BOYS TENNIS</b>				
TEN-BALL-000001	TENNIS GAME BALLS	3	\$58.80	\$176.40	PYRAMID

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					<b>\$176.40</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 30 080 063 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN BOYS VOLLEYBALL</b>					
VOL-BALL-000001	GAME BALL VOLLEYBALL	4	\$39.59	\$158.36	BSN	
VOL-MISC-000001	SCOREBOOK	2	\$3.23	\$6.46	BSN	
						<b>\$164.82</b>
10 E 3250 610 000 30 081 055 000 000	<b>GAR TRACK</b>					
TRA-EQIP-000024	FOAM ROLLER 3FTX6IN	3	\$19.85	\$59.55	BSN	
TRA-STICK-00001	ORIGINAL BODY STICK	1	\$40.18	\$40.18	BSN	
TRA-STICK-00002	BIG STICK	1	\$0.00	\$0.00		
						<b>\$99.73</b>
10 E 3250 610 000 30 081 057 000 000	<b>GAR BASEBALL</b>					
BAS-BALL-000003	BALL PRACTICE RNFC	5	\$36.00	\$180.00	BATTAGLIAS	
BAS-BALL-000006	BASEBALLS GAME PIAA	6	\$65.00	\$390.00	BATTAGLIAS	
BAS-BATS-000022	FUNGO BAT MAPLE	2	\$54.00	\$108.00	BATTAGLIAS	
BAS-EQUIP-00002	GLOVER BUTTER	1	\$9.00	\$9.00	BATTAGLIAS	
BAS-MISC-000004	GLOVER INSERT	1	\$12.32	\$12.32	BSN	
BAS-MISC-000010	SCOREBOOK PETERSON	1	\$3.25	\$3.25	BATTAGLIAS	
						<b>\$702.57</b>
10 E 3250 610 000 30 082 055 000 000	<b>MEYERS TRACK</b>					
TRA-DISC-000002	DISCUS BLUE FLYER	1	\$185.00	\$185.00	M-F	
TRA-EQIP-000001	SHOT AND DISC CARRIER	2	\$14.00	\$28.00	M-F	
TRA-EQIP-000006	ELASTIC CROSSBAR	2	\$10.98	\$21.96	BSN	
TRA-EQIP-000008	NEEDLE SPIKE,3/16"	4	\$8.00	\$32.00	M-F	
TRA-EQIP-000016	START BLOCK FUSION	1	\$359.78	\$359.78	BSN	
TRA-EQIP-000030	TAPE MEASURE 200FT	1	\$29.95	\$29.95	M-F	
TRA-EQIP-000034	BATONS BLACK	6	\$1.32	\$7.92	BSN	
TRA-EQIP-000037	CHRISTMAS TREE SPIKE	3	\$23.00	\$69.00	M-F	
TRA-EQIP-000038	PYRAMID SPIKE 1/4	6	\$7.70	\$46.20	BSN	
TRA-EQIP-000039	SPIKE 1/4 NEEDLE	8	\$7.70	\$61.60	BSN	
TRA-EQIP-000040	SPIKES 3/8 NEEDLE	6	\$8.00	\$48.00	M-F	
TRA-EQIP-000042	SPIKE WRENCH	2	\$15.00	\$30.00	M-F	
TRA-EQUIP-00044	TAPE MEASURE 100FT CLOSED	1	\$14.00	\$14.00	M-F	
TRA-JAV-0000004	JAVELIN 50M,600GR WOMENS	1	\$155.00	\$155.00	M-F	
TRA-JAV-0000005	JAVELIN TUBE	1	\$79.00	\$79.00	M-F	
TRA-SHOT-000005	SHOT 8LB	1	\$7.97	\$7.97	BSN	
TRA-SHOT-000006	SHOT 6LB	1	\$5.98	\$5.98	BSN	
						<b>\$1,181.36</b>
10 E 3250 610 000 30 082 057 000 000	<b>MEYERS BASEBALL</b>					
BAS-BAG-0000001	EQUIPMENT BAG	1	\$25.98	\$25.98	BSN	
BAS-BAG-0000002	BALL BAG ROYAL	2	\$25.58	\$51.16	BSN	
BAS-BALL-000006	BASEBALLS GAME PIAA	20	\$65.00	\$1,300.00	BATTAGLIAS	

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BAS-BAS-0000001	THROW DOWN BASES	1	\$12.49	\$12.49	BSN
BAS-BATS-000009	BAT EASTON MAKO	2	\$204.48	\$408.96	BSN
BAS-HELM-000004	HELMETS SCHUTT MEYERS	4	\$29.00	\$116.00	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-NETS-000005	L-SCREEN NET	2	\$58.00	\$116.00	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-NETS-000007	SOCK NET	1	\$55.72	\$55.72	BSN
BAS-RAC-0000001	BAT FENCE RACK	1	\$14.00	\$14.00	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$2,100.31</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 31 080 058 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-BALL-000001	SOFTBALLS PIAA	3	\$63.46	\$190.38	BSN
SOF-BATS-000001	BAT EASTN STEAL 34"	1	\$188.00	\$188.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-BATS-000002	BAT EASTON STEAL 33"	1	\$188.00	\$188.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-MISC-000008	LINE UP CARDS	1	\$3.96	\$3.96	BSN
SOF-MISC-000009	GLOVER SCORE SHEETS	1	\$12.32	\$12.32	BSN
				<b>\$582.66</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 31 081 058 000 000	<b>GAR SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-BALL-000001	SOFTBALLS PIAA	6	\$63.46	\$380.76	BSN
SOF-MISC-000003	SCOREBOOK GLOVERS BIND	2	\$26.50	\$53.00	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$433.76</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 31 082 058 000 000	<b>MEYERS SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-BALL-000001	SOFTBALLS PIAA	7	\$63.46	\$444.22	BSN
SOF-BALL-000010	WEIGHTED BALL ATOMIC	2	\$50.27	\$100.54	BSN
SOF-BATS-000016	EASTON GHOST 33/23	1	\$208.33	\$208.33	BSN
SOF-HELM-000008	VELO BATTING NAV/WHT SR	3	\$37.00	\$111.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-HELM-000009	VELO HELMET GOLD, JR	3	\$37.00	\$111.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-HELM-000010	FACE MASK NAVY SR	3	\$33.00	\$99.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-HELM-000011	FACE MASK WHITE JR	3	\$10.49	\$31.47	BSN
SOF-MISC-000008	LINE UP CARDS	2	\$3.96	\$7.92	BSN
SOF-MISC-000009	GLOVER SCORE SHEETS	1	\$12.32	\$12.32	BSN
				<b>\$1,125.80</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 30 080 055 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN TRACK</b>				
TRA-UNIF-000002	MENS SINGLETs COUGHLIN	12	\$32.00	\$384.00	BSN
TRA-UNIFC-00001	SWEAT SHIRTS COUGH	9	\$46.80	\$421.20	BSN
TRA-UNIFC-00002	RUNNING SHORTS NAVY	12	\$24.00	\$288.00	BSN
TRA-UNIFC-00003	SWEAT PANTS NAVY	6	\$15.00	\$90.00	BSN
				<b>\$1,183.20</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 30 081 055 000 000	<b>GAR TRACK</b>				
TRA-UNIFG-00001	SINGLET GAR MENS	32	\$14.59	\$466.88	BSN
TRA-UNIFG-00003	SHORTS GAR 5" MENS	32	\$14.59	\$466.88	BSN
				<b>\$933.76</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 31 080 055 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN TRACK</b>				
TRA-UNIFC-00004	WOMENS COMP SHORT	24	\$22.95	\$550.80	BSN



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TRA-UNIFC-00006	GIRLS COMP TOP	12	\$29.00	\$348.00	BSN
				<b>\$898.80</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 31 081 055 000 000					
TRA-UNIFG-00002	SINGLET GAR WOMENS	23	\$14.59	\$335.57	BSN
TRA-UNIFG-00004	SHORTS GAR LADIES	23	\$14.59	\$335.57	BSN
				<b>\$671.14</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 20 082 057 000 000	<b>MEYERS JH BASEBALL</b>				
BAS-UNIF-000011	BELTS MEYERS GOLD	24	\$2.20	\$52.80	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-UNIF-000014	CAPS MEYERS JH	30	\$11.79	\$353.70	BSN
BAS-UNIFM-00009	SOCKS GOLD MEY JH	24	\$1.88	\$45.12	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$451.62</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 30 080 057 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN BASEBALL</b>				
BAS-UNIF-000009	BELTS NAVY	24	\$1.45	\$34.80	BSN
BAS-UNIFC-00001	CAPS COUGHLIN NAVY	60	\$11.89	\$713.40	BSN
BAS-UNIFC-00002	SOCKS COUGHLIN NAVY	48	\$1.88	\$90.24	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-UNIFC-00003	JERSEY COUGHLIN	36	\$34.00	\$1,224.00	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-UNIFC-00004	GAME PANTS COUGHLIN	36	\$24.95	\$898.20	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$2,960.64</b>	
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BAS-UNIF-000004	CAPS-G.A.R.	36	\$16.40	\$590.40	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-UNIF-000005	CAPS-G.A.R.	36	\$16.40	\$590.40	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-UNIF-000007	SOCKS-GAR NAVY	40	\$1.88	\$75.20	BATTAGLIAS
BAS-UNIF-000009	BELTS NAVY	24	\$1.45	\$34.80	BSN
				<b>\$1,290.80</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 30 082 057 000 000	<b>MEYERS BASEBALL</b>				
BAS-UNIF-000006	CAPS MEYERS VARSITY	30	\$13.45	\$403.50	
BAS-UNIF-000010	SOCKS MEYERS GOLD	24	\$1.88	\$45.12	
BAS-UNIFM-00008	SOCKS ROYAL MEYERS	42	\$1.88	\$78.96	
				<b>\$527.58</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 21 082 058 000 000	<b>MEYERS JH SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-UNIFM-00005	BELTS VEGAS GOLD	36	\$2.45	\$88.20	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-UNIFM-00009	SOCKS,ROYAL BLUE YTH	36	\$1.77	\$63.72	BSN
				<b>\$151.92</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 31 080 058 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-UNIF-000001	SOCKS NAVY KNEE HIGH	40	\$1.49	\$59.60	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$59.60</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 31 081 058 000 000	<b>GAR SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-UNIF-000001	SOCKS NAVY KNEE HIGH	96	\$1.49	\$143.04	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-UNIF-000004	T-SHIRTS GAR WHITE	36	\$6.25	\$225.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-UNIF-000005	MOCK TSHIRT GAR	36	\$19.00	\$684.00	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-UNIFG-00001	JERSEY GAR	36	\$38.00	\$1,368.00	BATTAGLIAS

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SOF-UNIFG-00002	GAME PANTS GAR	36	\$16.45	\$592.20	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$3,012.24</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 31 082 058 000 000	<b>MEYERS SOFTBALL</b>				
SOF-UNIF-000001	SOCKS NAVY KNEE HIGH	24	\$1.49	\$35.76	BATTAGLIAS
SOF-UNIFM-00003	SOCKS MEYERS GOLD	24	\$1.88	\$45.12	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$80.88</b>	
10 E 3250 615 000 30 080 062 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN BOYS TENNIS</b>				
TEN-UNIF-000001	HATS-COUGHLIN	12	\$11.00	\$132.00	BATTAGLIAS
				<b>\$132.00</b>	
10 E 3250 610 000 31 080 074 000 000	<b>COUGHLIN GIRLS LACROSS</b>				
LAC-BALL-000001	GAME BALLS	24	\$1.24	\$29.80	BATTAGLIAS
LAC-CHEST-00001	CHEST PROTECTOR	1	\$120.95	\$120.95	BSN
LAC-EQUIP-00001	ARM PADS	1	\$49.00	\$49.00	BATTAGLIAS
LAC-GLOVE-00001	GOALIE GLOVES	1	\$68.00	\$68.00	BATTAGLIAS
LAC-HELM-000001	HELMET	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LAC-LEG-000001	LEG GUARDS	1	\$24.00	\$24.00	BATTAGLIAS
LAC-MISC-000001	SCOREBOOK	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LAC-MISC-000002	CAPTAIN ARM BANDS RED	4	\$1.69	\$6.76	PYRAMID
LAC-MISC-000003	CAPTAIN ARM BANDS BLUE	1	\$1.69	\$1.69	PYRAMID
LAC-PANT-000001	GOALIE PANTS	1	\$52.63	\$52.63	BSN
				<b>\$352.83</b>	
				<b>\$23,086.44</b>	

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

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

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Caffrey noted that there will be a Transition Committee Meeting in December and information will be presented at the January, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

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

**CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

1. To ratify the renewal for the District's School Leaders' Legal Liability Insurance, with a \$ 1,000,000.00 limit of liability for the period of November 16, 2017 to July 1, 2018 with CM Regent Insurance Company at a premium in the amount of \$22,794.00
2. That ratification be given to the change order requests of Dunmore Roofing. in respect to the GAR Re-roofing project.
  - A. Modifications to six existing deteriorated masonry columns \$ 7,732.43
  - B. Install 8x8 insulation sump drains due to irregular gypsum decking \$ 3,000.05

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3. As part of the GAR Pilot phase project that approval be given to the proposed repairs which consist of installation of steel supports in the four bays along the Sherman Street side of GAR High School. The proposed repairs will be included in the original contract price and are to be completed at a cost not to exceed \$87,500.00.
4. To enter into an agreement, with Geo-Science Engineering Co., Inc. for the Final Geotechnical Survey for the Pagnotti Site, Plains, PA. Estimated costs are as follows:

Estimated Geotechnical Building	\$ 29,760.00
Estimated Field/Access Road/ Parking Lots	\$ 5,907.50
Estimated Geophysical Survey	\$ 23,000.00

5. To enter into an agreement with S4Teachers LLC, 800 North Kings Highway, Suite 405, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 to provide the district with substitute teachers. This agreement shall begin on November 14, 2017 and continue through June 30, 2020. The fees for services will be as follows:

Full Day Building Based Substitute Teacher	\$ 158.28/day
Half Day Building Based Substitute Teacher	\$ 79.14/day
Full Day Substitute Teacher	\$ 131.90/day
Half Day Substitute Teacher	\$ 65.95

6. To enter into an agreement with MissionOne Educational Staffing Services, LLC, 800 North Kings Highway, Suite 410, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 to provide the district with paraprofessionals, teacher assistants, and aides. This agreement shall begin on November 14, 2017 and continue through June 30, 2020. The fees for services will be as follows:

Full Day Paraprofessional	\$ 109.60/day
Half Day Paraprofessional	\$ 54.80/day

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

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

**1 Nay:** Katsock - # 4 & 5

**1 Nay:** Walker - # 4

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Quinn stated that there have been some issues/concerns in regard to Holy Redeemer students not being bussed to school.

Dr. Costello noted that he will reach out to the Principal of Holy Redeemer and request a meeting in regard to discussing Holy Redeemer student's transportation issues/concerns.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rev. Walker noted that a Maintenance Committee is tracking the amount of work requests and ensuring that the work request issues/concerns are being addressed and completed in a timely manner.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

1. That the following policies be adopted:
  - 702 Gifts, Grants, Donations
  - 703 Sanitary Management
  - 704 Maintenance
  - 708 Lending of Equipment and Books
  - 709 Building Security
  - 710 Use of Facilities by Staff

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

There was no **PATHWAY/NEW CONSTRUCTION/TRANSITION REPORT**

### **Personnel Committee Report**

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

The Personnel Committee respectfully makes the following report and recommendations:

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

#### **A. Professionals**

1. That the resignation of **Dr. Patrick Patte** be accepted with regret effective November 3, 2017.
2. That the retirement of **Joseph Ryan** be accepted with regret effective the end of the first semester of the 2017-18 school year.
3. That the following temporary professional employees, having received their final satisfactory evaluation, be classified as permanent professional employees:

#### **Crystal Kane**

4. That **Harold Gabriel** be appointed an Acting 12 Month Secondary Head Principal.
5. That **Patrick Peters** be appointed an Acting 12 Month Secondary Head Principal.
6. That **Michael Grebeck** be appointed an Acting 12 Month Secondary Assistant Principal.
7. That **Melissa Myers** be appointed and Acting 12 Month Elementary Head Principal.
8. That **John Mendola** be appointed an Acting 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal.

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9. That **Lauren Mascioli** be appointed a Secondary Science long-term substitute teacher for the second semester of the 2017-18 school year.
10. That **Courtney Thomas's** time as a special education long-term substitute be adjusted from beginning on or around November 28, 2017 to September 14, 2017 and ending on or about April 30, 2018.
11. That the following professional employees be appointed as After-School SIG (School Intervention Grant) Teachers at an hourly rate of \$25:

Secondary

It is estimated that there is a need for a total of 440 teachers' hours, those hours will be divided among the following:

<b>Maureen Sovan</b>	<b>Megan Sweeney</b>
<b>MaryAnn Rizzo</b>	<b>Tamera McMahon</b>
<b>Corinne Gawelko</b>	<b>Diane McFarlane</b>
<b>Leah Zelinka</b>	

Elementary

It is estimated that there is a need for a total of 440 teachers' hours, those hours will be divided among the following:

<b>Lauren Greeley</b>	<b>Jessica Hendler</b>
<b>Susan Schwab</b>	<b>Dionne Fisher</b>
<b>Sandra Marinko</b>	<b>Kristen Pstrak</b>
<b>Darlene Payne</b>	<b>Crystal Kane</b>

**B. Secretaries and Teachers' Associates**

- a. That **Cassandra Camp** be appointed as a 20 hour per week paraprofessional/PCA.
- b. That **Barbara Shemanski** be appointed as a 20 hour per week paraprofessional/PCA.

**C. Custodians & Housekeepers**

1. That the resignation of **Joseph O'Day** as a Grade IV Head Custodian be accepted with regret.
2. That \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed a Grade IV Head Custodian. **TABLED**

**D. Food Service**

- a. That **Barbara Givens** be appointed a Kitchen Manager.

**E. Security Greeter**

- a. That **Leonard Witczak** be appointed a substitute security/greeter.

**F. Crossing Guard**

- 1. That the resignation of **George Krout** be accepted with regret.
- 2. That **John Mason** be appointed a permanent crossing guard effective November 13, 2017.

**G. Athletics**

- 1. That the resignation of **Mahogany Spence** as GAR's Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach be accepted with regret.
- 2. That the resignation of **Shara Brown** as GAR's Field Hockey Varsity Assistant Coach be accepted with regret.
- 3. That the resignation of **Geoffrey Bell** as Meyers' Track & Field Junior High Head Coach be accepted with regret.
- 4. That the resignation of **Allison Banks** as Coughlin's Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant coach be accepted with regret.
- 5. 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	Girls' Basketball	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Maria Sharpe</b>
Coughlin	Girls' Basketball	Volunteer Varsity Asst. Coach	<b>John Quinn</b>
Coughlin	Girls' Basketball	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Phil Schoener</b>
Coughlin	Girls' Basketball	Junior High Head Coach	<b>Jack Robinson</b>
Coughlin	Girls' Basketball	Junior High Assistant Coach	<b>Colleen Wood</b>
Coughlin	Swim	Volunteer Assistant Coach	<b>Donald Williams</b>
Coughlin	Boys' Lacrosse	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Justin Francis</b>
Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Volunteer Jr. High Asst. Coach	<b>Brianna DiMaggio</b>

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

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

**1 Nay:** Evans - B # 1 & 2

**1 Abstain:** Quinn - Coughlin Girls Basketball Volunteer Varsity Asst. Coach & Coughlin Girls Basketball Jr. High Asst. Coach

**1.Nay:** Susek - Coughlin Girls Basketball Volunteer Varsity Asst. Coach & Coughlin Girls Basketball Jr. High Asst. Coach

**1 Nay:** Thomas – A # 8

**1 Abstain:** Thomas - Coughlin Girls Basketball Volunteer Varsity Asst. Coach, Coughlin Girls Varsity Assistant Coach, Coughlin Girls Basketball Jr. High Head Coach, Coughlin Girls Basketball Jr. High Asst. Coach

**Mr. Quinn presented Resolution #1**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the recent death of **BARBARA MOSES YOUNGBLOOD** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she was the first woman elected to the Board of Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and served as a Board Director for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, her passing on November 5, 2017 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 daughters, Molly and Suzanne; son, Lawrence; daughter in-law, Mary Jo; and to her entire family.

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**Mr. Quinn moved that Resolution #1 be adopted by Acclamation.**

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

**Mr. Galella presented Resolution # 2**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the recent death of **DR. ANTHONY J. MUSSARI SR.** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Board Director for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, he was a college professor for 40 years and an award winning documentary film maker, the producer of a local television series, "Windsor Park Stories" and the author of four books including "Appointment with Disaster"; and

WHEREAS, his passing on October 18, 2017 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 Kitch, daughter, Elena; son, Tony Jr.; and to his entire family.

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**Mr. Galella moved that Resolution #2 be adopted by Acclamation.**

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



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**New Business**

**Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Rev. Walker,** to add an additional bus provided by STA at a cost between \$56,000 and \$57,000 to provide transportation to students from Wilkes-Barre Township to Holy Redeemer High School.

Following discussion on the question, the following motion was made:

**Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Miss Katsock,** to table the motion to add an additional bus provided by STA at a cost between \$56,000 and \$57,000 to provide transportation to students from Wilkes-Barre Township to Holy Redeemer High School. The vote was as follows:

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

At this time Miss Katsock presented the following Farewell statement:

So on the occasion of my last Board meeting, I just wanted to say a few words.

As I think about the last 8.4 years, and even before that, I think about my journey with the WBASB, and I think I can bring a unique perspective. And so I approach tonight from both "sides", so to speak- the concerned citizen and the Board member. I spent 10 LONG years in those chairs, as a concerned citizen, questioning decisions of prior Boards and begging Board members not to raise taxes, to move forward with the Charter School and to reign in spending. Then I was able to "break through" and win a seat on this Board, and then I realized the meaning of "You don't know what you don't know". I know a member of the audience at a recent Board meeting said that was the worst type of knowledge, but I respectfully disagree. Because for me, it was through those epiphanies that I was able to grow the most as a Board member. As Mark Twain once said, "A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way". That's how I look at the learning curve on a School Board.

I can honestly say that I was passionate concerning many issues on BOTH sides of this table, as continues today with everyone in this room tonight. Members of SOS and other concerned citizens are truly passionate in the consolidation debate as are the members of this Board. What I truly hope for both sides is to leave the name-calling and insults aside for the betterment of the students of this District. It's OK to disagree - I did it many times on both sides of this table - but I never felt disrespected or feel that I disrespected anyone during those disagreements. I am confident that all the volunteers in this room, both citizens and Board speak with the best of intentions. Let's not have that clouded with insults, disrespect, name-calling and at times, perceived threats. I hope we can all move ahead as true leaders and role models for the students for whom we are so passionate.

Lastly, I would like to thank my previous Board members, Superintendents, faculty and staff for all your assistance during my tenure on this Board. I know I was not always the easiest Board member to get along with. And especially to the present Board, Superintendent, Faculty and Staff. To my Board members, I thank you for your confidence in me to name me Vice President for this last year as well as your votes to move a budget ahead that was difficult for all of us.

Missy, congratulations and good luck as you begin this amazing journey as a Board member.

As so I leave my tenure on this Board a different person than when I began as a concerned citizen; and I like to think changed for the better. I hope to think I made a difference. But honestly, if I made the difference for 1 student - just 1 student - then it was all worth it.

Thank you.

**Solicitor's Report**

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motions:

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Rev. Walker**, to approve the agreement to suspend the contract for the Environmental Abatement Asbestos Project for phase two at James M. Coughlin High School.

The vote was as follows:

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

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Evans**, to authorize the Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to resolve the grievance that was filed by the Wilkes-Barre Area Education Association in regard to the furloughed teachers as a result of the termination and alteration of programs.

The vote was as follows:

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

**Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Mr. Galella**, to approve the settlement agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area Education Association and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in regard to an unfair labor practice charge as it relates to bargaining with the Association in regard to the issue "Buy Out Option".

The vote was as follows:

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

**Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Rev. Walker**, to approve the Termination and Settlement Agreement, recommended by Attorney Wendolowski and Attorney Frank Tunis, in regard to the grievance that was filed by Brian Hampel in regard to his dismissal from the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

The vote was as follows:

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

**1 Nay:** Evans

Business Manager/Board Secretary, Tom Telesz, stated that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on December 4, 2017 in the Administration Building at 6:00 PM.

**President Thomas** adjourned the Meeting at 8:46 PM