

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 2015

Vice President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll.

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

1 MEMBER ABSENT: Elmy

Vice President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session on September 23, 2015 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of October 5, 2015.
- 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 September 14, 2015 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

The vote was as follows:

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

Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary/Business Manager, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2015.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
JULY 31, 2015

GENERAL FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$658,154.46)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$1,887,290.53
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$452,106.17
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$1,493,219.41
OMEGA BANK	\$2,933,152.18
OMEGA BANK	\$2,067,575.92
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$1,688,866.95
PNC BANK	\$3,731,737.30
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$0.00
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,575.42
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$37,553.15
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,596.91
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$460,378.62

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PLGIT EIT	\$819,415.02
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$15,753,313.12
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,370.17
ATHLETIC FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$496,212.55
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$506,582.72
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,304,531.94
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.70
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$230,066.44
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$110,398.93
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$247,709.17
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,192.31
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$2,226,161.49
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
CHECKING ACCOUNT-OMEGA BANK	\$1,895,856.42
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$1,895,856.42
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,282.07
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$9,282.07

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2015. The vote was as follows:

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

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Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Prevuznak, Superintendent presented the following statement.

For several months this district has faced many challenges, but perhaps none greater than the current financial crisis that we face and the ramifications that it holds for the future of this district. I assure you every attempt is being made to address the severity of the depleted general fund. With our state subsidies in limbo and our district's operating costs continually depleting our reserve on a daily basis, it has been decided that we are not above seeking outside help and advice from consultants, who are well versed in the field of educational finances and management. It has been the philosophy of this Board and this district to practice transparency and honesty in all of our undertakings. And thus I report that we have contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Education in order to obtain assistance and recommendations regarding our district finances. We have in my estimation been willing to listen to and take into consideration the recommendations and suggestions of others. This action allows us to obtain expert services without expense to the district, as well securing an objective report on how to proceed regarding our current financial situation. I want to publically thank Dr. Tony Greco from IU 18 who helped facilitate this process and Assistant Education Secretary Mr. David Volkmann, whose office will be assisting in this venture. We welcome the presence of PDE and the service that will be provided to this district. There has been much discussion and concern from district stakeholders, who represent the community and the district itself, over our current financial state and the ability to move forward as a school district. I as well share that concern. We are expecting the PDE to start the process over the next few weeks and share their results with our district soon after.

Communications from Citizens

1. Bob Holden
2. Kim Borland
3. Ruth Borland
4. Joe Borland
5. Dave Wilson
6. Councilman George Brown
7. Terry Schiowitz
8. Francis Sorick
9. Ron Woznock
10. John Suchowski
11. Tracey Hughes
12. Len Cornish

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

1. How will the Budget impasse affect the District?
2. Who determined that Coughlin High School should be closed?
3. What is the plan for Juniors and Seniors who attend Coughlin High School?
4. Is the Bond guaranteed?
5. How many teachers/busses will be needed for the new consolidated high school?
6. What are the anticipated savings from teacher attrition?
7. Will life skill classes only be able to be accommodated at Meyers?
8. Consider halting consolidation until PDE is consulted and report is obtained.
9. In light of the Budget Crisis, consider not moving forward at this time.
10. What stage is the District in in regard to the Plan Con C Process?
11. Is there a date scheduled for the Plan Con D Public Hearing?

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12. Has there been any discussion in regard to racial impact in regard to consolidation?
13. What is the heating situation at the annex at Coughlin High School?
14. What is the plan for Meyers?
15. Consideration to have Board Meetings at alternate place, other than the Administration Building.
16. What is the total amount of debt owed by Wilkes-Barre Area School District?
17. What affect will the increase number of grades added to Kistler have on bussing at Kistler Elementary?
18. Why was the restoration of Meyers not included in Plan Con A?
19. Consider pay freezes for Administrators.
20. What is the borrowing capacity of the District?
21. Will there be five Administrators in each of the High Schools?
22. Why hasn't it been considered to send Juniors and Seniors to Meyers High School during renovation phase?
23. Will taxes be raised due to the new building project?
24. Why is the Budget Crisis in the District just coming to light at this time?
25. Were there competitive bids on construction projects?
26. What do you envision the educational impact of the Consolidated High School and since that will not be categorized as a designated failing school that has low test scores, will students who are in a designated failing High School with low test score be able to attend the new consolidated high school?
27. Lack of heat at the Kistler Elementary library.

All of the above concerns and questions were addressed by Dr. Bernard Prevuznak, Superintendent, Board Vice President, Joseph Caffrey, Chairperson of the Feasibility Committee, Attorney Raymond Wendolowski, District Solicitor, Leonard B. Przywara, Business Manager/Board Secretary and Brian Costello, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Old Business

Rev. Walker asked Dr. Prevuznak, Superintendent if he would reach out to Janelle Davison, STA Transportation, to determine if it would be possible for a student who is entitled to bussing from his residence to school, would be entitled to ride the same bus assigned to him from the day care he attends.

Dr. Prevuznak informed Rev. Walker that he would reach out to Ms. Davison in regard to Rev. Walker's question.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Miss Katsock informed the Board that the next meeting of the LIU is scheduled for October 28, 2015.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn informed the Board that the next meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center is scheduled for October 19, 2015

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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with Wilson Language Training Corporation, 47 Old Webster Road, Oxford, MA to provide the District with the Wilson Professional Learning training events as identified to occur in the 2015-2016 school year in the Wilson Implementation or Sustainability Plan.

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

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

BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Contractor	Project	Fund	Cert/Appli. Invoice #	Payment Due
Apollo Group, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	13	\$26,177.00
A & E Group, JV	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	12	\$3,736.64
Panzitta Enterprises	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	07	\$745,747.16
G.R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	05	\$216,750.69
Integrity Fire Protection, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	03	\$15,480.00
Yannuzzi, Inc.	Mackin Renovation Plumbing	Capital Projects	05	\$64,921.50
Yannuzzi, Inc.	Mackin Renovation HVAC	Capital Projects	05	\$101,711.70
Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School	Capital Projects	03	\$1,719.38
Borton Lawson Architecture	New High School	Capital Projects	04	\$13,824.96
Leonard Engineering, Inc.	New High School	Capital Projects	04	\$8,080.00
WKL Architecture	New High School	Capital Projects	04	\$49,511.60
Apollo Group, Inc.	Kistler Addition Renovations	Capital Projects	03	\$1,162.98
Borton Lawson Architecture	Kistler Addition Renovations	Capital Projects	04	\$26,256.29
Apollo Group, Inc.	Meyers/Coughlin Safety Sheds	Capital Projects	04	\$952.48
Apollo Group, Inc.	G.A.R. Drainage & Retaining Wall	Capital Projects	06	\$2,000.00
Fabcor, Inc.	G.A.R. Drainage & Retaining Wall	Capital Projects	01	\$20,780.82

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

PROPERTY OWNER	PARCEL NO.	PROPOSED BID
Denise & Michael Ford 319 E. Northampton St. Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-110NW1-001-025-000	\$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 Tax 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
Joan M. Stark	12 Mack Street Plains, PA	July 14, 2014

4. That approval be given to contribute \$18,000 to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team and \$6,000 to the G.A.R. Speech and Debate Team for the 2015-2016 school year.
5. That ratification be given to the refund, to Trion Industries, 297 Laird Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA real estate taxes in the amount of \$59,878.19 for years 2013 and 2014. This refund, which is stipulated by the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, Orders No. 2012-16137 and 2012-16138, is the result of the reduction in the assessed value of certain properties located in Plains Township and Wilkes-Barre City.

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1431-#1455 and Federal Wire transfer #201500191 from September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 and Chapter I AP checks #1432-#1455 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201500192-#20150202 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 14, 2015 be approved.

- C.** That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201510238-#201510247 and General Fund checks, #40045-#40182 and Food Service Checks #2642-#2656 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 14, 2015.

- D.** That the checks listed on the following pages #40183 to #40318 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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Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, to adopt the report.

Miss Katsock informed the Board that she was requesting that the contribution to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team be increased from \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and the contribution to the G.A.R. Speech and Debate team be increased from \$6,000.00 to \$7,500.00.

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, *to amend the report* to approve a contribution to the Meyers Speech and Debate team in the amount of \$20,000.00 and to approve a contribution to the G.A.R. Speech and Debate Team in the amount of \$7,500.00 and to adopt the remainder of the report.

The vote was as follows:

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

1 Nay: Katsock: A - #1 & C & D

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Thomas presented the following:

With the recent tragedy in Oregon and situation in Philadelphia, I would like to address the Board and the Public.

Being the Chair of the Safety and Security Committee, along with fellow Members Joe Caffrey and Ned Evans; we would like to reassure everyone that the Safety Committee works diligently to keep our Students, Employees and Communities as safe as possible.

In the past year and one half we have made great strides and will continue to move forward and be proactive in regard to the safety of the Students and Employees of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

I would like to acknowledge Officer Brian Lavan, Director of Safety and Security & District Police, our Resource Officers and Security Greeters. I would also like to acknowledge Ms. Michelle Williams, Director of Federal & State Programs and Grants and Mr. Jim Post, Purchasing Agent.

Last but not least, Dr. Prevuznak, our Superintendent, who has supported and advocated tirelessly for the Safety and Security and well-being of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Daniel Werner, 52 Walter Dam Road, White Haven, PA to provide "Student Transportation" services for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$0.45 per mile. The contractor must provide proof of insurance to the District.
2. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with SSI Fire & Explosion Protection, 155 Nestle Way, Suite 104 Breinigsville, PA to provide preventive maintenance services to certain equipment, situated at Boyd Dodson Elementary School, effective January 1, 2016 at an annual cost of \$2,290.00.

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3. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with The Skywatch Weather Center of Air Science Consultants, Inc., 347 Prestley Road, Bridgeville, PA to provide Winter Storm Warning Services to this District for a three (3) year period, beginning with the 2015-2016 Winter Season at a cost of \$400.00 per season.
4. That approval be given to the change order request of G.R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc., 2 Skyline Drive, P.O. Box 27, Clarks Summit, PA, in respect to the Mackin School Renovation Project as follows:
 - a. Furnish and install electrical work re jockey pump \$474.00
5. That approval be given to the change order request of Yannuzzi, Inc., P.O. Box A, Hazleton, PA in respect to the Mackin School Renovation Project as follows:
 - a. Installation of isolation valves on roof top units \$8,588.53
6. That approval be given to authorize the preparation, and advertising of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the inspection of School District Buildings to meet the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), as they pertain to public school districts and non-profit schools.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded Rev. Walker, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

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

1 Nay: Katsock - #4 & #5

There was no **LEGISLATIVE /FEDERAL REPORT**

MATERIAL SUPPLIES REPORT

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

1. That having received and inspected bids submitted on Sept 30, 2015 that the award is made to the following bidders for:

WINTER SPORTS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

See next page for summary and detail breakdown

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WINTER SPORTS BID AWARD SUMMARY								
	BATTAGLIA'S	BSN	PYRAMID	MF ATHLETIC	METUCHEN	AMAZON	TOTAL	SPORT
COUGHLIN BOYS BASKETBALL	\$552.00						\$552.00	
								\$552.00
COUGHLIN GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$584.00	\$1,560.00					\$2,144.00	
								\$2,144.00
COUGHLIN WRESTLING	\$214.80	\$177.56					\$392.36	
	\$2,784.00						\$2,784.00	\$3,176.36
COUGHLIN GIRLS SWIM	\$1,455.00						\$1,455.00	
								\$1,455.00
COUGHLIN BOYS SWIM	\$178.20						\$178.20	
	\$216.00						\$216.00	\$394.20
COUGHLIN JH WRESTLING	\$562.50						\$562.50	
								\$562.50
							TOTAL	\$8,284.06
GAR BOYS BASKETBALL	\$204.00					\$534.99	\$738.99	
	\$888.00						\$888.00	\$1,626.99
GAR GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$856.00	\$228.52					\$1,084.52	
	\$204.00						\$204.00	\$1,288.52
GAR WRESTLING	\$908.80	\$575.14					\$1,483.94	
		\$956.10					\$956.10	\$2,440.04
							TOTAL	\$5,355.55
MEYERS BOYS BASKETBALL	\$736.00	\$77.56					\$813.56	
	\$935.70	\$389.70					\$1,325.40	\$2,138.96
MEYERS GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$915.00	\$77.56	\$44.40				\$1,036.96	
								\$1,036.96
	BATTAGLIA'S	BSN	PYRAMID	MF ATHLETIC	METUCHEN	AMAZON		
MEYERS WRESTLING	\$532.90	\$545.74	\$30.00				\$1,108.64	
								\$1,108.64
MEYERS GIRLS SWIM	\$758.00	\$873.76					\$1,631.76	
								\$1,631.76
MEYERS BOYS SWIM		\$327.00					\$327.00	
								\$327.00
							TOTAL	\$6,243.32
							TOTAL	\$19,882.93

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

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. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That the resignation of **Christine Bottger** be accepted with regret effective August 28, 2015.
2. That _____ be appointed as a 30 hour per week nurses' assistant. **TABLED**
3. That **Miriam Latalladi** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.
4. That _____ be appointed a substitute teachers' associate. **TABLED**

B. Security/Greeters

1. That **Robert Sulkoski** be appointed as a substitute security greeter/traveling security greeter.
2. That **Dennis Thorne** be appointed as a substitute security greeter/traveling security greeter.

C. Crossing Guards

1. That _____ be appointed as a substitute crossing guard. **TABLED**

D. 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.

G.A.R.	Boys' Basketball	Junior High Head Coach	Tony Chiarucci
G.A.R.	Boys' Basketball	Junior High Assistant Coach	Carlo Thomas
G.A.R.	Field Hockey	Junior High Assistant Coach	TABLED
G.A.R.	Wrestling	Varsity Head Coach	TABLED
Meyers	Wrestling	Junior High Head Coach (1/2 pay)	Mark Belles
Coughlin	Girls' Basketball	Volunteer Assistant Coach	Jack Robinson

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E. Other

1. That the measurement period for Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) report be set as:

Measurement Period	11/1 -10/31
Administrative Period	11/1 - 12/31
Stability Period	1/1 – 12/31

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

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

Ms. Thomas presented Resolution No 1

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the **Board of Directors** of the **Wilkes-Barre Area School District**, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that **Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak**, who is the **Superintendent** of the above named body is authorized and directed to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses (hereinafter collectively referred to as contract(s)) with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body consents to the use of electronic signatures by the above named individual and that no handwritten signature from the above named individual shall be required in order for any contract with the Department to be legally enforceable and that by affixing his/her electronic signature to an electronic file of the contract via the Department's e-grants system, the above designated authorized individual shall have effectively executed and delivered the contract, binding the [insert name of body] to comply with the terms of said contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no writing shall be required in order to make the contract valid and legally binding, provided that the Department and all other necessary Commonwealth approvers affix their signatures electronically and an electronically-printed copy of the Contract is e-mailed or is otherwise made available to the body by electronic means; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will not contest the due authorization, execution, delivery, validity or enforceability of the electronic Contract under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law. The Contract, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form and the admissibility thereof shall not be contested under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will notify the Department's Bureau of Management Services promptly in the event that the above named individual is no longer authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the body electronically and that the Department shall be entitled to rely upon the above named officer's authority to execute agreements electronically on behalf of the body until such notice is received by the Department's Office of Chief Counsel.

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ATTEST

President/Chair or Vice-President/Chair

Treasurer/Secretary

Print/type name and title

Print/type name and title

I, _____, Secretary, of _____. Do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the _____, held the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Dated: _____

Signature

Print/type name and title

TO BE EXECUTED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICER:

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of the above named body, I agree that I shall not provide any other person with my e-grants password or otherwise authorize any other individual to affix my electronic signature to any agreement with the Department.

Dated: _____

Signature

Print/type name and title

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Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, to accept the Resolution. The vote was as follows:
7 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey
1 Nay: Katsock

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Rev. Walker presented Resolution No 2

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, he is the father of Deneen Sarnick, Payroll Secretary for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Father in-law of Lenny Sarnick, Custodian for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District ; and

WHEREAS, his passing on September 16, 2015 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 Hilda; his daughters, Deneen, Maria and Kimberly; his son in-laws, Leonard and Wayne and to his entire family.

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Rev. Walker moved, to accept the Resolution by Acclamation.

New Business

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, the below listed motion:

Given the serious financial condition of the District and the need to make substantial cuts in the 2016-2017 Budget, I move that the District solicit Requests for Proposals from independent registered municipal financial advisors for the following services: (A) to render advisory, investment banking, debt placement and other recommended services, as agreed to by the School District; and, (B) to assist the School District in preparing and presenting a plan to manage current and future anticipated budgetary issues which may include but not limited to: (1) new money financings including proposed new school facilities; (2) funding or financing of working capital; (3) unfunded debt; (4) refinancing and/or restructuring existing indebtedness; (5) tax anticipation notes issued over the Term of this Agreement; (6) structuring and placing direct loans considered non municipal securities; (7) review of existing early retirement program and preparing, funding and instituting a new early retirement program; (8) new or amended swap agreements; (9) assisting in responding to Municipal Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Agreement Initiative; (10) consulting, preparing reports and other services requested by the School District enumerated in its Tax Exempt Bonds Compliance Program and Continuing Disclosure Compliance Program; (11) assist in preparation of budget projections; (12) assist in preparing a capital expenditures budget; and (12) assist in analyzing market based revenue opportunities. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1Nay: Katsock

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Dr. Susek, moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to authorize the Administration, if necessary, to defer the payment of certain costs, either to the extent of State funding and/or their entirety until such time that the State budget is passed and State revenues are made available. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Nay: Katsock

Communications from Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski informed the Superintendent and the Members of the Board that the Wilkes-Barre Area School District received the "Public Interest Law Center, 2015 Thaddeus Stevens Award" in regard to being one of the petitioners in the William Penn School District, et al.v. Pennsylvania Department of Education, et al.lawsuit for their courage to speak out against the failure of state officials to provide a "thorough and efficient system of public education".

Board Secretary Report

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

November 9, 2015

Committee Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2015 – 5:30 PM

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Dr. Susek moved to adjourn the Meeting.

Vice President Caffrey adjourned the Meeting at 8:33 PM.