

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
May 10, 2021**

Board President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Superintendent Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz called the roll

7 Members Present: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

2 Members Absent: Patla, Schiowitz

President Caffrey began the meeting:

- An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2021. 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 Meeting of March 22, 2021 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Rev. Walker to adopt these minutes.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Treasurer's Report:

Thomas F. Telesz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, presented the Treasurer's Report ending March 31, 2021.

**WILKES-BARE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2021**

GENERAL FUND

	\$	
1	GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(472,808.64)
2	GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	38,854,449.39
3	FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	3,106,473.45
4	FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	5,868.74
5	FNB BANK	461,741.07
6	FNB BANK	76,961.32
7	JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	1,754,145.34
8	PNC BANK	393,384.17
9	LPL FINANCIAL	833,141.41
10	EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	12,478.34
11	COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	12,337.40
12	REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	-
13	LANDMARK CD	482,337.44
14	PLGIT EIT	862,362.82
15	ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK	250,067.67
16	PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	1,860,095.81

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17 PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB -

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$ 48,493,035.73

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

18 2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB \$ (19,780.04)

19 PNC BANK INVESTMENT 2,097,781.04

20 2019 BOND ISSUE 50,076,769.41

21 PLGIT CASH RESERVE 1,787,013.91

22 FNCB 2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS 21,799.41

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS \$ 53,963,583.73

FIDUCIARY FUNDS - TRUST AND AGENCY

TRUST FUNDS:

23 WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK \$ 52,432.46

24 COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS WHOLE LIFE 354,466.65

25 FNB BANK WHOLE LIFE 50,291.49

AGENCY FUNDS:

26 ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK 151,562.19

27 SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK 281,440.23

TOTAL FIDUCIARY - TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS \$ 890,193.02

PROPRIETARY FUND - FOOD SERVICE

28 FOOD SERVICE CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank \$ 3,387,057.90

TOTAL PROPRIETARY FUND - FOOD SERVICE \$ 3,387,057.90

DEBT SERVICE FUND

29 COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS DEBT SERVICE \$ 9,875.19

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND \$ 9,875.19

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Treasurer's Report ending March 31, 2021.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The District continues to have in-person instruction for all K-12 students. I again want to thank our staff and students for always wearing appropriate face coverings, social distancing and following the District guidelines. This allowed us and will continue to allow us to have in-person instruction. With the recent news of the CDC approving the Pfizer vaccine for children 12 years of age and older, the WBASD has collaborated with Pediatric Associates of Kingston to provide Wilkes-Barre Area students ages 12 and older with the Pfizer vaccine. The free vaccination clinic will be held on Thursday, May 13 at Kistler Elementary school from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for the first shot. The second shot will be given at Kistler Elementary School on Thursday, June 3 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. All information will be listed on the District's website. I would also like to thank Harold's Pharmacy and Nockley Pharmacy for their continued support in providing our community with vaccinations.

This year the Prom's have been scheduled for May 27, 28 and 29 at the Solomon/Complex. These will be outdoor events. I would like to thank the Anthracite Café for their assistance and support for making this a reality by providing the food and tents.

The tentative June 10, 2021 graduation schedule will be as follows: Meyers High School will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Meyers Auditorium; GAR High School will be at 11:00 am in the GAR Auditorium; Coughlin High School will be at 2:00 pm at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

At this time, I would like to present the letters submitted to the District on behalf of Mr. Hal Gabriel, Principal of James M. Coughlin High School; Mrs. Colleen Robatin, Principal of GAR Jr. /Sr. Memorial High School and Mr. Robert Watkins, Principal of E.L. Meyers High School. The letters state the following: James M. Coughlin High School has 229 students – 117 Boys and 112 Girls; GAR Jr./Sr. Memorial High School has 144 students – 64 Boys and 80 Girls; E.L. Meyers High School has 147 students – 80 boys and 67 girls. These students have met the requirements of the State of Pennsylvania and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for high school graduation. They are hereby recommended for diplomas to be awarded on June 10, 2021 provided their academic performance, attendance and conduct are satisfactory for the remainder of the school year.

Motion to accept the graduation list by Mr. Atherton seconded by Ms. Thomas

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

We will be offering a Summer Program Series. We are doing as much as possible to mitigate the gaps and lack of educational opportunities the COVID-19 pandemic has created. We are offering social, emotional and academic support wherever necessary. Therefore, we will be launching a CSS program, which begins today. This is an after school program for students with an IEP and will run until June 2. It will focus on student skills, behavior and academic reinforcement that resulted in the lack of progress due to the school closures because of the pandemic. The next program is called STEP UP WITH THE PACK – which means Student-

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Teacher-Elevated-Performance. It is a four-week project based learning program that will focus on a holistic approach of learning to prepare our students for success in the 21st Century. It will not only focus on academics but will also develop and reinforce student soft skills such as leadership, dedication, teamwork, adaptability, etc. At the conclusion of STEP UP With the Pack, students will display or perform their work for the community to view. This program will be held on three campuses: Heights-Murray Elementary, Kistler Elementary and the Solomon/Plains Complex.

We will also have a creative and performing arts summer program. This will be open to all students passionate about the arts and looking to strengthen their skills while fostering creativity. It will also be a four-week program with additional information being provided on our District website.

Some of our Capital Projects that are moving forward is the Kistler Roof Project, which is nearing completion. The Solomon/Plains Complex Roof project will hopefully begin during the summer. The GAR will begin the upgrades over the summer and will continue over two years. This project includes painting, new flooring, lighting, lockers and upgrades to the HVAC system.

The new High School will be ready for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Within today's Agenda is the PlanCon Part K approvals for reimbursement of the 2019 Bond of approximately 12% and the 2016 Bond of approximately 17% which provides our District reimbursement of 41.7 million dollars over the life of the Bond. I want to personally thank our Board Members who were courageous enough to submit the PlanCon application prior to the moratorium had taken place with the State.

APOLLO REPORT

Mr. Mike Krzywicki – District Maintenance Plan. Bids were received for replacement of the switchgear at Heights-Murray Elementary School. Work is to be performed over the summer of 2021 and will require a 10-day shutdown of the electrical system. Elevator repairs at Heights-Murray Elementary may not be performed until the electrical work is completed. The Kistler Elementary Roof Replacement project has continued with work expected to be completed in approximately two weeks. Apollo is obtaining pricing for interior renovations to GAR which are limited to LED interior lighting and flooring replacement in classrooms, offices and corridors. The District will paint these areas at the end of the school year. Apollo has obtained pricing for preparation of bid documents for roof replacement at the Solomon Complex.

E.L. Meyers Monitoring Structure/Walkway/Tunnel: Monthly inspections were conducted in March and April. Additional minor cracks were observed, but no major movement has been detected.

New High School: The Sitework Contractor has completed installation of guide rails, topsoil at the practice field and various lawn areas, continued traffic improvement at Courtright Street, concrete curb, site grading and road subbase and commenced PADOT improvements at Maffett Street entrance.

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The Building Shell Contractor has completed installation of scoreboards and gym equipment, continued installation of masonry veneer, wood blocking, EIFS, door frames, painting, VCT flooring, sheet vinyl flooring, stage lighting, markerboards, casework, countertops, acoustical wall panels, hollow metal doors, wood doors, toilet partitions, terrazzo flooring, elevators, carpet, ceramic tile, quarry tile, rubber stair treads, gym floor, metal wall panels, cast stone column covers, finish carpentry, handrails, and caulking, and commenced installation of lab casework, auditorium seating, metal lockers, running track floor, bleachers and cast stone at main entrance.

The Drywall Contractors has continued installation of metal stud framing, gypsum wallboard, taping and spackling, and ceiling grid and tile.

The Food Service Contractor has completed installation of exhaust hoods, wall panels, coolers and freezers and related refrigeration equipment.

The Plumbing Contractor has completed installation of gas piping, continued installation of piping, pipe hangers, pipe insulation, fire sealant, testing, water heaters and plumbing fixtures.

The Fire Protection Contractor has continued installation of sprinkler system piping and heads and related testing.

The HVAC Contractor has completed installation of roof curbs, rooftop units, and underground ductwork and continued installation of duct hangers, ductwork, duct installation, flex duct, GRDs and commenced startup and balancing of HVAC equipment.

The Electrical Contractor has energized permanent power, continued installation of MC cable, fire alarm cable, data cable, control wiring and controls, lighting fixtures, devices, floor boxes, and removal of temporary power and lighting.

The Aluminum & Glass Contractor has continued installation of aluminum windows and glass, aluminum doors and caulking.

The Landscaping Contractor has continued seeding and installation of plantings.

All work is being performed under site-specific COVID-19 prevention guidelines and COVID-19 exposure control plan with daily temperature monitoring of all persons working on site.

The substantial completion is expected to be achieved prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Atherton – Do you have any information regarding the inside damage at Kistler from the roof leaks?

Mr. Kryzwicki – I did receive an itemized list from Mr. Chiumento of items that were damaged by the roof leaks. A hundred percent is not contractor neglect but they are being extremely

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cooperative. The contractor is willing to replace 100 ceiling tiles of the 120 damaged ceiling tiles and books. The carpet tile was not stained by the roof leaks in one rainfall. They were dried out and shop vacuumed.

Mr. Caffrey – Where are we with the contingency fund and project completion?

Mr. Kryzwicki – The project is 90% complete as of April 30. The committed contingency total is \$3,281,296. An estimated future contingency of \$207,000 with a projected total of \$3,488,296 which represents 55.35% of the contingency.

Ms. Thomas – The intersection at Main St. & Abbott Street is very congested at 4:30 in the afternoon. Will this create a larger problem with the opening of the new school? Is there a possibility of adding a traffic light at that intersection? Are we allowing students to drive to school?

Mr. Kryzwicki – There was a traffic study done. We are not adding any additional traffic through that intersection. The only students that travel through that intersection would be the students that already attend Coughlin and currently travel in that direction. Meyers and GAR students will not travel in that direction.

Atty. Wendolowski – We have had several discussions with PennDot regarding that intersection. We have had objections from local residents with regard to adding a light. We are working through those issues. There is a traffic light planned for that intersection and will be timed to coordinate with the light at Carey Street.

Dr. Costello – Information will be distributed to students that are eligible to drive to school.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Discussed the possible changes to the meeting format. He requested the Committee Meeting be held at 5:30 so there is more attendance from the public. He asked the Board to add another public comment section during the meeting. The first would be for general comments and the other would be to comment on items listed in the Agenda.

He encouraged the Board to postpone the sale of Meyers High School.

Mr. Troy questioned the payments listed on the Budget Finance Report. Including the payment to Terrana Law Firm.

He stated the vote to send students from GAR to the new high school should be rescinded. The GAR students will have a “culture” shock moving into the new school.

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Atty. Wendolowski – Terrana Law Firm payment was for the purchase of property on Maffett Street for the exit ramp on the Cross Valley. They were the Escrow account holder.

Ms. Thomas – The term “culture shock” is offensive to her and the students would like Mr. Troy to stop using that term.

Ms. Harris – I do agree with your comment regarding the public comments regarding agenda items.

There were no further comments from the public or the Board Members.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT #18

Ms. Thomas – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 p.m.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn – The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m.

CURRICULUM ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Evans presented the following report and recommendations for the Board’s approval:

1. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years to provide educational services to students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District at a rate of \$67 per day (Monday through Friday). **“Exhibit A”**

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Curriculum Administration Report.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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BUDGET FINANCE/MATERIALS & SUPPLIES/CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

A. Administrative
1. Capital Projects

That approval be given to the below listed payments:

A1.1	Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 43	\$88,779.10
A1.2	11400, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 5	\$168,313.50
A1.3	11400, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 6	\$93,060.00
A1.4	Benell, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 23	\$276,677.67
A1.5	Benell, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 24	\$133,172.99
A1.6	Duggan & Marcon, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 14	\$402,246.19
A1.7	Duggan & Marcon, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 15	\$160,299.73
A1.8	Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 23	\$481,786.65
A1.9	Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 24	\$266,091.75
A1.10	Green Valley Landscaping, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 5	\$18,922.50
A1.11	Green Valley Landscaping, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 6	\$30,968.33
A1.12	Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 24	\$1,572,472.20
A1.13	Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 23	\$279,242.40
A1.14	Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 24	\$185,244.30
A1.15	Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 17	\$361,842.66

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A1.16	Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. 18	\$233,159.40
A1.17	Sterling Glass, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 8	\$197,698.90
A1.18	Sterling Glass, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 9	\$68,500.80
A1.19	Triangle Fire Protection, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 13	\$99,900.00
A1.20	Triangle Fire Protection, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 14	\$64,800.00
A1.21	Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	2017-3091-001-0000039	\$3,984.57
A1.22	Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	2017-3091-001-0000040	\$3,368.13
A1.23	TGL Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #36	\$5,735.00
A1.24	TGL Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #37	\$3,500.00
A1.25	WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #40	\$22,700.00
A1.26	WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. AS#3.12	\$6,372.00
A1.27	WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #41	\$35,000.00
A1.28	WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. AS#3.13	\$5,644.00
A1.29	D'Huy Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #52730	\$350.00
A1.30	Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	Pagnotti Property Phase II ESA	Capital Projects	2017-3091-003-0000024	\$2,853.65
A1.31	Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	Pagnotti Property – Phase II ESA	Capital Projects	2017-3091-003-0000025	\$3,072.95
A1.32	Borton Lawson Architecture	Plains Stadium Complex Design	Capital Projects	BA19-4471-002-BLA0014	\$9,673.08
A1.33	Borton Lawson Architecture	Plains Stadium Complex Design	Capital Projects	BA19-4471-002-BLA0015	\$6,717.24
A1.34	Apollo Group, Inc.	Kistler Roof Replacement	Capital Projects	App. No. 2	\$12,342.97

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A1.35	Detwiler Roofing, LLC	Kistler Roof Replacement	Capital Projects	App. No. 001	\$138,960.00
A1.36	Mark J. Sobek Roof Consulting, Inc.	Kistler Roof Replacement	Capital Projects	Inv. #7157	\$2,391.00

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

PA Department of Transportation	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #428	\$9,727.29
Terrana Law, P.C.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #436	\$197,031.52
Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #437	\$3,414.21
PPL Electric Utilities Corp.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #438	\$10,741.39
Pennsylvania American Water Co.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #439	\$957.26
PPL Electric Utilities Corp.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #440	\$2,226.27
Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #441	\$912.64
PPL Electric Utilities Corp.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #442	\$46,814.00

3. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing. Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016 to Refund a Portion of Series 2015 (Lease Number 151863) and to Fund Capital Projects (Non-Reimbursable.) **“Exhibit B”**
4. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing. Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2016 to Refund Series (Note) of 2015 (Lease Number 153805) and to Fund PDE Project 3885 – New High School. **“Exhibit C”**
5. The District is in receipt of the approval, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management of PlanCon Part H: Project Refinancing. **“Exhibit D”**
6. That approval be given to renew membership with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, 400 Bent Creek Blvd., Mechanicsburg, PA for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$15,840.42.

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7. That approval be given for the Agreement of Sale between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Barbara Musnuff to purchase a parcel of land located on Maffett Street, Plains, PA for \$45,000.00. **“Exhibit E”**
8. That approval be given to purchase Point of Service equipment for the Food Service Department from CDW G at a total cost of \$61,343.14.
9. That approval be given to purchase Furniture, Fixture, and Equipment for the New High School. The total cost will not exceed the remaining amount included in the New High School project budget of \$964,659.49.

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #2163 to #2184 and March Federal Wire Transfers #202000581 to #202000592 which were drawn for payment since the last regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on March 22, 2021 be approved.

C. GENERAL FUND/FOOD SERVICE

That payment be approved for the General Fund Wire Transfers #202011609 to #202011650; and General Fund checks #56108 to #56208 and Food Service checks #3559 to #3573 which were drawn for payment since the last regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on March 22, 2021 be approved.

D. GENERAL FUND

That the checks #56209 to #56383 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.

E. Contracted Services

1. That approval be given to retain of Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consultant, Inc. for the re-roofing design and inspection proposal at Solomon Elementary School at a cost of \$13,340 plus an inspection fee (15 inspections is recommended) at \$300 per visit. **“Exhibit F”**
2. That approval be given to retain John P. Andrews, D.D.S. as the Dentist on record for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District at a yearly rate of \$1,000.
3. That approval be given to ratify the Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Geo-Science Engineering Testing, LLC in regard to the Mine Shaft Repair at the site of the New High School at a cost not to exceed \$26,950. **“Exhibit G”**

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4. That approval be given to accept the 2021-2022 Budget Proposal, as presented by The Nutrition Group, 580 Wendel Road, Suite 100, Irwin, PA in respect to Food Service Management Services for the 2021-2022 school year. This proposal incorporates the continuation of the CEP program. A copy of the Budget proposal in on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and incorporated into this resolution will full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.
5. The approval be given to ratify the Mine Subsidence Insurance payment of \$257.50 for the new High School location.
6. That approval be given to award a contract for the Heights-Murray Switchgear Replacement Project to the low bidder, Brennan Electric in the amount of \$166,690, which represents the base bid plus Alternate No. 1 Coordination study - \$4,800 and Alternate No. 2 Arc Flash Analysis - \$3,000.00, pending completion of a scope review. There is a possibility of having to award Alternate Price No. 4 for replacement of buss duct at an additional cost of \$44,000, if deemed necessary by testing included in the base bid.
7. That approval be given to purchase lighting equipment for the GAR Lighting Project from Shaedler Yesco Distribution and their installer, Wind Gap Electric, at a total cost, including the Gym Building, of \$609,610.51. **“Exhibit H”**
8. That approval be given to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Topp Copy for printers and scanners at a monthly cost of \$24,353.22.
9. To approve Change Order #007 for Benell, Inc. in the amount of \$1,386.94. The Change Order consists of the following:

Bulletin No., 63 – Install (7) s/s cover plates for B west	\$1,386.94
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10. To approve Change Order #013 for Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$135,581.12. The Change Order consists of the following:

RFI No. 648 – Power for clean agent system	\$9,001.13
Bulletin No. 64 – Miscellaneous electrical revisions (site lighting)	\$29,000.00
Bulletin No. 64 – Miscellaneous electrical revision (short throw projector)	\$42,094.86
Bulletin No. 64 – Miscellaneous electrical revision (gym projector)	52,000.00
RFI No. 675 – Connect tamper switch into fire alarm system	\$3,485.13

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11. To approve Change Order #018 for Quandel Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$43,533.87. The Change Order consists of the following:

Bulletin No. 57.1 – Additional painting & signage	\$19,498.50
Additional rebar per NC 2, 3 & 4	\$2,604.84
Provide 2 volleyball covers in gym floor for access to cleanouts	\$364.61
Elastomeric roof coating @ main entrance	\$7,603.87
Provide closure pieces at (2) stairs in gymnasium	\$1,218.77
RFI No. 650 – Provide wood blocking for (12) mini-split unit supports on roof	\$4,852.04
Revisions to duct work wrap details on exposed duct @ rooftops	\$7,391.24

12. To approve Change Order #005 for Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of \$3,040.71. The Change Order consists of the following:

Bulletin No. 63 – Furnish (7) s/s cover plates for B West	\$3,040.71
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13. To approve Change Order #015 for Stell Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$39,345.00. The Change Order consists of the following:

RFI No. 654 – Provide piping for rain leaders at front entrance	\$20,645.00
Over excavation at Maffett Street as directed by PADOT	\$18,700.00

14. To approve Change Order #005 for Sterling Glass, Inc. in the amount of \$15,273.78. The Change Order consists of the following:

Provide (4) Stanley operators at Main Entrance	\$15,273.78
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15. To approve Change Order #003 for Triangle Fire Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$546.16. The Change Order consists of the following:

RFI No, 640 – Provide fire/smoke damper control for interlock with FE-25 panel	\$546.16
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Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Budget Finance/Materials & Supplies/Contracted Services report.

On the question:

Mr. Caffrey – Please clarify item #7A and item #9.

Atty. Wendolowski – This is the agreement of sale to purchase property adjacent to property we currently own. This will allow us to have additional access to the public right-of-way. This is the property where we had to add the sewer easement. This will also allow a construction entrance for the stadium and any additional projects.

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Dr. Costello – This is for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, science lab equipment, etc. for the new school and is within the budget.

Ms. Harris – Please explain the need for E1 the contract for Mark J. Sobeck Roofing. Is this something that can be done by a roofing contractor or Apollo? Were we aware of the Mine Shaft repair that needed to be done?

Atty. Wendolowski - This is something that Apollo would not do. It is a more cost effective way to do a roofing design.

Mr. Kryzwicki – Mark J. Sobeck Roofing has done periodic studies of roofing throughout the district. He has knowledge of all the roofs throughout the district and this streamlines the process. Apollo cannot do it because they are not a licensed architect. We need to have a roofing design to be able to advertise for bids based on the specific design. This is a requirement for PA schools.

The Mine Shaft repair is a documented issue and repairing it was delayed until the school was close to being completed. There will be a fence surrounding the area and will not be accessible. It is not an open shaft and is not part of the 22 acres where the school is located.

Mr. Caffrey – What are the terms of the Topp Copy lease extension?

Mr. Telesz – It is a five year contract and the payments are approximately \$17,000 less than our current payments.

Ms. Thomas – Is there an increase in the Nutrition, Inc. budget and will there be a summer food program?

Mr. Costello – The summer food program is something that can be discussed.

Mr. Telesz – There are labor increases for the District employees. Nutrition, Inc fees will be up about 1.4%. Other items that include normal increases are cleaning supplies, food supplies, etc.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Quinn – Complimented the athletes and coaches for accomplishing and finishing their seasons.

SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Evans – Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Quinn – We have had very productive meetings with LCTA regarding the transportation of students. This will be a cost saving venture.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Atherton – On April 8th we met at Kistler Elementary looking at the roof and classrooms. The committee met on April 29. The Kistler roof project was discussed. The Kistler pool was repaired but is leaking again. The pool and diving well will be drained and repaired this summer. We also discussed the electrical work that will be done Heights Elementary. Dr. Costello and Dr. Koury reported all building Principals across the District are satisfied with the work being done in their buildings.

FACILITIES TRANSITION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Thomas presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

1. That approval be given to the Agreement and Addendums for the Sale of Commercial Real Estate for the property located at 341 Carey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA with the terms and conditions as listed in the Agreement. **“Exhibit I”**
2. That approval be given to the “Addendum to Agreement of Sale To Extend the Due Diligence Period” of the property located at 80 N. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. **“Exhibit J”**

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Quinn to adopt the Facilities Transition Committee report.

On the question:

Mr. Atherton – Being a life-long South Wilkes-Barre resident I appreciate being part of the committee. Several generations of my family including myself are graduates of Meyers High School. I have very mixed emotions of what would happen to the school. All members of the Board were very considerate of those feelings not only for me but for the South Wilkes-Barre community. One of our goals was to have a buyer that would keep the integrity of the building – even if that meant selling at a lower price. There are several visions of what should become of the school. Obviously not everyone is going to be happy. The potential buyer, Mr. Lugashi, said and understood we want the integrity of the building to stand. He stated he would do everything possible to maintain that vision. The cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium would stay in tact. The facility will need a parking area and, unfortunately, the one part of property that will not be kept is the stadium.

Ms. Thomas – There was a lot of deep conversation regarding the sale of this property. The purchaser did promise to keep the façade of the building. The building will be on the tax rolls

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immediately. Thank you for everyone serving on this committee. It was a very difficult decision but we have to move forward.

Mr. Evans – This was not an easy decision. I graduated from Meyers High School in 1973. My children and grandchildren graduated and attend Coughlin High School. I'm very grateful we have someone to purchase the building and maintain the integrity of the façade, while providing a residence for people in need.

Ms. Harris – I have complete confidence that everyone on the committee gave the sale their due diligence in this process. The only question I have is in terms of projected employment opportunities for people in the community. Is the commitment to keep the façade, as well as, the auditorium, gym and cafeteria? If there would be change to their plans, would that be presented in front of a zoning board?

Atty. Wendolowski – It appears this project will need approximately 300 employees to staff the facility. This would be about 100 employees for to cover each of the three shifts. The prospective buyer loves the architecture of the building. They are in the business of building nursing homes. If they can renovate a building and not tear it down cost effectively, they will do so. They are very cooperative in discussions to keep the auditorium and gymnasium in place for future use by the community. Yes they do have to present all of their plans in front of the zoning board where any resident would have the opportunity to attend.

Mr. Quinn – The people from Coughlin feel they have been left out. It will be wonderful for these students to finally be in a "real" school. The students have been divided between two schools. They have attended classes in the halls, the tunnels, band room, team meeting rooms, etc. Many of these areas had little to no ventilation and were cold in the winter and hot in the summer. These students deserve much better.

Mr. Caffrey – I would like to thank the committee, administration, the Barrouks and Board Members for their dedication. I have a great amount of respect for you and the process.

Ms. Thomas – Will we be allowed to use the stadium next year?

Atty. Wendolowski – If they are not using the area, we can have discussions regarding the use of the stadium. I believe we have other options we can pursue.

Dr. Costello – If the approval of this sale does go forward, we have already contacted other school districts and the local universities regarding the use of their fields while this process is ongoing. We would hold practices at our facility at Solomon/Plains Complex.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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STUDENT WELLNESS

Ms. Thomas – We held a meeting a few weeks ago with the guidance counselors and psychologists and administrators. It was a productive session and we were once again able to reconnect with our outside agencies.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to adopt the following”
 - In School Medication Policy

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Policy Committee report.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Harris presented the following report and recommendations 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. The Board agrees to waive **Patricia Considine’s** return to service requirement in Article XIX, Section 3 of the WBAEA Agreement for the sabbatical leave for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board further agrees to accept Patricia’s retirement effective June 11, 2021.
2. That a maximum of 60 hours of psychologist testing during the summer be approved at a rate of \$35 per hour.
3. That the following professional employees be appointed to the following positions at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

CCS assignments will be based on student participation and grant program funding available. CCS tutoring hours not to exceed grant program funding. The CCS Program will begin on May 10, 2021.

**Kelley Campas
Christina Grendzinski**

**Carolyn Kaminski
Margaret Krueger**

**Erin Moran
Joseph Rodzinak Jr**

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B. Secretaries & Associates

1. That **Delana Harris's** voluntary resignation be accepted effective April 21, 2021.
2. That **Judy Rosengrant's** request for unpaid leave beginning May 21, 2021 through May 28, 2021 be approved.
3. That **Patricia Kondracki's** request to extend her unpaid leave through May 16, 2021 be approved.
4. That the following paraprofessional employees be appointed to the following positions at their current hourly rate.

CCS assignments will be based on student participation and grant program funding available. CCS tutoring hours not to exceed grant program funding. The CCS Program will begin on May 10, 2021.

**Cassandra Camp
Beth Christian
Michelle Conahan**

**Mary Claire Corcoran
Marianne Egan**

**Matthew Endress
Blake Meredith**

C. Custodians, Maintenance and Housekeepers

1. That **Anne Krull** be appointed a Grade I Custodian.
2. That **Yun Chen** be appointed a 25 hour per week housekeeper.

D. Crossing Guards

1. That the retirement of **Sheldon Metzger** be accepted effective April 9, 2021.
2. That **Karen Taylor** be appointed a permanent crossing guard.
3. That **Martine Columno** be appointed a permanent crossing guard.

E. Athletics

1. That the resignation of **Jeanette Aiello** as the Band Director be accepted effective April 29, 2021.
2. That **Jared Meehan** be paid \$73.18 per day for a period of 12 days for acting as the interim Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach.
3. The following appointments are made for the sport season and will be continued on a season to season basis unless, the post is declared vacant by the Board of School Directors. All appointments are effective upon all PDE required clearances and documents being submitted.

Boys' Lacrosse

Volunteer Assistant Coach

Jared Meehan

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Personnel Committee report.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Nay: Evans (C1)

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Mr. Caffrey presented Resolution No. 2021

Wilkes-Barre Area School District

No. 2021-
RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of Wilkes-Barre Area School District, held at 730 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 on **May 10, 2021** at **6:00 p.m.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Indelible Housing, Inc. (“Indelible”) has made a presentation to the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board concerning its acquisition and transformation of Sherman Hills Multifamily Housing Complex; and

WHEREAS, Indelible intends to operate Sherman Hills as a low cost and subsidized residential rental property providing housing to those individuals needing low cost, subsidized housing; and

WHEREAS, Indelible has sufficiently demonstrated that it qualifies as a pure public charity under the Pure Public Charity Act, 72 P.S. §5020-2004; and

WHEREAS, Sherman Hills, a multifamily subsidized housing project, is in need of complete rehabilitation so as to improve the quality of life for the residents and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Indelible has agreed to make voluntary annual real estate tax payments to the School District based upon a PILOT Agreement to be entered among Indelible, Wilkes-Barre Area School District, Luzerne County and the City of Wilkes-Barre; and

WHEREAS, based upon the terms of the PILOT Agreement, Indelible shall continue to pay an amount of real estate taxes equal to the sum due for fiscal year 2020 as follows:

	Annual Tax
Wilkes-Barre Area School District	\$256,188.30

and;

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Area School District School Board has considered the proposal tendered by Indelible and believes it to be in the best interest if the School District, to enter into a PILOT Agreement to affix annual tax payments at an amount equal to the amount stated herein as long as Sherman Hills continues to be operated as a multifamily subsidized housing project providing low cost and subsidized residential housing for individuals requiring such assistance.

NOW, therefore, the Wilkes-Barre Area School District hereby authorizes the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Superintendent, Brian J. Costello, the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Business Manager, Thomas F. Telesz and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Solicitor, Raymond Wendolowski, to negotiate and sign the aforementioned PILOT Agreement to fix real estate taxes for all future years in accordance with the terms contained within the PILOT Agreement.

This Resolution is adopted this 10th day of May, 2021.

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Mr. Caffrey moved seconded by Rev. Walker to adopt this Resolution.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

New Business

Ms. Thomas – Someone contacted me regarding their interest in the Grant St. property. Is the property still available?

Atty. Wendolowski – I would ask that person to contact the Barrouk's and submit a formal offer. There are also two other parties that have shown interest in that property.

Mr. Quinn – Complimented the WBA STEM program for their #1 ranking out of over 600 schools in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Caffrey – I would like to acknowledge a few things regarding our students and programs. Patrick Cunningham and Sarah Gilman of Meyers met with Senator Yudichak regarding his ideas and were able to interact with a question and answer period.

I had the great experience to see the CAPAA performance of All Shook Up. What a show! Our kids displayed amazing talent!

I would like to once again thank Shakir Soto and Denise Thomas of the 570 program for another successful food distribution for our students and families.

Denise Thomas – I would like to thank Colleen Robatin and Susan Ferretti for organizing the Life Skills and Autistic students assist in putting the food bags together. They did an amazing job and had a great time helping.

Communications from Solicitor

1. I am requesting a motion to approve a Special Education Settlement Agreement regarding the student TL.

Motion by Ms. Thomas seconded by Ms. Harris to approve this Special Education Settlement Agreement

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Evans seconded by Ms. Thomas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.