

Summary of Minutes  
Special Meeting- General Purposes  
April 27, 2017

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**Vice President Katsock** called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

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

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

1 MEMBER ABSENT: Thomas

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Costello noted that the Special Meeting-General Purposes will be brief and will be followed by an Informational Meeting. Dr. Costello further noted that information will be presented in regard to future building sites and encourages the Board and the Community to ask questions relevant to the sites that will be considered for the consolidated high school. Superintendent Costello also stated that the 55 acres of land donated to the District by Geisinger will be discussed during the Informational Meeting.

There was no **Unfinished Business**

**Communications from Citizens**

1. Sam Troy
2. Robert Holden
3. John Suchoski

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

1. Objection expressed in regard to students attending circus.
2. Board moves recklessly forward toward consolidation
3. Three Board Members running for re-election have let the public down.
4. Board has incurred tremendous debt.
5. The need to tear down Meyers and Coughlin High Schools is questionable.
6. This Board has spent millions on site analysis and design teams.
7. Board needs to justify spending.
8. Integrity, transparency and accountability is lacking in all nine Board Members.
9. Place consolidation project on Referendum.
10. Board is not accountable to taxpayers.
11. Explain why you keep moving forward on the consolidation project.
12. Why was Mackin over budget and why can't it be used to accommodate additional students from Coughlin and Meyers High Schools?
13. Meetings should be scheduled at a later starting time, making it possible for all Citizens to attend.
14. Disagree with any type of consolidation.
15. Are decisions being made because of money?
16. Board should do what is best for students.
17. Children should be allowed to attend circus.
18. Place consolidation on Referendum.
19. Board should be about their constituents.
20. When did the Geisinger donation come about.
21. Public should be permitted to tour Meyers and Coughlin.

Dr. Costello, Superintendent, Attorney Raymond Wendolowski and Board Member Ned Evans, responded to the various questions/statements presented by Citizens.

Attorney Wendolowski sated for the record that the Mackin renovation was not over budget.

**BUDGET FINANCE /MATERIAL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

The Budget Finance/Material Supplies Committee submits the following report and recommendations:

**B. FEDERAL**

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1618-1621 and Federal Wire transfer #201600667 and Chapter I AP checks #1705-1716 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201600668-201600676 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on April 3, 2017 be approved.

**C.** That payment be approved for the following General Fund checks, #45346-#45423 and Food Service Checks #2927-#2937 which were drawn for payment since the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on April 3, 2017.

**D.** That the checks listed on the following pages #45424 to #45549 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

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

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

**New Business**

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motion:

**Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger,** to rent 25-30 parking spaces to Vector Security at the Wilkes-Barre Township property at a rental fee of \$2000.00 for a period of 12 months.

On the question:

Following discussion, it was decided to alter the motion as follows:

**Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger,** to alter the motion and request that the Superintendent and Solicitor explore the terms and conditions of the rental and address at the next meeting. The vote was as follows:

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

**There was no Solicitors Report**

Vice President Katsock stated that based on the information presented this evening, there will be a voting meeting held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Solomon/Plains Cafeteria at 6:00 PM. Miss Katsock also stated that the sign in sheet to address the Board will not be removed at 5:55 PM.

**Vice President Katsock** adjourned the Meeting at 5:27 PM.