Summary of Minutes Regular Board Meeting April 3, 2017

President Denise T. Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz called the roll. 7 MEMBERS PRESENT: Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock Susek, Walker, Thomas 2 MEMBERS ABSENT: Galella, Quinn

President Thomas stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session on March 28, 2017 and prior to the Committee Meeting of April 3, 2017 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of April 3, 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 February 28, 2017 and dispense with the reading of those minutes. **All In Favor:** Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

Thomas F. Telesz, Business Manager/Board Secretary, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2016.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2016

GENERAL

FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	<mark>(\$329,615.22)</mark> \$32,573,439.07 \$78,658.50
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$172,721.91
FNB BANK	\$442,072.01
FNB BANK	\$73,664.25
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$1,691,646.42
PNC BANK	\$383,827.21
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$497,703.29
LPL LINSCO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,681.32
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$26,037.37
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,627.96
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$463,391.74
PLGIT EIT	\$821,475.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$37,735,331.77

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,376.68
ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK	\$84,872.39
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$95,249.07
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,442,461.72
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.85
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$187,209.88
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$111,613.70
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$283,972.01
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$334,083.77
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$2,359,603.93
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank	\$1,640,179.54
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$1,640,179.54
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FORD	\$1,040,173.J4
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,306.92
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$9,306.92

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to adopt the Treasurer's Report of October 31, 2016. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

Report of the Superintendent

Superintendent Costello thanked those who helped with the snow cleanup from the blizzard of March 14, 2017. Mr. Costello said they did an outstanding job and also thanked the Community who were extremely helpful in removing snow from the District school bus stops.

Superintendent Costello informed the Board that Wilkes-Barre Area School District has been selected to receive an approximate \$10,000 grant from Penn East Powering to provide funding for the Wilkes-Barre Area STEM Academy Summer Youth Program.

The Board and the Public was also informed by the Superintendent that PSSA testing is beginning and stressed the importance for students to eat a healthy breakfast, get plenty of rest and to arrive to school on time to ensure they do their very best with the PSSA tests. Superintendent Costello also informed those in attendance that last year's results from State Assessment test showed growth in 25 of the 35 mandated tests and all three high schools improved proficiency levels with the Keystone Exams. Mr. Costello went on to state that this year's Local Assessments have already indicated that the District is showing a significant amount of growth moving into these tests. The Superintendent noted that in December, the District went through the first testing wave with the Keystone Exams for the 11th Grade English students, received results yesterday and the District is above the State average. Superintendent Costello encouraged all students and staff to continue doing a great job and noted that the District is moving in the right direction.

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

Unfinished Business

President Thomas requested an update from Attorney Wendolowski in regard to the status of the properties owned by Wilkes-Barre Area School District that are available for sale.

Attorney Wendolowski informed President Thomas that an offer on the Empire Street Property is in negotiations and there has been some interest in the Wilkes-Barre Township Property. Attorney Wendolowski suggested that the Board may wish to consider a proposal in regard to retaining brokerage services for properties owned by Wilkes-Barre Area School District and available for sale.

Communications from Citizens

- 1. Richard Holidick
- 2. John Padilla
- 3. Kim Borland
- 4. Ruth Borland
- 5. Joe Borland
- 6. John Suchoski
- 7. David Kerr

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

- 1. It appears that SOS is viewed as an advisory to the Board.
- 2. Position paper will be sent to the Superintendent.
- 3. People are not willing to be a candidate for the School Board in the upcoming election, seat on the Board is viewed as an embarrassment.
- 4. Teachers are afraid to express their concerns to the Board. Consider an anonymous survey of teachers in regard to consolidation.
- 5. The burden of proof is on the Board in regard to the benefits of consolidation.
- 6. The Board has no plan and has spent money like a "drunken sailor" and should be ashamed. Isn't the recent Informational Meeting held by the Board subject to the Sunshine Law?
- 7. What did the Informational Meeting consist of, were there any discussions/deliberations of materials presented?
- 8. The Informational Meeting should have been held in public.
- 9. The information that was presented at the Informational Meeting will be requested in a Right to Know Request.
- 10. The vote at the WBACTC by Mr. Quinn and Mr. Geiger in regard to adding a hundred-thousanddollar position was questionable and citizens have no confidence in those types of votes.
- 11. There has been no response to a request to meet with the Superintendent and Business Manager
- 12. Engage the Public and create an open dialogue.
- 13. Public should receive information in regard to consolidation at the same time the Board receives information.
- 14. The Board never discusses Education at Board Meetings.
- 15. Board should devote more time and energy focusing on Education.
- 16. Students at Meyers are starting a 'Breakfast Club" in order to bond together and help each other.
- 17. Let's work together, not be enemies for the sake of the students.
- 18. Consider a later starting time for Board Meetings to begin.
- 19. What will the boundaries be for the consolidated High School?
- 20. Is there a policy in regard to teachers use of cell phones in schools?
- 21. Every Citizen who addressed the Board this evening spoke about communication.
- 22. The Board has a fundamental obligation to work as public administrators.
- 23. What are the plans for Meyers High School once consolidation occurs?

Superintendent Brian Costello, Board Members Joe Caffrey and Ned Evans, 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 informed the Board that the next meeting of the LIU is scheduled for April 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Dr. Susek informed the Board that there was no report this evening.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That the following 2016-2017 calendar be adopted.

WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 24, 2016	Act 80/Professional Development
August 25, 2016	Act 80/ Professional Development/Staff Preparation Day
August 26, 2016	School Closed
August 29, 2016	Student First Day – School Opens
September 2-5, 2016	Schools Closed (Labor Day Weekend)
October 10, 2016	Columbus Day
	Veteran's Day
November 14-18, 2016	American Education Week
November 24-28, 2016	Thanksgiving Vacation
	Keystone State Exams Wave 1
December 24 - January 1, 2017	Christmas Vacation
January 2, 2017	School Re-Opens
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Day
January 20, 2017	Second Semester Begins
	Act 80/Professional Development
February 20, 2017	Presidents Day
April 13-17, 2017	Easter Vacation
	7PSSA Testing
May 15-26, 2017	Keystone Exams
	Memorial Day
	Last Student/Staff Day
Instructional Days	

2. That the following 2017-2018 calendar be adopted.

WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 5, 2017	Act 80/Professional Development
September 6, 2017	. Act 80/ Professional Development/Staff Preparation Day
	Student First Day –School Opens
October 9, 2017	
November 10, 2017	Veteran's Day
November 13-17, 2017	American Education Week
November 23-27, 2017	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 4-15, 2017	Keystone State Exams Wave 1
December 25 - January 1, 2018	Christmas Vacation
January 2, 2018	School Re-Opens
January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King Day
January 25, 2018	Second Semester Begins
	Act 80/Professional Development
	Presidents Day
March 29-April 2, 2018	Easter Vacation
	y 4, 2018PSSA Testing
May 14-25, 2018	Keystone Exams
June 6, 2018	Last Student Day
June 12, 2018	Staff, Clerical, Evaluation, Planning, Last Teacher Day
	Designated Make-Up Days
Instructional Days	

Instructional Days	180
Staff Days	4
Total Days	184

3. That approval be given to establish Friday, June 9, 2017, as Graduation Day for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District at the following times:

Meyers High School	9:00 AM	Meyers High School
Coughlin High School	10:30 AM	F.M. Kirby Center
G.A.R. High School	2:00 PM	G.A.R. High School

4. That approval be granted to hold Secondary Summer School at G.A.R. High School beginning Monday, July 10, 2017 through Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 7:45 AM to 2:15 PM.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows: **7 Ayes:** Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

BUDGET FINANCE /MATERIAL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

		1	I	
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Chiller Tower	Capital Projects	AGI-16039- WBASD	\$304.20
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Exterior Façade	Capital	AGI-15052-	
		Projects	WBASD	\$101.40
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR – Re-Roof Project	Capital		
		Projects	App. No. 4	\$3,129.88
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Shop Area	Capital	AGI-15044-	
		Projects	WBASD	\$101.40
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Stage Steel	Capital	AGI-17011-	
		Projects	WBASD	\$608.40
Apollo Group, Inc.	Meyers – Turf	Capital	AGI-17012-	
	-	Projects	WBASD	\$118.30
Apollo Group, Inc.	Meyers Walkway/Tunnel	Capital	AGI-16031-	
		Projects	WBASD	\$692.90
Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School	Capital	AGI-16045-	
	(Plains)	Projects	WBASD	\$2,566.87
Borton Lawson Architecture	WBASD –	Capital	BA16-2233-004-	
	Study of 3 Sites New	Projects	BLA0001	\$13,125.00
	High School	-		

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2.

That approval be given to make final 2015-2016 Budget Line Transfers in accordance with the following listing. The transfers are a result of the year end accounting and auditing adjustments which reconcile the accounts per books to the District's submission of its 2015-2016 Annual Financial Report (AFR).

	•	то		AMOUNT	FROM		AMOUNT		
		Other Inst.	Prof.				Regular		
1400	500	Programs	Svcs.	95,000	1100	600	Programs	Supplies	95,000
2100	100	Pupil Personnel	Salaries	55,000	1100	100	Regular Programs	Salaries	55,000
2200	100	Instructional Staff	Salaries	150,000	1100	100	Regular Programs	Salaries	150,000
2200	100	Instructional Staff	Salaries	115,000	1200	100	Special Education	Salaries	115,000
2300	100	Administration	Salaries	140,000	1200	300	Special Education	Prof. Svcs.	140,000
2400	200	Pupil Health	Benefits	92,000	1100	200	Regular Programs	Benefits	92,000
		Operations &					Regular		
2600	100	Maintenance	Salaries	73,000	1100	200	Programs	Benefits	73,000
5100	800	Debt Service	Other	49,000	2500	800	Business	Other	49,000
3300	800	Community Svcs.	Other	17,000	2500	800	Business	Other	17,000
3300	100	Community Svcs.	Salaries	4,000	1300	100	Vocational Ed.	Salaries	4,000
2900	500	Other Support Svcs.	Prof. Svcs.	3,000	2500	500	Business	Prof. Svcs.	3,000
2700	500	Student Transportation Svcs.	Prof. Svcs.	240,000	5200	900	Interfund Transfers	Other	240,000
2700	200	Student Transportation Svcs.	Benefits	11,000	1100	200	Regular Programs	Benefits	11,000
2800	300	Central Support Svcs.	Prof. & Technical Svcs.	40,000	3200	500	Student Activities	Prof. Svcs.	40,000
2800	200	Central Support Svcs.	Benefits	14,000	3200	600	Student Activities	Supplies	14,000
2200	200	Instructional Staff	Benefits	24,000	1200	200	Special Education	Benefits	24,000
1200	500	Special Education	Prof. Svcs.	2,360,000	1100	500	Regular Programs	Prof. Svcs.	2,360,000

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1614-1617 and Federal Wire transfer #201600605 and Chapter I AP checks #1683-1704 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201600606-201600614 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 28, 2017 be approved.

- C. That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201610505 #201610541 from February 1, 2017 through March 30, 2017 and General Fund checks, #45048 #45161 and Food Service Checks #2906 #2926 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 28, 2017.
- **D.** That the checks listed on the following pages #45162 to #453450 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, *to adopt the report.* The vote was as follows: **7 Ayes:** Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

1 Nay: Katsock – A #1

At this time Superintendent Costello presented facts and figures in regard to the savings that would occur when the consolidation of Coughlin and Meyers High School occurs.

Superintendent Costello noted that a Public Informational Meeting would be scheduled in the near future in which the Public would have the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns and would not be limited to a five-minute time frame.

Miss Katscock suggested that the Board may wish to consider establishing a blog on the District website in order for Citizens to ask questions and have the opportunity to obtain answers from the Superintendent and the Board until such time the Public Informational Meeting is scheduled.

President Thomas indicated that the Board would take the suggestion into consideration.

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- 1. That approval be given to accept the 2017-2018 Budget Proposal as presented by The Nutrition Group, 580 Wendel Road, Suite 100, Irwin, PA in respect to Food Service Management Services for the 2017-2018 school year. This proposal incorporates the continuation of the CEP Program.
- That approval be given to enter into a contract with Callahan Construction at a cost not to exceed \$14,900 for the G.A.R. Stage Steel Repair Project. If additional columns are required to be repaired, the cost per unit would be \$1,655. The award is based on the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the District Construction Manager.

- 3. That approval be given to accept the proposal from FieldTurf for Maintenance Services for Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium. The fee for services is \$1,800.00. The approval to accept the proposal is based on the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the District Construction Manager.
- 4. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with Encore Therapy Services to provide Support Services/Instruction to Wilkes-Barre Area School District Homebound Students. The rate of pay shall be \$130.00 per hour for all services performed.
- 5. That approval be given to accept the proposal of services from Dr. Deborah Smith Mileski, Psychologist to provide as the Medical Practitioner for the District's psychological services at a rate of \$ 80 per hour.
- 6. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA. This agreement titled the Power Scholars Academy Summer Program will serve students at the Daniel J. Flood Elementary school for a six-week period starting June 19, 2017. The total cost to the District will be a maximum of \$16,416 that will be funded through the Districts Ready to Learn Grant.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows: **7 Ayes:** Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

There was no ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Evans noted there will be a Safety and Security Committee Meeting in the later part of April, 2017.

There was no TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Walker stated that the Maintenance Committee is constantly monitoring and addressing any maintenance issues that arise and a Maintenance Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the middle of May.

There was no **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

PATHWAY/NEW CONSTRUCTION/TRANSITION REPORT

Mr. Caffrey presented an overview of the role of the Pathway/New Construction/Transition Committee and noted that as objectives and goals are developed they will be presented to the Board.

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. The following members of the professional staff, having made claim for an incentive raise under the WBAEA Agreement and having produced official transcripts listing the graduate credits earned, be granted the following effective March 14, 2017:

Bachelors, +15 Denise Kroll Leah Considine

Bachelors' +30 Susan Shaw

Masters' Vito Pasone

Masters Equivalency Rachel Mancuso Kristen Pstrak

Masters' +9 Maria Deno Mary Beth Sharkey

Masters' +18

Wendy Lubey Amanda Brooks Brittany Scarnulis Keli Shanahan Mark Umphred Masters' +27 Sarah Edwards Brian Leighton David Lewis Larissa Goldstein

Masters' +36 Daniel Volpetti Marsha Hanson Eileen Spellman Sarah Kwarcinski

Masters' +45

Brittany Kalinay Wendy Anderson Maria Sullivan Theresa Slusser Mollie Nealon Kaycee Hughes Laura McCabe Brandon McCabe

Masters' +54

Meredith Falcheck Mary Olszewski Sarah Broody Anthony Mercadante

- 2. That the retirement on **Mary Ellen Thoma** be accepted with regret effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- 3. That the retirement on **Donald R. Williams** be accepted with regret effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- 4. That the retirement on **Catherine M. Okrasinski** be accepted with regret effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- 5. That the retirement on **Donna Reilly** be accepted with regret effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- 6. That the retirement on **Thomas Thackara** be accepted with regret effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- 7. That **Tammy Latinski** be appointed an elementary education long term substitute effective January 23, 2017 through the end of the 2016-17 school year.

B. Secretaries and Teachers' Associates

1. That the retirement of **Teresa A. Popielarski** be accepted with regret effective the last day of the 2016-17 school year.

C. 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.

Coughlin	Golf	Varsity Head Coach	Sean McLaughlin
Coughlin	Boys Soccer	Varsity Head Coach	Gerald Kashuda
Coughlin	Track & Field	Junior High Assistant Coach	Joe Folek
GAR	Baseball	Junior High Head Coach	Jeffrey Ackner
GAR	Baseball	Junior High Assistant Coach	Sean Flecknoe
GAR	Track & Field	Junior High Assistant Coach	Joshua Wasielewski
GAR	Track & Field	Volunteer Assistant Coach	David Bubblo

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows: **7 Ayes:** Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

Superintendent Costello noted that in regard to the Coughlin High School Golf Varsity Head Coach appointment, Sean McLaughlin is also the Varsity Head Coach of the Meyers Golf Team. The Superintendent stated, the Athletic Committee will consider the possibility of Coughlin and Meyers Golf Teams being combined and if that is the case, Sean McLaughlin would also be the Varsity Head Coach for the combined Golf Teams of Coughlin and Meyers. In the event the Golf teams are not combined, there will be a posting for a Varsity Head Coach for the Meyers Golf Team.

Mr. Caffrey presented Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of MARIAN D. CHUKONIS has brought sorrow to her family,

friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she is the wife of Richard Chukonis, retired Secondary Assistant Principal of the

Wilkes-Barre Area School District and mother of Lana Chukonis; and

WHEREAS, her passing on March 14, 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 husband Richard, daughter, Lana; and to her entire family.

Mr. Caffrey moved to adopt the Resolution by Acclamation.

At this time Board Members Mr. Caffrey and Ned Evans expressed their deepest sympathy in regard to the passing of Phillip Walsh, retired principal of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. Both Mr. Caffrey and Mr. Evans noted that Mr. Walsh was an extraordinary Educator and set an example of professionalism that was respected and admired by all those who had the privilege of working with him.

New Business

President Thomas extended her appreciation to the custodian and maintenance staff for the outstanding job they did in regard to dealing with the snow removal from the blizzard that occurred on March 14, 2017. Ms. Thomas also commended the employees of Wilkes-Barre Area School District for the support and help they provided to the City of Wilkes-Barre and stated Mayor Tony George sent a letter to the Superintendent and Board expressing the gratitude of the City of Wilkes-Barre.

Solicitors Report

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motions.

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement made between Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Parent AM on behalf of Student LP. The vote was as follows:
7 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

Attorney Wendolowski informed the Board that as of March 31, 2017, Attorney Evans, who was a member of the Law Firm, Sweetz, Stevens & Katz and represented the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in regard to Special Education litigation, is leaving the firm and starting her own private practice. Attorney Wendolowski stated that the Board has three options in regard to selecting legal representation in regard to Special Education litigation.

- 1. Continue to retain the services of Sweet, Stevens and Katz.
- 2. Retain the services of Attorney Evans.
- 3. Solicit bids for legal representation for Special Education litigation.

Attorney Wendolowski noted that the recommendation of Mr. Robert Mehalick, Director of Special Education, for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, is to secure the services of Attorney Evans.

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to continue to use Angela Evans in her independent role in her independent law firm for Special Education purposes. The vote was as follows: 7 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Walker, Thomas

Board Secretary Report

Thomas F. Telesz, Board Secretary/Business Manager announced the following Meeting schedule.

MAY 18, 2017

Committee Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2017 – 5:00 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2017 - 6:30 PM

Meetings to be held at G.A.R. High School Auditorium.

President Thomas adjourned the Meeting at 7:40 PM