

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2021**

Board President, Joseph A. Caffrey, called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Patla, Quinn, Thomas, Caffrey

2 Members Absent: Schiowitz, Walker

President Caffrey began the meeting:

- The chair announced the Board held an informational meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 10:00 to tour the New High School. They went into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. The Board also held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of August 30, 2021. The subjects discussed in Executive Sessions related solely to matter of employee relations, labor negotiations, and/or threatened or actual litigation.
- Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 28, 2021 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Atherton to adopt these minutes.

The vote was as follows:

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Good Evening. I want to thank everyone who attended the Open House at the New High School. It was great to see all of you. There will be additional Open Houses at the GAR Middle School and the Solomon/Plains Middle School. Elementary schools will hold a "Meet the Teacher" nights. All the information is available on our website.

As we move forward with the school year we are fortunate to have direct access to the Department of Health through the city. Throughout the past year and moving forward to this year it is important to remain consistent when dealing COVID. The CDC recommendations have layered strategies to help us protect our students, staff and community. We understand the importance of keeping our students in school – in person. In July we improved our Health and Safety plan to follow the CDC recommendations. They recommend masks. At this time, due to the level of community transmission and positivity rate in our area, we will require our students and staff to temporarily begin the school year wearing masks. Once the positivity rate returns to a moderate or below level, we will then be able to remove that requirement but still recommend mask wearing. All updates will be available on the COVID and Superintendent's pages on our District website.

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We will be hosting a vaccine clinic at Kistler Elementary on Friday, September 10 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Friday, September 17 at Wilkes-Barre Area High School between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. All community members are encouraged and welcome to attend these vaccination clinics.

A reminder that we will be hosting an Open House at Wilkes-Barre Area High School for our students and their families on the following nights from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 30 is for Seniors; Tuesday, August 31 is for Junior; Wednesday, September 1 is for Sophomores and Thursday, September 2 is for Freshmen. All information is posted on the website.

APOLLO REPORT

Mr. Mike Krzywicki – District Maintenance Plan – The Switchgear replacement at Heights-Murray Elementary was scheduled to start last week and requires a 10-day shutdown. Due to procurement delays at the factory, the work has not commenced. The Contractor does not believe that he can complete the work before the start of the school year, and reported that power will be turned back on tomorrow.

The recent roof leak reported at GAR is in a different area from where repairs were made earlier this summer. District maintenance advised that they have contacted a local roofing company to perform the repairs.

Lighting replacement at GAR has continued over the past month. Most areas will be completed before the start of the school year. Any areas not completed by September 7 will be completed when fixtures are delivered.

Flooring replacement at GAR will commence once approved by PDE and materials are delivered to the site.

Bids were received for roof replacement at the Solomon/Plains Complex. Due to a shortage of roof insulation, work cannot be started this year. Apollo has commenced reviewing the bid tab and will provide a recommendation for the next Board meeting.

New High School – The Sitework Contractor has continued PADOT improvements at Abbott Street intersection & widening of Cross Valley off-ramp and commenced addressing their punch list items.

The Building Shell Contractor has continued to complete remaining work and address their punch list items.

The HVAC Contractor has continued to perform equipment startup and balancing of HVAC equipment.

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The Landscaping Contractor has completed installation of plantings and continued seeding.

The Drywall Contractor, the Food Service Contractor, the Plumbing Contractor, the Fire Protection Contractor, the Electrical Contractor and the Aluminum & Glass Contractor have commenced and continue to address their punch list items.

Apollo has obtained the required Certificate of Occupancy from Plains Township and Health inspection from PA Department of Agriculture. We recommend that the Architect issues a substantial completion certificate to the Prime Contractors who have completed the work of their contracts. The projected final cost is within budget and the new facility will be ready for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Costello – We have not yet heard from PDE regarding the flooring project at GAR. How long will the flooring bid be valid? We did submit an approval request to PDE on August 3 and we are getting close to the 30 day window.

Mike Krzywicki – The bid is normally 30 days maximum of 90 days. The contractor did take the initiative and had the factory hold a certain amount of material. We will figure it out once we receive the PDE approval.

Ms. Thomas – With the predicted amount of rain in the forecast for Wednesday, is there a plan in place to protect the roof leak at GAR?

Mike Krzywicki – I do know that John Chiumento contacted a roofing contractor. I do not have the specifics of that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Costello gave brief explanation of the new bus schedule and the studies that were done to help assist in the process of creating the new transportation routes.

Bob Makaravage explained the new transportation schedule. A Skylert was sent out to all parents with the updated information. He encouraged all parents to log into the website to view the status of their child. The login information is the student's computer login in user name and password. If your child does not have a user name or password contact your building principal. Once you are logged in, you will find if your child is a walker or bus rider. If they are a bus rider, the bus stop and time is listed.

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COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre

He asked the Board to table the sale of Meyers High School because it is a cultural and historical landmark. He also asked about the lay-off of teachers and how will the new High School save the District money. Why was Radon testing not done at the new High School?

Dr. Costello response – We did lay off 33 teachers. Those people were not brought back unless there was a retirement. The people being hired tonight are to replace teacher's that are on sabbatical's or retired.

Atty. Wendolowski response – Under the code Radon testing was not required for this building because of the slab foundation and the air circulation that is done by the HVAC system.

Mike Krzywicki response – Radon testing has to be done in a basement. We have a slab foundation with a vapor barrier under the slab and no basement. The HVAC system is designed to make 6 air exchanges per hour.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT #18

Ms. Thomas – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Liberty Academy, Route 315, Plains, PA.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn – The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021. We have approximately 500 students attending the WBACTC.

CURRICULUM ADMINISTRATION

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

1. That approval be given to enter into the 2021-2022 IDEA Agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 (LIU) whereby furnishing of all certified personnel, facilities, materials and other services (in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Education) needed to perform the services described, and compliance with the terms and conditions of PDE's most current IDEA Application Guidelines will be the sole obligation of the District and will no longer be the responsibility of the LIU. The District's estimated allocation for 2021-2022 is \$1,317,439. **"Exhibit A"**

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2. That approval be given to purchase the following educational materials, textbooks, supplies and technology utilizing ARP ESSER and ESSER II funds pending Solicitor review of federal uniform grant guidance procurement regulations. (Note: all quotes are estimated shipping/handling and processing)

Requisition Number	Vendor	Amount
0022100350	Follett School Solutions, Inc.	\$216,816.61
0022100376	McGraw Hill School Education, LLC	\$233,535.52
0022100380	Edmentum	\$284,000.00
0022100389	Cengage Learning, Inc.	\$74,123.60
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0022100393	McGraw-Hill School Education LLC	\$356,367.45
0022100394	Cengage Learning, Inc.	\$29,998.80
0022100396	Cengage Learning, Inc.	\$232,180.50
0022100397	McGraw-Hill School Education LLC	\$483,830.55
0022100406	McGraw-Hill School Education LLC	\$86,124.60
0022100407	McGraw-Hill School Education LLC	\$40,008.65
0022100412	Hand 2 Mind	\$29,534.25
0022100414	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$26,278.91
0022200034	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$11,737.07
0022200035	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$55,603.73
0022200036	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$16,766.13
0022200037	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$56,664.06
0022200038	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$266,634.93
0022200039	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$53,700.81
0022200040	Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$43,847.10
0022200041	Riverside Technologies Inc	\$421,800.00

3. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement between Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Wyoming Valley Children’s Association Kindergarten Program for the 2021-2022 school year at the following rates: **“Exhibit B”**

Inclusive Kindergarten Program	--	\$16,200 (yearly rate)
Verbal Behavior Kindergarten Program	--	\$18,900 (yearly rate)
Speech Therapy	--	\$70.00 (30 minutes)
Occupational & Physical Therapy	--	\$80.00 (30 minutes)
Administrative Rates		
Speech Therapist	--	\$50.00 (per hour)
Occupational & Physical Therapy	--	\$80.00 (per hour)
IEP rate per meeting	--	\$300.00 (per meeting)

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4. That approval be given to enter into an agreement between Wilkes-Barre Area school District and Step By Step Learning, LLC to provide professional development services for teachers and administrators at St. Nick's/St. Mary's at a cost of \$44,701.00. **"Exhibit C"**
5. That approval be given to enter into an agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area school District and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to provide a Licensed Social Worker/Licensed Professional Counselor at a rate of \$187.00 per quarter day. **"Exhibit D"**

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

On the question:

Caffrey: Mr. Telesz and Dr. Costello please explain Item #2.

Dr. Costello: These are textbooks that we were able to purchase with ESSER funds. The wish list that was created by our curriculum supervisors and teachers will now be complete.

The vote was as follows:

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

BUDGET FINANCE/MATERIALS & SUPPLIES/CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

A. Administrative

1. That approval be given to the May 2021 Treasurer's Report. **"Exhibit E"**
2. Capital Projects – That approval be given to the below listed payments.

A2.1	Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 46	\$69,513.42
A2.2	11400, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 9	\$27,431.25
A2.3	Benell, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 27	\$53,035.94
A2.4	Benell, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 28	\$7,125.00
A2.5	Duggan & Marcon, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 18	\$18,832.50
	Duggan & Marcon,	New High	Capital		

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A2.6	Inc.	School Project	Projects	App. No. 19	\$22,500.00
A2.7	Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 27	\$210,936.36
A2.8	Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 28	\$170,228.97
A2.9	Green Valley Landscaping, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 9	\$38,719.45
A2.10	Green Valley Landscaping, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 10	\$34,382.16
A2.11	Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 28	\$1,596,979.30
A2.12	Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 29	\$569,935.46
A2.13	Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 30	\$877,630.10
A2.14	Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 27	\$96,648.98
A2.15	Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 28	\$94,720.11
A2.16	Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 21	\$1,344,058.31
A2.17	Triangle Fire Protection, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 17 Rev	\$1,530.61
A2.18	Triangle Fire Protection, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 18 Rev	\$50,685.04
A2.19	Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	2017-3091-001-0000043	\$5,484.99
A2.20	Borton Lawon Engineering, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	2017-3091-001-0000044	\$14,905.74
A2.21	Amazon Business	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1LHG-DN16-FY7Y	\$2,910.75
		New High	Capital	Inv. #1KQC-314X-	

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A2.2 2	Amazon Business	School Project	Projects	9GV6	\$11,134.15
A2.2 3	Amazon Business	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1CGT-WFVQ-CKWW	\$402.62
A2.2 4	Amazon Business	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1L9T-Y77G-L9VG	\$2,010.59
A2.2 5	BCI Eurobib	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #41505	\$92,108.12
A2.2 6	CDW Government	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #G963382	\$2,174.22
A2.2 7	CDW Government	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #G813566	\$7,037.31
A2.2 8	CDW Government	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #H800918	\$19,082.00
A2.2 9	Fitness Headquarters	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #2021/0739	\$182,904.65
A2.3 0	Hertz Furniture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #667613	\$18,155.00
A2.3 1	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1376464	\$101,398.44
A2.3 2	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1377222	\$55,267.20
A2.3 3	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #183466	\$45,858.78
A2.3 4	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1386466	\$56,694.28
A2.3 5	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #186867	\$46,107.30
A2.3 6	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1390251	\$30,362.00

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A2.3 7	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1390781	\$57,514.14
A2.3 8	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1396542	\$88,597.46
A2.3 9	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1397019	\$91,187.73
A2.4 0	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1403238	\$44,469.85
A2.4 1	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1432229	\$48,045.30
A2.4 2	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1433373	\$51,825.54
A2.4 3	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1433984	\$115,372.10
A2.4 4	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 1442567	\$82,199.56
A2.4 5	Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #1442085	\$722.76
A2.4 6	IntegraOne	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #194444	\$128.05
A2.4 7	IntegraOne	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #194084	\$178.60
A2.4 8	IntegraOne	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #193991	\$4,578.96
A2.4 9	IntegraOne	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #CW63465	\$5,325.00
A2.5 0	IntegraOne	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #CW63081ER	\$11,250.00
A2.5	IntegraOne	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #194418	\$15,788.30

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A2.5 2	IntegraOne	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #194023	\$231,973.64
A2.5 3	Palmer Hamilton, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 0000123140	\$265,007.12
A2.5 4	Palmer Hamilton, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 00001233108	\$14,557.20
A2.5 5	Safco Products Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 28044761	\$23,849.28
A2.5 6	School Health Corporation	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 3919498-01	\$4,141.47
A2.5 7	School Health Corporation	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 3919498-02	\$3,650.05
A2.5 8	Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc.	Pagnotti Property Phase II ESA	Capital Projects	2017-3091-003-0000026	\$592.98
A2.5 9	Apollo Group, Inc.	Heights-Murray Switchgear Serv.	Capital Projects	AGI-21002-WBASP PR 05	\$473.20
A2.6 0	Apollo Group, Inc.	Solomon/PI Roof Replacement	Capital Projects	AGI-21028-WBASP PR 02	\$347.57
A2.6 1	The Citizens Voice	Solomon/PI Roof Replacement	Capital Projects	Ref. No. 82552899 CLL	\$627.50
A2.6 2	Times Leader	Solomon/PI Roof Replacement	Capital Projects	Trans. # 301029764	\$1,367.50

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

Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #505	\$213,056.16
Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #506	\$461.84
Pennsylvania American Water Co.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #507	\$2,667.67

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Pennsylvania Power & Light Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Check #508	\$62,513.08
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B. FEDERAL

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP checks #2270 to #2286 and July Federal Wire Transfers #202100075 to #202100085 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on July 29, 2021 be approved.

C. GENERAL FUND/FOOD SERVICE

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following General Fund Wire Transfers #202100086 and #202111171 and #202122697 to #202111721; General Fund checks #56713 to #56753 and Food Service checks #3610 and #3619 to #3624 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on July 29, 2021 be approved.

D. GENERAL FUND

That the checks #56754 to #56854 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 ratify an agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Matheson Transfer Company to provide relocation services from Coughlin, GAR and Meyers High Schools to the Wilkes-Barre Area High School at the following rates as per PA Costars Program contract 4400022478:

Truck including all equipment	--	\$36.00 per hour
Laborer	--	\$36.00 per hour
Supervisor	--	\$42.00 per hour

2. That approval be given to amend the 2021-2022 District's Commercial Insurance Package to increase Crime coverage to \$1,000,000 at a premium of \$3,161.00

3. That approval be given to enter into a Cost-Per-Copy Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Topp Copy for the following: **“Exhibit F”**

Cost Per Copy in Excess

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Bank	Annual Allowance	of Annual Allowance
Personal Multi Function	40,000	.011
Fleet B/W Multi Function	10,000,000	.0059
Fleet Color Multi Function	32,000	.045
Production	6,000,000	.0035
Printers	1,800,000	.011

Please note: The cost per copy has remained the same as the previous agreement.

4. That approval be given to enter into the Agreements for Participation in Child Nutrition Programs between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Lighthouse Academy-LIU18. **“Exhibit G”**
5. To approve Change Order #016 for Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$31,831.69. The Change Order consists of the following:

RFI No. 723 – Pool pump circuits	\$2,594.94
Add (3) door release buttons for entrance doors	\$2,769.33
RFI No. 722 – dust collector breaker & wire revision	\$4,469.34
Relocate disconnect for trash compactor as required by Waste Management	\$351.92
Provide data cables from elevator controllers to IDF rooms	\$1,289.77
Install (17) TV’s and brackets	\$3,913.43
Tie in 3 rd access control power supply in 5 rooms	\$721.38
Provide camera cabling at 4 additional locations	\$6,000.00
Provide diffuser lens in STEM and Wrestling rooms	\$4,488.31
RFI No. 07 – Additional J fixture	\$2,074.53
RFI No. 657 – EFC3 Control	\$2,087.56
Power to dust collector	\$1,071.18

6. To approve Change Order #006 for Green Valley Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$575.31. The Change Order consists of the following:

Bulletin No. 69 – Delete seeding/add shrubs	\$575.31
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7. To approve Change Order #022 for Quandel Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$34,192.54. The Change Order consists of the following:

Provide VCT in locker rooms & PE Offices	\$22,536.07
Provide VCT in STEM	\$9,545.82
Provide (2) shot clocks with game clock display	\$2,110.65

8. To approve Change Order #017 for Stell Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$109,537.96. The Change order consists of the following:

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Bulletin No. 69 – ADA ramps & driveway to STEM	\$28,676.9 0
Revisions to patio slab & Y additional drainage	\$19,560.0 6
Construct sidewalk along Maffett Street	\$61,301.0 0

9. To approve Change Order #006 for Shaedler Yesco in the amount of \$5,160.14. The Change Order consists of the following:
Supply and install Locker Room Lighting
- Demo (33) existing 1x4 FLANGED fluorescent lighting and recycle bulbs and ballasts. Dispose of old fixtures.
 - Install Shaedler supplies (33) 1x4 LED flat panel fixtures. Includes widening the rough opening .5” as required with the new assemblies.
 - Includes wire nuts, hole cutting blades, new connector and fasteners.
 - Ceiling patch and paint by others.
 - Terminate, test and label all work.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Budget Finance/Materials & Supplies/Contracted Services report

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Patla (A1, B, C, D, E 1-4 & 10), Quinn, Thomas, Caffrey
1 Nay: Patla (A 2-3, E 5-9)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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. Agreements

1. That the “Summer Program 20-21” agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Wilkes-Barre Area Education Association be approved. **“Exhibit H”**

B. Professionals

1. That **Emily Bell’s** request for a sabbatical for the first semester of the 2021/22 school year be approved.
2. That **Christopher Gray’s** request for a sabbatical for the first semester of the 2021/22

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- school year be approved.
3. That **Angelo Marino's** request for a sabbatical for the 2021/22 school year be approved.
 4. That **Arthur Barney's** request for a sabbatical for the 2021/22 school year be approved.
 5. That **Lynn Sebia's** request for a sabbatical for the first semester of the 2021/22 school year be approved.
 6. That the resignation of **Emily Banta** be accepted effective the last day of the 2020-21 school year.
 7. That the resignation of **Amanda Ficca** be accepted effective the last day of the 2020-21 school year.
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8. The Board agrees to waive **Daniel Volpetti'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 Daniel's retirement effective June 11, 2021.
 9. That the resignation of **Karen Coyne** be accepted effective the last day of the 2020-21 school year.
 10. The Board agrees to waive **Kathleen Maffei'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 Kathleen's retirement effective June 11, 2021.
 11. That **Jamie Kramer** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
 12. That **Heather Engle** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
 13. That **Jessica Hendler** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
 14. That **Carianna Makowski** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
 15. That **Courtney O'Meara** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
 16. That **Haley Waslaski** be appointed a Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
 17. That **Sarah Zulkoski** be appointed a Long Term Substitute Nurse for the 2021-2022 school year.
 18. That _____ be appointed an English Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 1st Semester of the 2021-2022 school year. **TABLED**
 19. That **John Rothenbecker** be appointed a Head Teacher.

C. Custodians, Maintenance and Housekeepers

1. That **Tamara Rickard** be appointed a 25 hour per week Housekeeper.

D. Athletics

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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.

Field Hockey Junior High Assistant Coach
Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach

**Alyssa Monahan
Joel Espinoza**

E. Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule-6

1. The following appointments are made for the year and will be continued on a year to year 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 1.

~~Aquatic Coordinator
Weightlifting~~

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F. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That **Christine Zak's** request of an unpaid leave for the 2021/22 school year be approved.
2. That the resignation of **Kim Holley** be accepted effective August 24, 2021.
3. That the resignation of **Sharon Yale** be accepted effective September 13, 2021.
4. That **Maria Aguila Bordon** be appointed a Full Time Paraprofessional/PCA.
5. Due to the planned implementation of a newly structured learning program, as well as, the availability of a funding source, the following employee will receive a \$1,500 stipend for the 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 school year for payroll processing for the program.

Linda Kulikowich

G. Security Greeters

1. That the retirement of **William Ott** be accepted effective the last day of the 2020-2021 school year.
2. That **Billie Fink** be appointed as a Substitute Security Greeter.

H. Food Service

1. That the employment of the employees approved to work the SSO Program at the May 24, 2021 Board meeting be extended effective August 9, 2021 through the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year for an additional 6 hours per day not to exceed 8 hours per day.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Atherton to adopt the Personnel Committee Report.

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The vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Patla moved seconded by Mr. Evans to amend the Agenda to include the Personnel Addendum as part of the Agenda.

On the question: Atty. Wendolowski explained, as discussed in Executive Session, the need for these professional appointments arose after the publication of the Agenda on-line.

The vote was as follows:

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

ADDENDUM

A. Professionals

1. That **Jacquelyn Miles** be appointed an Elementary Long Term Substitute teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. That **Linda Scarantino** be appointed an ESL Long Term Substitute teacher for the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Addendum to the Personnel Committee Report.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Quinn presented Resolution #1

**RESOLUTION FOR THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF
JAMES M. COUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District has complied with all requirements under the Pennsylvania School Code for the permanent closing of James M. Coughlin High School.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 30th Day of August 2021, that the Board of School Directors hereby permanently closes James M. Coughlin High School.

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to Adopt Resolution #1.

The vote was as follows:

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

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Mr. Atherton presented Resolution #2

**RESOLUTION FOR THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF
ELMER L. MEYERS HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District has complied with all requirements under the Pennsylvania School Code for the permanent closing of Elmer L. Meyers High School.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 30th Day of August 2021, that the Board of School Directors hereby permanently closes Elmer L. Meyers High School.

Mr. Atherton moved, seconded by Ms. Patla to Adopt Resolution #2.

The vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Patla presented Resolution #3

RESOLUTION #3

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts and approves the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parent and legal guardians of the student D.B.

Ms. Patla moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to Adopt Resolution #3.

The vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Evans presented Resolution #4

RESOLUTION #4

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WHEREAS, the recent death of **Edward J. Biniek, Sr.** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him, and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Wilkes-Barre Board of Education from 1987 to 1999, serving as President in 1994, and

WHEREAS, he was a 1962 graduate of Plains Memorial High School. Prior to his retirement in 2016, Eddie worked in the restaurant industry from the age of 14. After many years of managing other restaurants, he opened Eddie's Place, a 24-hour diner, which after 30 years became a local landmark. The incredible success of the Diner enabled him to become an incredible philanthropist supporting organizations such as Plains Baseball, elementary and high school organizations and Volunteers in Medicine. At one time, Eddie owned race horses and was the first person to win the Triple Exacta at Pocono Downs; and

WHEREAS, he also enjoyed and cherished spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was the husband of Patricia for fifty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, his passing 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, Patricia; son, Edward, Jr.; daughter, Lisa and to his entire family.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to Adopt Resolution #4.

The vote was as follows:

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

New Business – No Report

Communications from Solicitor – No Report

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Atherton, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.