

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
December 14, 2015

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

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

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll.

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

Note: Mr. Evans participated via phone

Vice President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session following the Reorganization Meeting of December 1, 2015 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2015.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of December 1, 2015 and the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2015, and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

The vote was as follows:

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

Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary/Business Manager, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2015.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,2015

GENERAL FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$1,543,409.38)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$21,199,190.68
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$361,390.03
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$1,058,760.12
OMEGA BANK	\$2,934,622.96
OMEGA BANK	\$2,068,612.67
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$1,688,867.05
PNC BANK	\$3,732,918.71
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$0.00
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,589.27
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$18,884.97
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,597.90
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00

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LANDMARK CD	\$460,785.35
PLGIT EIT	\$819,451.40

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$33,640,261.73
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,371.04
ATHLETIC FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$511,066.32

TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$521,437.36
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TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,473,103.61
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.72
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$225,066.44
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$102,835.92
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$271,287.18
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,220.31

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$2,405,776.18
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FOOD SERVICE FUND

CHECKING ACCOUNT-OMEGA BANK	\$1,843,100.03
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TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$1,843,100.03
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,282.85
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TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$9,282.85
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Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2015. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Prevuznak, on behalf of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, presented a plaque to Mr. Robert Shinal recognizing his actions that resulted in the saving of three lives, two of whom were students in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

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Dr. Prevuznak presented the following statement:

For several months the dialogue, the discourse, at these public Board meetings has been oriented towards the physical facilities and the options that are being considered for the construction of a new consolidated high school. Since May of 2014 much has been discussed and considered regarding that issue. But this evening I want to focus on and bring into perspective the total educational contributions that are made on a daily basis in helping our students achieve their academic, emotional, and physical needs. Some may question why I choose to speak at this time regarding these issues. Very candidly, commentary over the last few months have attempted to paint a picture of an unsuccessful curriculum that is not serving the needs of our students. Very honestly, it is offensive to me and the other hardworking educational professionals of this district who are working diligently to overcome the inheritance of outdated curricular programs that were implemented in the past. Many would point to fact that some of our schools are failing due to the lack of successful test scores. I am all for accountability from the perspective of students, teachers, and administrators. But the PSSA's should not be the only gage for measuring student success and perhaps the recent elimination of No Child Left Behind will help establish that fact.

We have achieved academic growth in Keystone exams and early elementary literacy by utilizing a Keystone to Opportunity Grant (We are the only school district in the county to be awarded this grant) Our AP classes continue to offer students opportunities to achieve college credit and their scores are among the best in the state. Our STEM program created in 2013 offers state of art instruction for students who want to be challenged in a hands on math and science curriculum. STEM is also being examined for implementation into our elementary schools at this time. Our secondary schools are now working under the guidelines of a flex schedule that allows more opportunities for course selection and remediation for students who are finding difficulty with their studies. Regarding remediation our Title One program has been restructured in order to allow math and reading specialists the best possible scenarios in order to make the greatest positive impact on attaining reading skills for our younger students. From the perspective of addressing all of our student's needs we offer additional programs through student services and our special education department. Counselors and school psychologists offer a huge array of services from placement testing to career counseling. Our FACES program tries to bridge the gap between community and the schools and the services we as a district can provide. Along the lines of community and family involvement we have also implemented the SHINE afterschool program in order to increase student achievement, improve student behavior and deter youth participation in gang related activity. But one of the most productive pursuits that this district implemented was the use of student data in order to better address deficiencies in student achievement. Data teams that are comprised of faculty and administrators at the building level meet regularly to discuss specific students and the need to achieve academic success. Administrators attend PIL classes in order to constantly be made aware of the changing trends in the educational field. They are expected to become instructional leaders of their respective schools and their school based data teams. All of these initiatives that I have just referenced are programs and offerings that are firmly rooted as researched based programs. And finally I want to identify the millions of dollars of scholarship money that was obtained because of our student's academic prowess and high GPA's. Last year 12 million dollars in scholarship money was awarded to our graduates with 75 % rate of placement into institutions of higher learning as well as trade schools. In essence, this district, despite having schools where 70% of their students are below poverty level and a student population transient in nature, is still providing a quality education for our students. And yes, we have a master plan, it's the comprehensive plan required by the state and is available on our website. We follow it as required by the state as does every other district in this commonwealth. I can go on and on about district's individual student accomplishments and the fact that the state assessment was changed this year by PDE and how all school districts were affected by the change of the test. Oh and by the way with the recent elimination of No Child Left Behind the elimination and the common core for this country, expect more change. Finally the majority of our students don't share the dreams of PSSA glory. Their needs are simple. They want to be prepared to follow their own dreams into the expectation of a bright future. I point out

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that many who come to us, are hungry in the morning, seeking a nutritional breakfast to start their day that some simply have not received at home. We provide that with our free breakfast and lunch programs for all our students. In our estimation a well-rounded, quality education goes beyond test scores. We attempt to instill along with parents and guardians of our kids, a passion for the simple joy in learning. And how is that achieved? By simply accepting all of children with an unconditional love and an appreciation for their existence as individuals as unique children of God. I close this evening with the presenting the opportunity, the invitation for any of you who may have questions regarding curriculum or our programs to attend the open house after the holidays at the renovated Mackin School. At that time our directors, supervisors, and teachers will have stations established in an arena type atmosphere to address any questions you may have. These educational consultants that are currently employed by our district, with many years of experience in their chosen field of study, will be at your disposal.
Happy Holidays to one all.

Communications from Citizens

1. Bob Holden
2. Richard Holodick
3. Melissa Patla
4. Kim Borland
5. Joe Borland
6. P.J. Marinko
7. James Fisher
8. David Wilson
9. Steve Moon
10. Matthew Ford
11. Tracey Hughes
12. George Brown
13. Bill Watters

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

1. G.A.R. Booster Club for Girls basketball
2. School Libraries
3. School Properties
4. Cars located at Empire Street property
5. Re-districting due to school merger
6. Open windows at Meyers High School
7. Evaluate G.A.R. façade
8. Investigate grants
9. Comprise a teacher panel in regard to improvement plan
10. Periodic presentations to public by architects
11. Comprehensive Curriculum Plan
12. Master Plan
13. Insure that all schools meet state standards
14. Failure of the Board to have a facilities plan
15. Education plan for the future
16. Condition of Plumbing on first floor of Meyers High School
17. What is the status of Plan Con A
18. Times leader purchase/lease
19. Solvency in District Budget if State Budget is not passed
20. Will modulars have labs for AP classes?
21. In the event of modular being utilized, if student does not have a car, will transportation to Wilkes be provided?
22. How will use of modulars affect class size?
23. Will security be provided if it is necessary to walk outside in regard to use of modulars?

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24. How will a split schedule affect clubs?
25. Will there be lockers for students in modulars?
26. What would Board Members want if it was your school and why?
27. Why aren't the drawings of future building posted on website?
28. Why was the Board Meeting location for December 14, 2015 changed from Mackin to Solomon/Plains?
29. Wilkes-Barre Area School District rating on schooldigger.com
30. Consider keeping annex open at Coughlin utilizing a temporary boiler
31. Split schedule at Mackin, what time students will attend in AM and PM
32. No cost is too high in regard to providing a superior education for students
33. Questions in regard to flex schedules/remediation for Coughlin students
34. Painting entrance at Meyers High School
35. Will new building have a pool?
36. SOS was not created to be confrontational; it was created to help students
37. Is the building plan locked in, any possibility of a change
38. Kistler lights being left on during the day resolved
39. Students able to graduate sooner due to being able to walk to Colleges to take advantage of College courses
40. Concerns in regard to people parking on grass at Kistler

All questions and concerns were addressed by Dr. Bernard Prevuznak, Superintendent, Attorney Wendolowski, District Solicitor, Board Members, Joseph Caffrey, Denise Thomas, Ned Evans, Dino Galella, Jim Geiger, Christine Katsock, John Quinn, Dr. James Susek, Rev. Shawn Walker, Brian Costello, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education and Kyle Kinsman, District retained Architect.

There was no **Old Business**

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Miss Katsock informed the Board that the next meeting of the LIU is scheduled for December 16, 2015.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn informed the Board that the next meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center is scheduled for December 21, 2015

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SHINE Program of Luzerne County, administered by Wilkes University, and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District regarding the student transportation services required to implement the SHINE After-school Program. A complete copy of the MOU (Exhibit "A") is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.

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

BUDGET FINANCE 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:

Contractor	Project	Fund	Cert/Appli. Invoice #	Payment Due
Apollo Group, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	15	\$15,049.00
A&E Group, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	13	\$9,341.59
WKL Architecture	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	13	\$11,165.00
Panzitta Enterprises	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	09	\$264,608.94
G.R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	08	\$42,699.56
Integrity Fire Protection, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	05	\$1,800.00
Yannuzzi, Inc.	Mackin Renovation Plumbing	Capital Projects	07	\$13,804.20
Yannuzzi, Inc.	Mackin Renovation HVAC	Capital Projects	06	\$102,916.80
Yannuzzi, Inc.	Mackin Renovation HVAC	Capital Projects	07	\$97,902.00
Yannuzzi, Inc.	Mackin Renovation HVAC	Capital Projects	08	\$67,518.20
Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School	Capital Projects	05	\$3,264.04
Borton Lawson Architecture	New High School	Capital Projects	06	\$2,940.37
Leonard Engineering, Inc.	New High School	Capital Projects	06	\$17,290.00
WKL Architecture	New High School	Capital Projects	06	\$77,018.05

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Apollo Group, Inc.	Kistler Addition Renovations	Capital Projects	05	\$3,173.56
Borton Lawson Architecture	Kistler Addition Renovations	Capital projects	06	\$22,827.06
Leonard Engineering, Inc.	Kistler Addition Renovations	Capital Projects	06	\$10,620.00
Leonard Engineering, Inc.	Coughlin High School Demolition	Capital Projects	01	\$14,750.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	G.A.R. Drainage & Retaining Wall	Capital Projects	08	\$4,500.00
Fabcor, Inc.	G.A.R. Drainage & Retaining Wall	Capital Projects	03	\$80,425.53
Apollo Group, Inc.	Heights Murray Elementary Reroofing	Capital Projects	11	\$706.55
Dunmore Roofing & Supply Co., Inc.	Heights Murray Elementary Reroofing	Capital Projects	06	\$42,042.50
Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc.	Daniel J. Flood Roof Replacement	Capital Projects	4865	\$720.00

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

PROPERTY OWNER	PARCEL NO	PROPOSED BID
Clayton A. & Dorothy Bloomburg 73 Catlin Street Wilkes-Barre PA	73-H9SW3-033-019-000	\$500.00

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1469-1473 and Federal Wire transfer 201500326 from November 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015 and Chapter I AP checks #1475-1483 and Chapter I Wire Transfers 201500327-20150336 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on November 9, 2015 be approved.

- C.** That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201510262-201510276 and General Fund checks, #40764-40882 and Food Service Checks 2676-2688 5 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on November 9, 2015.
- D.** That the checks listed on the following pages #40883 to 41081 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. Galella, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That having received proposals on December 2, 2015 that the award is made to the following vendor for:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT/AHERA 3 YEAR RE-INSPECTION SERVICES/REPORTING PLAN UPDATE. (Asbestos)

AHERA 3 YEAR RE-INSPECTION SERVICES/REPORTING PLAN UPDATE \$1750.00

AHERA 6 MONTH PERIODIC SURVEILLANCE AND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE
\$750.00

ENVIRONMENTAL ABATEMENT ASSOCIATES, INC. (EAA)
239 SCHUYLER AVE, STE 125B
KINGSTON, PA 18704

2. ~~That having received proposals on November 20, 2015 that the award is made to the following vendor for:~~

~~COUGHLIN SECURITY CAMERA REPURPOSE FOR MACKIN~~

~~BERKSHIRE SYSTEMS GROUP \$17,858.00 (dismount, move, install)
READING, PA~~

~~_____ \$1,668.00 (repurpose server and install)~~

~~See attached Exhibit A for details~~ **TABLED**

3. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Pat Noone to perform appraisal services in respect to the Lord & Taylor Warehouse property at the proposed price of \$21,500.00
4. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Environmental Abatement Associates, Inc., 239 Schuyler Avenue, Suite 125B, Kingston, PA to provide an Asbestos Abatement Project Design in respect to the James M. Coughlin High School at an estimated cost of \$3,750.00.
5. That approval be given to execute Rider 1 of an existing "Client Services Agreement" with Provident Energy Consulting, 55 State Road-1st Floor, Media, PA, to pursue a review of energy efficiency and facility improvement options for all school, with the exception of James M. Coughlin High School, and the administration building by releasing an RFQ/RFP under the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Guaranteed Energy Savings Act ("GESA").

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6. That ratification be given to the change order requests of Panzitta Enterprises, Inc., 72 George Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA in respect to the Mackin School Renovation Project as follows:
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| a. Furnish & install door louvers in office doors | \$1,137.97 |
| b. Revisions to stage stairs and rails | \$5,996.87 |
| c. Furnish & install Bollard assemblies at Pitt Lane | \$3,519.95 |
| d. Adjustment to GMP change order #12, deduct | -\$15,625.80 |
| e. General Construction work at sump pump | \$2,633.30 |
7. That ratification be given to the change order requests of G.R. Noto Electrical Construction, Inc. 2 Skyline Drive, P.O. Box 27, Clarks Summit, PA, in respect to the Mackin School Renovations Project as follows:
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| a. Electrical work at sump pump | \$687.00 |
| b. Delete final terminations on double doors, deduct | -\$434.00 |
| c. Move AV unit in lab and add NF disconnect switch | \$652.00 |
| d. Add (2) 208V circuits to kitchen coolers | \$1,181.00 |
| e. Electrical work for baseboard heaters | \$2,950.00 |
8. That ratification be given to the change order requests of Yannuzzi, Inc., P.O. Box A, Hazleton, PA in respect to the Mackin School Renovations Project as follows:
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| a. Adjust kitchen hood, refabricate duct | \$1,173.23 |
| b. Plumbing work at sump pump | \$13,850.91 |
| c. Furnish & install controller and controls for electric heaters | \$7,316.61 |
| d. Install 2" perforated pipe with filter cover | \$458.75 |
| e. Furnish & install thermostat guards on thermostats in public areas | \$1,145.97 |
9. That approval be given to award a contract to Leonard Engineering, Inc., 251 Mundy Street, Suite C, Wilkes-Barre, PA to perform secondary façade inspections at G.A.R. Memorial Junior/Senior High School. This study will include the removal of sections of the façade to allow inspection of the concealed steel framing and stone anchors. The cost of this contract is \$27,000.00.
10. That approval be given to award a contract to Masonry Preservation Services, Inc., P.O. Box 324, Berwick, PA to provide stone panel stabilization at G.A.R. Memorial Junior/Senior High School, at a cost of \$3,200.00.
11. That approval be given to award a contract to Mark Callahan Construction, LLC, 115 Marchakitus Road, Hunlock Creek, PA for the demolition of two (2) chimneys at G.A.R. Memorial Junior/Senior High School at their low bid of \$17,200.00. This award is based upon the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the District's construction manager.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, to adopt the report.

Miss Katsock requested that the motion be amended to indicate that Item No. 2 be tabled.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, to amend the report to table Item #2 and to adopt the remainder of the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

There was no **TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

There was no **BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT**

There was no **LEGISLATIVE /FEDERAL REPORT**

There was no **MATERIAL SUPPLIES REPORT**

Personnel Committee Report

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

All appointments are made pending receipt of PDE required clearances, certifications, and any applicable pre-employment drug test.

A. Professional

1. That **Debra Mras'** sabbatical request for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year be approved.
2. That **Cindy Gavin's** sabbatical request for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year be approved.
3. That **Lauren Mascioli's** sabbatical request for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year be approved.
4. That **Lauren Medvec** be appointed an elementary long term substitute for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year.
5. That **Dan Luce** be appointed an elementary long term substitute for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year.
6. That **Erin Gerrity** be appointed a secondary English long term substitute for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year.
7. That **Linda Scarantino** be appointed a Title I elementary math long term substitute for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.
8. That **John Rothenbecker** be appointed a temporary elementary guidance counselor for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.
9. 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 December 15, 2015:

Bachelor's +15

Ryan Popovitch

Bachelor's +30

Mary Mushock
Thomas Leighton

Bachelor's +39

Tracy Orman

Master's

Stephanie Wallace

Master's +9

Kelley Campus
Judy Hislop
Kelly Jackson
Matthew Mill

Master's +18

Georgette Ferkel
Sarah Kwarcinski

Master's +27

Melissa Chase
Robert McGrady
Jennifer Thomas

Master's +36

Melissa Matello
Maureen McLaughlin
Mary Olszewski
Christopher Sedon
Arthur Barney

Master's +45

Jamee Capristo
Anthony Mercadante
Erin Sciandra

Master's +54

Geoffrey Bell
Jenny Carlo
Yvonne Corcoran
Amanda Costello
Sarah Jackson
Michelle Krzywicki
Darlene Steinberger

10. That **Patrick Patte**, having made claim for an incentive raise under the Act 93 Agreement and having produced official transcripts, be granted an incentive of **Doctorate** effective December 15, 2015.
11. That **Frank J. Castano**, having made claim for an incentive raise under his employment contract and having produced the required documents, be granted an incentive of **Masters +18** effective December 15, 2015.

B. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That **Judith Solomon's** status be amended from grade I, 12 month secretary to grade II, 12 month secretary.
2. That the retirement of **Diane Lorenzotti** be accepted with regret effective March 1, 2016.
3. That the retirement of **Susan Chapin** be accepted with regret effective March 15, 2016.
4. That the voluntary resignation of **Alissa O'Brien** due to job abandonment be accepted.
5. That **Yolanda Munoz** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.

C. Security/Greeters

1. That retirement of **Wayne Cooney** be accepted with regret effective January 8, 2016.
2. That **Shariah Dunn** be appointed a substitute security greeter/traveling security greeter.

D. Custodians

1. That **Edward Kelley** be appointed a substitute custodian.
2. That **David Bubblo** be appointed a substitute custodian.

E. Athletics

1. That the resignation of **Brandon Owens** as Meyers Wrestling Junior High Assistant Coach (1/2 pay) be accepted with regret.
2. That the resignation of **Danielle Luetzen** as G.A.R. softball varsity assistant coach be accepted with regret effective November 12, 2015.
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.

Meyers	Wrestling	Volunteer Assistant Coach	Brandon Owens
G.A.R.	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Head Coach	Howard Walker

ADDENDUM

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	Wrestling	Jr. High Volunteer Assistant Coach	James Manganiello
G.A.R.	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Volunteer Assistant Coach	Amber Cheesman

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

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

New Business

Ms. Thomas presented the following statement to the Board:

Please be advised that this letter is to inform the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of Directors of my resignation as the Representative from Wilkes-Barre Area School District to the Board of the Osterhaut Library. Taking into consideration the District Internal Obligations and Committees I have been assigned, I believe it would be unfair to all affected for me to continue to sit on the Osterhaut Board.

Mr. Galella requested information in regard to the condition, and the possibility of future use of the Wilkes-Barre Twp. Building.

Information was provided by Gary Salijko, Apollo Project Manager and Attorney Wendolowski in regard to the current situation at the Wilkes-Barre Twp. Building as related to the insurance settlement and possible costs possibly not covered by the insurance settlement to renovate building for occupancy.

Miss Katsock noted that the District may wish to consider that currently the site being leased for the District warehouse may not be available for lease in the future.

Dr. Prevuznak brought to the attention of the Board that the Administration Building may also be in need of some major repairs in the very near future.

President Caffrey noted that the Board will be looking very closely at options, such as the Times Leader Building, in light of the issues that the Board is facing in regard to the Wilkes-Barre Twp. Facility and the Administration Building.

Mr. Quinn made the following motion due to the existing Budget Impasse at the Commonwealth Level.

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to authorize the Business Office to do preliminary planning to acquire funds on a short term basis if needed. This short term borrowing will afford the School District a source of funds to continue paying reasonable and necessary operating costs should the existing Budget Impasse continue. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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Ms. Thomas inquired as to where the District was in the process regarding the Wilkes-Barre Area School District property appraisals.

Attorney Wendolowski informed Ms. Thomas that one set of appraisals was complete and the other would be complete by the end of the year.

Communications from Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motions:

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to execute the settlement assessment proposal of \$595,000.00 for property located at 40 New Frederick Street, Wilkes-Barre City. The settlement was recommended by John Anstett, Appraiser. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to execute the settlement assessment proposal of \$696,000.00 for property located at 700 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre City. The settlement was recommended by John Anstett, Appraiser. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to execute the settlement assessment proposal of \$1,000,000.00 for a 47.13 acre parcel, located at 254 Johnson Street, Wilkes-Barre Township. The settlement was recommended by John Anstett, Appraiser. The vote was as follows:

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

2 Nays: Quinn, Thomas

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to execute the settlement assessment proposal of \$672,000.00 for a 1.07 acre parcel, located at 254 Johnson Street, Wilkes-Barre Township. The settlement was recommended by John Anstett, Appraiser. The vote was as follows:

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

2 Nays: Quinn, Thomas

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to execute the settlement assessment proposal of \$575,000.00 for a 2.2 acre parcel, located at 254 Johnson Street, Wilkes-Barre Township. The settlement was recommended by John Anstett, Appraiser. The vote was as follows:

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

2 Nays: Quinn, Thomas

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to approve the District initiated reverse tax appeal for the VNO Mundy Street Properties, which is a multi-tenant retail complex housing Babies R Us, Ross, etc., located in Wilkes-Barre Township. Under the proposed settlement, the assessed values of the properties would increase to \$30,856,000.00 for the 2015 tax year and \$32,736,000.00 for the 2016 tax year.

The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
December 14, 2015

Board Secretary Report

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

January, 2016

Committee Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016– 7:00 PM

Meeting location to be announced.

Dr. Susek moved to adjourn the Meeting.

President Caffrey adjourned the Meeting at 9:20 PM