

Summary of Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Monday, December 3, 2012

The Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District held a Special Board Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2012. **President, John R. Quinn** called the meeting to order at 6:25 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: Corcoran, Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

President Quinn stated:

- The Chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session following the Regular Board Meeting of November 5, 2012, an Executive Session on November 29, 2012 and prior to the Special Board Meeting of December 3, 2012.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

At this time Board Member, Christine Katsock stated that the Board President is supposed to call meetings and asked who called this one (Special Meeting-General Purposes-December 3, 2012). Miss Katsock also stated that the Board President sets the agenda and asked who had drawn up the agenda (Special Meeting-General Purposes-December 3, 2012). Miss Katsock further stated that the agenda looked like items from a Regular Meeting, which included checks to be approved and contracts, rather than a Special Meeting agenda, which would be restricted to special agenda items. Miss Katsock expressed to the Board, that this is unfair to the Public and stated that the Board is addressing general business at a meeting that was advertised for special purposes. Miss Katsock stated that it is her opinion that the Board is violating their own rules.

Mrs. Toole responded to Miss Katsock and stated that Assistant Board Secretary, Patty Wallace, informed me (Mrs. Toole) that Board Member Phil Latinski had requested a Special Meeting for General Purposes be held following the Reorganization meeting scheduled for December 3, 2012. Mrs. Toole further stated that she requested that Patty Wallace, Assistant Board Secretary, poll the Board as to their availability for a Special Meeting-General Purpose, to be held following the Reorganization Meeting scheduled for December 3, 2012. Mrs. Toole went on to state that after receiving information regarding the availability of the Board, she decided to approve the Meeting being scheduled and advertised. Mrs. Toole also stated that she did not set the agenda.

At this time, Attorney Wendolowski requested the Board to hold an Executive Session.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:33 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:39 PM and President John Quinn read the following statement.

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act the Chair wishes to announce that the Board went into closed or Executive Session at 6:33 PM. The subjects discussed in Executive Session related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, and /or threatened or actual litigation.

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Communication from Citizens:

1. Odetta Todd, 5 Grove Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Ms. Todd addressed the Board in regard to her two children whose attendance at Solomon/Plains Elementary was being disputed. Ms. Todd requested that the Board allow her children to remain at Solomon/Plains Elementary until a decision had been reached by the courts as to which school her children should be attending within the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

2. John Koval 15 Donald Ct., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Mr. Koval addressed the Board requesting permission to hold basketball practice at Kistler Elementary. Mr. Koval informed the Board that the team was comprised of 5th and 6th grade students from Kistler Elementary who participate in "The Community Winter Boys/Girls Sunday League" held at LCCC. Mr. Koval stated that he is requesting permission to use the gym at Kistler for one (1) or two (2) weekdays per week for a maximum of two (2) hour practice sessions. Mr. Koval also stated that he was aware that if granted permission to use the gym, the availability would be determined by Mr. Anthony, Principal, of Kistler Elementary.

Len Kornish, 73 Spruce Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Mr. Kornish addressed Board President, John Quinn, and inquired if Mr. Quinn had an opinion or comment on Jensen's Theory, was he (President Quinn) familiar with Jensen's Theory and did he (President Quinn) remember teaching Jensen's Theory. Mr. Kornish also asked if Mr. Quinn apologized to a former student for teaching Jensen's Theory.

President Quinn stated that he did remember the former student, psychology was part of the Curriculum at that time, however, he did not remember teaching Jensen's Theory.

Mr. Kornish stated that Mr. Quinn was not being truthful.

President Quinn, stated that a Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 5:30 PM, followed by a Regular Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Latinski, to adjourn the Meeting.

President Quinn adjourned the Meeting at 6:50 PM.