

Summary of Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 28, 2017

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**President Denise T. Thomas** called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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

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

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

President Thomas stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session on February 22, 2017 and prior to the Committee Meeting of February 28, 2017 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 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 January 9, 2017 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

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

Thomas F. Telesz, Business Manager/Board Secretary, presented the Treasurers Report for the month ending September 30, 2016.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES  
MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

GENERAL

FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$1,425,075.14)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$25,048,788.17
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$42,072.97
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$454,358.63
FNB BANK	\$441,959.40
FNB BANK	\$73,645.49
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$1,691,632.05
PNC BANK	\$383,748.95
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$71,527.02
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,674.28
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$1,976.19
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,622.95
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$463,193.77
PLGIT EIT	\$821,262.08
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$28,909,386.81</b>

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,376.24
ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK	\$72,676.30
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>\$83,052.54</b>
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,537,003.16
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.84
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$187,193.77
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$102,490.46
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$249,508.04
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,939.78
<b>TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,410,398.05</b>
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank	\$1,925,658.95
<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$1,925,658.95</b>
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,302.91
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$9,302.91</b>

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Caffrey,** to adopt the Treasurers Report of September 30, 2016.

The vote was as follows:

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

### **Report of the Superintendent**

Superintendent Costello presented Board Member Joseph A. Caffrey a "Gavel" in recognition and appreciation for his professionalism, dedication and unwavering commitment to serving the Wilkes-Barre Area School District during his tenure as Board President in 2016.

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

Superintendent Costello presented the Excellence In Education Award to "Team Kistler" in recognition of their commitment to serve the parents and students of Kistler Elementary School, to support parent and student involvement and establish Kistler Elementary School as a cornerstone of the community.

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At this time Dr. Koury, Director of Administrative and Student Services, Jennifer Welgosh and Beth Ann Owens, WBASD School Psychologists, presented information in regard to Drug Awareness and Prevention Programs that are currently being utilized in regard student awareness/education.

There was no **Unfinished Business**

**Communications from Citizens**

1. Melissa Patla
2. Richard Holidick
3. Robert Holden
4. Ed Pomanek
5. Jack Nolan
6. Kim Borland
7. Ruth Borland
8. Lois Grimm
9. James Shubzda
10. John Suchoski
11. Joe Borland

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

1. Consider larger location for Board Meetings.
2. Update on site of consolidated high school.
3. Update on proposed 10-million-dollar stadium.
4. Status of roof repairs at G.A.R. High School.
5. What is the condition of Meyers stadium?
6. Board should consider holding a Board Meeting at Meyers.
7. SOS would like to tour Meyers High School.
8. Board should not have designed a school before knowing what they could build on a designated site.
9. G.A.R. girls' basketball team has issues with available uniforms for team members.
10. What are the procedures to start a Booster Club?
11. Information provided in regard to the outstanding coaching done by G.A.R. Girls' Basketball Coach.
12. Board should consider one school as opposed to two school consolidation.
13. Wilkes-Barre is an economically depressed area and the tax base is eroding.
14. One High School is better for taxpayers.
15. Hire a seasoned professional to negotiate teacher's contract.
16. Unfortunate that some teachers will be furloughed.
17. WBASD cannot support two high schools, considering the cost of sport programs, utilities and insurance.
18. Public is offended by Social Media posts by some School Board Members.
19. The statement on Social Media by a Board member that SOS stands for the sole purpose of renovating Meyers High school is false.
20. SOS has advocated for three schools for three years.
21. Obtain zoning approval prior to having building designed.
22. SOS is actively recruiting candidates to run in the upcoming election for the WBASD School Board.
23. Board needs to seek a second opinion, be transparent and begin to work with SOS.
24. Public needs to know how much the District is saving by consolidating.
25. Four Board members became engaged in regard to GA.R. girls Basketball Booster Club inquiry and not one Board Member becomes engaged in questions regarding consolidation.
26. G.A. R. Debate Tournament was a great success and it was evident that there was support from the parents and community.
27. The District is in dire financial straits and should consider consolidation vs. three high schools.

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28. There is a danger of Charter Schools emerging, which would cost the District an enormous amount of money.
29. Be careful not to destroy what you have.
30. Does the Board value education, the community, parents and students?
31. Visitors who attended the debate tournament at G.A.R., noted that it was a beautiful school.
32. It will be cheaper for the tax payers to have neighborhood schools.
33. The Board continues to go down a wrong path.
34. Board does not listen to SOS, continues to tell SOS their plan.
35. SOS wants what is best for the community, does not want to see Charter Schools take over and needs the Board to engage in dialogue with the members of SOS.
36. Refrain from lecturing citizens who address the Board.
37. Be vigilant of how you conduct yourself on Social Media.
38. The Board represents every family in the District and you need to seek public opinion on consolidation.
39. What number of furloughs can be expected due to consolidation?
40. Custodial issues need to be addressed at Meyers High School.
41. Board needs to consider the cost of bussing that will be incurred with consolidation.
42. Consider building one school on Biscontini site and renovating Meyers and G.A.R.
43. What is the procedure for hiring coaches?
44. How is WBASD saving money through consolidation?
45. Why does the Board not realize that Charter Schools are a threat?
46. Board need to consider a policy in regard to the use of Social Media for Board Members to follow.

Superintendent Costello presented a Financial Review that included building projects, financial plans, a time line of events and a financial analysis.

Superintendent Brian Costello, Board President; Denise Thomas, Board Members Ned Evans, Shawn Walker, Dino Galella, 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 March 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

**WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER**

Mr. Quinn informed the Board that the next meeting of Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

That approval be granted to the G.A.R. Marching Band to travel to Washington, DC, on April 8, 9, 10, 2017 for the "Annual Band Trip". The Band Parents Booster Club is responsible for all cost associated with the field trip.

**Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, 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:

Environmental Abatement Assoc., Inc.	GAR Asbestos Abatement	Capital Projects	16-079-1	\$6,780.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	WBASD Maintenance Plan	Capital Projects	AGI-15019-WBASD	\$354.90
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Shop Area	Capital Projects	AGI-15044-WBASD	\$33.80
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Chiller Tower	Capital Projects	AGI-16039-WBASD	\$981.71
The Citizens' Voice	Advertise Bids GAR Chiller Tower	Capital Projects	82034695	\$605.00
Civitas Media – Times Leader	Ad Advertise Bids GAR Chiller Tower	Capital Projects	300625049	\$1,104.68
Apollo Group, Inc.	Meyers Walkway/Tunnel	Capital Projects	AGI-16031-WBASD	\$338.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	Meyers Monitor Wall	Capital Projects	AGI-16007-WBASD	\$321.10
Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School (Plains)	Capital Projects	AGI-16045-WBASD	\$3,099.25

2. That approval be given by the Board of Education to the response by the District to the "Performance Audit Report" of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District by the Department of Auditor General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Said response to the Audit Report is set forth in the exhibit attached hereto titled "Response to Performance Audit Report of the Auditor General for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2014 and 2015. (Exhibit "A"). Accompanying the "Response to Performance Audit Report" is a complete copy of the Audit Report (Exhibit "B") which together are incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in their entirety herein.

3. 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:

<b>PROPERTY ADDRESS</b>	<b>PARCEL NO</b>	<b>PROPOSED BID</b>
Fred & Donna Schwalbach 39 Oak Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-H9SW3-020-011-000	\$500.00
James & Barbara O'Malley 342 Laurel Run Est. Laurel Run, PA	39-110-T01-342-000	\$500.00
Hercules Investments @ Recovery, LLC 52-54 Jay St. Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-H10NE1-021-009-000	\$500.00

**B. FEDERAL**

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1601-1613 and Federal Wire transfer #201600474 and 201600533 and January Chapter I AP checks #1665-1671 and February Chapter I AP checks 1672-1682 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201600475-201600483 and #201600537-201600545 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on January 9, 2017 be approved.

**C.** That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201610487-201610504 from January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017 and General Fund checks, #44513-44829 and January 1, 2017 to February 24, 2017 Food Service Checks #2870-2905 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on January 9, 2016.

**D.** That the checks listed on the following pages #44830 to 45047 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 Dr. Susek, to adopt the report.** The vote was as follows:

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

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

1. That ratification be given to the Medical Services Agreement with Geisinger Clinic to provide sports physical examinations to student athletes. This agreement shall continue for a period of three years at a rate of \$ 124.62 per hour.
2. That approval be given to enter into a contract with O & M Mulitrade, Inc. for the G.A.R. Chiller replacement project at a cost of \$ 50,200.00. This award is based on the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the district's construction manager.
3. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Callahan Construction, Inc. for the Meyers Elevated Walkway Project at a cost of \$ 17,875.00. This award is based on the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the district's construction manager.
4. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Masonry Preservation Services, Inc. for the G.A.R High School Pilot Phase repairs project at a cost not to exceed \$ 600,000.00. This award is based on the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the district's construction manager.

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5. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit for the Department of Education Project MOM/Young Fatherhood Initiative (ELECT) Grant. The district's pro rata share of \$ 4,609.00 is based on the number of participating students as of January, 2017.

**Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Miss Katsock,** to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

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

There was no **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **PATHWAY/NEW CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

**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. That **Jennifer Wilson's** request for sabbatical leave through the end of the 2016-17 school year be approved.
2. That the retirement of **Alan Landis** be accepted with regret effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
3. That the retirement of **Mary Krolewski** be accepted with regret effective July 5, 2017.
4. That the retirement of **Shirley Trievel** be accepted with regret effective February 1, 2017.
5. That the retirement of **Mildred Roke** be accepted with regret effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
6. That **Rachel Galassi** be appointed a music education long term substitute for the second semester of the 2016-17 school year.
7. That **Jennifer Yelen** be appointed a secondary English long term substitute effective September 26 through the end of the 2016-17 school year.
8. That **Jamie Kramer** be appointed as an English as a second language long term substitute for the second semester of the 2016-17 school year.

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9. That **Erin Gerrity** be appointed as a secondary English long term substitute for the second semester of the 2016-17 school year.

**B. Secretaries and Teachers' Associates**

1. That **Nancy Fedor** be appointed a 12.5 hour per week teachers' associate effective January 30, 2017.
2. That the retirement of **Mary C. Scheib** be accepted regret effective June 7, 2017.
3. That **Joanne Miller** be terminated effective January 19, 2017.

**C. Security Greeters**

1. That **Richard Macko** be appointed a substitute security greeter effective January 31, 2017.
2. That **Joe Brodowicz** be appointed a substitute security greeter.
3. That **Scott Kaminski** be appointed a substitute security greeter.
4. That **John Kolativa** be appointed a substitute security greeter.
5. That **Robert Peters** be appointed a substitute security greeter.

**D. Crossing Guards**

1. That **Nicholas Barto** be appointed as a substitute crossing guard.
2. That **John Mason** be appointed as a substitute crossing guard.

**E. Athletics**

1. That the resignation of **Michael Galli** as Coughlin's varsity head golf coach be accepted with regret.
2. That the resignation of **Renee Pizzella** as Coughlin's junior high head softball coach be accepted with regret.
3. That the resignation of **Christopher Buzinkai** as Coughlin's varsity head boys' tennis coach be accepted with regret.
4. That the resignation of **Dave Smith** as GAR's junior high assistant baseball coach be accepted with regret.
5. That the resignation of **Charles Flannery** as GAR's varsity softball assistant coach be accepted with regret.

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6. The following appointment be made for the 2017 fall 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	Girls' Soccer	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Christine Nordmark</b>
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7. 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	Softball	Junior High Head Coach	<b>Kenda Hayward</b>
Coughlin	Softball	Junior High Assistant Coach	<b>David Llewellyn</b>
Coughlin	Track & Field	Junior High Head Coach	<b>John Mendola</b>
Coughlin	Boys' Volleyball	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Gary McGuinness</b>
Coughlin	Boys' Tennis	Varsity Head Coach	<b>Raphael Cooper</b>
GAR	Baseball	Varsity Head Coach	<b>Kyle Paul</b>
GAR	Track & Field	Junior High Assistant Coach	<b>Anthony Maurent</b>
GAR	Track & Field	Junior High Head Coach	<b>Vince Breese</b>
<del>GAR</del>	<del>Track &amp; Field</del>	<del>Volunteer Assistant Coach</del>	<del><b>TABLED</b></del>
GAR	Softball	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Heather Lavelle</b>

**ADDENDUM**

GAR	Baseball	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Dan Good</b>
Coughlin	Lacrosse	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Justin Francis</b>

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

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

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Mr. Caffrey presented Resolution No. 1

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO APPOINT A LIAISON BETWEEN IT AND BERKHEIMER, THE DULY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF LOCAL TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT, FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE DISTRICT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Tax Enabling Act ("LTEA"), authorizes certain political subdivisions, including **WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUZERNE COUNTY**, to provide for the creation of such bureaus or the appointment and compensation of such officers, clerks, collectors and other assistants and employees as may be deemed necessary for the assessment and collection of taxes imposed under the authority of that Act; and

**WHEREAS**, **WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUZERNE COUNTY**, has entered into contractual agreement with **BERKHEIMER** of Bangor, Pennsylvania, whereby and whereunder **CLIENT** appointed Berkheimer to collect **certain local taxes and fees**; and

**WHEREAS**, the LTEA specifically mandates that any information gained by the appointed tax officer, his agents or by any other official or agent of the taxing district, as a result of any declarations, returns, investigations, hearings or verifications required or authorized by the taxing municipality's ordinance or resolution, be kept confidential, except for official purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, any person who divulges any information which is confidential under the provisions of any ordinance or resolution, upon conviction may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment, upon conviction, and dismissal from office or discharge from employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Berkheimer requires passage of a resolution by the governing body of **WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUZERNE COUNTY** specifying that said confidential information is needed for official purposes and absolving Berkheimer from any liability in connection with the release of said confidential information;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. **WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUZERNE COUNTY** hereby **appoints** the following positions: Business Administrator and Controller as **its authorized representative to make requests** upon and receive any and all tax information and records **from Berkheimer**, relative to the collection of taxes for **CLIENT**, as desired and deemed necessary by **CLIENT**, to be used for official purposes only; and

2. Berkheimer is hereby directed to provide and/or transmit any and all tax information and records, or any portion thereof, relating to the collection of taxes for the **CLIENT**, upon request, to Business Administrator and Controller as the authorized contact representative for it.

3. **WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUZERNE COUNTY** hereby saves harmless, indemnifies and/or absolves Berkheimer from and against any and all liability in connection with the release of said confidential information.

**RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting held on the 28th day of February, 2017.

BY:

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Joseph A. Caffrey

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Denise T. Thomas, President

ATTEST:

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

Miss Katsock presented resolution No. 2

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 proposed General Operating Budget of the **LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT** has been presented to the members of the Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for review; and,

WHEREAS, said budget calls for the total contribution of \$402,031.00 by withholding from member districts (this represents no change from the 2016-2017 budget); and

WHEREAS, Wilkes-Barre Area School District's share of the total contribution, by withholding, would be \$62,035.00 (a \$678.00 decrease from 2016-2017); and,

WHEREAS, actual 2015-2016 Weighted Average Daily Memberships (WADM's) are not yet available, but when available a new contribution calculation will be made; and,

WHEREAS, any recalculation of the contribution schedule is not expected to substantially modify each individual school district's share,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District grant approval to the 2017-2018 annual budget of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.

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**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Rev. Walker,** to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:  
**9 AYES:** Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Walker, Thomas

Mr. Galella presented Resolution No. 3

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the recent death of **DR. THOMAS J. RUSHTON**, former superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he was a history and driver education educator at G.A.R. and Coughlin High Schools, served as an assistant principal at G.A.R. High School, principal at Wilkes-Barre Township Junior High School, assistant superintendent and superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, he is the brother of Robert Rushton, retired English teacher for the Wilkes-Barre School District; and

WHEREAS, his passing on February 10, 2017 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, Joanne, daughter, Bonnie, sons, Dr. Thomas Rushton and Dr. Scott Rushton, brother Robert, and to his entire family.

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Mr. Galella moved to adopt the Resolution by Acclamation.

**New Business**

**Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Mr. Caffrey,** to co-op Meyers and Coughlin High Schools Lacrosse for the 2017 school year. The vote was as follows:

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

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Miss Katsock,** to prepare a design bid for the repair of the eroded steel underneath the stage at G.A.R. High School. The vote was as follows:

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

**Solicitors Report**

Attorney Wendolowski congratulated Mr. Caffrey in regard to his role as former Board President and stated that Mr. Caffrey led by example, hard work, honesty and commitment and it was his (Attorney Wendolowski) pleasure to work with and be supported in his role as Solicitor by Mr. Caffrey.

**Board Secretary Report**

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

**APRIL 3, 2017**

**Committee Meeting**

Monday, April 3, 2017 - 4:30 PM

**Regular Board Meeting**

Monday, April 3, 2017 - 6:00 PM

Meetings to be held at Dodson Elementary.

Dr. Susek moved to adjourn.

**President Thomas** adjourned the Meeting at 8:33 PM