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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING – January 13, 2025**

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**Board President Joseph Caffrey** called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Superintendent Costello** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**9 Members Present:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**President Caffrey** – The chair wishes to announce the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2025. The subjects discussed in the Executive Session related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, and/or threatened or actual litigation.

**Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board meetings on November 4, 2024 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.**

Motion by **Ms. Thomas** seconded by **Mr. Atherton** to approve the **Regular Meeting minutes of November 4, 2024.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Dr. Costello** shared that we are seeing an increase in enrollment in some of our buildings and will need to make some adjustments for next year.

**DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT**

**Mr. Krzywicki** read the following report.

**Admin Building:**

Continue to address work requests as they are received  
Repaired boiler

**Central Registration Building:**

Replaced main entrance door  
Continued patching & painting on 2nd Floor

**Dan Flood Elementary:**

Continue to address work requests as they are received  
Completed replacement of unit ventilators in classrooms  
Completed roof repair

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**Dodson Elementary:**

No work performed

**GAR Middle School:**

Continue to address work requests as they are received  
Completed replacement of rails at main entrance  
Completed temporary repairs to gym bleachers  
Installed washer & dryer

**Heights Murray Elementary:**

Continue to address work requests as they are received

**Kistler Elementary:**

Continue to address work requests as they are received  
Completed replacement of exterior doors in stair tower  
Commenced replacement of cafeteria tables

**Mackin Elementary:**

Continued to address work requests as they are received

**Solomon Complex:**

Continue to address work requests as they are received  
Continued plumbing repairs

**W-B High School:**

Continue to address work requests as they are received  
Completed installation of fence for baseball field

**General:**

Commenced snow removal as needed  
Continued annual testing & inspection of emergency lighting systems  
Continued annual inspection & testing of fire alarm systems

During the last two months, we have completed approximately 166 work requests. Our maintenance staff is currently addressing approximately 62 new work orders. The current number of unassigned work requests is 3. Those work requests are related to issues that require further investigation or cannot be addressed during the normal school day. In addition, there are 4 open work requests for Contractor warranty issues at Solomon.

**Ms. Thomas** shared a concern about ice building on sidewalks on Grant Street near GAR.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Mr. Caffrey** shared how lovely all our schools' Christmas programs were.

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**Mr. Thomas** shared how impressive the high school's performance of Chicago was.

**Rev. Walker** shared his pride for Mr. Harris's daughter, who placed first in FBLA for Impromptu Speaking.

**Mrs. Thomas** shared that she along with a committee are planning events in September to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GAR.

**Mr. Caffrey** shared that he is pleased with the district's Facebook page shedding a good light on our students.

**Mr. Evans** shared that the district recently purchased a new security vehicle.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

No speakers

**LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT #18**

**Ms. Thomas** – The next meeting is Wednesday, the 2nd.

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

**Ms. Harris** – The CTC is also seeing an increase in enrollment. Therefore, they will be conducting a feasibility study to explore expansion.

**Mr. Faust** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trades Career Fair will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Attorney Wendolowski** shared that the clean fill from the Valley Crest site may be used to level the CTC site.

**Mr. Evans** shared that the CTC newly created safety committee approved the installation of an electronic gate at its entrance and the purchase of a 4X4.

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**CURRICULUM/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**TO: The President and Members of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board**

**The Curriculum/Administration Committee respectfully submits the following report and recommendations:**

1. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with Coffee Inclusive to enroll students into the Coffee Inclusive Transitional Employment Program (“ITEP”) at Inclusive at a cost listed in the ITEP Schedule and Pricing. **“Exhibit A”**
2. That approval be given to the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student AD.
3. That approval be given to ratify the Community and School-Based Behavioral Health Program Commitment to Fidelity Implementation Agreement: School District Attestation. **“Exhibit B”**
4. That approval be given to Authorization for Services from Step by Step, Inc. for transitional services as follows:

Required 1,550 units (15-minute increments) for 3 days per week beginning 1/14/2025. \$7.54 community rate per unit, \$7.39 1:2-1:3 facility per unit, and 1:4-1:6 facility per unit. Not to exceed \$11,500.00. The authorization shall stay in effect till the end of the 2024-2024 school year.

Motion by **Mr. Evans**, second by **Dr. Susek**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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**BUDGET FINANCE/MATERIALS & SUPPLIES/CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**TO: The President and Members of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board**

**The Budget Finance/Materials & Supplies/Contracted Services Committee respectfully submits the following reports and recommendations:**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. That approval be given to the Treasurer's Reports for September, 2024. **"Exhibit C"**
2. Capital Projects – That approval be given to the payments listed below.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Invoice No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2.1	The Brewer-Garrett Company	GAR/Kistler ESCO	Capital Reserve	APP 16A	\$67,339.21
A2.2	The Brewer-Garrett Company	GAR/Kistler ESCO	Capital Reserve	APP 17AR	\$474,678.79
A2.3	The Brewer-Garrett Company	Flood/Heights ESCO	Capital Reserve	APP 5	\$253,797.00
A2.4	The Brewer-Garrett Company	Flood/Heights ESCO	Capital Reserve	APP 6	\$747,268.22
A2.5	The Brewer-Garrett Company	Flood/Heights ESCO	Capital Reserve	APP 7	\$237,107.91
A2.6	McClure Company	Solomon Plains ESCO	Capital Reserve	APP 13 RET	570,980.30
A2.7	Stell Enterprises, Inc	Paving Project	Capital Projects	App 02	\$682,096.95
A2.8	Stell Enterprises, Inc	Paving Project	Capital Projects	App 03	\$177,229.55
A2.9	Apollo Group Inc.	Stadium Project	Capital Projects	APP 25	\$259.29
A2.10	Apollo Group Inc.	Survey Electrical Work	General Fund	APP 1	\$1,842.22
A2.11	Apollo Group Inc.	New High School	General Fund	APP 65	\$304.92

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A2.12	Apollo Group Inc.	Mackin	General Fund	PR 1	\$1,977.53
A2.13	Apollo Group Inc.	New High School	General Fund	PR 1	\$4,911.31
A2.14	Apollo Group Inc.	New High School	General Fund	PR 2	\$175.70
A2.15	Apollo Group Inc.	Central Registration	General Fund	PR1	\$1,679.36

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3. That approval be given to the following budget transfers:

Account	Debit	Credit
10 E 1110 600	\$2,700.00	
10 E 5900 800		\$2,700.00
10 E 1100 600	\$3,200.00	
10 E 5900 800		\$3,200.00

4. That ratification be given to the Repository Tax Sales by Elite Revenue Solutions, as agent for the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau as follows:

Property Address	Parcel No.	Proposed Bid
325 North Main Street, Plains Twp.	50-F10S1-011-014-000	\$500.00

5. That approval be given to renew Dr. Kistler Elementary School's flood insurance with Selective Insurance at a premium of \$13,779.00, effective February 14, 2025.

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**B. FEDERAL**

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal Fund AP Checks #3507 to #3541; Federal Fund Wire Transfers #202400539 to #202400548 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on November 4, 2024.



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**C. GENERAL FUND/FOOD SERVICE**

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following General Fund Checks #63935 to #64177 and General Fund Wire Transfers #202412435 to #202412468 and #202400419 to #202400424 and Food Service Checks #4008 to #4023 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on November 4, 2024 be approved.

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**D. GENERAL FUND**

That checks #64178 to #64331 listed on the following pages, which have been inspected, be approved and that order be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

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**E. CONTRACTED SERVICES**

1. That approval be given to the Berkshire Systems Group Inc. for the Salient Camera Complete View Enterprise Software Support & License Agreement from November 15, 2024 through November 14, 2025, at an annual cost of \$9,116.00. **“Exhibit D”**
2. That approval be given to Change Order #1 for Stell Enterprises, Inc, District Paving Project in the amount of \$225,755.50. The Change Order consists of the sidewalks, curbs, line striping, topsoil/seeding, post mounted signs, catch basins, pipe bollards, PVC conduit, subbase, milling/paving, & detectable warning surfaces.
3. That approval be given to Change Order #3 for Brewer-Garrett, GAR/Kistler ESCO Projects at no cost change. The change order consists of the following:

Kistler Drain Pan	\$1,308.18
Seal Leaking RTU	\$2,233.17
Trace Exterior Short	\$1,175
Modular and Pool Lighting Add	\$5,967.03
Repair Two Exhaust Fans	\$909.00
Kistler Toilet Leak Ceiling	\$2,564.00
Library Electrical Add	\$10,149.72
Exhaust Fan Survey	\$5,997.90
Hood Material Credit	-\$24,804.00
Hood Labor Credit	-\$1,700.00
Ceiling Credit	-\$3,800.00

4. That approval be given to Change Order #3 for Keystone Sports Construction, Baseball Field/Tennis Court Project in the amount of \$6,351.46. The change order consists of the following:

Light & Light Foundation Permit Fee Paid by Keystone to Plains Twp.	\$2,817.00
Electrical Permit Paid by Keystone to Plains Township	\$1,739.50
Asphalt Paving Index Adjustment June	\$1,259.61
Asphalt Paving Index Adjustment July	\$613.60
Asphalt Paving Index Adjustment October	-\$78.25

Motion by **Rev. Walker**, second by **Ms. Thomas**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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**ATHLETICS**

**Mr. Atherton** – The next meeting is Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SAFETY & SECURITY**

**TO: The President and Members of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board.**

**The Safety & Security Committee respectfully makes the following report and recommendation:**

1. That approval be given to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Plains Township Police Department, the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Police Department and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District effective December 2024. **“Exhibit E”**
2. That approval be given to a one year service plan with Torbik Safe & Lock, Inc. to update and upgrade the Avigilon camera software at a cost of \$9,740.00. **“Exhibit F”**

Motion by **Mr. Evans**, second by **Ms. Thomas**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**Mr. Evans** – The next meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**TRANSPORTATION**

No report

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**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

**TO: The President and Members of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board.**

**The Building Maintenance Committee respectfully makes the following report and recommendation:**

1. That approval be given to ratify the agreement with Cintas to replace (50) emergency light batteries at Dodson Elementary School at a cost of \$3,205.60.
2. That approval be given to ratify the Cintas Facility Services Rental Agreement for traffic mats at a cost listed in the agreement. **“Exhibit G”**
3. That approval be given to ratify the Cintas Fire Protection Service Agreement for services at GAR Memorial Middle School at a semi annual cost of \$476.32.  
**“Exhibit H”**
4. That approval be given to ratify the agreement with Keystone Sports Construction to remove and replace a fence at the Solomon Complex at a cost of \$3,229.00.  
**“Exhibit I”**
5. That approval be given to ratify the agreement with Johnson Controls Fire Protection to provide fire alarm materials, installation and certification at the Solomon Complex at a total cost of \$8,702.10. **“Exhibit J”**

Motion by **Mr. Faust**, second by **Ms. Harris**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**Mr. Faust** stressed the importance of entering work orders for maintenance concerns. He also explained that we may need to band animals from our properties if citizens do not clean up after their pets.

**FACILITIES TRANSITION**

No report

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**STUDENT WELLNESS**

**Mr. Breeze\_** – Ms. Jill Price of Wilkes University will present two wellness sessions at our next Act 80 day.

**POLICY**  
No report

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**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

TO: The President and Members of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board

The Personnel Committee respectfully submits the following report and recommendations.

All appointments are made pending District Review of the Approved State Budget, the receipt of PDE required clearances, certifications, and any applicable pre-employment drug test.

**A. Agreement**

1. That approval be given to the Affiliated Site Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Grand Canyon University. **“EXHIBIT K”**
2. That approval be given to extend the Affiliated Site Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and The University of Scranton. **“EXHIBIT L”**

**B. Professionals**

1. That the resignation of **Samantha Woodard** be accepted effective November 20, 2024.
2. That the resignation of **Alyssa Cheseck** be accepted effective November 13, 2024.
3. That the resignation of **Haralampos Varonides** be accepted effective December 1, 2024.
4. That **Yazan Mahmoud’s** request for unpaid leave from December 11, 2024 through the end of the 2024-2025 School Year be accepted.
5. That **Vanessa Richeson** be appointed a temporary professional employee as an Elementary Teacher effective January 28, 2024.
6. That **Ryan Carr** be appointed a Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. That **Ashlie Alves** be appointed a Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

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8. That **Gemma Sturdevant** be appointed a Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
9. That **Regan Mishanski** be appointed a Long-Term Substitute Health & Physical Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. That **Gabbrielle Lakkis'** appointment as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher extended through March 7, 2025
11. That the following professional employees be appointed to the following positions at a rate of \$35.00 per hour. RAISE assignments will be based on student participation and grant program funding available. RAISE tutoring hours not to exceed grant program funding.

**RAISE After School Program Session 2**

Stephanie Brewster	Cassandra Walkowiak	
Alyssa Dragon	Kelly Jackson	Donna Brenner
Melanie Costantino	Margaret McGrath	Amanda Scott
Amy Umphred	Beth Weber	Mary Jo Youngblood
Nicole Andrukaitis	Kristen Barber	Rick Collins
Susan Domiano	Mary Gallis	Anne Goffredo
Rita Gubbiotti	Dana Hine	Jennifer Hunter
Carianna Makowski	Molly McAndrew	Erin McGavin
Kaycee Mercadante	Amy Rau	Amy Sullivan
Bethany Taylor	Karen Vought	Jessica Hendler
Brenda Banaszek	Kelley Campas	Dakota Zyskowski
Michael Day	Lisa Giovannini	Maria Mathis
Leonardo Brennan	Christopher Buzinkai	Cynthia Craig
Kimberly Hayes	Jennifer Thomas	Amy Wargo-Secor
Ryan Wrobleski	Marianne Aboutanos	Marissa Bradshaw
Meredith Falchek	Susan Ferretti	Heather Fritz



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Heather Johnson  
Charla Potsko  
Paul Shymanski

Diane McFarlane  
Joseph Rodzinak Jr  
Michael Ward

Erin Moran  
Erin Sciandra  
Glenn Zimmerman

**C. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates**

1. That **Claude Holliman's** request for unpaid leave for December 4, 2024 through December 23, 2024, and be accepted.
2. That **Danielle Sawicki's** request for unpaid leave from February 3, 2025 through April 29, 2025 be accepted.
3. That the resignation of **Amanda Colonna** be accepted effective January 6, 2025.
4. That **Rebecca Parry's** request for unpaid leave from January 6, 2025 through January 27, 2025 be accepted.
5. That **Teresa Torres'** request for unpaid leave from January 2, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 School Year be accepted.
6. That **Toiya Jones'** request for unpaid leave from January 21, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 School Year be accepted.
7. That **Mary Ruth Burke's** request for unpaid leave for January 21, 2025 through January 31, 2025 be accepted.
8. That **Yolanda Harris'** request for unpaid leave for January 24, 2025 through May 23, 2025 be accepted.
9. That **Barbara Shemanski's** request for unpaid leave for January 2, 2025 and January 3, 2025 be accepted.
10. That the resignation of **Olivia Hanson** as Secretary, Level I be accepted.
11. That the resignation of **Selene Amigon** be accepted.
12. That the resignation of **Gladynette Hernandez** be accepted.
13. That the resignation of **Kyla Budzyn** be accepted.

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14. That **Maria Tapia** be appointed a 12 Month Secretary, Level I.
15. That **Anna Daniels** be appointed a Long-Term Substitute Full Time Paraprofessional/PCA(s) 32.5 hours per week through the end of the 2024-2025 School. Year.
16. That **Jaqueline Tapia** be appointed a Long-Term Substitute Full Time Paraprofessional/PCA(s) 32.5 hours per week through the end of the 2024-2025 School. Year.
17. That **Amber Zyskowski** be appointed a Long-Term Substitute Full Time Paraprofessional/PCA(s) 32.5 hours per week through the end of the 2024-2025 School. Year.
18. That **Anna Daniels** be appointed Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week.
19. That **Jennifer Jimenez** be appointed Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week.
20. That **Jamira Lane** be appointed Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week.
21. That **Skylar Hayward** be appointed Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week.
22. That **Breyann Casterlin** be appointed Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week.
23. That the following employees be appointed to the following positions at their current hourly rate. RAISE, A-TSI, and ARP ESSER assignments will be based on student participation and grant program funding available. RAISE, A-TSI, and ARP ESSER tutoring hours not to exceed grant program funding.

**RAISE After School Program Session 2 AIDE**

Michael Friedenthal

Blake Meredick

Pam Peters

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Betsy Carey  
Maria Aguila  
Marie Pistack

Jacqueline Lamonica  
Matthew Endress  
Janet Jones

Sandra Namey  
Jamie Pesotski

**D. Custodians, Maintenance and Housekeepers**

1. That the retirement of **Tracey Biniek** be accepted effective January 2, 2025.
2. That the resignation of **Brian Noble** be accepted effective November 22, 2024.
3. That **Raymond Sedorchuk** be appointed a Skilled Maintenance/Carpenter-Plumber effective upon receipt of appropriate license.
4. That the voluntary resignation of **Adam Ostrowski** be accepted effective November 27, 2024.
5. That **Yun Chen's** request for unpaid leave from January 28, 2025 through April 3, 2025 be accepted.
6. That **Louis Zuzelski** be appointed a Full Time Custodian.

**E. Crossing Guards**

1. That **Ray Grohowski's** request for unpaid leave for November 12, 2024 through April 1, 2025 be accepted.

**F. Athletics**

1. That the resignation of **John Hooper** as Boys Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach be accepted.
2. That the resignation of **Shawn Austin** as Boys Track & Field Varsity Assistant Coach (1/2 Pay) be accepted.

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3. The following appointments are made for the sports 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.

Boys Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach

**Joseph Konigus**

Girls Track & Field Varsity Head Coach

**Anthony Dates**

Boys Tennis Varsity Head Coach

**James Geiger**

Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach

**Curtis Hall**

Cheerleading Volunteer Assistant Coach

**Skye Rachko**

Motion by **Dr. Susek**, second by **Rev. Walker**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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**RESOLUTION #1**

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District has determined that there will be no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public school for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education (Department) for the District;

WHEREAS, the Index for the District is 5.9%;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District does hereby certify that the District will comply with the procedures as set forth in Section 687 of the Public School Code as it relates to the annual budget for the adoption of its proposed final budget;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the established index will be sufficient to balance its final budget;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that the District will submit information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the public schools to the Department on a uniform form prepared by the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that a copy of this resolution adopted pursuant to Section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of Special Session No. 1 of 2006 will be sent to the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the District shall not be eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of the Taxpayer Relief Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the Department shall compare the proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index; within ten (10) days of the receipt of the information as required, the Department shall inform the District whether the proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District as follows:

The Board of School Directors adopts this RESOLUTION on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District of 5.9%.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

Wilkes-Barre Area School District

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Motion by **Mr. Caffrey**, second by **Rev. Walker**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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**RESOLUTION #2**

**Whereas**, Dr. Patrick J. Kerrigan was born and raised in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, receiving his primary and secondary education at St. Mary's-St. Nicholas Elementary School and Bishop Hoban High School;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Scranton in 1980 and received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan has been actively engaged in the private practice of Family Medicine since 1986 at the Hart Medical Center, P.C. in Wilkes-Barre, and has been a dedicated member of various medical staffs, including Commonwealth Health at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and others;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan has been board certified in Family Practice since 1988 and has been a prominent member of several professional medical associations, including the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Family Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan has provided exemplary geriatric medical care to numerous nursing homes and has served as Corporate Medical Director for Pro-Rehab;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan served as the examining School Physician for the Wilkes-Barre School District from 1990 to 2020, and for Bishop Hoban High School from 1999 to 2000;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan has contributed significantly to medical education, serving as a preceptor for medical students from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and guiding students pursuing medical careers;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan has held numerous leadership roles, including Medical Staff President at Wyoming Valley Health Care System and board member for the Luzerne County Medical Society and American Heart Association;

**Whereas**, Dr. Kerrigan has been recognized with several awards, including the "Family Physician of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society in 2012 and the "Best Family Physician Award" by the Citizen's Voice Newspaper Readers' Choice Awards from 2020 to 2024;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Wilkes-Barre Area School District hereby recognizes and commends Dr. Kerrigan for his outstanding dedication and 30 years of exemplary service as the district physician. His unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of our students and community has left a lasting impact that will be remembered for years to come.

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**Be it further resolved,** that the Wilkes-Barre Area School District extends its heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Dr. Kerrigan in all his future endeavors.

Motion by **Ms. Thomas**, second by **Mr. Faust**

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Evans, second by Dr. Susek.

**The vote was as follows:**

**9 Ayes:** Atherton, Breese, Evans, Harris, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Meeting adjourned at 7:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Telesz  
Board Secretary