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Regular Board Meeting – January 9, 2023

Board President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Superintendent Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Secretary, Thomas F. Telesz called the roll.

8 Members Present: Atherton, Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey
1 Member Absent: Walker

President Caffrey - The chair wishes to announce the Board held an Informational Meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023 regarding a Capital Improvement Plan. The Board then went into Executive Session from 5:35 pm to 5:40 pm. The Board also held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2023. 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 December 5, 2022 Reorganization Meeting and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Motion by Ms. Thomas seconded by Dr. Susek to approve the minutes of December 5, 2022 Reorganization Meeting.

8 Ayes: Atherton, Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Costello – Presented the annual “State of the District” report. Described how the path was created to achieve the goals set for the District both financially, academically and maintenance of our buildings.. We have had significant growth financially since 2016. Our debt service is currently at four percent and will increase to seven percent. Our district was a little higher in salary and benefits in expenditures than other districts. With the consolidation the salaries are currently at average with all other school districts. The expenditures are on average with all other school districts, except for the total going to charter schools. Currently about 9 ½ percent of our expenses is going to charter schools. The enrollment is at about a ten percent growth rate. The decision on the ruling regarding the Fair Funding Trial can come down at any time.

We have a maintenance plan in place. Some facility improvements that have been completed this year include the Kistler Roof, Solomon/Plains Roof, installed all new LED lighting at GAR Middle School, approved the site for the new administration building at the Russin property and should be closed on very soon. We had an upgrade to our technology and infrastructure. We were able to complete athletic phases 1, 2 and 3. In 2016 we agreed to have a Capital plan to keep our buildings “working”. Most of our buildings, with the exception of Mackin and the WBA High School, are in need repairs. We will begin a paving project that will take place during the summer. We will also begin the Athletic phases 4 and 5.

We are hopeful by 2024 we will be able to open a new administration building along with the current building that is on the site that will be used for Central Registration and Human Resources.

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Academically, we were able to purchase new textbooks in all major subject areas, science equipment and provide every student with a Chromebook or IPAD. All classrooms and computer labs were updated with new computers; we have remediation available in the morning for all high school students (transportation is provided); afternoon remediation is available for the middle school students (transportation is provided); we have the Step Up With The Pack summer program for elementary and middle school students; tutoring opportunities are available throughout the day, evenings and weekends; we implemented a new reading program this year that focuses on having every student reading at their grade level by grade 3; we brought back Art in the elementary grades; the Learning Academy Pilot Program that began this year has proved to be more successful than anticipated.

Our academic pathway is non-negotiable. We need to have every student reading at level by grade 3; all students will have to successfully complete the Keystone; all students will be college and career ready upon graduation; faculty and administrative positions will be filled by the highest quality candidate. The way to accomplish this is to provide special development and more time for teacher to plan and prepare. We have an extended school year for our students needing acceleration. In the last two years almost 600 students have attended the summer programs. We need to engage our parents through a focus group. We need to increase our community relationship with local leaders from United Way, local colleges and universities, and business leaders. To assemble the team of excellence, we need to hire the best and brightest and most qualified employees while not forgetting about our current faculty.

To sum up our Facility Pathway, all buildings will achieve the quarterly benchmarks. All buildings will have the necessary staff to maintain these benchmarks. We need to hire qualified applicants to do the job needed. Staff will be trained on OSHA regulations, complete daily and weekly check lists and cleanliness reports. This is how we can evaluate our staff.

The summation of our Financial Pathway is: the District needs to maintain an eight percent fund balance; that we continually add to the Capital Reserve; to continue to have a balanced budget and restrict from going over the budgeted amounts.

APOLLO REPORT/FACILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Krzywicki - E.L. Meyers – We continue to perform security checks while the building is unoccupied and continue to secure building. **D.J. Flood Elementary** - Addressing work requests, completed temporary repairs to driveway near modular classrooms and evaluating the clock system **Heights-Murray Elementary** – Continued to address work requests, plumbing repairs and emergency repair to the fire protection system. **Leo E. Solomon Complex** – Continued to address work requests, completed the installation of panic hardware in the Elementary vestibule and completed locker repairs. **Dodson Elementary** – Continued to address work requests. **GAR Middle School** – Continued to address work requests, and plumbing repairs and completed review of bids for the partial roof replacement. **Kistler Elementary** – Continued to address work requests, plumbing and HVAC repairs and evaluation of the existing clock system. **Mackin Elementary** – Continuing to address work requests and completed repair on the fire protection system. **WBA High School** – Completed installation of the trench drain along the sidewalk in front of the Library. **Stadium Project** -

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The General Trades contractors has completed installation of masonry and roofing system and commenced installation of interior finishes. The Plumbing, HVAC and Electrical contractors have completed rough-in plumbing, HVAC and electrical systems and continued installation of fixtures and devices.

General Information: Over the last month we have reduced the number of unassigned work requests from approximately 150 down to 30. The majority of those work requests are related to issues that need to be further investigated. Our maintenance staff is currently addressing approximately 100 new work orders.

The District has received Requests for Qualifications from (6) ESCO companies. We requested proposals from four of those companies to replace HVAC equipment, lighting fixtures and ceilings at GAR, Solomon/Plains, Dan Flood, Heights-Murray and Kistler. Proposals are due on February 16, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Sam Troy signed in but was not present for the meeting.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT #18

Ms. Thomas – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the LIU, Tioga Ave., Kingston.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Ms. Harris – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

CURRICULUM/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

1. That approval be given to the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student N.C.
2. That approval be given to the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student E.R.
3. That approval be given to the "In Lieu of FAPE Waiver Agreement and Release" between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student H.R.
4. That approval be given to the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student A.L.

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

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Breese, Evans, Faust, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Ms. Harris momentarily stepped out of the meeting when the vote was taken.

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BUDGET FINANCE/MATERIALS & SUPPLIES/CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Breese presented the following report and recommendations for the Board’s approval.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. That approval be given to the Treasurer’s Reports for September 2022 and October 2022. **“Exhibit A”**
2. Capital Projects – That approval be given to the below listed payments.

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|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| A2.1 | Apollo Group, Inc. | New High School Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 58 | \$1,763.42 |
| A2.2 | Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. | New High School Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 39 | \$27,543.75 |
| A2.3 | Quandel Construction Group, LLC | New High School Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 39 | \$23,489.93 |
| A2.4 | Quandel Construction Group, LLC | New High School Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 40 | \$3,300.00 |
| A2.5 | Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc. | New High School Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 34 | \$50,000.00 |
| A2.6 | Sterling Glass, Inc. | New High School Project | Capital Projects | App. No.13 | \$16,428.73 |
| A2.7 | Apollo Group, Inc. | New Stadium Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 12 | \$76,599.13 |
| A2.8 | Keystone Sports Construction | New Stadium Project | Capital Projects | Inv. #2058 | \$308,420.03 |
| A2.9 | Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | Inv. # 716-11-2022 | \$7,463.61 |
| A2.10 | Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | Inv. # 716-12-2022 | \$7,049.40 |
| A2.11 | Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | App. No. 000-6 | \$93,815.90 |
| A2.12 | Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | App. No. 000-7 | \$74,459.25 |
| A2.13 | Myco Mechanical, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | HVAC App. No. 6 | \$37,440.00 |
| A2.14 | Myco Mechanical, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | HVAC App. No. 7 | \$82,788.30 |
| A2.15 | Myco Mechanical, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | HVAC App. No. 8 | \$11,416.35 |
| A2.16 | Myco Mechanical, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | Plumbing App. No. 6 | \$73,758.22 |
| A2.17 | Myco Mechanical, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | Plumbing App. No. 7 | \$28,442.49 |

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| A2.18 | Myco Mechanical, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | Plumbing App. No. 8 | \$28,310.34 |
| A2.19 | Panzitta Enterprises, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | App. No. 5 | \$299,250.00 |
| A2.20 | Panzitta Enterprises, Inc. | Fieldhouse/ Ticket Booths | Capital Projects | App. No. 6 | \$362,700.00 |
| A2.21 | Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects | GAR MS Partial Re-Roof | Capital Projects | Inv. No. 725-11-2022 | \$6,423.00 |
| A2.22 | Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects | GAR MS Partial Re-Roof | Capital Projects | Inv. No. 725-12-2022 | \$2098.05 |
| A2.23 | Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects | GAR MS Partial Re-Roof | Capital Projects | Inv. No. 725-01-2023 | \$4,058.00 |
| A2.24 | Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc. | GAR MS Partial Re-Roof | Capital Projects | Inv. # 7882 | \$1,210.05 |
| A2.25 | Apollo Group, Inc. | Solomon/Plains Roof Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 6 | \$1,351.40 |
| A2.26 | Dunmore Roofing, Inc. | Solomon/Plains Roof Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 7 | \$52,883.37 |
| A2.27 | Dunmore Roofing, Inc. | Solomon/Plains Roof Project | Capital Projects | App. No. 8 | \$150,775.01 |

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

| VENDOR | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Liberty Mutual Insurance | 682 | \$8,646.00 |

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 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 12 Bunk Street, Plains Twp. | 50-610NE4-009-008-000 | \$12,000 |
| 22 R. Simpson St., Wilkes-Barre | 73-19W1-005-026 | \$2,050 |

B. FEDERAL

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal Fund AP Checks #2711 to #2791; Federal Fund Wire Transfers #202200361 to #202200375 and #202200428 to 202200443 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on November 7, 2022.

C. GENERAL FUND/FOOD SERVICE

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following General Fund Checks #59513 to #59603 and General Fund Wire Transfers #202212014 to #202212046 and Food Service Checks #3784 to #3798 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on November 7, 2022 be approved.

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D. GENERAL FUND

That checks #59604 to #59825 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.

E. CONTRACTED SERVICES

1. That approval be given to renew the Flood Insurance coverage on the District properties located at: 341 Carey Avenue at an annual cost of \$7,714.00; 301 Old River Road at an annual cost of \$11,703.00.
2. That approval be given to enter into a Transportation Service Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and SHINE of Luzerne County at Wilkes University and STA of Pennsylvania Transportation for the 2022-2023 school year. **“Exhibit B”**
3. That approval be given to enter into an agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Integra Realty Resources, 1515 Market Street, Suite 800, Philadelphia, PA to provide an appraisal report of Wilkes-Barre Township Marketplace, Highland Park Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre Twp. at a fee of \$17,500. **“Exhibit C”**
4. That approval be given to award the GAR Middle School Partial Roof Replacement Project contract to the low bidder, Detwiler Roofing, LLC, in the amount of \$738,000.00 This amount represents the base bid without any alternates. This award is based upon the recommendation of Breslin Architects.
5. That approval be given to enter into an agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Cintas Fire Protection to provide Fire Protection Services for one year at the following rates: **“Exhibit D”**

| Quantity | Service Description | Frequency | Cost |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 77 | Fire Extinguisher Inspection | Annual | \$4.95 ea. |
| 77 | Tamper Seal | Annual | \$1.75 ea. |
| 1 | Kitchen Inspection | Semi-Annual | \$105.00 |
| 1 | Remote Tank (Kitchen) | Semi-Annual | \$70.00 ea. |
| 1 | Fusable Links (Kitchen) | Semi-Annual | \$9.95 ea. |
| 1 | Air Test (Kitchen) | Semi-Annual | \$75.00 |
| | Service Charge | Per Visit | \$26.24 |

6. That approval be given to enter into an agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Generator Guys, 56 South Pioneer Avenue, Trucksville for the installation of a new generator at GAR Middle School to provide emergency power to District servers at a cost of \$14,950.00.

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7. That approval be given to Change Order #4 for Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,111.29 The Change Order consists of the following:

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| RFI 65 Electrical/Mechanical Discrepancies | \$4,693.94 |
| ASI-20 Under Bleacher Lighting Change (7) | \$2,597.37 |
| ASi-17 Mounting Change for Type K Fixture | \$4,819.98 |

8. That approval be given to Change Order #4 for Panzitta Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$14,038.15. The Change Order consists of the following:

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| Security Box Lock Credit (P13) | (\$1,242.81) |
| Demo 2 Courses of Block & Install Bond Beam (11) | \$5,460.17 |
| Cost to Change Speak Thrus @TB | \$871.00 |
| Canopy Light Housings – (COR 16) | \$2,049.93 |
| Metal Locker Base – (COR 15) | \$6,899.86 |

Mr. Breese moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Budget Finance/Materials & Supplies/Contracted Services Report.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

1. That approval be given to sponsor a new athletic opportunity, a High School Girls Wrestling Program at the Wilkes-Barre Area High School. Sponsorship of a High School Girls Wrestling Program will be effective for the 2022-2023 season. The team will be under the control of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the eligibility of the student athletes will be reviewed and certified by the Principal.

Mr. Atherton moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Athletic Committee Report.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

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

1. That approval be given to ratify work completed by Ralston Mechanical Systems to the Heating at Kistler Elementary School Grade 5 at a cost of \$16,850.00. Scope of work included:
 - Supply and install (2) Trane Odyssey air handlers 460 v 3 phase constant volume, (2) Trane 25 kw 460 v 3 phase electric heaters.
 - Provide hanging brackets to install equipment.
 - Provide and install supply and return air ductwork.
 - Control wiring, thermostats and startup of equipment.

Mr. Faust moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Building Maintenance Committee Report.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

FACILITIES TRANSITION COMMITTEE

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

1. That approval be given to Amendment No. 1 to The Purchase and Sale Agreement regarding the sale of the property located at 341 Carey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre (Meyers High School) property to extend the due diligence period to February 22, 2022.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Facilities Transition Report.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

A. Agreement

1. That approval be given to the Affiliated Site Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Marywood University. **"EXHIBIT E"**

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B. Act 93

1. That **Jeffrey Lutz** be appointed a Resource Officer at Group E minimum salary effective January 3, 2023.
2. That **Erika Oswald** be appointed a PCCD Funded Year to Year Resource Officer at Group E minimum salary.
3. That **Kaitlyn Camillocci** be appointed a Per Diem School Resource/Police Officer at Group E minimum daily rate.

C. Confidential Secretarial

1. That the retirement of **Suzanne Saporito** be accepted effective March 31, 2023.

D. Professionals

1. That the retirement of **Carrie Bubul** be accepted effective January 4, 2023.
2. That the retirement of **Cecilia Baltusavich** be accepted effective May 5, 2023.
3. That the retirement of **Bernard Svab** be accepted effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year.
4. That the resignation of **Gabrielle Malishchak** be accepted effective December 23, 2022.
5. That **John Allen's** request for a sabbatical for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year be approved.
6. That **Christopher Buzinkai's** request for a sabbatical for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year be approved.
7. That **Melissa Sindaco's** request for a sabbatical for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year be approved.
8. That **Joseph Marr's** request for a sabbatical for the 2023-2024 school year be approved.
9. That the resignation of **Erica Eck** be accepted effective November 11, 2022.
10. That **Dominick Bayo** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher effective November 16, 2022. The Board further agrees to accept Dominick's resignation effective November 18, 2022.
11. That **Jennifer Hunter** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher effective December 19, 2022.
12. That **Jennifer Ricci's** request for an unpaid leave for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year be approved.
13. That **Matthew Monaghan** be appointed a Math Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
14. That **Arthur Mitchell** be appointed an ESL Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
15. That **Tim Scott Pritchard** be appointed an Secondary Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

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16. That **Joshua Schiowitz** be appointed an Art Long-Term Substitute Teacher effective January 11, 2023.
17. That **Ginger Walsh** be appointed an Art Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
18. That **Stephanie Carter** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
19. That **Alyssa Chesek** be appointed a Math Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
20. That **Damon Saxon** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
21. That **Laurel Ann Penn** be appointed a Biology Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
22. That **Hannah Gildea** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
23. That **Violeta Mattei** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
24. That **Nikki Berlew** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2nd Semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
25. That the start date of previously appointed **Bridget Galle** be amended to November 16, 2022.
26. That the following professional employees be appointed to the following positions at a rate of \$35.00 per hour. 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 (Effective January 5, 2023)

Mary Ann Rizzo

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E. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That the retirement of **Christine Zak** be accepted effective December 26, 2022.
2. That the retirement of **Carol Visconti** be accepted effective December 16, 2022.
3. That the retirement of **Ellen Lisman** be accepted effective January 3, 2023.
4. That **Anna Mae Yelland's** request for an unpaid leave for December 13, 2022 and December 19, 2022 through December 23, 2022 be approved.
5. That **Danielle Sawicki's** request for an unpaid leave from February 13, 2023 through April 20, 2023 be approved.
6. That **Patricia Kondracki's** request for an unpaid leave from February 10, 2023 through April 10, 2023 be approved.
7. That **Maureen Rodgers** be appointed 10 Month Secretary, Level I.
8. That **Donna Hooker** be appointed ESSER Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week effective December 19, 2022 with a position termination date at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
9. That **Gale Winder** be appointed ESSER Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week effective December 14, 2022 with a position termination date at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
10. That **Yissel Ferreira** be appointed ESSER Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week with a position termination date at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
11. That **Michele Burden-Wood** be appointed ESSER Part Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA) 20 hours per week with a position termination date at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

F. Custodians, Maintenance and Housekeepers

1. That the retirement of **James Riley** be accepted effective March 25, 2023.
2. That **David Oldziejewski's** request for an unpaid leave for November 21, 2022, December 2, 2022, December 23, 2022, and December 29, 2022 be approved.
3. That **Brenda Kowalczyk's** request for an unpaid leave for December 5, 2022, December 6, 2022, and December 16, 2022 be approved.
4. That **Susanna Luton** be appointed a Sub Custodian effective December 20, 2022.

G. Security Greeters

1. That the resignation of **Charlene Pappas** be accepted effective October 3, 2022.
2. That the resignation of **Alice Kondratick** be accepted effective September 1, 2022.

H. Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule-6

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1. That **Erika Hanson** be appointed Head Teacher ESL.

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J. Athletics

1. That the resignation of **Larry Anderscavage** be accepted effective November 11, 2022.
2. 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.

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| Boys Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach (1/2 pay) | Galen Shell |
| Softball Varsity Assistant Coach | Jill Morris |
| Softball Junior High Assistant Coach | Mandi Zawadzki |
| Track Varsity Assistant Coach | Glenn Zimmerman |
| Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach | Destiny Cabreja |
| Wrestling Volunteer Coach | A.J. Luton |
| Wrestling Volunteer Coach | Rob Osmanski |

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Athletic Committee Report.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

3 Nays: Evans (E-7); Ms. Harris (Track Asst. Coach); Ms. Thomas (D-8)

Mr. Caffrey presented Resolution #1

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 2023-2024 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.

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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.

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 9th day of January 2023 indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2023-2024 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 9th day of January 2023.

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Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt Resolution #1.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Breese, Evans, Faust, Harris, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

NEW BUSINESS – No Report

SOLICITOR REPORT – No Report

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Susek and seconded by Ms. Harris.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at: 7:53 p.m.