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**Regular Board Meeting**  
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**Board President Joseph A. Caffrey** called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

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

**President Caffrey** asked for a moment of silence in memory of Nathan Gray.

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

**8 Members Present:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**1 Member Absent:** Schiowitz

**President Caffrey:**

- The Chair announced the Board held an Informational meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. During this meeting the Board went into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. and again at 6:25 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.
- The Board also held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2022. The subjects discussed in these Executive Sessions related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, and/or threatened or actual litigation.
- Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 8, 2021 and the Reorganization Meeting held on December 6, 2021 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

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

**8 Ayes:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Dr. Costello** welcomed everyone to the meeting. This year we will be using virtual days on snow days. Students have been instructed on how to log-in and get their assignments.

These past few days we have experienced some cold temperatures. When there is a wind chill advisory we usually will have a 2-hour delay. When there is a wind chill warning we will have a cancellation of school. We do follow the criteria related to those advisories.

The last topic relates to COVID and where we are as a District. The number of active COVID cases are monitored and the posted on the website at least once a week. I have been trying to update them daily since the holiday break. Currently our numbers are within the range to allow in-person instruction to continue.

### **APOLLO REPORT – Mike Kryzwicki**

**District Maintenance Plan** – The Switchgear replacement at Heights-Murray Elementary has been rescheduled for the summer of 2022.

Flooring replacement at GAR will commence once approved by PDE and materials are delivered to the site.

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The equipment for Heights-Murray Elementary Elevator Repairs is expected to ship during the first week of February. The anticipated duration to complete the work is 5 working days.

Materials for Leo E. Solomon Roof Replacement project have been ordered. Work is expected to commence in the spring and be substantially completed before the end of summer 2022.

**New High School** – The Sitework Contractor has completed widening of the Cross Valley off-ramp & PADOT improvements at Abbott Street (with exception of turning lane). We have not been authorized by PADOT to open turning lane at Cross Valley off-ramp or activate traffic signals at Abbott Street. The Sitework Contractor will complete their punch list items during the spring planting season.

The Building Shell Contractor has continued to complete remaining work and address their punch list items.

The HVAC Contractor has completed equipment startup and continued to address their punch list items.

The Aluminum & Glass Contractor has continued to address their punch list items.

The Landscaping Contractor will complete their punch list items during the spring planting season.

**New Stadium Project** – The Sitework Contractor has mobilized, performed layout, installed E&S controls and commenced clearing and grubbing and site grading.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was no Old Business

**COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

**Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA**

Mr. Troy asked the Board to add an additional five-minute comment period for Agenda items along with an additional five minutes to comment on general School District business. He also commented on the re-listing of the Meyers High School Building, the Project Engineer appointment, the meeting starting time, invoices from Everon Electric that were provided to him through a Right To Know request and the Stadium project.

**LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT #18**

**Ms. Thomas** – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the LIU on Tioga Avenue, Kingston.

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

**Mr. Quinn** – The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 at the WBACTC.

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**CURRICULUM ADMINISTRATION**

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

1. That approval be given to ratify an Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Imagine Learning, 382 W. Park Circle, Suite 100, Provo, Utah for five (5) Imagine Language & Literacy Site Licenses for the 2022-2023; 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years at a total cost of \$150,000. **“EXHIBIT A”**.
2. That approval be given to the ATSI-Title I School plans for 2021-2022 school year.
3. That approval be given to amend the agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Maxim Healthcare services to include the updated rates as indicated on attachment. **“EXHIBIT B”**

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

**The vote was as follows:**

**8 Ayes:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

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

**Rev. Walker presented the following report and recommendations for the Board’s approval.**

**A. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Capital Projects – That approval be given to the below listed payments.

A1.1	Apollo Group Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 49	\$39,357.24
A1.2	11400, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 10	\$20,251.25
A1.3	11400, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 11	\$20,251.25
A1.4	Benell, Inc.	New High School Projects	Capital Projects	App. No. 30	\$2,596.50
A1.5	Benell, Inc.	New High School Projects	Capital Projects	App. No. 31	\$75,873.85

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A1.6	Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 32	\$7,861.25
A1.7	Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 33	\$2,029.29
A1.8	Quandel Construction Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 32	\$87,587.75
A1.9	Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 29	\$6,836.25
A1.10	Scranton Sheet Metal, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 30	\$253,794.75
A1.11	Stell Enterprises, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 23	\$442,581.75
A1.12	BSN Sports	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 914572762	\$22,614.00
A1.13	The Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 1562474	\$19,834.60
A1.14	The Hon Company, LLC	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 1562640	\$23,031.92
A1.15	Integra One	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 195349	\$50,588.64
A1.16	Joseph A. D'Alessandro	New High School Project	Capital Projects	P.O.# 2002200119	\$67,500.00
A1.17	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.011	\$42,534.00
A1.18	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.010	\$700.00
A1.19	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.009	\$700.00
A1.1	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Project	Inv. # S1454950.007	\$3,245.00

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A1.20	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.006	\$180.45
A1.21	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.005	\$16,200.30
A1.22	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.004	\$6,616.00
A1.23	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.003	\$3,487.00
A1.24	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.002	\$58,600.00
A1.25	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # S1454950.001	\$8,964.80
A1.26	Plains Township	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 002	\$9,745.74
A1.27	Plains Township	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 003	\$9,321.54
A1.28	Plains Township	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Reimb. Traffic Signal	\$84.10
A1.28	Torbik Safe & Lock, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 15263	\$2,625.00
A1.29	Torbik Safe & Lock, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # N400550257	\$33.30
A1.30	Torbik Safe & Lock, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. # 15278	\$73.44
A1.31	Apollo Group, Inc.	Heights-Murray Elevator Repair	Capital Projects	AGI-19031-WBASD PR #5	\$270.40

2. To ratify the following Capital Project Checks:

VENDOR	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT
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Plains Township	567	\$300.00
Keystone Sports Construction	568	\$1,698,962.88
M.A. Pukatch	569	\$3,000.00
Matheson Transfer Co	570	\$42,092.00

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

Property Address	Parcel No.	Proposed Bid
470 Jumper Road, Plains	50-G11-T02-401-000	\$1,376.43
1000 Pittston Blvd., Bear Creek Twp.	04-H11-00A-015-000	\$500.00
157-159 Prospect St., W-B	73-I9NE2-015-005-000	\$500.00
52 Jay St., W-B	73-H10NE1-021-009-000	\$500.00
52 N. Hancock St., W-B	73-H10SW4-003-020-000	\$500.00

4. That approval be given to the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement between Wilkes-Barre Area School District, Spring Brook Memorial, LLC and King's College as attached. **"EXHIBIT C"**

**B. FEDERAL**

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal Fund AP Checks #2406 to #2442; Federal Fund Wire Transfers (November) #202100374 to #202100382 ; (December) #202100426 to #202100440 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on November 8, 2021.

**C. GENERAL FUND/FOOD SERVICE**

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following General Fund Checks #57356 to #57445 and General Fund Wire Transfers #202111786 to #202111826 and Food Service checks #3668 to #3690 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on November 8, 2021 be approved.

**D. GENERAL FUND**

That checks #57446 to #57682 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**

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1. That approval be given to renew the Flood Insurance coverage on the District properties located at: 341 Carey Avenue; 301 Old River Road at an annual cost per location of \$9,967.00.
2. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Plains Township Police Department for working special details at a rate of \$40.00 per hour with a minimum of three hours per detail. **“EXHIBIT D”**
3. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects. 1226 Union Boulevard, Allentown, PA for the New Field House/Ticket Booths/Concession Stand Structure(s) at the High School Athletic Complex located at 2021 Wolfpack Way, Plains Township at the following rates:
  - Six and three-quarter percent (6.75%) of the Cost of the Work as defined in Article 6 when the total Cost of the Work is \$3,500,000 or under; or
  - Six and one-half percent (6.5%) of the Cost of the Work as defined in Article 6 when the total Cost of the Work is between \$3,500,001 and \$4,000,000; or
  - Six percent (6%) of the Cost of the Work as defined in Article 6 when the total Cost of the Work is between \$4,000,001 and \$5,000,000; or
  - Five and three-quarters percent (5.75%) of the Cost of the Work as defined in Article 6 when the total Cost of the Work is greater than \$5,000,001.
4. That approval be given to enter into an agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Geo-Science Engineering & Testing, LLC, 1252 Mid Valley Industrial Park, Jessup, PA to perform construction testing services for the new athletic complex as per the “Schedule of Rates” that is attached. **“EXHIBIT E”**
5. That approval be given to amend the Sitework contract with Stell Enterprises to provide snow removal at the Wilkes-Barre Area High School at the following hourly rates:

2 Ton Truck/Spreader	--	\$115.00/hr
10 Ton Truck w/Spreader	--	\$135.00/hr
Backhoe with Snow Pusher	--	\$135.00/hr
4 Yard Loader	--	\$150.00/hr
6 Yard Loader	--	\$175.00/hr
Tri-Axle Dump Truck	--	\$100.00/hr
Salt	--	\$175.00/ton
6. That approval be given to amend the agreement with BCM Security Services, Inc. to increase the hourly rate charged for security from \$15.50 to \$16.50 per hour.
7. That approval be given to amend the agreement with Nutrition, Inc. to increase the hourly rate paid to Nutrition, Inc. employees by \$.50 to \$2.00 per hour depending on

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their current scale of pay and to increase the starting pay for drivers to \$15.00 per hour.

8. That approval be given to ratify the Linkage Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Geisinger Medical Center, 100 N. Academy Ave., Danville, PA. **“EXHIBIT F”**
9. That approval be given to Change Order #018 for Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,223.81. The Change Order consists of the following:

Provide data jack & cable @ Running track chase	\$1,045.26
Provide additional door release button @ Admin entrance	\$513.53
Repair (4) damaged door position magnets	\$187.88
Provide GFCI receptacle above counter in Nurse Suite	\$335.05
Provide (2) door release buttons @ Admin desk	\$1,006.27
Provide (2) additional speakers in Main Street	\$1,135.82

10. That approval be given to Change Order #024 for Quandel Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of ~~\$8,662.73~~ \$6,567.99. The Change Order consists of the following:

<del>Provide flashing @ (2) roof penetrations for weather station</del> <b>DELETE</b>	\$2,094.74
Provide roof flashing for (3) conduits thru roof for weather station, camera and antenna	\$3,049.19
Provide casework and countertop @ Student Store	\$3,518.80

11. That approval be given to Change Order #019 for Stell Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$61,053.74. The Change Order Consists of the following:

Additional line striping, crosswalk & signs	\$24,257.25
Provide sidewalk, curb, tactile warning & crosswalk to practice field	\$4,728.07
Provide sidewalks, topsoil & seeding between loading dock & service drive	\$6,572.42
Provide sidewalk from E Wing to parking lot	\$10,668.19
Provide additional signal, cables & delineators per PADOT direction	\$14,827.80

12. That approval be given to Change Order #C01 for Keystone Sports Construction in the amount of \$47,351.35. The Change Order consists of the following:

1. Supply 6'x6'x4' manhole and install at existing quazite box location of existing ductbank. 2. Extend concrete encased primary ductbank with (4) 4" PVC conduits from manhole to transformer vault (not to	
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exceed 360') – supply and install 6'x6'x4' Transformer vault and ground ring. 3. Install secondary concrete encased ductbank with (8) 4" PVC conduits from transformer vault to future electrical room building (location to be staked by Others and distance shall not exceed 30; from transformer vault. 4. Install (5) 4" PVC conduits from future electrical room building to future fieldhouse (locations to be staked by Others and distance shall not exceed 350')	\$46,088.00
Install 2" PVC Conduits from electrical room to (3) Ticket Booths (Conduits will be left with pull string and be capped for future use).	\$7,464.80
Fence at top of visitor side bleachers	\$6,069.28
Increased Concrete Path Width (12' Wide)	\$20,103.72
Converting Temporary Fence to Permanent along 12' wide path	\$7,952.00
Ornamental 10' gate at front entrance vs. standard gate	\$3,780.00
Sanitary Sewer Sch 40 to Sch 80 per Sewer Authority	\$11,429.17
River gravel in place of light duty pave under visitor side bleachers	\$(10,214.40)
Paving cost savings using Kleinfelder Geotechnical Report	\$(45,037.44)
Sound System allowance credit	(\$283.79)

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Budget Finance/Materials & Supplies/Contracted Services Report.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**8 Ayes:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE** – We currently have 23 sports. Next year it is possible that we will begin a Girl's Wrestling program.

**SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE** – The next meeting will be Thursday, January 20, 2022.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – No Report

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE** – Mr. Atherton commented on a few projects that are going on: Kistler there is new lighting being installed on the Old River Road and Richmond Ave sides of the building; the leaves and debris around Meyers will be cleaned up; Solomon/Plains - improved lighting in the gymnasium is being installed; GAR – LED light project is completed.

**FACILITIES TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

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

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1. That approval be given to the Agreement and Addendums for the Sale of Vacant Land for the 37.34 acres of property along South Empire Street, with the terms and conditions as listed in the Agreement at a purchase price of \$750,000 pending Court approval. **“EXHIBIT G”**
2. ~~That approval be given to Terminate the Sale of Agreement with Shlomo Lugashi for the property located at 341 Carey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA.~~ **TABLED**
3. That approval be given to authorize the District’s Real Estate Broker to re-list the property located at 341 Carey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre with Lewith-Freeman Real Estate. **“EXHIBIT H”**

**On the question:**

**Atty. Wendolowski** – Item #3 will only go into effect if the current sale agreement is terminated.

**Ms. Harris** – Will we set a time limit on the continuation of the Sale Agreement on Meyers?

**Atty. Wendolowski** – We will have an answer by next Board meeting if we will continue to move forward with the current Sale of Agreement or re-list the building for sale.

**Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Facilities Transition Committee report.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**8 Ayes:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**STUDENT WELLNESS** – Miss Thomas introduced a new wellness YOGA program that was started at the High School under the direction of Mrs. Robatin and Mrs. Reilly. 570 on the GO donated the Yoga mats. They set up down “Main Street” and the participants loved it.

We are currently re-organizing our Wellness Committee and adding a nurse and another administrator.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

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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 the University of Scranton. **“EXHIBIT I”**

**B. Act 93**

1. That the payment of \$647.50 to **Tashara Sheperis** for work performed over the summer be approved.
2. The following positions to be added to the Act 93 agreement, Group A: Director of Early Childhood Education, Director of Intermediate Education, and District Engineer/Director of Physical Plant.
3. That **Margo Serafini** be appointed Director of Early Childhood Education effective July 1, 2022.
4. That **Sean Flynn** be appointed Director of Intermediate Education effective July 1, 2022.
5. That **Michael Krzywicki** be appointed District Engineer/Director of Physical Plant at maximum teachers' salary daily rate multiplied by 277 units effective February 14, 2022.

**C. Professionals**

1. That the retirement of **Debra Pride** be accepted effective the end of the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
2. That the resignation of **Amanda Fasciana** be accepted effective December 10, 2021.
3. That the resignation of **Lauren Stamm** be accepted effective on or before the completion of the 60 day hold period.
4. That **Christine Edmonson's** request for a sabbatical for the second semester of the 2021-22 school year be approved.
5. That **Lori DeFazio** be appointed a temporary professional employee as a Speech and Language Pathologist effective January 3, 2022.
6. That **Jennifer Calore** be appointed a Special Education Long Term Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year effective December 13, 2021.
7. That **Timothy Pritchard** be appointed a Biology Long Term Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year effective December 10, 2021.
8. That **Linda Scarantino** be appointed an Elementary Long-Term Substitute Teacher for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the 2021-22 school year.
9. That the payment of \$700 to **Jasmine Davis** for worked performed over the summer be approved.
10. That Substitute Nurse rate be increased to \$175 per day.
11. That the following payments be approved for worked preformed over the summer:

**Talent Ed Title 1**

**Heather Crawford** \$726.25

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**Comp Plan Title 1**

<b>Michael Caprari</b>	\$280
<b>Mary Jo Petlock</b>	\$350
<b>Kristin Laiuvara</b>	\$280
<b>Lorrie Gardner</b>	\$350
<b>Brenda Cavalari</b>	\$350

**Trainings Title 1**

<b>Sandy Atherton</b>	\$428.75
<b>Michael Caprari</b>	\$393.75
<b>Mary Jo Petlock</b>	\$393.75
<b>Kristin Laiuvara</b>	\$393.75
<b>Keli Shanahan</b>	\$393.75
<b>Lorrie Gardner</b>	\$393.75

**D. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates**

1. That **Jane Loftus** be appointed 12 Month Secretary, Level IV, Payroll.
2. That **Lana Chukonis** be appointed 12 Month Secretary, Level IV, Payroll (HR).
3. That **Danielle Sawicki's** request for unpaid leave beginning February 10, 2022 through May 2, 2022 be approved.
4. That **Dorine Kopinski's** request for unpaid leave beginning December 6, 2021 through January 14, 2022 be approved.
5. That **Derrick West Sr.** be appointed Part Time ESL Paraprofessional/PCA.

**E. Custodians, Maintenance and Housekeepers**

1. That **Ann Leo's** request for unpaid leave beginning December 6, 2021 through December 14, 2021 be approved.
2. That the resignation of **Shannon Olson** be accepted effective July 26, 2021.
3. That **Amanda Tulanowski** be appointed a Grade I Custodian.
4. That **Richard Colarusso** be appointed a Long Term Substitute Grade I Custodian.
5. That **Edwina Whiting** be appointed a 25 hour per week Housekeeper.

**F. Crossing Guards**

1. That the resignation of **Karen Taylor** be accepted effective November 15, 2021.
2. That **Daniel McCormick Jr.** be appointed a permanent Crossing Guard effective November 15, 2021.

**G. Athletics**

1. That the resignation of **Paul Gerrity** be accepted effective November 23, 2021.
2. That the resignation of **Galen Shell** be accepted effective November 23, 2021.

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3. That the resignation of **Kaiden Hayward** be accepted effective December 29, 2021.
4. 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.

Volunteer Softball Head Coach	<b>Shawn Walker</b>
Girls Basketball Junior High Assistant Coach	<b>Hannah Cook</b>
Girls Basketball Junior High Assistant Coach	<b>Harlon Tabron</b>
Boys Basketball Junior High Assistant Coach ½ pay	<b>Gabriel Saracino</b>
Boys Basketball Junior High Assistant Coach ½ pay	<b>Josh Pstrak</b>
Volunteer Swim Coach	<b>Julia Allabaugh</b>

**On the question:**

**Ms. Harris** – Please clarify what is the University of Scranton Site Affiliation Agreement for.

**Dr. Costello** – It allows us to have students from that University come into our buildings for their early field experience and student teaching.

**Ms. Thomas** – Tonight we have some food service employees from Nutrition, Inc. Is it possible to consider increasing the wages for these employees?

**Dr. Costello** – It has been approved on the Budget Finance report.

**Mr. Evans** – Please explain to the public the reason we are making the appointments listed under B3 and B4.

**Dr. Costello** – We strongly believe to increase our academic achievement levels we need a stronger foundation. By adding additional resources and having Directors over-see these areas (K-2 and 3-5) they will be able to work closely with Federal Programs, Literacy Leaders and faculty. This will allow our students to have a stronger educational foundation.

**Mr. Atherton** – I would like to comment on the appointment of Mike Krzywicki. He has never not answered a question. He has answered the tough questions and told us things maybe we didn't want to hear but had to hear. I have always been impressed with him. We couldn't have a better person in this position to assist us in keeping our buildings up to par.

**Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Personnel Committee report.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**8 Ayes:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**2 Abstain:** Atherton (C-11); Walker (G-4 – Line item 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

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2022-2023 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education (Department) for the District;

WHEREAS, the Index for the District is 4.9%;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE B 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District of 4.9%.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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**Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Dr. Susek to Adopt Resolution #1.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey**

**1 Absent: Walker (lost connection to meeting)**

**RESOLUTION #2**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accepts and approves to ratify the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student L.A.

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**Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to Adopt Resolution #2.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey**  
**1 Absent: Walker (lost connection to meeting)**

**RESOLUTION #3**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accepts and approves to ratify the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student E.A.

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**Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to Adopt Resolution #3.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey**  
**1 Absent: Walker (lost connection to meeting)**

**RESOLUTION #4**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accepts and approves to ratify the Settlement Agreement and Release between the District and the parents/legal guardians of the student S.C.

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**Mr. Atherton moved, seconded by Dr. Susek to Adopt Resolution #4.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**7 Ayes: Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey**  
**1 Absent: Walker (lost connection to meeting)**

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**RESOLUTION #5**

**WHEREAS**, the recent death of **Marie E. Harding** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her, and

**WHEREAS**, she was the mother of Todd Harding, Purchasing Agent; and the brother of Brian Lavan, Director of Police Operations.

**WHEREAS**, she was a 1966 graduate of E.L. Meyers High School. Prior to her retirement she was employed for 32 years as an Administrative Assistant by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

**WHEREAS**, she was the wife of the late William J. Harding and the mother of Todd, Jason and the late Christopher Harding. Her greatest joys were spending time with her grandsons, William and Everett; socializing with her family and friends, traveling and going to New York to see Broadway shows.

**WHEREAS**, her passing will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved her.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that her 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 her sons, Todd and Jason and to her entire family.

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**RESOLUTION #6**

**WHEREAS**, the recent death of **Nathan Wendell Gray** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him, and

**WHEREAS**, he was the grandson of Patricia Singer, Business Office.

**WHEREAS**, he was a third-grade student at St. Nick's/St. Mary's Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, he was the son of Jeffrey and Patricia Gray and the best brother to Jeffrey and Natalie. Nathan's infectious smile could light up a room. Even on his worst days he tried to make others stay strong with his goofy antics. He became a "Super Hero" in the community with his determination, love of life, his love and trust in others and his faith. He loved riding his bike, playing video games, swimming, hanging out in the hot tub, playing with his puppies and the color orange; and

**WHEREAS**, his passing 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 parents, Patricia and Jeffrey; his siblings, Jeffrey and Natalie and to his entire family.

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**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Thomas.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.**