

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2013

The Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013. **President, John R. Quinn** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Superintendent Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll.

8 MEMBERS PRESENT: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

1 MEMBER ABSENT: Corcoran

President Quinn stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board went into Executive Session during the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2013 and held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of March 11, 2013.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Mr. Latinski moved, seconded by Ms. Evans, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February, 11, 2013, and dispense with the reading of those minutes. The vote was as follows:

All In Favor: 8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

Treasurer's Report

Business Manager/Board Secretary, Leonard B. Przywara, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2013.

Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to accept the Treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2013. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

There were **no bids to be opened**

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Toole asked Dr. Bernard Prevuznak, Superintendent, if he had notified the Elementary principals that they would be required to revise the Elementary teaching schedule to pre SFA for the 2013-2014 school year.

Dr. Prevuznak, Superintendent, stated that he has notified the Elementary Principals.

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Communication from Superintendent

Dr. Prevuznak, Superintendent, acknowledged the presence of the Meyers Speech and Debate Team and stated that he attended The Martin Luther King Speech and Debate Tournament that was held at Meyers High School. Dr. Prevuznak further stated that it was the first Speech and Debate Tournament that he has ever attended and could not have been more impressed. Dr. Prevuznak complimented the members of the Meyers Speech and Debate Team on their professionalism, behavior and their appearance at the Martin Luther King Tournament. Dr. Prevuznak also commended the staff and coaches of the Debate Team and expressed his gratitude to Attorneys Ruth and Kim Borland, for all the dedication and support they provide to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team.

Communications from Citizens

1. Mike Martinez & Dave Lewis, 1 George Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mr. Martinez addressed the Board in regard to their company, "Aim 3". Mr. Lewis distributed flyers to the Board for their review. Mr. Martinez informed the Board that they would like to offer free cell phone service to low income families who reside within the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and requested permission from the Board to distribute flyers to students who attend school in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Mrs. Toole asked if they were a profit making company.

Mr. Martinez responded that they were a profit making company.
2. Justin M. Correll, 3740 Laurel Run Road, Laurel Run, PA
Justin Correll, one of the Chairpersons of the Reading Committee, addressed the Board regarding the progress of the Reading Committee and the options that are being considered and will be presented to the Board for their review, regarding a new "Reading Program" for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Correll stated that the Reading Committee will continue to update the Superintendent and the Board on the progress of the Reading Committee.
3. Karen Block
Ms. Block informed the Board that she wished to thank John Chiumento, Head of the Maintenance Department for resolving the heating/air conditioning issue in the ESL room at Solomon/Plains Elementary School. Ms. Block also expressed her interest in serving as a volunteer on the Reading Committee.
4. Attorneys Ruth and Kim Borland, 71 West River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Attorney Kim Borland addressed the Board in regard to the past and upcoming tournaments that the Meyers Speech and Debate Team have and will participate in. Attorney Borland introduced several of the Debate Team Members who were in attendance at the Board Meeting (March 11, 2013), who have competed with great success in past tournaments and who would be representing the Meyers Speech and Debate Team at upcoming tournaments. Attorney Borland expressed his gratitude to the Board for all the support they have provided to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team
5. Frank Pasquini, 198 Academy Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mr. Pasquini, President of the Wilkes-Barre Education Foundation Board, addressed the Board on behalf of the Wilkes-Barre Education Foundation Board and informed the Board of Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District of the progress the Foundation has made up to this point in time. Mr. Pasquini, stated that he was requesting "reimbursable seed money" in the amount of \$2,500.00, in order to finance the fees that are required to file legal documents and pay for training, which will enable the Foundation to move forward.

Mrs. Toole motioned, seconded by Mr. Galella, to provide reimbursable seed money in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Wilkes-Barre Education Foundation Board. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

1 Nay: Katsock

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6. Sam Troy, 95 Joseph Lane, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mr. Troy asked the Board for additional time to address the Board. There was not a motion to allow Mr. Troy additional time. Mr. Troy stated that he was aware that Act 93 employees were granted a raise and asked what was the justification for the raise. Mr. Troy also asked if the Board was going to consider a co-pay for District employees in regard to Health Care, in order to cut Health Care Costs to the District. Mr. Troy also stated that it was his opinion that the \$40,000 spent for the Forensic Audit was a waste of taxpayer's money. Mr. Troy asked if the District was going to be able to recover any of the monies that were paid to Mr. Lupas.

Board Member, Dino Galella informed Mr. Troy that the Members of Act 93 took a pay freeze last year.

Attorney Wendolowski addressed Mr. Troy's questions in regard to District Health Care and informed Mr. Troy that negotiations are going to begin with the teachers, secretaries and custodians in the near future and all issues are on the table for discussion.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Miss Katsock reported that the Luzerne Intermediate Unit will have their next meeting at the LIU on March 27, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Latinski stated the minutes from the last meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center are available for review and the next schedule meeting for the WBACTC will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That ratification be given to the 2012-2013 IDEA Agreement with Luzerne Intermediate Unit (LIU) whereby the LIU shall provide services described in Rider A and comply with the terms and conditions of Rider B and the Department of Education's most current IDEA Application Guidelines. The District's estimated allocation is \$844,573. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto (Exhibit "A") and incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.
2. That the "Articles of Agreement for Establishment and Operation of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center" be amended to reflect the change of the school name from Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School to Wilkes-Barre Area Career & Technical Center.
3. That the contract with the Success For All Foundation, Inc., 200 W. Towsontown Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland be terminated effective June 30, 2013.
4. That approval be given to enter into a "Memorandum of Agreement", with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit (LIU) which enables the LIU to meet the matching funds requirement of the PA Department of Education/OCDEL's Project MOM/Young Fatherhood Initiative grant. This agreement, which covers the period July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013, requires a payment by this District in the amount of \$7,098.00.
5. That approval be given to the G.A.R. Marching Band, to travel to Gettysburg and Hershey Park, PA on Saturday, May 18, 2013 and Sunday, May 19, 2013 for a Band Parents sponsored field trip.

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6. That approval be given to the G.A.R. Marching Band to participate in the Wilkes-Barre Twp. American Legion Post 815, Memorial Day Service and Parade to be held on Monday, May 27, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

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

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. That approval be given to the below listed payments:

Contractor	Project	Fund	Cert/Applic. Invoice #	Payment Due
Apollo Group, Inc.	E.L. Meyers Boiler Room Building Roof	Capital Projects	07	\$84.50
Apollo Group, Inc.	G.A.R. Memorial Stage & HVAC	Capital Projects	04	\$685.91
Apollo Group, Inc.	G.A.R. Memorial Stained Glass	Capital Projects	02	\$120.64

2. That approval be given to refund Tobyhanna Army Depot Credit Union, 300 Mulbury Street, Scranton, PA real estate taxes in the amount of \$4,144.31 for years 2011 and 2012. This refund, which is stipulated by the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, Order No. 14984 Of 2010 is the result of the reduction in the assessed value of certain property located in Wilkes-Barre Township.
3. That approval be given to refund Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., P.O. Box 2535, Harrisburg, PA real estate taxes in the amount of \$33,947.36 for years 2009 to 2012. This refund is the result of a reduction in the assessed value of certain property located in Wilkes-Barre Township.
4. That approval be given to exonerate the following listed property owners from the payment of real property taxes. The Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission for Real Estate Tax Exemption has verified with the Department of Veterans Affairs that the property owner is totally and permanently disabled as a result of service connected causes incurred during a period of war or armed conflict.

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Thomas B. Midgley	394 N. Washington Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	June 8, 2012
Jose A. Ortiz	162 New Elizabeth Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	September 26, 2012

5. That approval be given to the transfer of District tax collection services from Don Wilkinson Agency, Inc. to Berkheimer Tax Administrator for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. In addition, that the Business Administrator be appointed as the District's authorized representative to make requests based upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer Tax Administrator relative to the collection of taxes for the District.

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B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal Project wire transfers #130 and Chapter I wire transfers #1092-1101 *and check #591-600 and checks #1176-1189* were drawn for payment since the last special meeting of the Board of Education held on February 11, 2013 be approved.

C. That payment be approved for the following General Fund wire transfers #1896-1913 and checks #30966-31118 and Food Service checks #2138-2153 which were drawn for payment since the last special meeting of the Board of Education held on February 11, 2013.

D. That the checks listed on the following pages # 31119-31303 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

Mr. Elmy moved, seconded by Ms. Evans, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

1 Nay: Katsock – items: C & D

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- ~~1. That approval be given to enter into a "Surveillance Camera Monitoring Agreement" with Hawkeye Security Solutions to provide a surveillance camera system and professional surveillance camera monitoring services to the District in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in said agreement. This agreement requires an annual cost of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for a three (3) year term. A complete copy of this agreement (Exhibit "A") is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.~~ **TABLED**
2. That the contract for the District-wide Telecommunication System be awarded to Ironton Global/Service Electric Telephone, 4242 Mauch Chunk Road, Coplay, PA at a cost of \$10,536.20 per month. That the infrastructure to accommodate this system be awarded to Hewlett-Packard at a cost of \$17,000.79. The stated amounts are before the application of any E-Rate Discounts.
3. That the contract to provide a Wireless Network to the District be awarded to Integra Business Center, 7248 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA at a cost of \$314,077.30. That the building of file servers be awarded to Hewlett-Packard at a cost of \$14,559.92. The stated amounts are before the application of any E-Rate Discounts.
4. That a contract be awarded to PenTeleData, 540 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA to provide a Burstable upgrade solution to this District's Internet connection in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in their proposal. This contract requires a monthly payment of \$11,800.00 for a three (3) year term. The stated amount is before the application of any E-Rate Discount.

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5. That a contract be awarded to PenTeleData, 540 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA to provide an upgrade to the District's current WAN capacity from 1GB bandwidth to a maximum 10GB bandwidth. This contract requires a monthly payment of \$17,400.00 for a five (5) year term, and a one-time setup charge of \$39,600.00. The stated amounts are before the application of any E-Rate Discount.

6. That a contract be awarded to ePlus Technology, Inc., 130 Futura Drive, Pottstown, PA to provide HP Networking equipment, in respect to the District's Wide Area Network (WAN) at a cost of \$4,227.60. The stated amount is before the application of any E-Rate Discount.

7. That a contract be awarded to Brennan Electric Inc., P.O. Box 1069, Kingston, PA to make the necessary repairs to the Meyers Stadium lighting at their low quote of \$18,300.00. A tabulation of quotes received is as follows:

COMPANY	QUOTE
Brennan Electric, Inc.	\$18,300.00
J's Electrical Service	\$21,150.00

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Evans, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:
8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. Requests for USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

COUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Bear Creek Charter School requests permission to lease Coughlin High School auditorium on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for their "Annual Spring Concert".

HEIGHTS & KISTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Children's Service Center requests permission to use Kistler and Heights Murray Elementary Schools for their School Based Behavioral Health (SBBH) summer program. The program will begin at the end of the 2012-2013 school year and end at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. The program will be held on Monday's thru Thursday's from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. In addition, permission is requested to blend the Dodson/Flood School Based Behavioral Health (SBBH) summer program with the Kistler Program to be held at Kistler Elementary School.

2. Requests for USE OF GYMS, STADIUMS & FIELDS:

DAN FLOOD ELEMENTARY

The PTO of Dan Flood Elementary requests permission to host a Movie Night (Hotel Transylvania) on Friday, March 22, 2013 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

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G.A.R. HIGH SCHOOL

~~Simon Peter, G.A.R. AD, on behalf of "The Luzerne County Lightning, LLC", a non-profit Basketball Organization, requests permission to use the gym at G.A.R. High School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM, beginning March 12, 2013 thru May, 2013. Proof of insurance has been provided to the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. TABLED~~

E.L. MEYERS HIGH SCHOOL

~~Chris Gray, Meyers High School Basketball Coach, on behalf of "The Luzerne County Lightning, LLC", a non-profit Basketball Organization, requests permission to use the gym at Meyers High School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM, beginning March 12, 2013 thru May, 2013. Proof of insurance has been provided to the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. TABLED~~

SOLOMON/PLAINS JR. HIGH

- a. The PTA of Solomon/Plains Elementary requests permission to use the gym at Solomon/Plains Jr. High to host a "Movie Night" on Friday, April 5, 2013 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
- b. Plains Little League Baseball requests permission to use the Solomon/Plains Jr. High gym on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon for Little League Baseball and Softball tryouts. Proof of insurance has been provided and there will not be any overtime custodial fees incurred by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

WILKES-BARRE MEMORIAL STADIUM

Paul McGrane, Coughlin High School Track Coach, requests permission to use Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium on Saturday, May 4, 2013, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, for the "Annual Track Meet". Coach McGrane will be responsible for all overtime custodial fees.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Latinski, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

LEGISLATIVE /FEDERAL REPORT

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

1. That Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak, Superintendent be authorized, and that Leonard B. Przywara be designated to prepare and file an amended budget under Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs to reflect the 2012-2013 final allocation to this program as provided by PDE. This change is made necessary to reflect a decrease, in the amount of \$81,364.00 in program funds.
2. That Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak, Superintendent be authorized, and that Leonard B. Przywara be designated to prepare and file an amended budget under Title II, Improving Teacher Quality to reflect the 2012-2013 final allocation to this program as provided by PDE. This change is made necessary to reflect a decrease, in the amount of \$2,269.00 in program funds.

Mr. Elmy moved, seconded by Ms. Evans, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

MATERIAL SUPPLIES REPORT

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

1. That after having opened bids for the G.A.R. Lobby Stained Glass Skylight on February 13, 2013 that award is made to the following company:

Associated Crafts \$20,860.00
Gilbert, AZ

(There were no other bidders)

Mr. Latinski moved, seconded by Ms. Evans, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

At this time, 7:56 PM, the Board went into Executive Session.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:33 PM and President Quinn read the following statement.

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act the Chair wishes to announce that the Board went into closed or Executive Session at 7:56 PM. The subjects discussed in Executive session related solely to matters of employee relations, labor negotiations, and /or threatened or actual litigation.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

All appointments are made pending receipt of required clearances.

A. Professional

1. That **Mary Jo Sedon** be granted a leave under FMLA, beginning May 27, 2013 through June 13, 2013.
2. That _____ be appointed a full time Substitute Teacher for the 2nd semester of the 2012-2013 school year. **TABLED**
3. The following members of the professional staff, having made claim for incentive raise under the Collective Bargaining Agreement and having produced official transcripts listing the graduate credits earned, be granted the following:

Bachelor's +39
Amanda Brooks
Emily Picket

Master's +27
Jennifer Kemmerer

Master's +36
Jennifer Decker

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B. CLASSIFIED

1. That the resignation of **Beth Bisbing** be accepted with regret effective June 30, 2013.
2. That the resignation of **Carol Yurkavage** be accepted with regret effective June 30, 2013.
3. That **Catherine Hoskins** be appointed 32.5 hours/week Para Professional.
4. That **Brenda Maurer** be appointed 32.5 hours/week Para Professional.
5. That **Gloria Watson** be appointed 22.5 hours/week Locker Room Aide.
6. That **Dominique Carter** be appointed 20.0 hours/week Bus Aide.

C. ATHLETICS

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:

Meyers	Varsity Boys Basketball	Assistant Coach	Dale Rapson
Meyers	Jr. HS Boys Basketball	Head Coach	James McGavin
Meyers	Jr. HS Boys Basketball (1/2 time)	Assistant Coach	Shawn Walker
Coughlin	Track & Field	Volunteer Asst.	Tom Gilroy
Coughlin	Varsity Football	Volunteer Asst.	Christopher Sedon
Coughlin	Boys Volleyball	Volunteer Asst.	Brenton Fitzpatrick
Sol. /Plains Jr. High	Jr. HS Boys Baseball	Volunteer Asst.	Andrew Jerome

ADDENDUM

1. That **James Butterwick**, BA+15, be appointed as a temporary professional employee as an Elementary Art Teacher on the 8th Step of the collective bargaining agreement, effective August 27, 2012.
2. That **Wendy Girmen**, BA, be appointed as a temporary professional employee as a Special Education Teacher on the 2nd Step of the collective bargaining agreement for the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Elmy, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

1 Nay: Elmy – B – Classified - #4

Miss Katsock presented Resolution #1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 proposed 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 a 0 % decrease from the 2012-2013 budget); and

WHEREAS, Wilkes-Barre Area School District's share of the total contribution, by withholding, would be \$63,683.00 (a \$1,531.00 decrease over 2012-2013); and,

WHEREAS, actual 2010-2011 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 2013-2014 annual budget of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.

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Miss Katsock, seconded by Ms. Evans, moved to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

Mr. Latinski presented Resolution # 2

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **MARY ANN ROCKO** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she was a former locker room aide for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, her passing on February 20, 2013, 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 entire family.

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Mr. Latinski moved to adopt the Resolution by Acclamation.

Miss Evans presented Resolution # 3

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **SANDRA LEE OELLER** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she was employed as a crossing guard for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, her passing on February 16, 2013, 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 husband, Alfred; daughter, Tammy; her grandson, Ricky; and to her entire family.

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Ms. Evans moved to adopt the Resolution by Acclamation.

Miss Galella presented Resolution # 4

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **EDWARD (IGGY) BOYLE** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he is the father in-law of Betsy Boyle, secretary for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, his passing on February 9, 2013 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, Jean; son, Jim; daughter -in- law, Betsy; daughter, Lisa; and to his entire family.

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Ms. Galella moved to adopt the Resolution by Acclamation.

Mrs. Toole presented Resolution # 5

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **CHARLOTTE A. CROUGHN** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she is the mother of Edward Croughn, former principal of Dodson Elementary School and mother in-law of Louise Croughn, former secretary for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, her passing on February 24, 2013, 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 son, Edward; daughter in-law, Louise; and to her entire family.

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Mrs. Toole moved to adopt the Resolution by Acclamation.

Ms. Evans presented Resolution # 6

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Christine A. Katsock has served the Wilkes-Barre Area School District (District) with distinction as the Director at Large on the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 (LIU) Board of Directors (Board); and,

WHEREAS, her present term of office on the LIU Board expires on June 30, 2013.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors reappoints **Christine A. Katsock** as the Director- at-Large representative of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Board of Directors of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for a term to run through June 30, 2016.

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Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Mrs. Toole, to adopt Resolution #6. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

Ms. Evans presented Resolution # 7

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dino L. Galella has served the Wilkes-Barre Area School District (District) with distinction as a representative on the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 (LIU) Board of Directors (Board); and,

WHEREAS, his present term of office on the LIU Board expires on June 30, 2013.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors reappoints

Dino L. Galella as the representative of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Board of Directors of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for a term to run through June 30, 2016.

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Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Miss. Katsock, to adopt Resolution #7. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

1 Abstain: Galella

New Business

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Evans, to include the Personnel Report in the packet that is delivered to the Board prior to the scheduled Board Meeting. The vote was as follows:

All In Favor: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Latinski, to have the Board Meeting schedule as follows:

Committee Meeting – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 PM. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

Mr. Elmy asked that the Board consider having Act 93 participants/representatives present at Board Meetings in the event the Board has a question/concern that a representative from Act 93 would be able to address.

Vice President Elmy noted that there will be a Public Budget Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, at 5:00 PM.

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Communications from Solicitors

Attorney Wendolowski clarified the Addendum to the Contracted Services Committee Report in regard to the G.A.R. HVAC System Upgrade and requested a motion to accept the Addendum.

Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Latinski, that approval be given to award a contract to Yannuzzi, Inc., 410 W. Main Street, Hazleton, Pa 18201 in respect to the G.A.R. High School Auditorium HVAC System upgrade at their low bid in the amount of \$259,986.00, contingent upon the notice to proceed being issued to require that the existing HVAC system must remain useable through graduation in June 2013, without any increased cost to the District. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Susek, Toole, Quinn

Report of the Secretary

The Board Secretary announced the following Meeting schedule.

April – 2013

Committee Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2013 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Monday April 8, 2013 – 7:00 PM

Ms. Evans moved to adjourn the Meeting.

President Quinn adjourned the Meeting at 8:50 PM.