

Summary of Minutes
Special Board Meeting
General Purposes
March 25, 2015

President, Louis M. Elmy called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll.

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

President Elmy stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Special Board Meeting- General Purposes of March 25, 2015.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

There was no Unfinished Business

Communications from Citizens

Robert McHale, 247 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Mr. McHale addressed the Board in regard to Mackin Elementary and various other issues. Mr. McHale asked if funds that were allocated for other projects were properly used. Mr. McHale also asked the Board where the money is from the old bleachers that were removed from Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium. Mr. McHale stated that he believed the bleachers were aluminum and if they were sold, he would like to see a receipt of that transaction. Mr. McHale also asked how it was decided to close Mackin. Mr. McHale noted that Solomon/Plains Elementary and Solomon/Plains Jr. High were built and now the District wants to build more new schools. Mr. McHale asked how many new schools would be built. Mr. McHale noted that synthetic fields are causing cancer and asked if the School District would consider doing an independent study on any of the synthetic fields within the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Dr. Prevuznak, Superintendent informed Mr. McHale that the Members of the present School Board were not involved with the closing of Mackin Elementary. In response to Mr. McHale's question regarding the building of new schools, Dr. Prevuznak noted that there is an Internal and External Task Force and the Community is very involved and informed in regard to the current Feasibility Study. Dr. Prevuznak noted that a decision has not been made in regard to a location or the number or numbers of schools that may be built. In regard to Mr. McHale's concerns regarding synthetic fields, Dr. Prevuznak informed Mr. McHale that he would seek information/research in regard to the dangers of synthetic fields.

Gary Salijko, Senior Estimator for Apollo Group, Inc. informed the Board and Mr. McHale that as part of the bid to replace the bleachers, the low bidder was allowed to take the old bleachers. Mr. Salijko informed the Board and Mr. McHale that the old bleachers were made of wood.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to revise the 2014-2015 School Calendar to establish Thursday, April 2, 2015 as an Act 80 day, and Monday, April 6, 2015 as a Student day.

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

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

Communications from Superintendent

Dr. Prevuznak thanked the Board for allowing the 2014-2015 school calendar to be revised, thus allowing Graduation to be held on June 5, 2015. Dr. Prevuznak thanked all the Teacher, Secretaries, Custodians and Maintenance Unions for their co-operation in regard to make up days.

BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to authorize the adoption by the Board of School Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District of a Resolution authorizing certain actions to be taken and approving the execution of documentation in connection with the issuance of a general obligation note and the incurrence of the debt associated therewith for the purposes of funding a project consisting of the following: (1) planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, installing, furnishing and equipping of improvements and renovations to facilities of the School District, including but not limited to, the Mackin Elementary School; (2) purchasing of capital equipment for use by the School District; (3) additional capital projects of the School District to the extent approved by the Board of School Directors of the School District; and (4) paying the costs and expenses of issuance of the note, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution.
SEE APPENDIX "A"

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

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Nay: Katsock

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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 service agreement with PenTeleData, L.P., 540 Delaware Avenue, P.O. Box 197, Palmerton, PA to provide a 2Gbps circuit to connect Mackin Elementary School to the District's Technology Department. The term of this agreement shall be for three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2015. The cost of this service, which is eligible for e-rate reimbursement, is \$2,200.00 per month.

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

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

The following motions were adopted under the Contracted Services Report.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Caffrey to approve the intent to award the General Construction contract in respect to the Mackin School Renovation Project to Panzitta Enterprises, Inc., 72 George Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA pending written approval by PDE of Plan Con, Part F and review by the Solicitor. The net cost of this contract, or \$3,850,077.00 is computed as follows:

Base bid	\$3,998,077.00
Deduct:	
Alternate 1.4 Pressure washing of building	\$43,000.00
Alternate 1.6 Recognition plaque	\$3,500.00
Alternate 1.12 Kitchen equipment	\$85,500.00
Alternate 1.18 Replace vinyl sheet flooring in Science Lab with vinyl composition tile	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
Total deducts	<u>\$148,000.00</u>
Net cost of contract	\$3,850,077.00

Unit Prices:		
Item Number	Units and Limitations	Price per unit
1a	Sqft	\$28.00
1b	Sqft	\$9.00
2	Cuyd	\$120.00

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Nay: Katsock

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Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to reject all HVAC bids and instruct Apollo to take all steps necessary to re-bid the HVAC portion of the bid as soon as possible. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Nay: Katsock

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to approve intent to award a plumbing contract to Yannuzzi, Inc. for a base bid of \$414,000 with an addition under 3.3 of \$1,000.00 for gas piping for a generator for the facility pending written PDE approval of Plan Con, Part F and review by the Solicitor. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Nay: Katsock

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to approve intent to award the Fire Protection Contract to Integrity Fire Protection at the low bid of \$186,500, with no alternate, pending written PDE approval of Plan Con, Part F and review by the Solicitor. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Nay: Katsock

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the intent to award the Electrical Construction Contract to G.R. Noto Electrical Construction at a base bid of \$1,093,000, together with Alternate 5.2 which is an addition of \$36,000 and Alternate 5.6 which is a deduction of \$16,000.

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to amend the above motion to add 5.8 as a delete from the G.R. Noto Electrical Contract. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Nay: Katsock

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Mr. Evans presented Resolution #1

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District:

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015 the Administration of the School District issued a Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing to Stephen Stahl; and,

WHEREAS, the March 10, 2015 Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing was received by Stephen Stahl on March 14, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the March 10, 2015 Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing provided notice to Stephen Stahl of his right to a hearing before the Board of School Districts to be held on March 25, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. but only if Stephen Stahl requested, in writing, a hearing within ten (10) days of his receipt of the Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, more than ten (10) days have passed from Stephen Stahl's receipt of the Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing and Stephen Stahl has not submitted a written request for a hearing as set forth in the Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the March 10, 2015 Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing states that Stephen Stahl may be discharged without a hearing should he fail to submit a written request for a hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, this 25th day of March 2015, Stephen Stahl is hereby dismissed and discharged from employment with the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for the reasons set forth in the Statement of Charges and Notice of Hearing, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein. The Board Secretary shall provide Stephen Stahl with a copy of this Resolution within ten (10) days of today's date by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested and shall report this dismissal within ten (10) days of today's date to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Bureau of Teacher Preparation and Certification.

WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: _____ BY: _____

Date: _____ ATTEST: _____
SECRETARY

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Dr. Susek to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:
9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

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New Business

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Caffrey, to Grant a Right of Way to PPL Electric Utilities to construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain its electric and communication facilities at Mackin Elementary School property. The vote was as follows:

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

Communications from Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski thanked Gary Salijko, Apollo Project Manager, for all his help in regard to the bid packages.

Board Secretary Report

Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary/Business Manager announced the following Meeting schedule.

April – 2015

Committee Meeting

Monday April 13, 2015 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2015– 7:00 PM

Miss Katsock moved to adjourn the Meeting.

President Elmy adjourned the Meeting at 8:00 PM.