

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2022**

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**Board President Joseph A. Caffrey** called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

**Superintendent Costello** led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in memory of Terry Schiowitz.

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

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

**President Caffrey:**

- Tributes and memories of Terry Schiowitz were expressed by several Board Members. The recent passing of Terry is a great loss not only to her family but also this District and the Board. If our politicians on a state and national level would be more like her the world would be a better place. She could disagree without being disagreeable and still work together to make this District a better place for our community. The grace and class she emulated is something we aspire to emulate and we are honored to have been able to call her a friend.
- The Chair announced the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 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 February 14, 2022 dispense with the reading of those minutes.

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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Dr. Costello** welcomed everyone to the meeting. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week we will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences. The format for these conferences has changed since the pandemic. Through the pandemic our teachers had to adapt to a new style of teaching through things such as Google Classroom and Zoom. During this time we held our Parent/Teacher Conferences virtually. We were very surprised to learn how many parents reached out and communicated with us during these virtual sessions. It was interesting to discover, through parent feedback, that our attendance was so much higher because parents were able to meet with their child's teacher during their lunch breaks or while still being in the office. The Parent/Teacher visitations have increased by almost 500 parents because of these virtual meetings. We will continue to have virtual meetings and I encourage as many parents as possible to take advantage of these conferences. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, please feel free to also contact your child's teacher or principal to arrange an in-person meeting.

**APOLLO REPORT/BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT – Mike Krzywicki**

**Meyers High School** – The water was turned off and drained, heat was turned off and the windows are closed. Air conditioners will be removed.

**Daniel J. Flood Elementary** – Twelve lighting fixtures in the parking lot area have been replaced. Temporary repairs have been made to the main steps. We will obtain a quote for a permanent solution – possibly precast steps.

**Heights-Murray Elementary** – The elevator has been repaired, was inspected and is operational. The Switchgear replacement is scheduled for the summer, however the building will not have power for two weeks.

**Solomon/Plains Complex** – There are numerous potholes that were temporarily fixed with cold patch. They need to be repaired permanently. The roof replacement at Solomon/Plains, if possible, should start as soon as the weather warrants to have the project complete before the start of the next school year. The lights on the sidewalk in front of the middle school side had an electrical short. Repairs cannot be made until the ground is dried out. Lighting fixtures have been replaced in the Elementary gym. The projectors and screens have been installed on the Middle School side – they are still being installed on the Elementary side.

**Dodson Elementary** – There is a steam pipe leaking. The quote received for repairs was \$5,700. The Print Room electricity is completed, but a mini-split cooling unit is needed.

**GAR Middle School** – The ceiling tile replacement is on-going. Partial roof replacement – the district is continuing to make temporary repairs above Room 314. The services of an architect to design a permanent solution is recommended.

**Dr. Costello** asked if the architect hired to do the roof project can also do a proposal for HVAC systems across the District. The project will use ESSER funding and needs to be done with an architect.

**Wilkes-Barre Area High School** – PADOT improvements at Abbott Street have been completed with the exceptions of the turning lane. Traffic signals at Abbott Street will not be activated until completion and review of an additional traffic study.

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 continued to address their punch list items.

The Stadium Contractor has continued site grading, installation of underground utilities, and commenced installation of bleacher foundations on the visitor's side.

Concerns/Issues – Event parking: Parking lots are designed for passenger vehicles, not buses. During events we need to direct visitors and bus drivers to the proper parking areas. We need to keep them from parking on the grass areas.

Interior doors at the High School are being propped open. This disrupts the proper operation of the HVAC system and can cause damage to the doors. Doors can be programmed to be unlocked during the day and locked when they aren't occupied.

The gymnasium divider curtain is not intended to be used as a wall or ball stop. Proper tape should be used when hanging displays throughout the building to avoid damage to the walls. Feminine hygiene disposal receptacles will be ordered and installed. There is damage to the furthest gym door on Main Street. It does not have a panic bar and should not be used as an emergency exit. The problem needs to be addressed before replacing the door. The room temperature in classrooms can be manually adjusted 2 degrees up or down. Temperature should be set to 68 degrees at the end of the day. The heat automatically shuts off at 6:00 p.m. in most locations. Graffiti was found in a locker room toilet stall after the District Swim competition. PIAA was notified and agreed to pay for repairs and charge the participating schools. Mr. Kryzwicki is compiling a key log to track who has key and to what doors/areas. The Fire Alarm complaint regarding the staff copy rooms was investigated. The system was tested and is working. The audible alarm can be heard inside the rooms with the doors closed.

**New Stadium Project** – The Sitework Contractor has continued site grading and commenced installation of underground utilities.

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

### **COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

**Sandra Miller, Advocacy Coordinator for Education Voters of Pennsylvania** spoke about thorough and efficient education. She also presented the School District with an award for participating in the Fair Funding lawsuit.

### **LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT #18**

**Ms. Thomas** – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Mr. Quinn** – The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022.

### **CURRICULUM ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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

1. That approval be to enter into an agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Bayada Home Health Care, Inc., 1189 Highway 315, Suite 4, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to provide home health aide services through June 30, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$30.00. **“EXHIBIT A”**
2. That approval be given to enter into a Placement Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Wyoming Valley West School District, 450 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, Pennsylvania to provide educational services for student, JG. **“EXHIBIT B”**

3. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Behavioral Health Associates/EBridge Academy Online Education to provide educational services for the student, JO. **“EXHIBIT C”**
4. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers for identified students in grades 5-8 from Heights-Murray Elementary, Kistler Elementary and GAR Middle School to participate in the SHINE program. **“EXHIBIT D”**
5. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA, 40 West Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA for a Power Scholars Academy Summer Program to provide educational services for up to 240 Kdg. to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students currently residing in the District. The program will be held Dr. David W. Kistler Elementary School beginning June 27, 2022 through August 5, 2022. **“EXHIBIT E”**

**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. That approval be given to the Treasurer’s Reports – August 2021 – January 2022. **“EXHIBIT F”**
1. Capital Projects – That approval be given to the below listed payments.

A2.1	Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 51	\$4,860.48
A2.2	Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 35	\$9,266.64
A2.3	Morley Athletic Supply Co., Inc.	New High School Project	Capital Projects	Inv. #KR-277	\$6,155.14
A2.4	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	S1454950.015	\$8,001.25
A2.5	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company	New High School Project	Capital Projects	S1473732.001	\$8,480.00
A2.6	WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	AS#3.17r	\$7,455.50
A2.7	WKL Architecture	New Stadium Project	Capital Projects	AS#3.18r	\$2,608.75
A2.8	WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	AS#3.19	\$3,416.00
A2.9	WKL Architecture	New High School Project	Capital Projects	AS#3.20	\$6,652.70

A2.1 0	Apollo Group, Inc.	Stadium Project	Capital Projects	App. No. 5	\$16,806.74
A2.1 1	Geo-Science Engineering & Testing	Stadium Project	Capital Projects	003657	\$6,292.50

2. That approval be given to make final 2020-2021 Budget Line Transfers in accordance with the following listing. The transfers are a result of the year-end accounting and auditing adjustments which reconcile the accounts per books to the District’s submission of its 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report (AFR).

TO				Amount	From				Amount
150 0	60 0	Nonpubli c School Programs	Supplies	43,000	120 0	60 0	Special Education	Supplies	43,000
150 0	50 0	Nonpubli c School Programs	Other Purchase d Svcs.	45,000	130 0	50 0	Vocationa l Ed.	Other Purchase d Svcs.	45,000
280 0	10 0	Central Support Svcs.	Salaries	175,000	260 0	10 0	Operation & Maint of Plant Services	Salaries	175,000
280 0	20 0	Central Support Svcs.	Benefits	80,000	260 0	20 0	Regular Programs	Benefits	80,000

**B. FEDERAL**

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal Fund AP Checks #2453 to #2472; Federal Fund Wire Transfers # 202100582 to # 202100594 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on February 14, 2022.

**C. GENERAL FUND/FOOD SERVICE**

That in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following General Fund Checks #57923 to # 57973 and General Fund Wire Transfers #202111847 to #202111866 and Food Service Checks #3700 to #3712 which were drawn for payment since the last regular Board meeting of the Board of Education held on February 14, 2022 be approved.

**D. GENERAL FUND**

That checks #57974 to #58123 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 enter into a Sponsorship Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and D’s Diner for a one-time sponsorship payment of \$16,997 for the Scorer’s Table for the gymnasium at the W-B Area High School. **“EXHIBIT G”**
2. That approval be given to the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement regarding the New High School Project in Plains Township by and between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Township of Plains, PA. **“EXHIBIT H”**
3. That approval be given to purchase electrical equipment for the Stadium Project from Schaedler Yesco Distribution (COSTAR Contract #008-024) in the amount of \$23,707.43. **“EXHIBIT I”**
4. That approval be given to ratify the agreement between the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, 100 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, PO Box 808, Oskaloosa, IA for MuscoVision Streaming Services. **“EXHIBIT J”**
5. That approval be given to Change Order #03 for Keystone Sports Construction in the amount of \$2,049.60. The Change Order consists of the following:

Delete gas line trenching (215 LF)	(\$3,178.56)
Delete 8” Sanitary Line (128 LF)	(\$16,056.32)
Delete 8” Sanitary Line (6 LF)	(\$752.64)
Water Line Changes 6” & 8”	(\$11,549.44)
Add 15” ADS Storm Line (211 LF)	\$17,914.40
Add New Base for SSMH #14 (1 EA)	\$1,441.44
Add 8” SDR Downspout Leaders (95 LF)	\$6,674.08
Add new inlet #26A (1 EA)	\$4,599.84
Add 8” schedule 40 pipe bollards (2 EA)	\$2,956.80

6. That approval be given to Change Order #04 for Keystone Sports Construction in the amount of \$27,199.20. The Change Order consists of the following:

Daktronics Scoreboard: ISI Quote - \$50,000 allowance in Contract	\$20,160.00
Game Clocks (2) – Installed Complete	\$7,039.20

7. That approval be given to Change Order #05 for Keystone Sports Construction in the amount of \$189,774.26 The Change Order consists of the following:

Delete LD pave stone subbase 6” 2A	(\$813.96)
Delete LD pave	(\$4,858.06)
Additional HD pave tensar	\$5,745.94
Additional HD pave stone subbase 16” 2A	\$9,889.26

Additional HD pave	\$124,767.22
Add galvanized weir plate to inlet #24	\$3,494.40
Additional 4" walk prep	\$297.47
Additional 4" concrete walk	\$3,978.69
Additional 6" walk prep	\$231.17
Additional 6" concrete walk	\$3,395.28
Additional 18" concrete curb	\$13,982.53
Additional stoops w/frost walls	\$2,791.04
Additional frost walls at ramp	\$3,937.92
Additional bulk earthwork cut/fill & cut/waste	\$22,935.36

8. That approval be given to Change Order #020 for Everon Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,748.71. The Change Order consists of the following:

Provide receptacle at running track	\$523.12
Provide 2 additional circuits for pool scoreboard	\$2,225.59

9. That approval be given to Change Order #026 Quandel Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,719.14. The Change Order consists of the following:

Provide 4 latch guards @ gym storage and change lockset to Natatorium	\$1,030.89
Signage for student store	\$688.25

10. That approval be given to Change Order #21 for Stell Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$15,981.25. The Change Order consists of the following:

Snow plowing – January 2022	\$15,981.25
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**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Budget Finance/Materials & Supplies/Contracted Services Report .**

**On the question: Rev Walker** – Please explain the Change Orders listed under Letter “E”.

**Mr. Krzywicki – E3** is a purchase order through Co-stars to order the switchgear for stadium lighting. To have the stadium ready for the fall season we need to have a source of power because the field house will not be complete.

**E4** is with Musco Sports Lighting for streaming services. They will install cameras in the stadium to not only stream but to broadcast. If we choose to sign up with their streaming services, there is a fee people will have to utilize.

**E5** is changes made due to the placement of the field house for wiring, plumbing, etc.

**E6** is for the scoreboard. The original quote did not include the game clocks.

**E7** – We currently have two projects taking place. One is the stadium project which includes the field, bleachers and track. The other is the Field House Project. This change order coordinates both projects.

The vote was as follows:

**8 Ayes:** Atherton, Evans, Harris (A1 & 3, B, C, D), Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**1 Nay:** Harris – A2 and E1-10

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – No Report**

**SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE – Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at noon.**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – No Report**

**FACILITIES TRANSITION COMMITTEE – No Report**

**STUDENT WELLNESS COMMITTEE – The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

1. That the following policy be revised:
  - 827 Conflict of Interest

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt the Policy Committee Report**

The vote was as follows:

**8 Ayes:** Atherton, Evans, Harris, Quinn, 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 the Marywood University. **"EXHIBIT K"**

**B. Professionals**

1. That the retirement of **Susan Sarnecki-Medura** be accepted effective the last day of the 2021-2022 school year.
2. That **Brandilynn Nilon's** request for a sabbatical leave for the 2022-23 school year be approved.
3. That a maximum of 75 hours of psychologist testing during the summer be approved at a rate of \$35 per hour.
4. That the following professional employees that have 6 classes in addition to Cyber classes receive a stipend of \$1,500 for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.



Joseph Bisulca  
David Meehan  
Amber Jacobs  
Marianne Aboutanos  
Karen Blaum  
Desiree Phillips

5. That the following professional employees be appointed to the following positions at a rate of \$35.00 per hour. RAISE and A-TSI assignments will be based on student participation and grant program funding available. RAISE and A-TSI tutoring hours not to exceed grant program funding.

**RAISE After School Program**

Stephanie Brewster	Lisa Giovannini
Joan Caffrey	Christine Hayward
Janet Castrignano	Maria Hayward
Sharon Detwiler	Carolyn Kaminski
Courtney Griffiths	Michelle Krzywicki
Crystal Kane	Amanda Poplawski
Lori Ohrin	
Mary Jo Petlock	
Cynthia Thomas	
Jamie Andrews	
Mark Cardone	
Mary Gallis	
Maria Hillard	
Brenda Cavalari	
Tammy Levandowski	
Sean McLaughlin	
Kristen Pstrak	
Megan Sweeney	
Elizabeth Witczak	
Kelly Pryor	
Amanda Scott	
Kevin Sickle	
Mary Tranguch	
Tania Artmont	
Kristen Barber	
Rick Collins	
Dionne Fisher	
Rita Gubbiotti	
Dana Hine	
Erin McGavin	
Andita Lloyd	
Megan Peters	
Tamara Rogowski	
Katie Burns Szafran	
Kelley Campas	
Susan Domiano	

**A-TSI After School Program**

Michael Caprari  
Erica Eck  
Heather Lavelle  
Courtney O'Meara  
Christopher Buzinkai  
Stacy Chronowski  
Jessica Hendler  
Jamee Hopkins  
Amy Pascale  
Edward Rosengrant  
Brittany Scarnulis  
Susan Schwab  
Maureen Sovan  
Leah Zelinka

**C. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates**

1. That the following employees be appointed to the following positions at their current hourly rate. RAISE & A-TSI assignments will be based on student participation and grant program funding available. RAISE and A-TSI tutoring hours not to exceed grant program funding.

**RAISE After School Program Aide**

Blake Meredith  
Cassandra Camp  
Shantel Grohowski  
David Kelley  
Naomi Arzola-Morales  
Heidi Ellis  
Jennifer Myers  
Beth Christian  
Yolanda Harris

**A-TSI After School Program Aide**

Melana Khalife

2. That \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Full Time Teacher's Associate (Paraprofessional/PCA). **TABLED**
3. That **Elsie Soriano-Vazques** 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.
4. That **Porsha Cassaberry** 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.
5. That **Savitrie Kumar** 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.
6. That **Jean White** 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.
7. That **Morgan Monaghan** 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.
8. That **Darryl Givens** 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.
9. That **Dalips Velez** 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.
10. That the resignation of **Michelle Collis** be accepted effective February 17, 2022.

**D. Custodians, Maintenance and Housekeepers**

1. That the retirement of **Victor Diaz** be accepted effective February 18, 2022.
2. That the resignation of **Theodore Papadoplos** be accepted effective March 3, 2022.
3. That **Dave Oldziejewski's** request for unpaid leave from February 25, 2022 through March 15, 2022 be accepted.
4. That **Sarah Fine** be appointed a Substitute Custodian.
5. That **Bonnie Long** be appointed a Substitute Custodian.
6. That **Serah Pursel** be appointed a Substitute Custodian.

**E. Food Service**

1. That the following employees be appointed to the following positions at their current hourly rate. RAISE & A-TSI assignments will be based on student participation and grant program funding available. RAISE and A-TSI tutoring hours not to exceed grant program funding.

**RAISE After School Program Cafeteria Worker**

Mary Ann Susek

Cheryl Montigney

**A-TSI After School Program Cafeteria Worker**

Karen Charnichko

**F. Crossing Guards**

1. That **Jesse Carter** be appointed a Crossing Guard.
2. That **Angel Heckman** be appointed a Substitute Crossing Guard.
3. That **Ninfa Mora** be appointed a Substitute Crossing Guard.

**G. Athletics**

1. That the resignation of **Paul Wiedlich** as JH Track Assistant Coach be accepted effective February 28, 2022
2. That the resignation of **Michael Mitchell** as JH Head Football Coach be accepted effective February 28, 2022
3. 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.

Softball Varsity Head Coach

**Jill Morris**

Softball Varsity Assistant Coach

**Andrew Semenek**

Softball JH Head Coach

**Gary McGuinness**

~~Cross Country/Track & Field Junior High Assistant Coach (1/2 pay)~~ **TABLED**

~~Cross Country/Track & Field Junior High Assistant Coach (1/2 pay)~~ **TABLED**

Volunteer Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach

**Samuel Fox**

**Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the Personnel Committee Report.**

**The vote was as follows:**

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

**1 Abstain: Susek – E1**

**Atty. Wendolowski explained a Board vacancy existed due to the untimely passing of Terry Schiowitz and was advertised in the newspapers and on the District website. Three citizens submitted applications for the consideration of the Board. One applicant**

withdrew their application for personal reasons. The Board has been fully apprised of the remaining two applicants. We will now open nominations to fill the vacancy based on the two remaining applicants. Once nominations are closed, a Viva Voce vote will take place.

**Ms. Thomas nominated Arthur W. Breese seconded by Mark Atherton. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed.**

**Mr. Caffrey presented Resolution #1**

**RESOLUTION #1**

WHEREAS the untimely passing of **Theresa Schiowitz**, has left a vacancy on the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of Education, and

THEREFORE, the Board of Education appoints **Arthur W. Breese** to complete her term which is to expire December 2023.

**Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Dr. Susek to adopt Resolution #1. The Viva Voce was as follows:**

- Atherton - Arthur Breese**
- Evans - Arthur Breese**
- Harris - Arthur Breese**
- Quinn - Arthur Breese**
- Susek - Arthur Breese**
- Thomas - Arthur Breese**
- Walker - Arthur Breese**
- Caffrey - Arthur Breese**

**Mr. Quinn presented Resolution #2**

**RESOLUTION #2**

WHEREAS, the untimely passing of **Theresa Schiowitz** has left a vacancy on the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center; and

WHEREAS, her term of office expires in December 2022; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors appoint **Mark Atherton** to represent the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center which term is to expire in December 2022.

**Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas to adopt Resolution #2. The vote was as follows:**

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

**Mr. Evans presented Resolution #3****RESOLUTION #3**

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Area Board of School Directors appoints **Dr. James Susek** to represent the Wilkes-Barre Area School District on the Joint Operating Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center as alternate(s) in the event a current member is unable to attending a meeting.

**Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Atherton to adopt Resolution #3.**

**The vote was as follows:**

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

**Ms. Harris presented Resolution #4****RESOLUTION #4**

**WHEREAS**, the recent death of **Therese “Terry” Schiowitz** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her, and

**WHEREAS**, she was a current member of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board, and the wife of Dr. Mark Schiowitz, a former member of the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board, and

**WHEREAS**, she was a graduate of Elmer L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Anesthesia. Prior to her retirement she was a critical care nurse and later had a career in anesthesia at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Her patients were cared for with a friendly, compassionate and professional demeanor. Terry also taught the neuro-anesthesia at the WBGH anesthesia school, and

**WHEREAS**, she loved her family, her dogs, literature and all things Parisian. Terry was a woman of “valor, clothed with strength and grace who laughed until the last day.” Her family considered her to be the kindest soul they knew, and

**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 husband, Mark, her sons, Colin, Cory and Joshua and to her entire family.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ms. Thomas** proudly introduced the “Help A Diabetic Child” program. HADC is there to service the needs of children and young adults who struggle to afford the cost of insulin, diabetes medical supplies, and services. Information is available at every school.

**Highlights of District Happenings and Events**

**Mr. Evans** – Diane McFarlane, Guidance Counselor, submitted the following information: WBAHS Foreign Language and ESL Departments participated in the National Foreign Language week this past week. The hallways, cafeteria and auditorium lobby were decorated with cultural decorations and displays. Student volunteers did the morning announcements both

in a foreign language as well as in English.

Next week 80 students will be participating in the National Spanish Exam. This 2-day test will test students in the following areas: Vocabulary, Grammar, Listening and Reading Comprehension. Most of our students will be competing in Levels 1 and 2. Three students will be taking the Level 4 test. They will be competing against students across the United States. If they place in the top fifty percentile, they will earn one of four National Medals.

**Ms. Harris** – There are some important dates for the 2022-23 school year for students pursuing post-secondary education:

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022** the Juniors Jump Start Program will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. for rising seniors (current Juniors) and their parents. A financial aid presentation will be held in the auditorium along with a mini college fair which will be located along “Main Street”.

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022** LCCC will be in the auditorium for instant admissions day.

**Thursday, November 3, 2022** – A FAFSA Completion Night will be held in the cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 4, 2022** – PASSHE will hold an Instant Admissions Day in the Learning Commons. Colleges/Universities in attendance will be: Millersville, Cheyney, Bloomsburg, East Stroudsburg, Clarion, Edinboro, Lock Haven, Kutztown and Mansfield.

**Thursday, November 10, 2022** – Local Colleges/Universities will hold an Instant Admissions Day in the Learning Commons. Colleges/Universities in attendance will be: Wilkes, King’s, Keystone, Misericordia, Marywood and University of Scranton.

**Mr. Caffrey** - Dr. Seuss Read Across America was recently held in all of our Elementary Schools. The Principals, faculty, staff and students are to be congratulated for the work they put into making the week a great success. It was a pleasure to get back into the schools and read to our students.

The Wolfpack players recently presented the musical “Oaklahoma.” They did a tremendous job. I am always impressed by the talent our students possess.

We recently hosted the Swim and Wrestling District tournaments. They were a great success.

On Sunday, March 13 we hosted the regional Spelling Bee. A seventh grader from GAR did make it through several rounds.

**Mr. Evans** - The girls basketball team won their second district title last week. Congratulations to all of them.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM SOLICITOR** – No report

**Motion to adjourn by Dr. Susek, seconded by Ms. Thomas.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**