

Summary of Minutes
Special Meeting-General Purposes
May 11, 2016

President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 5:00 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: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 ABSENT: Quinn

President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Special Meeting-General Purposes of May 11, 2016.
- 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

1. Bob Holden
2. Sam Troy

The above listed Citizens addressed the Board in regard to the following:

1. Intermural Sports.
2. Upcoming Budget questions, concerns and suggestions.

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to the change order request of Fabcor, Inc., 1205 Mid Valley Drive, Jessup, PA in respect to the G.A.R. Drainage, Fence and Retaining Wall Project for additional work on the retaining wall at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. This approval is based upon the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the District's Construction Manager.

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

5 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Thomas, Caffrey

3 Nays: Katsock, Susek, Walker

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New Business

Attorney Wendolowski informed the Board that there was a positive meeting with PDE and the PlanCon reimbursement is real and the State will be floating two and one half billion dollars to reimburse projects that are in the que, those that are at the PlanCon H level. Attorney Wendolowski noted that once those bonds are issued, he (Attorney Wendolowski) assumes that the Mackin project will be at H level by that point and it is likely that the District may receive a lump sum reimbursement from the Commonwealth for the work that was done on the Mackin project. Attorney Wendolowski informed the Board that there is a May 15th moratorium for the submission of projects.

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motion:

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to accept the revised Feasibility Study as prepared by the Design Team and to approve the submission of PlanCon Part A materials to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the following projects:

1. The new High School Construction Project
2. G.A.R. Jr. / Sr. High School Construction Project
3. Heights Murray Construction Project
4. Kistler Elementary Middle School Construction Project to add the 7th and 8th grade addition

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Prior to the vote Miss Katsock asked if this is only a PlanCon reimbursement vote.

Attorney Wendolowski replied "yes" and stated this vote is not to commit to a project, but only to be in the que for reimbursement of a project that may or may not be done.

Miss Katsock qualified her vote by stating she is voting yes for only PlanCon reimbursement

Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to give notice to the Health Care Consortium of the possibility of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District pulling out of the Health Care Consortium effective, June 30, 2017. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Solicitors Report

Attorney Wendolowski noted that the revised Feasibility Report will be posted on the District website.

Board Secretary Report

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

May, 2016

Committee Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2016 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2016– 7:00 PM

Meetings will be held in the cafeteria of G.A.R. High School

President Caffrey adjourned the Meeting at 5:25 PM