

Summary of Minutes  
Special Meeting-General Purposes  
November 27, 2018

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**Board President Joseph A. Caffrey** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Superintendent Brian J. Costello** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

8 MEMBERS PRESENT: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Special Meeting-General Purposes of November 27, 2018.
  
- 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. Christine Katsock
2. Bob Holden
3. Sam Troy

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

1. Has the District studied a security system for the consolidated high school and is the District aware of the retinal recognition system?
2. Disagreement with the decision to build a new consolidated high school.
3. What is the criteria for the selection of the replacement Board Member to fill the seat on the Board of Directors left vacant due to the resignation of Dino Galella?
4. Was the appointment of the person who will be voted on to fill the Board vacancy discussed in Executive Session?
5. All applicants for the Board vacancy should be interviewed at a Public Hearing.
6. The public needs someone on the Board who is not in favor of the consolidated high school.
7. The Act 34 Hearing was a farce.

Superintendent, Dr. Brian Costello, Board President Joseph Caffrey, Ned Evans and Attorney Wendolowski responded to questions/statements presented by the Citizens who addressed the Board.

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At this time President Caffrey presented the names of the below listed applicants who applied for the vacancy on the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Board of Directors.

1. MARK ATHERTON
2. BRIAN BROWN
3. JOSEPH P. BUSCH
4. MARY SUSAN POMANEK-ELIAS
5. BETH ANNE HARRIS, Ed.S
6. CHRISTINE KATSOCK
7. ROBERT HOLDEN
8. RICHARD A. HOLIDICK, Ph. D.
9. JESSICA McCLAY
10. CARL NAESSIG
11. DR. PATRICK PATTE, Ed.D.
12. MARK SCHIOWITZ
13. LISA SLIKER
14. JOHN SUCHOSKI
15. DAVID G. WILSON RA

Nominations to fill the Board vacancy were as follows:

**Denise Thomas nominated: MARK ATHERTON**

**Ned Evans nominated: CHRISTINE KATSOCK**

**Melissa Patla nominated: RICHARD HOLIDICK**

**Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger,** to close the nominations for the Board Member vacancy.

The vote was as follows:

**8 Ayes:** Evans, Geiger, Patla, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**VIVA VOCE VOTE: Person to fill vacancy on the WBASD Board of Directors**

The vote was as follows:

Mr. Evans: **CHRISTINE KATSOCK**

Mr. Geiger: **MARK ATHERTON**

Ms. Patla: **RICHARD HOLIDICK**

Mr. Quinn: **MARK ATHERTON**

Dr. Susek: **MARK ATHERTON**

Ms. Thomas: **MARK ATHERTON**

Rev. Walker: **MARK ATHERTON**

Mr. Caffrey: **MARK ATHERTON**

**6 VOTES: MARK ATHERTON** – voted to fill the WBASD Board of Directors vacancy.

President Caffrey noted that Mr. Atherton will be sworn into office at the Reorganization Meeting on December 4, 2018.

**New Business**

Ms. Patla informed those present that the South Wilkes-Barre Residence Association will hold a Christmas Party for Special Needs Children in December at the Firwood United Methodist Church.

**Dr. Susek** moved to adjourn.

**President Caffrey** adjourned the Meeting at 6:20 PM