

President, Louis M. Elmy called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Regular Board Meeting of November 5, 2014.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 14, 2014 and dispense with the reading of those minutes. The vote was as follows:

All In Favor: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

Unfinished Business

Mr. Quinn motioned, seconded by Mr. Evans, to solicit price quotes to extend the "Feasibility Study" to include acquisition of land adjoining the Solomon /Plains Complex property. The vote was as follows:

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

1 Nay: Katsock

Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Prevuznak noted that yesterday, November 4, 2014 was Election Day and the students who are members of the Stem Pilot Program at Meyers High School held a "Mock Election" that was extremely successful. The project was the focus of articles in both the Times Leader and Citizens Voice newspapers. Dr. Prevuznak stated that this Board voted to implement a "Pilot Stem Program", which has been very successful and yesterday the Stem Program really shined. Dr. Prevuznak complimented Mr. Elias, Principal of Meyers High School along with Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Sulcoski and the entire faculty who are involved with the "Stem Pilot Program".

Communications from Citizens

1. Frank Pizzella, Plains Township
Mr. Pizzella addressed the Board in regard to the Feasibility Study that is being conducted by the District. Mr. Pizzella indicated to the Board that it is his opinion that the Board does not understand some of the consequences of using some parcels of land that is being considered. Mr. Pizzella also expressed to the Board his opinions and concerns in regard to the money the Board is considering spending on the renovation of Mackin. Mr. Pizzella noted that in his opinion, the Feasibility Study is a waste of tax payers' money and it is also his opinion that this Board does not care about the tax payers of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Dr. Bernard Prevuznak, Superintendent and Attorney Wendolowski addressed Mr. Pizzella's questions and concerns in regard to the Feasibility Study.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Miss Katsock informed the Board that the next meeting of the LIU will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Luzerne Intermediate Unit. Miss Katsock noted that all Wilkes-Barre Area Board Members were given copies of the minutes of the previous LIU Board Meeting.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn informed the Board that a Board Meeting of the WBACTC is scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That approval be given to enter into an Agreement with Bancroft Neuro Health, 425 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, N.J. to provide special education services to students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for the 2014-2015 school year. A complete copy of the 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.

Mr. Galella motioned, seconded Mr. Evans, to accept the report. The vote was as follows:

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

BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Quinn 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/Appli. Invoice #	Payment Due
Apollo Group, Inc.	District Feasibility Study	Capital Projects	03	\$1,162.61
A&E Group, JV	District Feasibility Study	Capital Projects	03	\$33,850.00
Burton Lawson Architecture	District Feasibility Study	Capital Projects	03	\$14,977.51
Leonard Engineering, Inc.	District Feasibility Study	Capital Projects	03	\$23,980.00
WKL Architecture	District Feasibility Study	Capital Projects	03	\$25,437.50
Leonard Engineering, Inc.	Coughlin High School Courtyard masonry & Parapet Repair	Capital Projects	04	\$480.00
A & E Group, JV	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	02	\$6,490.00
Borton Lawson Architecture	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	02	\$907.00
Leonard Engineering, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	02	\$2,700.00
WKL Architecture	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	02	\$24,975.00
D&M Construction Unlimited, Inc.	Coughlin High School Courtyard Repair	Capital Projects	02	\$90,050.48
D&M Construction Unlimited, Inc.	Coughlin High School Courtyard Repair	Capital Projects	02	\$23,638.37
Olivetti Roofing Systems Corp.	Daniel J. Flood Elementary re-roofing	Capital Projects	02	\$209,700.00

2. That ratification be given the refund, to Cross Valley Professional Group, Inc., 220 S. River Street, Plains, PA of real estate taxes in the amount of \$24,302.43 for years 2009 to 2013. This refund, which is stipulated by the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, Order No. 2009-2446 is the result of the reduction in the assessed value of certain property located in Plains Township.

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1349-1352 and Federal Wire transfer 201400345, from October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 and Chapter I AP checks #1321-1328 and Chapter I Wire Transfers 201400346-201400354 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 14, 2014 be approved.

C. That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201410052-2014100568 and General Fund checks, #36929 to #37112 for September, 2014 and Food Service checks # 2475-2496 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 14, 2014.

D. That the checks listed on the following pages #37113-37292 to #36928 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. Quinn moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to adopt the report.

Following discussion by the Board, Mr. Quinn amended the Budget Finance Motion.

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to withhold 1/3 or \$69,900.00 from the payment due to Olivetti Roofing Systems Corp., regarding the Daniel J. Flood Elementary re-roofing and to accept the remainder of the Budget Finance Report. The vote was as follows:

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

1 Nay: Katsock – Administrative #1 & Items: C & D

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **LEGISLATIVE /FEDERAL REPORT**

There was no **MATERIAL SUPPLIES REPORT**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

All appointments are made pending receipt of PDE required clearances, certifications, and any applicable pre-employment drug test.

A. Professional

1. That **Pamela Dixon** be appointed a temporary professional employee, as an English as a second language teacher.
2. That **Jonell R. Graboske** be granted a leave under FMLA beginning December 2, 2014 through December 23, 2014.

B. Teachers' Associates

1. That **Jamie Pesotski** be appointed a 12.5 hour per week, locker room aide.
2. That **Sherri Robin** be appointed a 20 hour per week, para-professional/PCA.
3. That **Mark Flecknoe** be appointed a 20 hour per week, bus aide.
4. That **Louise Cookus** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.
5. That **Faith Morningstar** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.

C. Food Service Employees

1. That **Marlene DeAnthony's** resignation be accepted with regret, effective February 1, 2015.

D. Crossing Guards

1. That **Michael McDade**, a current substitute greeter and/or substitute traveling security greeter, also be appointed a substitute crossing guard, not to exceed 28 hours a week.

E. Security

1. That **Maureen George**, a substitute crossing guard, be appointed a substitute security greeter and/or substitute traveling security greeter, not to exceed 28 hours per week.

F. Athletics

1. That the resignation of **Mary Mushock** as the Meyers girls' junior high basketball head coach, effective November 5, 2014
2. 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.

Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Varsity Assistant Coach	Mary Mushock
Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Jr. High Head Coach (1/2 time)	Damone Moore
Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Jr. High Head Coach (1/2 time)	Amber Giampietro
Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Jr. High Assistant Coach	Jenera Quinones
GAR	Boys' Basketball	Jr. High Assistant Coach	Mykel Dempsey
Meyers	Boys' Basketball	Acting Jr. High Head Coach	Mark Williams
Meyers	Wrestling	Acting Varsity Asst. Coach	Ron Swingle Sr.
Meyers	Wrestling	Acting Jr. High Head Coach ½ Pay	Kevin Paul
Meyers	Wrestling	Acting Jr. High Head Coach ½ Pay	Corey Brenner
Meyers	Wrestling	Acting Jr. High Assistant Coach ½ Pay	Mark Frank
Meyers	Wrestling	Acting Jr. High Assistant Coach ½ Pay	Brandon Owens

ADDENDUM

A. Professional

1. That the following professional employees be appointed as after-school School Intervention Grant (SIG) Teachers at an hourly rate of \$25

Elementary

It is estimated that there is a need for a total of 1580 teachers' hours, those hours will be divided among the following:

Sandra Atherton

Cindy Craig

Dionne Fisher

Christina Gubbiotti

Kyra Macko

Sandy Marinko

Darlene Payne

Amy Sullivan

Rita Gubbiotti

Keli Shanahan

Lauren Gavlick (ESL)

Brittany Kalinay (Spec Ed)

Secondary

It is estimated that there is a need for a total of 224 teachers' hours, those hours will be divided among the following:

Corinne Gawelko

Diane McFarlane (Manager)

Tamera McMahan

A. Athletics

1. 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.

Meyers Boys' Basketball

Volunteer Assistant Coach

Shawn Walker

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

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

1 Abstain: Walker – Addendum – A - Athletics

New Business

Mr. Caffrey informed the Board that he would like to make a motion to begin an application and selection process in regard to the establishment of a “Wilkes-Barre Area School District Building Project Task Force and Advisory Committee”. Mr. Caffrey stated that the purpose of this Task Force/Advisory Committee will be to work closely and cooperatively with the Board to carry out the process of moving forward with the difficult and challenging decisions that must be made regarding the future of our District buildings and facilities. Mr. Caffrey noted that this Task Force/Committee will not have decision making powers. Mr. Caffrey stated that he (Mr. Caffrey) highly recommends that if the motion is approved, the selection and the implementation process begin immediately.

Mr. Caffrey motioned, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to establish a “Wilkes-Barre Area School District Building Project Task Force and Advisory Committee” in regard to the process of moving forward with the difficult and challenging decisions that must be made regarding the future of our District buildings and facilities. Mr. Caffrey noted that this Task Force/Advisory Committee will not have decision making powers.

The vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Thomas thanked all of the administrators and teachers who participated in discussions in regard to the review of the current “Wilkes-Barre Area School District Dress Code”. Ms. Thomas noted that their time, dedication and valuable input was appreciated.

Mr. Caffrey noted that he had the pleasure to attend the Harvest Festival held at Heights Murray Elementary School and commended Dr. Mileski, Director of Pupil Personnel, Ms. Beth Owens, Ms. Jennifer Welgosh, School Psychologists and all the members of the FACES Program who worked so diligently on the Harvest Festival. Mr. Caffrey noted that it is an event that is so vital in regard to engaging and supporting the Community of Families that are part of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

At the request of Vice President Quinn, Dr. Mileski, Director of Pupil Personnel and Donna Reilly, Head Nurse, informed the Board of the policies in place in regard to the Ebola Virus.

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
November 5, 2014

Mr. Galella motioned, seconded by Dr. Susek, to appoint PNC Capital Markets as the underwriter of the 2005 Bond refunding. The vote was as follows:

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

1 Nay: Katsock

Communications from Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski commended the Feasibility Sub Committee for their time and commitment.

Dr. Prevuznak thanked the Feasibility Sub Committee for their time and dedication and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Caffrey for his tireless work and commitment in regard to the Feasibility Sub Committee.

Board Secretary Report

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

December – 2014

Reorganization Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2014 – 6:00 PM

Committee Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2014 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2014 – 7:00 PM

Ms. Thomas moved to adjourn the Meeting.

President Elmy adjourned the Meeting at 7:44 PM.