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**President Joseph A. Caffrey** called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 MEMBER ABSENT: Quinn

President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Committee Meeting of October 17, 2016 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2016.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas**, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2016 and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

**All In Favor:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Thomas F. Telesz, Business Manager/Board Secretary, presented the Treasurers Report for the month ending June 30, 2016.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES  
MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

GENERAL FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$1,536,458.97)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$3,477,407.77
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$960,529.09
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$1,607,962.68
FNB BANK	\$2,941,137.79
FNB BANK	\$2,073,204.97
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$710,645.52
PNC BANK	\$1,536,194.08
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$0.00
LPL LINSICO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,653.37
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$9,752.48
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,613.35
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$462,587.19
PLGIT EIT	\$820,637.91
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$13,903,867.23</b>

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,374.93
ATHLETIC FUND-FNB BANK	\$58,376.43
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>\$68,751.36</b>
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$1,572,507.44
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$262.81
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$200,145.27
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$114,844.70
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-Landmark BANK	\$260,733.11
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,664.13
<b>TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,482,157.46</b>
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Landmark Bank	\$2,240,599.45
<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$2,240,599.45</b>
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,295.23
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$9,295.23</b>

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas,** to adopt the Treasurers Report of June 30, 2016.

The vote was as follows:

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

### **Report of the Superintendent**

At this time Superintendent, Brian Costello presented the Wilkes-Barre Area School District "Excellence In Education Award" to Mr. Gerald Gillis. Mr. Gillis, teaches Calculus, AP Calculus, Trigonometry and Statistics, at Coughlin High School. Mr. Gillis is also a consultant for the College Board for AP Calculus.

Superintendent, Brian J. Costello informed Mr. Gillis that the Wilkes-Barre Area School District recognizes educators that inspire excellence, exemplify the highest educational standards, and make a difference in the lives of our students. Mr. Costello stated that Mr. Gillis's dedication results in a profound influence on student learning and establishes the lasting value of his teaching. In recognition of his dedication to the profession, education, and student achievement, we celebrate your vigor in the spirit of learning.

Mr. Gillis thanked the Superintendent and the Board for being selected as the recipient of the "Excellence In Education Award". Mr. Gillis stated that with the ever present support of the Superintendent, Brian Costello and the guidance and encouragement of Mrs. Colleen Drost, Math Supervisor for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, he has been able to serve his students and nurture them to achieve their goals.

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Superintendent Costello presented renderings and information in regard to the exploration of retaining the auditorium at Meyers High School for use as a District/Community Performance Center at the Meyers High School site during demolition of Meyers High School. In addition, Mr. Costello presented renderings and information relating to a design of a sports complex located at the site of the Solomon/Plains Complex.

Mr. Gary Salijko, Apollo Project Manager, presented information in regard to the status of WBASD current projects.

**Unfinished Business**

Ms. Thomas informed the Board that she will present a report at the November Board Meeting in regard to the "In-School Suspension Plan". The Committee will recommend and seek Board approval at the November Board Meeting for the "In-School Suspension Plan" to be piloted at G.A.R. High School and Heights Murray Elementary. Ms. Thomas noted that if the "In-School Suspension Plan" is successful, it will be utilized District wide for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Communications from Citizens**

1. Kim Borland
2. Joe Borland
3. Nataliya Scarantino
4. Melissa Patla
5. Dr. Richard Holdick

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

- Suggested spending in regard to the District /Community Performance Center and the redevelopment of the Meyers High School site and the design of a Sports Complex at the Solomon/Plains site does not address education issues and highlights, this is why Citizens do not have confidence in the Board.
- Initially Citizens were told Meyers cannot be used and now we are told that it can be used.
- None of the plans address academics or education.
- Citizens are urging you to get an independent plan from Bancroft.
- SOS will consider any independent proposal.
- Citizens continually hear non consistent reports.
- Task Force recommended that the new building should be at the Meyers site.
- The Board has nothing to lose if you get an independent review.
- If you refuse to test your decision, it indicates that this Board has no confidence in their decision.
- Meetings have been scheduled at Solomon/Plains, G.A.R., Kistler, however, never at Meyers.
- It was inconvenient for parents to attend tonight's Board Meeting due to the fact that the Board Meeting was scheduled the same night as High School Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- This Board needs to seek a second opinion and hold a Referendum.
- Request the Board to reinstate Spirit Week for all Wilkes-Barre Area Schools.
- Thanks expressed to Superintendent, Brian Costello, for meeting with representatives of SOS at Meyers High School.
- Question as to if there will be a vote at tonight's Board Meeting in regard to the District /Community Performance Center and the redevelopment of the Meyers High School site and the design of a Sports Complex at the Solomon/Plains site.
- Superintendent Costello's presentation was outstanding.
- There is a problem with schools being ranked low and low SAT scores.
- What is being done to improve academics?
- Board needs to engage Bancroft for a second opinion.

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Superintendent Brian Costello, Board Members; Joseph Caffrey, Denise Thomas, Dino Galella, Rev. Shawn Walker, Solicitor, Ray Wendolowski, Gary Salijko, Apollo Project Manager, responded to the various questions/statements presented by Citizens who addressed the Board.

**Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Miss Katsock,** to reinstate Spirt Week in all Wilkes-Barre Area School District Schools. The vote was as follows:

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

**LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Miss Katsock informed the Board that the next meeting of the LIU is scheduled for October 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

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

Dr. Susek informed the Board that the next meeting of Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

There was no **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

**BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Miss Katsock presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:**

**A ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. That approval be given to the below listed payments:

Civitas Media	Legal Notice	Capital Projects	300561794	\$1,015.28
Environmental Abatement Assoc. Inc.	Coughlin – Asbestos Abatement	Capital Projects	16-020-8	\$7,605.00
Environmental Abatement Assoc. Inc.	Coughlin – Asbestos Abatement	Capital Projects	16-020-9	\$7,170.00
Environmental Abatement Assoc. Inc.	Coughlin – Asbestos Abatement	Capital Projects	16-20-10	\$7,770.00
Abmech	Coughlin – Asbestos Abatement	Capital Projects	App. No. 5	\$417,568.75
Fabcor, Inc.	GAR – Drainage/Retaining Wall	Capital Projects	App. No. 9	\$60,838.00
Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc.	GAR Roof	Capital Projects	5221	\$5,355.00
Environmental Abatement Assoc., Inc.	GAR Roof	Capital Projects	16-063-1	\$345.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	GAR Roof	Capital Projects	AGI-16035-WBASD	\$1,166.10
Apollo Group, Inc.	Kistler Addition	Capital Projects	App. No. 11	\$15,266.52
Borton Lawson	Kistler Addition	Capital Projects	BA15-1729-002-BLA0014	\$16,539.09
Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School	Capital Projects	App. No. 14	\$16,001.45
Borton Lawson	New High School	Capital Projects	BA15-1729-003-BLA0015	\$17,006.22
WKL Architecture	New High School	Capital Projects	#16	\$58,000.00

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TGL Engineering	New High School	Capital Projects	#15	\$40,500.00
TGL Engineering	Coughlin Demolition	Capital Projects	#8	\$11,000.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	D.J. Flood – Transformer	Capital Projects	AGI-16030-WBASD	\$5,054.37
Apollo Group, Inc.	Meyers Walkway/Tunnel	Capital Projects	AGI-16031-WBASD	\$1,571.70
TGL	Meyers Walkway/Tunnel	Capital Projects	#1	\$1,620.00

2. That approval be given to contribute \$20,000 to the Meyers Speech & Debate Team and \$7,500 to the G.A.R. Speech & Debate Team for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. That approval be given to contribute \$17,200.00 to Wilkes-Barre City for the use/maintenance of the Municipal Athletic Fields for the 2016-2017 school year. This is the same amount as was contributed for the 2015-2016 school year.

**B. FEDERAL**

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1549-1571 and Federal Wire transfer #201600212 and Chapter I AP checks #1582-1613 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201600199-201600209 from September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 12, 2016 be approved.

- C. That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201610429-201610446 from September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 and General Fund checks, #43342-43492 and Food Service Checks #2811-2825 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on September 12, 2016.
- D. That the checks listed on the following pages #43493 to 43721 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

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

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

**1 Nay:** Katsock: A #1 & A #3

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

1. That the Business Manager be authorized to advertise for A Request For Proposal for the following:

Tax Collection Services For Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax

2. That approval be given to renew an agreement with IntegraOne, 7248 Tilghman Street, Suite 120, Allentown, PA, 18106, for WebFilter with Reporting-Content Filtering at a cost of \$40,590.00 for a period of five years.

One year option	\$14,130.00
Three year option	\$33,540.00
Five year option	\$40,590.00

3. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Dunmore Roofing, 155 Tigue Street, Dunmore, PA, 18512, for the G.A.R. Roofing Project at the Base Bid in the amount of \$633,500.00. In addition, Unit Prices are as follows:

Unit Price 1	5.25
Unit Price 2	4.00
Unit Price 3	70.00
Unit Price 4	2.00

This award is based upon the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the District's Construction manager.

4. That Ratification be given to the contract awarded to Callaghan Construction LLC, 115 Marchakitus Road, Hunlock creek, PA, 18612, for the E.L. Meyers High School Walkway Tunnel Repairs Project in the amount of \$23,800.00.

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

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

There was no **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas,** to replace the chiller at G.A.R. High School.

The vote was as follows:

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

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Galella,** to prepare a bid design for the removal of mold at G.A.R. High school. The vote was as follows:

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

There was no **LEGISLATIVE /FEDERAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**MATERIAL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

1. That after having advertised and received bids due on September 28, 2016 that award is made to the following vendors for:

WINTER ATHLETICS SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT            \$14, 807.54

\*\*\*(SEE FOLLOWING REPORTS FOR DETAIL)

**WINTER SPORTS BID SUMMARY- SUPPLIES & EQUIP 2016-2017**

COUGHLIN BOYS BASKETBALL	\$273.00
COUGHLIN BOYS JH BASKETBALL	\$0.00
GAR BOYS BASKETBALL	\$1,341.05
MEYERS BOYS BASKETBALL	\$475.40
COUGHLIN GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$473.00
COUGHLIN GIRLS JH BASKETBALL	\$0.00
GAR GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$521.16
MEYERS GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$1,053.12
COUGHLIN BOYS SWIM	\$0.00
MEYERS BOYS SWIM	\$0.00
COUGHLIN GIRLS SWIM	\$0.00
MEYERS GIRLS SWIM	\$592.20
COUGHLIN WRESTLING	\$842.99
COUGHLIN JH WRESTLING	\$0.00
MEYERS WRESTLING	\$609.22
	<b>\$6,181.14</b>

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**WINTER SPORTS BID SUMMARY- UNIFORMS OR RELATED 2016-2017**

COUGHLIN BOYS BASKETBALL	\$0.00
COUGHLIN BOYS JH BASKETBALL	\$0.00
GAR BOYS BASKETBALL	\$0.00
MEYERS BOYS BASKETBALL	\$1,480.00
COUGHLIN GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$0.00
COUGHLIN GIRLS JH BASKETBALL	\$0.00
GAR GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$0.00
MEYERS GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$563.28
COUGHLIN BOYS SWIM	\$224.00
MEYERS BOYS SWIM	\$336.00
COUGHLIN GIRLS SWIM	\$1,054.20
MEYERS GIRLS SWIM	\$912.00
COUGHLIN WRESTLING	\$1,632.00
COUGHLIN JH WRESTLING	\$1,944.00
MEYERS WRESTLING	\$480.00

**\$8,626.40**

**Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas,** to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:  
**8 Ayes:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Mr. Galella noted that the cost of winter supplies and equipment is 30% less than last year.



**Personnel Committee Report**

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

The Personnel Committee respectfully makes the following report and recommendations:

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

**A. Professionals**

1. That the retirement of **Karen Spear** be accepted with regret effective August 24, 2016.
2. That **Jennifer Wilson's** request for a medical sabbatical beginning September 12, 2016 for a period of 92 work days be approved.
3. That **Mark Belles** be appointed a Secondary Math Long Term Sub effective October 18, 2016 for the first semester of the 2016-17 school year.
4. That **Yazan Mahmoud** be appointed a half day Health and Physical Education Temporary Professional.
5. 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 1120 teachers' hours, those hours will be divided among the following:

Jessica Hendler	Darlene Payne
Rita Gubbiotti	Sandra Marinko
Dionne Fisher	Kristen Pstrak
Susan Augello	

Secondary

It is estimated that there is a need for a total of 440 teachers' hours, those hours will be divided among the following:

Diane McFarlane	Tamera McMahan
MaryAnn Rizzo	Megan Sweeney
Corinne Gawelko	

**B. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates**

1. That the resignation of **Courtney Zabresky** be accepted with regret effective October 25, 2016.
2. That the resignation of **Cassandra Seals** be accepted with regret effective October 14, 2016.
3. That **Paula Bianchino's** request for six weeks of unpaid leave beginning on October 3, 2016 be approved.
4. That **Beth Ann Christian** status be changed from 20 hour bus aide to 20 hour para-professional.
5. That **Richard Rostkowski** be appointed a 20 hour bus aide.
6. That the following employees be appointed as after-school School Intervention Grant (SIG) Teachers' Associate at their current hourly rate:

Mary Claire Corcoran    Margaret Bailoni

**C. Crossing Guards**

1. That **Dorothy Yelland** be appointed a substitute crossing guard.

**D. Custodians**

1. That **Robert Marcincavage** be appointed a substitute custodian.
2. That **James Riley** be appointed a substitute custodian.

**E. Athletics**

1. That **James Lavan** be appointed G.A.R Junior High Athletic Director.
2. That the resignation of **Ronald Swingle Jr.** as Meyers Wrestling Varsity Head Coach be accepted with regret effective September 19, 2016.
3. That the resignation of **Samantha Kishbach** as Meyers Field Hockey Junior High Assistant Coach be accepted with regret effective September 21, 2016.
4. That the appointment of **Carl Majeski** as Coughlin Girls' Soccer Varsity Assistant (1/2) pay be rescinded at Carl's request.
5. 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	Wrestling	Varsity Head Coach	<b>Anthony Mercadante</b>
Meyers	Field Hockey	Acting Jr High Assistant Coach	<b>Shantel Grohowski</b>
Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Varsity Assistant Coach	<b>Amber Giampietro</b>
Meyers	Girls' Basketball	Jr High Head Coach	<b>Madison Lavery</b>
Meyers	Boys' Basketball	Jr High Head Coach	<b>James McGavin</b>
Coughlin	Boys' Soccer	Acting Varsity Head Coach	<b>Barry Trievel</b>
Coughlin	Girls' Soccer	Volunteer Assistant Coach	<b>Carl Majeski</b>

**F. Policies**

That the following Uniform Grant Guidance Policies (UGG) be adopted:

- Federal Fiscal Compliance (626 Vol II 2016)
- Administration of Federal Funds – Type of Costs, Obligations, and Property Management (626 Vol II 2016)
- Allowability of Costs-Federal Funds (626 Vol II 2016)
- Cash Management-Federal Funds (626 Vol II 2016)
- Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures-Federal Funds
- Procurement-Federal Funds (626 Vol II 2016)
- Travel Reimbursement (626.1 Vol II 2016)
- Conflict of Interest (827 Vol II 2016)
- Food Services (808 Vol II 2016)

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

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

**1 Nay:** Susek – A – Professional - #4

Miss Katsock presented Resolution #1

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the recent death of **BRIGID MURRAY O'CONNOR** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she was a teacher for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for fifteen years and retired in 1982; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Board of Trustees of Luzerne County Community College and became its first female chairperson and in 1995 was elected to a seat on the Board of Commissioners of Plains Township and entered her sixth term in January of 2016 and was the longest serving female on the Board of Commissioners of Plains Township; and

WHEREAS, her passing on September 15, 2016 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, Kevin; her son, Martin Patrick; her sister, Katie; and to her entire family.

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Miss Katsock moved to accept the Resolution by ACCLAMATION.

Ms. Thomas presented Resolution #2

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the recent death of **ANNETTE M. BARBINI** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she was a Physical Education teacher who taught at both G.A.R. and Coughlin High Schools and coached field hockey, basketball volleyball and girls track for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, her passing on September 22, 2016 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 sister, Elaine; her brother, Barry; and to her entire family.

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Ms. Thomas moved to accept the Resolution by ACCLAMATION.

Rev. Walker presented the below listed Resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADOPTING A MAXIMUM PROJECT COST AND A MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING THE RENOVATION AND ADDITIONS TO THE DR. DAVID W. KISTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Public School Code of 1949, as amended and supplemented, including those made by Act 34, approved June 27, 1973 (the "School Code"), requires, among other things, that a public hearing be held on all new construction and substantial additions to existing school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Area School District (the "School District") has resolved to undertake the renovation and additions to the Dr. David W. Kistler Elementary School, Old River Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the School District proposes to adopt a maximum project cost and maximum building construction cost for the Project; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the School District intends to conduct a public hearing to inform the residents of the School District with respect to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of School Directors of the School District hereby adopts a maximum project cost of \$23,500,000 and a maximum building construction cost of \$12,046,104 in connection with the Project.
2. The Board of School Directors of the School District hereby authorizes and directs a public hearing to be held in accordance with the requirements of Act 34 of the School Code on November 22, 2016, to provide information to the residents of the School District with respect to the Project. The Secretary of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the Notice of Public Hearing in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, in accordance with the requirements of Act 34 and Public School Code of 1949, as amended. Such public hearing shall be published not less than 20 days prior to the date of the public hearing stated above.
3. The Board of School Directors of the School District authorizes and approves the preparation of a description of the Project (the Booklet") in accordance with resolutions of the Board and upon approval by the Solicitor and Superintendent, the Board of School Directors of the School District hereby directs the Secretary of the School District to make copies of the Booklet available to residents no later than 20 days prior to the date of the public hearing stated above, and on each business day thereafter between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the School District Administration Office, 730 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 18711. The Board of School Directors of the School District further authorizes the use and distribution of the Booklet as required by the School Code.
4. The Board of School Directors of the School District hereby authorizes and directs the proper officer of the School District to submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (the "Department") a certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the minutes or transcript of the aforementioned public hearing, a proof of publication of the notice thereof and a complete description of the Project, all as required by the School Code, as well as any other documents required by the Department in connection therewith.
5. The Board of School Directors of the School District hereby authorizes and directs its (i) administrative staff; (ii) Bond Counsel; (iii) Solicitor – Raymond P. Wendolowski, Esquire; (iv) Architect; (v) Underwriter; and (vi) Financial Advisor; to do and perform or cause to be done and performed on behalf of the School District any and all acts and things as may be necessary in connection with the Project in order to carry out the purposes of the School Code and this Resolution.
6. The proper officers of the School District are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all papers and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for the execution or carrying out of this Resolution.
7. All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded, canceled and annulled.
8. The Board of School Directors of the School District hereby approves, ratifies and confirms all action taken in connection with the Project.

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I, the undersigned Secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of School Directors of the School District at a public meeting held on October 17, 2016, that proper notice of such meeting was duly given as required by law; and the said Resolution has been duly entered upon the Minutes of said Board, showing how each member voted thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature as such official and affixed the seal of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District this 17th day of October, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas F. Telesz  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This certifies that the above Resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District as follows:

BOARD ACTION DATE: October 17, 2016

Roll call vote: Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), certify: that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which was duly adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board of School Directors of the School District duly convened and held according to law on October 17, 2016, at which meeting a quorum was present; that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Minutes of the Board of School Directors of the School District; and that said Resolution is in full force and effect without amendment, alteration or repeal, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Board of School Directors of the School District met the advance notice requirements of the Sunshine Act, Act No. 1986-84 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 3, 1986, by advertising said meeting and by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the School District or at the public building in which said meeting was held, all in accordance with such Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Thomas F. Telesz  
Secretary

**Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas,** to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:  
**8 Ayes:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

**New Business**

**Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas**, to have the Board authorize the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Solicitor and Business Manager, to prepare Resolutions for the solicitation of proposals for the exploration of retaining the auditorium during the demolition process for use as a District/Community Performance Center and the redevelopment of the Meyers High School site.

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Rev. Walker**, to table the above motion. The vote was as follows:

**5 Nays:** Evans, Galella, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey

**3 Ayes:** Geiger, Katsock, Walker

Motion did not pass

The vote on the original listed motion was as follows:

**6 Ayes:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey

**2 Nays:** Katsock, Walker

**Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Miss Katsock**, to hold a meeting for Community Input at Meyers High School or Kistler Elementary. The vote was as follows.

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

**Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock**, to provide funds to Madison Hawkins, a Coughlin High School student who qualified in Penn Relays and Melrose. The funds contributed by the Wilkes Barre Area School District will be utilized toward the costs associated with the events. The vote was as follows.

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

**Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Dr. Susek**, to have the Board authorize the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Solicitor and Business Manager, to prepare a Resolution for the solicitation of proposals for the design of a sports complex located at the Solomon/Plains site. The vote was as follows:

**6 Ayes:** Evans, Galella, Geiger, Susek, Thomas, Caffrey

**2 Nays:** Katsock, Walker

Miss Katsock stated that in January, 2017 she will be scheduling a "State of the District Presentation".

Rev. Walker informed the Board and those Citizens present that in regard to Building Maintenance any issues/concerns in regard to possible mold are not being ignored. Rev. Walker also noted that maintenance work loads and accountability issues are being addressed.

**Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Miss Katsock**, to request that the Wilkes-Barre Area School Board approve the formation of a "transition committee" to study the feasibility of combining/consolidating extracurricular activities and athletic programs beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. The committee will be led by Superintendent Costello, with the goal of making a full report and recommendations to the Board no later than August 30, 2017. The vote was as follows:

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

### **Solicitors Report**

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motions:

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas**, to approve the employment agreement between Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Thomas F. Telesz, Business Manager for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The vote was as follows:

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

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Evans**, to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement between KW and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The vote was as follows:

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

**Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Evans**, to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement between JN and the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The vote was as follows:

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

### **Board Secretary Report**

Thomas F. Telesz, Board Secretary/Business Manager announced the following Meeting schedule.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Committee Meeting**

Monday, November 14, 2016

#### **Regular Board Meeting**

Monday, November 14, 2016

Meetings location and time to be determined.

**President Caffrey** adjourned the Meeting at 7:20 PM