

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2012

The Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012. **President, Maryanne W. Toole** called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Bernard Prevuznak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT: Corcoran, Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Quinn, Susek, Toole

President Toole stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Special Board Meeting of August 29, 2012, and went into Executive Session during the Board Meeting of August 29, 2012, and held an Executive Session prior to the Board Meeting of September 10, 2012.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Mr. Latinski moved, seconded by Ms. Evans, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 15, 2012 and dispense with the reading of those minutes. The vote was as follows:

All In Favor: 9 Ayes: Corcoran, Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Quinn, Susek, Toole

Treasurer's Report

Mr. William Keating, FNCB, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2012.

Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to accept the Treasurer's report for the month ending July 31, 2012. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Corcoran, Elmy, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Latinski, Quinn, Susek, Toole

There were **no bids to be opened**

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At this time Gary Salijko, Senior Estimator from Apollo Group Inc. presented the following report.

Subject: **Revised Status Report**
RE: **Current Projects**

Meyers High School:

Site Water Line Replacement –07-06-11 Update. DRC, Inc. a leak detection firm did survey on 6/21/11, locating a leak inside of the building near a courtyard entrance. DRC, Inc. also believes (1) the water meter could be faulty, (2) and / or a building leak feeds directly into a drain, and / or (3) an old supply line under the field has failed. See DRC Inc. job report of 6/23/11.

07-27-11 Update. Drain Tech failed to detect leak in site water line the week of July 18. Water meter scheduled to be replaced Friday, July 29.

09-07-11 Update. Water meter was replaced the week of August 08, 2011. New meter continues to show abnormal water consumption. Apollo recommendations forwarded to the District August 18, 2011. Apollo solicited three proposals for repairs to water line that was identified by DRC Inc. during their survey. Proposals forwarded to District September 02, 2011.

10-05-11 Update. Apollo had data loggers installed on water main for the purpose of listening for leaks. Loggers were programmed to record on Sunday, September 25, 2011 between 2:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. The water main on exterior of the building showed no signs of a leak. All significant leak noise was detected from where the underground water main enters the building and continues until it ends at a classroom riser. The experts and Apollo are in agreement that there is a larger leak along with smaller leaks throughout the underground piping inside the school.

12-07-11 Update. Apollo solicited the three District approved A/E firms for design of a new water main from meter pit on Carey Avenue to building basement, and continuing through corridors (attached to existing walls). Alternate to include replacement of laterals. Unit pricing (piping, fittings, valves, etc.) in lieu of alternate for replacing laterals is an option. Recommendation along with preliminary schedule for replacement of water line forwarded to District.

05-02-12 Update. Design of proposed water main has commenced with bid date tentatively scheduled for late June with installation during July and August.

06-06-12 Update. Design is complete. Bid date is June 20, 2012.

07-03-12 Update. Contract forwarded to contractor. Contractor to mobilize the week of July 2, 2012.

08-08-12 Update. Main water line replacement is approximately 80% complete. Project scheduled to be complete on Friday, August 17, 2012.

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09-05-12 Update. Punch list item (seal pavement) remains. Warranties have been received.

Boiler Building Roof – At a site meeting WBASD, Apollo and a roof contractor determined the **most economical temporary repair of roof was the removal and replacement of damaged roof** areas. It is possible that temporary repairs may be in excess of \$10,000, thus advertising may be required.

Permanent repairs would require the design, advertising, bid phase and the replacement of the entire Boiler Building Roof.

05-02-12 Update. District solicitor to investigate if advertising and bid phase will be required if the project is funded by an insurance claim.

06-06-12 Update. Design is complete. Bid date is June 20, 2012.

07-03-12 Update. Bids received. Recommendation forwarded to District.

08-08-12 Update. Apollo contacted Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) and a roofing firm (Tremco) that is a member of the Joint Purchasing Agreement (JPA). Due to JPA guidelines for roofing, the contacts believed it would be more economically feasible for the owner to seek public bids.

09-05-12 Update. The low responsive bidder has agreed to hold their price until October 01, 2012.

Solomon School:

Solomon Track – ATT Sports Inc. inspection report forwarded to District.

G.A.R. High School:

G.A.R. Stage and HVAC Unit – Pittsburgh Stage Inc. Safety Inspection Report of July 18, 2012 provided detailed information, recommendations and budget for stage renovations to meet current standards.

The HVAC system that serves the auditorium/stage area should be modified to ensure the unit is operating at peak efficiency and eliminate humidity that is present in the summer. An engineering firm can design modifications to the existing system that is the most efficient.

The District approved architect/engineering firms have provided proposals for (1) survey/report, and (2) design of stage support system (if required) and (3) modifications to the auditorium/ stage HVAC system.

We hope that this summary can be of assistance to you while planning for the school year. If there is any other information that you may need, feel free to call me during normal business hours at (570) 714-2431, ext. 139.

Gary Salijko
Project Manager

President Toole stated that she is arranging a meeting at G.A.R. High School on Friday, September 14, 2012 to discuss the auditorium issues.

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Unfinished Business

President Toole asked Business Manager, Leonard Przywara if an RFP was completed in regard to a Key Card System.

Mr. Przywara responded that there was not an RFP completed in regard to a Key Card System.

Ms. Evans stated that the Board had voted on and approved an RFP for a Key Card System.

Mr. Latinski agreed that there should be an RFP regarding a Key Card System, however, he suggested that the Board may wish to consider putting a Key Card System in place after the auditorium issues at G.A.R. High School are resolved.

Communication from Superintendent

Dr. Prevuznak informed the Board that the 2012-2013 school year has begun and all students were welcomed by faculty and staff. Dr. Prevuznak stated that there were some minor issues in regard to class size and scheduling, however, these issues have been or will be resolved. Dr. Prevuznak thanked the Board and the retired Superintendent for their support during this transitional time for the School District. Dr. Prevuznak stated that his first week as Interim Superintendent has been an enlightening experience and expressed his gratitude to everyone for their patience and understanding. Dr. Prevuznak pledged his support to the Board in moving the District forward during their search for a permanent Superintendent. Dr. Prevuznak stated that he is one of the applicants for the position of Superintendent and he looks forward to putting his educational background and professional experience to the test. Dr. Prevuznak stated that he was confident that the Board would select the best candidate and further stated that he would continue to support the Board and the District regardless of his position within the District.

Communications from Citizens

The below listed citizens addressed the Board regarding funding for the Meyers Speech and Debate Team.

Bill Waters
Ted Kopec
Kim Borland
Christa Frankawicz
Talon Stoudlenyre
Emmalie Langan
Morgan Prince
Michelle Prince
Sarah Borland
Olivia Richards
Ron Woznock
Colleen Lovechio

Samantha Middleton
Steve Bolinger
David Kerr
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Tragan Stoudenmeier
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Tina Rotbery
John Monahan

Melinda Formole

All of the above individuals expressed to the Board their deep concern and disappointment regarding the Wilkes-Barre Area School Boards decision to discontinue funds allocated in the past to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team. Everyone who addressed the Board spoke with sincerity regarding their involvement, both past and present, with the Meyers Speech and Debate Team. All of the individuals, who spoke, requested that the Board consider re-instating funding to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team.

At this time Ms. Evans suggested that a representative from the Meyers Speech and Debate Team meet with Dr. Prevuznak to discuss the Meyers Speech and Debate Team's concerns and requests.

Attorney Kim Borland expressed to the Board that he did not feel it was necessary to schedule a meeting with the Interim Superintendent, to discuss the concerns/requests of the Meyers Speech and Debate Team, stating, that the Board was addressed at this Board Meeting (September 10, 2012) and he was confident that all necessary information regarding the Meyers Speech and Debate Team was provided to the Board and Dr. Prevuznak.

Miss. Katsock informed all those present who spoke in regard to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team, that they addressed the Board absolutely eloquently. Miss Katsock inquired as to how much money would be needed to insure that the upcoming Debate Meet being held at Yale would not be jeopardized. Miss Katsock stated that it was her intention to make a motion asking the Board to approve and provide funds necessary for the Debate Meet scheduled at Yale.

Attorney Kimberly Borland stated that at this late date he would like to see a motion for the entire \$20,000 to be re-instated to the Meyers Speech and Debate Team.

Michelle Waslasky, also addressed the Board on behalf of the Coughlin Field Hockey Booster Club. Ms. Waslasky was seeking permission from the Board to have a shed placed at Guthrie field for the purpose of storing field hockey equipment.

Brian Grohowski also addressed the Board in regard to the "John Grohowski Foundation". Mr. Grohowski requested the use of Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium and also requested that the Board waive a fee of \$50.00 per hour for the use of Wilkes-Barre Area Memorial Stadium. Mr. Grohowski requested the use the stadium for a Football Camp, stating that all proceeds of the Football Camp would go to the "John Grohowski Foundation".

President Toole informed Mr. Grohowski that the Board would take his request into consideration.

Dr Corcoran moved, seconded by Ms. Katsock, to adjourn the Meeting.

President Toole adjourned the Meeting at 8:55 PM.