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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the Auditorium of South Scranton Intermediate School, 355 Maple Street, Scranton, PA 18505.

President Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Borthwick, Duffy, Gilmartin, Lesh, McAndrew, Norton, Popil, Schuster
President Dixon. (Director Lesh present via teleconference)

Absent: All Present.

At this time, Director Borthwick asked if it were possible to adjourn to executive session for a personnel matter. At 7:04pm, President Dixon called for an Executive Session for Personnel reasons.

The meeting re-adjourned at 7:19pm. *(All board members present; technical difficulties occurred trying to reach Director Lesh. Successful communication was made near the end of Public Comment).*

Communications to the Board

Mrs. Orr announced executive sessions were held on Monday, April 29, 2019 to discuss litigation, negotiations, workers compensation, special education settlements, personnel and staffing and this evening May 6, 2019 to discuss personnel matters.

Mrs. Orr also announced that resolution B-8 has been removed from the agenda.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Audi had no report.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Alexis Kirijan had no report.

Recovery Officer Update

Dr. Candis Finan announced that an extension has been granted for the Recovery Plan to June 12, 2019 and the reason for the extension is there is a number of other meetings to conduct throughout the month of May as well as some transportation assessments such as ridership and times and whether some runs can be condensed. Dr. Finan said they met with Harrisburg with a preliminary plan and they are very happy and pleased thus far that we are continuing to move forward. Dr. Finan added that there are a number of additional meetings and the Advisory Committee will hear more details this Wednesday at the Advisory Committee Meeting.

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PSBA Report

Director Gilmartin spoke of the PSBA Delegate Assembly in conjunction with the annual PSBA Leadership Conference and the board will need to vote on delegates and asked that it be added to agenda for June. Ms. Gilmartin also reminded the board of the informative articles and training available on the website addressing much of what board has been discussing.

Public Comment

Suzanne Furey, teacher, spoke of the upcoming primary election and concern of the safety of the students while voting is taking place due to the voting machines directly outside her classroom.

Dr. Kirijan assured her that the Sheriff's office will have deputies present in the schools.

Mrs. Furey said that makes it more stressful because the students will see law enforcement and hopes in the future there is some way to avoid having school in session on Election Day.

Dr. Kirijan explained they try not to do it but there has been a lot of snow make up days and understands Mrs. Furey's concerns.

Mrs. Furey also asked that they consider starting the next school year before Labor Day; that having the last day of school so late in June is very difficult.

Dr. Kirijan explained they would like to start earlier but there are contract obligations.

Mrs. Furey also expressed concern of closing schools and finds it very inappropriate and hopes they find another way.

Rosemary Boland, SFT President, thanked everyone for their participation at the recent rally at Scranton High School and expressed gratitude to the Scranton Times for the editorial following the rally and she hopes it caught the attention of the folks in Harrisburg.

Ms. Boland commented on the idea of starting school earlier in August; it has been something the school district has done in the past and she will be happy to sit down and figure things out.

Ms. Boland thanked Director Duffy for all of his efforts for fair funding and has directed her members to remain calm.

Kevin Kays, SFT, is in favor of starting the school year before Labor Day and is grateful to the board for considering the wind turbine at Scranton High School and asked if anyone had any questions. No one did.

Chelsey Lovett, parent of 1st grader is concerned about the lack of substitutes and the loss of instructional time when a teacher is absent.

Dr. Kirijan explained it has been difficult getting substitutes through Kelly Services or any agency due to the need throughout area districts and across the state.

Director Borthwick added he knows there is a problem in every district obtaining substitutes and difficult getting teachers.

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Director Schuster asked what the coverage rate is; that Kelly Services promised a certain percentage of coverage and they haven't been able to do that and believes this is their 3rd year of the agreement.

Director McAndrew commented that Kelly Services did guarantee a service and they have not met that guarantee. Dr. Kirijan agreed and echoed Director Schuster that it is the 3rd year and they need to take a closer look at the services.

Director Norton asked if the thought of reaching out to retired teachers has been brought up.

Dr. Kirijan said yes, they have but have not received a lot of retirees to join in the substitute pool.

Director Borthwick said that some districts hire full time substitutes and possible expand that program.

Dr. Kirijan said we call them stellar substitutes and we have them in our Intermediate schools and Monticello.

President Dixon asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 19, 2018, December 19, 2018, February 4, 2019, February 25, 2019, March 4, 2019, March 25, 2019 and April 1, 2019. Director Popil made a motion to accept, seconded by Director Borthwick and passed unanimously on roll call.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster commented from the minutes that there was a question of what items would be appropriate to be considered under the Consent Agenda. Solicitor Audi responded that items that are recurring and that usually do not raise question and everyone understands, and anything would be appropriate for any board member to pull it from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Schuster also asked if there is a list of best practices. Mr. Audi will look into it.

Director Schuster also asked if anyone reached out for funding from the businesses encased within the University of Scranton and if that will be part of the recovery plan.

Dr. Finan responded that meetings are planned to join together and hoping for a combined effort.

Director Schuster asked if there have been any changes to the current Fraud policy; if it has changed since 2011.

Dr. Kirijan deferred to Mr. Gentilezza and in 2015 all policies were put into the boarddocs database. Dr. Kirijan will provide the policy in the packets this Friday.

At this time Director Gilmartin asked if Mr. Lesh has just rejoined the meeting and raised concern of policy procedures regarding electronic communication and Director Lesh attending via teleconference and asked if Mr. Lesh has to participate for the entire evening. Mrs. Orr did say that service was interrupted a few times during public comment but Mr. Lesh is present at this time. Director Gilmartin conferred with Solicitor Audi regarding the policy for attending meetings via telephone. Mr. Audi said they should be present during the meeting for

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deliberation and feels it was a technicality. Mr. Audi asked if Ms. Gilmartin has the policy and asked her to read the policy. Director Gilmartin read Policy 006.1 'Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications' in its entirety.

Authority

The Board recognizes that factors such as illness, travel, schedule conflicts and weather conditions can make impossible the physical presence of a Board member at a Board meeting, and that electronic communications can enable a Board member to participate in a meeting from a remote location.

A Board member shall be able to attend a Board meeting, and participate in Board deliberations and voting, through electronic communications, but only under extraordinary circumstances.

The Board authorizes the administration to provide the equipment and facilities required to implement this Board procedure.

Guidelines

A Board member who attends a meeting through electronic communications shall be considered present only if the member can hear everything said at the meeting and all those attending the meeting can hear everything said by that member. If the Board President determines either condition is not occurring, s/he shall terminate the Board member's attendance through electronic communications.

A majority of Board members shall be physically present at a Board meeting when a Board member attends through electronic communications.

To attend a Board meeting through electronic communications, a Board member shall comply with the following:

1. Submit such request to the Board President at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.
2. Ensure that the remote location is quiet and free from background noise and interruptions.
3. Participate in the entire Board meeting.

Mr. Audi asked how long Mr. Lesh was disconnected from the meeting or what did he miss. President Dixon said Mr. Lesh told her his call got dropped. Director Gilmartin thought that Mr. Lesh was not connected when the board came back from executive session. Mrs. Orr responded that she tried to reach him back when the board re-adjoined but was unsuccessful.

Director Lesh asked what the problem is and Solicitor Audi said the question is whether you should be able to participate because you were not available for the full board meeting; that is the concern that has been raised by Director Gilmartin. Mr. Lesh responded that due to no fault of his own, but due to technology, it is not his fault, he is trying in good faith to attend the meeting.

Solicitor Audi feels Mr. Lesh has the right to full deliberation and full content of the meeting and compared the communication disruptions to a microphone malfunction and determined that Mr. Lesh should be able to stay connected and present for the meeting.

Director Gilmartin suggested that in the event this happens again the meeting be held until technical issues could be resolved.

Mrs. Orr now took roll for the meeting minutes and approval passed unanimously on roll call.

President Dixon asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Director Schuster asked that B-1 Bill List be removed from Consent. Resolution B-1 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Director Popil made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Borthwick and the Consent Agenda passed unanimously on roll call.

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The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: (B-2, B-3, B-4, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, E-1, E-2 and H-1)

B-2

The Exception Bill List as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended May 6, 2019 be approved as per the attached:

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$3,821,441.57 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

April 5, 2019	\$ 523,974.80
April 18, 2019	\$1,307,220.19
May 3, 2019	\$1,990,246.58

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$9,806,131.95 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

April 5, 2019	\$2,466,962.49
April 18, 2019	\$3,905,403.31
May 3, 2019	\$2,433,766.15

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ALSO

Be it Resolved that the Delinquent Tax Report for the month of March, 2019 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax	\$624,025.85
Penalty	\$ 64,259.29
Interest	<u>\$ 50,896.49</u>
TOTAL	\$739,181.63
Commission	<u>\$(36,959.29)</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$702,222.34

ALSO

B-4

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Real Estate Tax Law any property not sold at Judicial Sale shall be listed in a Repository of Unsold Properties. The following properties have been sold and will be returned to a tax paying status with the Tax Claim Bureau:

Joseph Vitali	517 N. Robert Ct.	Map No. 14514 040 012	\$3,145.96
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the above referenced properties for a repository sale pursuant to the real estate tax sale law and section 627 of said act. This resolution is subject to the approval of other taxing bodies.

ALSO

D-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Education Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, a request for approval has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for Scranton High School's Mock Trial to be permitted to travel to Washington, DC on May 31, 2019 and returning the same day; and

WHEREAS, students will pay for their own trips at no cost to the District; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the field trip request.

ALSO

D-2

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Education Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, a request for approval has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for Scranton High School's Political Science Club and SHS Senior's to be permitted to travel to Washington, DC on May 24, 2019 and returning May 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Club members and Scranton High senior's will pay for their own trips at no cost to the District; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the request.

ALSO

D-3

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Education Committee that the following is approved:

Whereas, the Xzeres SkyStream 3.7 Wind Turbine and its installation was paid for entirely through teacher-secured grants, volunteered services of local labor unions, various community members, and the hard work of our students through their fundraising efforts; and

Whereas, clearances have been secured from the Scranton City Zoning Officer, city permitting, One Call and all associated utilities have been secured; and

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Whereas, the Xzeres SkyStream 3.7 Wind Turbine and its installation come at no cost to the Scranton School District; and

Whereas the Xzeres SkyStream 3.7 Wind Turbine is equipped with data transmission ability and software that will monitor its energy output, generating both electricity and student enthusiasm for the promotion and understanding of renewable energy systems; and

Whereas, the wind energy system data can be used in conjunction with curriculum from *Wind for Schools* and *Kid Wind*; and

Whereas, any and all monetary savings in the electricity costs generated by this wind turbine, shall be annually deposited in a Scranton High School AP Environmental Science Fund to be used both for the maintenance of this wind energy system and for future AP Environmental Science projects as determined by the AP Environmental Science teacher and students; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the installation of the Xzeres SkyStream 3.7 Wind Turbine at Scranton High School.

ALSO

D-4

The Superintendent and the Education Committee requests board approval of staff attendance to the conferences and meetings for professional development relevant to their specific duties and responsibilities as per the attached.

	NAME	CONFERENCE/MEETING	LOCATION	COST	DATES	SUBSTITUTE REQUIRED
1	Dawn Hafner	NPCTM Math Contest	Scranton, PA	\$0.00	5/23/2019	Yes
2	Ellen Knecht	NEPA Trans Health Conference	Scranton, PA	\$20.00	4/9/2019	
3	Ellen Knecht	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	3/5/19 - 3/7/ 2019	
4	Christine Santarsiero	Educational Support Group	Archbald, PA	\$225.00	3/18/19 - 3/19/19	
5	Brian Bayer	Text Dependent Analysis Training	Archbald, PA	\$10.00	2/11/2019	Yes
6	Margaret Newcomb	ELECT Statewide Conference	Grantville, PA	\$320.00	4/10/19-4/12/2019	
7	Margaret Newcomb	Pathways Out of Poverty	Dallas, PA	\$55.00	5/22/2019	
8	Molly Abdalla	ELECT Statewide Conference	Grantville, PA	\$462.96	4/10/19 - 4/12/2019	
9	Molly Abdalla	Pathways Out of Poverty	Dallas, PA	\$25.00	5/22/2019	
10	Molly Abdalla	PAFPC Concerence	Seven Springs, PA	\$1,467.00	5/5 - 8/2019	
11	Courtney Blaney	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes

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12	Tricia Brouillard	Response to Intervention	Archbald, PA	\$0.00	4/1/2019	Yes
13	Marie Ceccoli	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
14	Ashley Curtis	Text Dependent Analysis Training	Archbald, PA	\$10.00	2/11/2019	Yes
15	Mario Emiliani	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/20 - 30/2019	
16	Ashley Ferrese	PBIS Open House	Archbald, PA	\$0.00	5/7/2019	Yes
17	Patrick Gaughan	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
18	Chris Gentilezza	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
19	Kristen Gervasi	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
20	Christine Grullon	NEPA Trans Health Conference	Scranton, PA	\$20.00	4/9/2019	
21	Brenda Holzman	ELECT Statewide Conference	Harrisburg, PA	\$485.00	4/10 - 12/2019	
22	Christina Karaffa	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
23	Erin Keating	PAFPC Concerence	Seven Springs, PA	\$1,324.04	5/5 - 8/2019	
24	Ashlei Kishel	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
25	Amy Lloyd	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
26	Andrea Lynch	PBIS Open House	Archbald, PA	\$0.00	5/7/2019	Yes
27	Louise McCormack	Response to Intervention	Archbald, PA	\$0.00	4/1/2019	Yes
28	Mirhia Noldy	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
29	Deborah Orgill	Response to Intervention	Archbald, PA	\$0.00	4/1/2019	Yes
30	Lisa Regan	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
31	Rosemary Robertson	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
32	Nicole Valenzano	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
33	Amy Martin Warner	Text and Evidence Based Reading and Writing	Archbald, PA	\$55.00	12/11/2019	Yes
34	Nicole Weber	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
35	Julie Zaleski	SAP Training	Archbald, PA	\$350.00	5/28 - 30/2019	Yes
36	Frank Wahl	PJAS State Presentations	State College, PA	\$0.00	5/19 - 21/2019	Yes
37	Corey Bartell	PMEA Chorus Fest	Hawley, PA	\$0.00	5/10/2019	Yes

Board approval is contingent upon the required approval of all supervisors, principals, or administration.

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ALSO

E-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Operations Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, A local junior swim program organization the Scranton Sea Knights has requested the use of Scranton High School's Pool for their practices and end of the season tournament for the 2019 summer season, and

WHEREAS, Scranton Sea Knights will be charged a rental fee in the amount of \$1,000 for the use of Scranton High School's Pool for scheduled practices and end of the season tournament from the time period Monday, May 6, 2019 until Wednesday, July 31, 2019 (Monday through Thursday-Monday, May 7, 2019-Thursday, June 20, 2019, 6 PM-8 PM & Monday through Thursday-Monday, June 24-Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 10 AM-12 PM), and

WHEREAS, In exchange for the reduced rental fees for practices all Scranton School District students will participate in this program at a reduced fee, and

WHEREAS, Scranton Sea Knights Coaches will supervise the Summer program. Scranton Sea Knights Coaches will be at all practices and attend the end of the season tournament, and

WHEREAS, Scranton Sea Knight organization will have two certified and trained lifeguards at all summer practices and at the end of the summer session tournament, and

WHEREAS, Scranton Sea Knight organization will pay for these two lifeguards to be at all summer practices and at the end of the summer session tournament, and

WHEREAS, So that no scheduling conflicts occur, Scranton Sea Knights is to provide a detailed practice schedule and end the season tournament date to the administration of Scranton High School, and

WHEREAS, Scranton Sea Knights is to provide proof of a Certificate of Insurance for liability purposes, is responsible for the safety and conduct of its participants and spectators; and

WHEREAS, Adequate adult supervision must be provided by Scranton Sea Knights and access to facilities shall be limited to the specified area of Scranton High School Pool area; and

WHEREAS, Alteration to the Scranton High School Pool area are prohibited and Scranton School District owned equipment shall not be removed from the facility or loaned to Scranton Sea Knights; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Scranton Sea Knights is allowed to use the Scranton High School Pool for practices and the end of the season tournament during the 2019 summer season.

ALSO

E-2

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Operations Committee that the following resolution be approved:

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to continue the 4 day summer work week program for the summer of 2019 in an effort to save on energy costs across the district school buildings, Memorial Stadium and the District Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board agrees to allow for an extended workday over four days from Monday through Thursday each week during the summer, commencing on Monday, June 24, 2019 through Thursday, August 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the workday for maintenance shall be from 6:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and the administrative and clerical staff schedule shall be from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday with a 30 minute lunch break each day; and

WHEREAS, employees who take a day off for vacation, sick or personal leave will be charged for one day off, however, employees who take any 4 days off in a row will be charged with 5 days off; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 4 day summer work week will officially go into effect on Monday, June 24, 2019.

ALSO

H-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Special Education Committee presents the following for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is subject of administration proceedings and civil suits, wherein the appropriateness of the student's special education program has been challenged or suits have been filed in matters of JaB-ODR# 21438-18-19, JoB-ODR# 21020-18-19 and SG-ODR# 21691-18-19;and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a settlement agreement in this matter upon the terms and conditions previously provided for your consideration; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the settlements as indicated above be approved upon the terms and conditions as described and the Superintendent or Director of Special Education are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matters.

*****END CONSENT AGENDA*****

The following resolution was submitted by Director Popil.

B-5

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, tax appeals have been received from the Board of Assessment Appeals for the following properties:

Owner	Property Address	Map No.	New Real Estate Tax Assessment	Effective Date
Roger Leonard	1604 Dickens St.	13415-040-00166	\$22,000	01/01/2019

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Scranton School Board of Directors approves the new property assessments as negotiated between all the parties involved.

ON THE QUESTION:

Solicitor Audi asked Mrs. Orr if Mr. Lesh had a question during the reading of the resolution. Mrs. Orr said Mr. Lesh asked why B-1 was pulled from the Consent Agenda. Director Schuster responded because a director wanted it removed. President Dixon also said that we will get the answer to that next when the resolution is read.

Director Gilmartin questioned what the reasons or justifications for granting the appeals and while she realizes it's not a lot of money, dollars do add up.

Director Popil replied his opinion is that the homeowner appealed and the Board of Assessments approved it and would cost the district more money than to just accept it.

Solicitor Audi understanding is it is because of comparisons to other properties.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy and passed with six (6) affirmative and three (3) negative votes. Directors Gilmartin, McAndrew and Schuster voted in the negative.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Popil.

B-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be considered:

The list of bill payments in accordance with the bill payment approval policy be approved
As per the attached:

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\$816,370.78

The resolution was seconded by Director Borthwick and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) negative vote. Director Schuster voted in the negative.

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ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked Mr. Pat Laffey how far back the bills go; do they go back seven or more months as Solicitor Minora's bills go back nine months.

Mr. Laffey said it is a difficult question to answer but yes, some may go back seven months or more and he believes this is the end of Solicitor Minora's bills covering September 5, 2018 through October 4, 2018.

Director Schuster asked Solicitor Audi what is the best practices for submitting bills and if taking nine months to submit a bill is excessive.

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Solicitor Audi said that of course best practice is to submit bills in a timely manner but it doesn't mean we don't have to pay the bill; it is still services rendered.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Popil.

B-6

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, tax appeals have been received from the Board of Assessment Appeals for the following properties:

Owner	Property Address	Map No.	Proposed Real Estate Tax Assessment
Kevin M. Karsnak	18 Conroy St.	15719 010 008	\$12,000.00
Philadelphia Suburban Development Corp	440-442-444 Penn Ave	14570 200 010	\$20,240.00
	430-438 Penn Ave	14570 200 011	\$33,734.00
Compression Polymers	801 Corey St	17602 010 002	\$1,452,445.00
	Driscoll St	17705 030 007	\$1,500.00
	Warner St	17705 030 00602	\$1,200.00
	Driscoll St	17705 030 006	\$476,170.00
Rosenstein & Sons	950 N. Keyser Ave		\$103,975.00

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Assessment Appeals has reached proposed settlements on the properties;

AND WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board of Directors wishes to contest the proposed settlement amounts;

AND WHEREAS, to do so will require the District will need to retain an appraiser to evaluate each property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Scranton School Board of Directors authorize District officials to retain an appraiser to contest above mentioned tax assessment appeals and where possible cost share with the City of Scranton and Lackawanna County.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Popil.

B-7

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be approved:

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WHEREAS, the Scranton School District has completed PlanCon Part J for the following projects:

New West Elementary
John F Kennedy Elementary
Whittier Elementary

Project Number: 3386
Project Number: 3387
Project Number: 3388

AND WHEREAS, Michael A. Barbetti, Certified Public Accountants has issued an Independent Auditor's Report to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Education rules and regulations used to determine the project's final reimbursement and reimbursable percentage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Independent Auditor's Report on the PlanCon J for the above mentioned projects be accepted by the Scranton School Board of Directors.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call.

ON THE QUESTION:

Someone from the audience questioned what the New West Elementary is and this resolution is for when the Isaac Tripp Elementary was submitted.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

C-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and Community Relations Committee that the following is approved:

BE IT RESOLVED the Scranton School Board approves the annual PSBA All-Access subscription package membership in the amount of \$2,480.00 to assist the school district and board members in essential services as per the attached.

The resolution was seconded by and passed unanimously on roll call.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Gilmartin commented that there is someone out there urging board members to vote against this. Solicitor Audi said there is someone who has made it his mission to challenge PSBA.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Norton.

D-5

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Education Committee that the following is approved:

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District meets the requirements of ensuring equitable title services to qualifying non-public school students; and

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WHEREAS, the Scranton School District posted a request for proposal for title fund management for non-public schools; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approves Northeast Educational Intermediate Unit 19 for non-public title fund management at an administrative cost of 10%.

The resolution was seconded by Popil and passed unanimously on roll call.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster remembered that this was voted on last year and asked if this is something that was voted on for quite some time or just over the last two years.

Missy McTiernan responded that previous to this our district would send out our teachers would go out to the non-public schools and service the kids but now the IU is sending out personnel to the students.

Director Schuster asked if the past coordinator would do this.

Mrs. McTiernan said that the past Title Coordinator would manage those funds but now the IU will.

Dr. Kirijan assured him that the fee does not come from any district funding; the fee comes from the non-public funding and is the same as last year.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Borthwick.

E-3

The Superintendent and the Operations Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED: The Facilities and Grounds Office has received two quotes for fence replacement at Prescott Elementary due to storm damage. Swift Fence, Inc. provided the lowest responsible quote at \$16,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Scranton School Board hereby approves Swift Fence's quote at the above mentioned price, for the fence replacement project at Prescott Elementary.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Borthwick asked if insurance covered any of the damages.

Mr. Laffey said it was reported to the insurance carrier, was not covered by insurance; it was below the deductible on the coverage.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Borthwick.

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E-4

The Superintendent and the Operations Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED: the Scranton School Board hereby approves Hunt Engineering Project Timeline for the Willard Water Infiltration Project, the Armstrong HVAC Project, the West Scranton High Science Classroom Renovations and the Whittier Playground Drainage Project as per the attached.

The resolution was seconded by Director Lesh.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster indicated there is a resolution approving the engineer's agreement following this timeline resolution and asked Solicitor Audi if the agreement should be voted on prior to the timeline.

Solicitor Audi agreed.

Director Duffy made a motion to table E-4, seconded by Director McAndrew and passed unanimously on roll call.

The following was submitted by Director Borthwick.

E-5

The Superintendent and the Operations Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED: the Scranton School Board hereby approves the AIA Agreement between the Scranton School District and Hunt Engineering as per the attached.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked Mr. Audi if this is a standard agreement.

Mr. Audi said he did read over it and it is appropriate.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Borthwick.

E-4

The Superintendent and the Operations Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

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BE IT RESOLVED: the Scranton School Board hereby approves Hunt Engineering Project Timeline for the Willard Water Infiltration Project, the Armstrong HVAC Project, the West Scranton High Science Classroom Renovations and the Whittier Playground Drainage Project as per the attached.

The resolution was seconded by Director Popil and passed unanimously on roll call.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Borthwick.

F-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee that the attached list of Appointments, Assignments, Resignations and Leaves of Absences is approved:

Appointments are effective upon receipt of proper criminal records, immigration and medical and child abuse reports.

Salaries are in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster made a motion to table F-1 due to questions raised during executive session. Director McAndrew seconded the motion.

Director Borthwick asked if there is another way to do this since there are other positions that need to be filled; if the entire resolution needs to be tabled until the next meeting.

Director Duffy agreed the only issue is A-1.

Director Schuster made a motion to pull A-1. Director McAndrew seconded.

Director Lesh asked exactly what is being tabled. Mrs. Orr informed him Section A-1 from the Personnel Report. Mr. Lesh said that since his call was dropped during executive session he doesn't have enough information for the reason to table; he will be vote no.

The motion to remove A-1 from the Personnel Report passed with six (6) affirmative and three (3) negative votes. Directors Lesh, Popil and Dixon voted in the negative.

Director Borthwick now submitted the amended F-1 resolution with the exception of A-1 from the Personnel Report.

A. Professional Appointments

Name	Position	Location	Effective	Replacement	New
2. Hayley Wang	Sp. Ed-Emotional Support	Armstrong	4/22/2019	X-J. Smith	

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B. Professional Resignations

1.Janine Smith	Sp.Ed-Emotional Support	Armstrong	4/5/2019
2.Nyssa Cohawitz	Licensed Social Worker	Adams/Whittier	4/26/2019

C. Non-Professional Resignations

1.Stephen Watkins	Maintenance	West High	4/4/2019
2.Darie Chekan	Confidential Secretary	Ad. Bldg.	4/3/2019

D. Non-Professional Retirements

1.Jean Ann Gavern	Paraprofessional	Willard	last day of 2018/2019 school year
2.Cheryl Hoffner	Paraprofessional	Bancroft	6/20/2019
3.Beth Jenkins	Paraprofessional	Isaac Tripp	4/10/2019

E. Non-Professional Appointments

1.Nancy Tierney	PCA	Northeast	4/15/2019
2.Joshua Polk	Maintenance	Prescott	4/23/2019
3.Peter Swift	Maintenance	Scranton High	4/23/2019
4.Amanda VanBuskirk	Hall Monitor	South Inter.	4/24/2019
5.Franschezca Nieves	Language Guide	WSIS	4/24/2019
6.Theresa Wilusz	Language Guide	WSHS	4/24/2019
7.Cruz Garcia	Language Guide	SSIS	4/26/2019

F. Recommendations for Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assignment

1.Trevor Pawlik	Chemistry	WSHS	4/15/2019	
2.Kayla Kowalski	Autistic Support	Kennedy	3/11-5/28/2019	X-E.Malone

G. Coaching Resignations

1.Lori Stabryla	Var.Fball Cheer Coach	WSHS	4/3/2019
2.Ron Simpson	Asst.Baseball Coach	WSHS	4/19/2019
3.Ida Maconeghy	Var.BballCheer Coach	WSHS	4/5/2019

H. Request for Uncompensated Leave

1.Lindsay Whalen	Speech Therapist	Whittier	3/12/19-5/31/2019
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The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Gilmartin.

G-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the following Board Operating Guideline 004-BOG-1 first read has been revised by the Scranton School District Policy Committee, and

BOARD OPERATING GUIDELINE NUMBER	BOARD OPERATING GUIDELINE REVISIONS
Board Operating Guideline(BOG)-004-BOG-1	Filling a Board Vacancy

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves revisions to Board Operating Guideline 004-BOG-1-first read recommended by the Scranton School District Policy Committee.

The resolution was seconded by Director Schuster and passed unanimously on roll call.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Gilmartin.

G-2

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, The following Policy 918 first read has been *revised* by the Scranton School District Policy Committee, and

POLICY NUMBER	POLICY REVISIONS
918	Title I Parent and Family Engagement

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves revisions to Policy 918-first read recommended by the Scranton School District Policy Committee.

The resolution was seconded by Director Schuster and passed unanimously on roll call.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Duffy thanked all PTAs, teachers, fellow board members and members of the community for their involvement with the fight for fair funding and it seems like Harrisburg is starting to listen with the additional \$10.5 million coming from basic education funding. Mr. Duffy also apologized to Francis Willard Elementary for not making their past meeting but there was a mistake in scheduling and he looks forward to visiting them next month.

Director Gilmartin thanked and commented for the list of PTA and liaisons for each school.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Duffy, seconded by Director Popil and the meeting adjourned at 8:29PM.

By: _____
Secretary