

October 15, 2018

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for the specific purpose of the APEX Learning Platform on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton immediately following 6:00pm Committee meetings.

Vice President Casey called the meeting to order at 9:19pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted prior to Committee meetings.

Roll Call: By the Secretary

Present: Directors Casey, Cognetti, Duffy, Gilmartin, Lesh, McAndrew and Schuster.

Absent: President Dixon.

Director Casey read the notice of meeting and transaction for which meeting was called.

Public Comment:

Rosemary Boland, SFT President, spoke against the Apex platform and said the federation made themselves clear and the committee's vote was a unanimous rejection of this idea; it isn't anything they ever agreed to. Ms. Boland encouraged the board to also reject the idea until they figure out tomorrow what they're going to do with the MOU.

Paul Rafferty, parent, voiced concern of the examples and demonstrations regarding the grades of high school students; he thinks it was inadequate and a written explanation should be given to parents; it is nothing more than a simple mathematical equation and believes it is data entry errors and it is unacceptable.

Mr. Rafferty commented that middle school has had the greatest reduction of courses offered most particularly computer classes and doesn't see how removing computer classes would help students gain proficiencies when these classes are taken away. Mr. Rafferty also suggested since the reduction of the arts and music programs perhaps before or after school, those students who excel in these areas could help other students.

Dr. Kirijan responded that they had a beautiful example at West Scranton High School with Mrs. Lutz; she had a summer program where she had her experienced high school students' work with the elementary and intermediate students and they had a concert with all of the students. Dr. Kirijan appreciates Mr. Rafferty's comment.

The following resolution was submitted by Director Cognetti.

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

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WHEREAS, the Scranton School District strives to provide students with an exemplary and contemporary education experience; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District offers diversity in World Language selection and has conducted an exhaustive search for a German certified teacher; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors supports the implementation and adoption of the contract for German 1 and 2 on the Apex Learning platform for the 2018/2019 school year however this resolution will not go into effect if the SSD & SFT sign an MOU to allow an acceptable alternative.

The resolution was seconded by Director McAndrew.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Gilmartin made a motion for a friendly amendment to add 'ONLY the 2018/2019 school year' to the resolution. Director Cognetti seconded and the motion passed unanimously on roll call.

Director Cognetti now read the final paragraph as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors supports the implementation and adoption of the contract for German 1 and 2 on the Apex Learning platform for ONLY the 2018/2019 school year however this resolution will not go into effect if the SSD & SFT sign an MOU to allow an acceptable alternative.

Director Gilmartin seconded and passed unanimously on roll call.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director McAndrew, seconded by Director Gilmartin and the meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.

By: _____