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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:30pm prevailing time in the auditorium of South Scranton Intermediate School, 355 Maple St., Scranton, PA.

President Dixon called the meeting to order at 8:42pm. (Pledge of Allegiance occurred at prior committee meeting)

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

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

Absent: All Present.

President Dixon waived the rules of the board to present resolutions to recognize and honor a student.

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

A-1

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize students who have distinguished themselves academically and in extra-curricular activities, and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Seymour is an outstanding junior student at West Scranton High School and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Seymour earned a District II gold medal at 182lbs, a regional silver medal, and was a state wrestling qualifier, and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Seymour is captain of the Wrestling Team and has been a member of the varsity wrestling team at West Scranton High School the past three seasons; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Seymour hopes to attend The University of Pittsburgh to continue his wrestling career; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board of Education is extended to Jeremy Seymour, his parents Gerald and Roxanne Seymour, and his teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

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

Student Representatives

Director Gilmartin announced representatives from Lincoln-Jackson Academy and South Scranton Intermediate School are present this evening.

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Mr. Terry Whalen, Program Director, Lincoln-Jackson Academy thanked the school board and administration for giving them the opportunity to showcase their school and introduced students Marcus Garcia, AJ Smith and Ms. Robin Qayyum, parent of a student at Lincoln-Jackson Academy.

Mr. Marcus Garcia shared his past experience of bad behavior and negative decisions prior to attending Lincoln-Jackson. Mr. Garcia thanked all of his teachers and everyone at Lincoln-Jackson for never giving up on him and for the positive impact the school has had for him, further adding that he wouldn't be where he is today without the support of his mom and the encouragement from his teachers and the staff at Lincoln-Jackson and he is now an honor roll student with plans to return to Scranton High School next year to graduate and attend a local college for his Bachelors Degree.

Mr. AJ Smith is grateful and honored to attend Lincoln Jackson Academy and thanked the kind, respectful and positive staff. Mr. Smith said that he never felt out of place and most of the kids at LJA are just a little lost looking for redirection, attention, care and love. Mr. Smith added that LJA has changed peoples' lives for the better and thanked everyone for the time and the chance to represent his school, and thanked all his teachers and staff.

Ms. Robin Qayyum, parent of Kyler Pitt, an 11th grade student at Lincoln-Jackson spoke of the support her daughter receives at Lincoln Jackson. Ms. Qayyum shared her experience of researching for a school before relocating to Scranton and found LJA. Kyler has blossomed, maintains a 90 average, she has learned to follow rules and looks forward to going to school.

Ms. Qayyum commended Mr. Whalen and his support staff for saving her daughter and helping her strengths to flourish and supporting her weaknesses and Kyler now looks forward to college to pursuing her Certified Nurse Assistant degree.

Ms. Kyler Pitt tearfully thanked and expressed her gratitude to all staff and her teachers at Lincoln-Jackson Academy.

Mr. Terry Whalen now commended his students, and his staff for always keeping the kids number one, they are always striving to make LJA better and to make their school one of the premiere alternative education providers in the state which is happening now.

Director Gilmartin thanked Mr. Whalen, the parents and students, commented that she and Director McAndrew visited the school last summer and the energy and enthusiasm was obvious even without the students in the building and Mr. Whalen and his staff are doing a remarkable job.

President Dixon encouraged the students to follow their dreams and they are doing a great job.

Director Gilmartin now introduced Katona Miller, South Intermediate who gave a presentation of the projects and competitions happening at South Scranton Intermediate.

Solicitor's Report

No Report.

Report from PSBA Representative

Director Cagnetti reported on House Bill 638 which allows candidates seeking certain judicial positions and the position of school board member to file nomination petitions for multiple political parties, permitting school board candidates to cross-file because this position has been thought of as non-partisan, however once school board members are in office they are to make very important decisions and constituents are more and more viewing this position as a partisan one. Eliminating the ability to cross-

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file could provide some clarity to voters in school board elections. Mrs. Cagnetti added that PSBA opposes this legislation as well as herself and expressed the importance of focus always on the students and their education and not politics.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Alexis Kirijan reiterated that great things are happening in the schools and tonight is a perfect example of that. Dr. Kirijan thanked Katona Miller, Mr. Whalen, students, parents and staff of Lincoln-Jackson Academy for their heartwarming presentation.

Dr. Kirijan again congratulated Jeremy Seymour and congratulated the Scranton Times-Tribune Scholastic Superstars Erin Barrett, Kelly Kraycer and Jason Lee from Scranton High School and Rebecca Johnson, Lainey Lavelle and Alex Sophabmixay from West Scranton High School. Dr. Kirijan also congratulated the Scranton High School Boys Track team.

Dr. Kirijan spoke of Senate Bill 2 which the board recently passed a resolution opposing that bill, and announced that it has been pulled from the Senate Education Committee agenda on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Dr. Kirijan concluded by saying the district is busy getting ready for end of school year and looking forward to graduation on Friday, June 15, 2018.

Public Comment

Cathy Muldoon, spoke of and read a letter emailed to Dr. Kirijan signed by American Library Association and American Association of School Librarians and her deep concern of the decision to eliminate librarians throughout the district.

Donna Zaleski, Scranton High School librarian, announced that the NEIU will be hosting its Reading Competition on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Western Wayne School District and invited to attend and witness the enthusiasm and support for the love of reading.

Mrs. Zaleski implored the board to reconsider the grave mistake of eliminating libraries and reading programs and follow the other school districts in the area that are clinging to their programs. Mrs. Zaleski also wonders how much money the district is actually saving.

Suzanne Furey, first grade teacher, read from the mission statement of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, appreciates the hard work of the board but decisions are being made regarding curriculum will destroy public education in the City of Scranton. Ms. Furey expressed sadness of students losing the music, band, chorus and the opportunity to learn an instrument and music, the loss of family consumer science programs to help students become independent as an adult, and the importance of industrial arts and foreign languages.

Ms. Furey commented that the special education population is growing yet learning support teachers are being cut. Ms. Furey urged the board to not deny the students what they so desperately need.

Christina Horne, Emotional Support teacher at Monticello, spoke of the 98 teachers not having the assurance of returning next school year and confusion of 46.6 teachers are being furloughed yet 98 teachers received letters. Ms. Horne shared her concern of financial decisions delayed and asked when the 98 teachers will find out if they are out of a job.

Rosemary Boland, SFT president, shared her disapproval with the board's action in terms of the decision to furlough 98 teachers and asked that at least one board member to make a motion tonight of no furloughs.

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Ms. Boland expressed concern of Scranton losing the best of the teachers and her disgust of Harrisburg, the governor and state legislators for abandoning the children of Scranton, PA.

Glynis Johns, spoke in support of the librarians, depriving students of the tools they need to succeed and the need of more support for the students of color.

Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Community Relations updated the board of past, current and upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

Jenna Furey, spoke in support of her mom Suzanne Furey, asked the board why they think it is a good idea to cut programs when they are hurting the students and teachers and stripping the children of opportunities.

Holly Meade, Special Education teacher, curious of the actual savings from the pay freeze that started in September 2017, asked if that number calculated into the 2018 Budget, asked if the administration received the 4% pay cut on January 1st, remarked that Kelly Services is not providing adequate substitutes, is disappointed in the treatment and handling of teacher furloughs and commented that being kind and courteous costs nothing.

Karen Bond, is concerned how the boundary changes at McNichols Plaza and Kennedy are going to affect the students and their siblings.

Brett McCloe, spoke in favor of the arts and against program cuts.

Kevin Kays, SFT, spoke of the last three audits, the district trying to solve financial issues on the backs of teachers, RFQ for auditors; it is time for a new set of eyes.

(Director Oleski left the meeting at 9:42PM)

A motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 5, 2018, March 28, 2018 and April 9, 2018 was made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Gilmartin.

Director Cognetti asked that the minutes be separated and each date voted individually.

The meeting minutes of March 5, 2018 and March 28, 2018 passed unanimously on roll call.

A motion to table the meeting minutes of April 9, 2018 was made by Director Cognetti, seconded by Director Casey and passed with six (6) affirmative, two negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Duffy and Lesh.

Athletics and Stadium

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

A-2

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

WHEREAS, a local AAU Basketball Program-Backcourt Hoops has requested the use of the Scranton High School Gymnasium for the 2018 summer season; and

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WHEREAS, Backcourt Hoops will be charged a rental fee in the amount of \$1,700.00 for the use of the Scranton High School Gymnasium for scheduled games from the time period of Tuesday, May 29, 2018 until Tuesday, July 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Backcourt Hoops will pay a security deposit in the amount of \$2,000.00 prior to the use of the Scranton High School Gymnasium. The security deposit will be refunded should the Scranton High School Gymnasium maintain the same condition that it has been presented immediately following the summer season. The determination of the facility condition will be made by the Principal of Scranton High School. A walk through before and after each scheduled game between SSD staff and Backcourt Hoops is required during the summer season; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for the reduced rental fees for the summer season the Scranton School District will receive entry fees for two teams for the entire summer season hosted by Backcourt Hoops in Scranton, PA. This is roughly a \$1,000.00 value to the student/athletes of the Scranton School District; and

WHEREAS, so that no scheduling conflicts occur, Backcourt Hoops is to provide a detailed summer season schedule to the administration of Scranton High School; and

WHEREAS, Backcourt Hoops is to provide proof of a Certificate of Insurance for liability purposes, will provide adequate adult supervision and is responsible for the safety and conduct of its participants and spectators; and

WHEREAS, access to facilities shall be limited to the specified areas of the Scranton High School Gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, alteration to Scranton High School Gymnasium is prohibited and Scranton School District owned equipment shall not be removed from the facility or loaned to Backcourt Hoops; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Backcourt Hoops is allowed to use the Scranton High School Gymnasium for games during the 2018 summer season.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

A-3

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletics & Stadium Committee that the following is 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 2018 summer season; and

WHEREAS, Scranton Sea Knights will be charged a rental fee in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the use of Scranton High School's pool for scheduled practices and end of the season tournament from the time period Monday, May 7, 2018 until Thursday, August 2, 2018 (Monday through Friday, May 7, 2018 –

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June 15, 2018 6PM-8PM, & Monday through Thursday, June 18, 2018 –August 2, 2018 10AM-12PM); 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 who are CPR certified and Lifeguard Trained will supervise the summer program and will be at all practices and attend the end of the season 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, will provide adequate adult supervision, and is responsible for the safety and conduct of its participants and spectators; and

WHEREAS, 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 2018 summer season.

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

Budget and Finance Committee

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

B-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and 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 per the attached.

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\$554,065.12

The resolution was seconded by Director Lesh and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director Schuster abstained due to potential conflict of his employment with Children's Service Center.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

B-2

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

The Exception Bill List as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended May 7, 2018 be approved per the attached.

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$3,094,630.00 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

April 20, 2018	\$1,660,002.47
May 4, 2018	\$1,434,627.53

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$6,957,239.12 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

April 20, 2018	\$4,423,996.12
May 4, 2018	\$2,533,243.00

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cognetti.

B-3

The Superintendent of Schools and the Budget and Finance Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the Delinquent Tax Report for the month of March 2018 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax	\$437,958.83
Penalty	\$ 43,804.47
Interest	<u>\$ 33,979.29</u>
TOTAL	\$515,742.59
Commission	<u>\$(25,787.51)</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$489,955.08

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cognetti.

B-4

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

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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:

Rubios Enterprises	1225 Rear Washburn St.	Map No. 14517 060 06901	\$3,216.29
Garden of Cedar	715 Cedar Ave., Lot 4	Map No. 15615 030 006	\$3,000.00

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.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

B-5

The Superintendent of Schools and the Budget and Finance Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 2018 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$30,518,298.76
Monthly Revenue	\$15,320,623.56
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 696,068.66</u>
 Total Available	 \$46,534,990.98
Total Disbursements	<u>\$20,142,179.95</u>
 Balance in General Account	 \$26,392,811.03

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

The Budget and Finance Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

B-6

The Budget and Finance Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

The Scranton School Board understands that it must strictly adhere to U.S. Federal and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania procurement laws. In accordance with our legal, fiduciary responsibilities:

Be It Resolved that the Scranton School District shall bid for the following ongoing and as-needed services before the end of calendar year 2018*, using the attached, mutually agreed-upon timeline between the Board and Administration, planned so as to minimize disruption to work in progress, per the

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document “Scranton School District Contracts for Goods & Services” distributed at the meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee on February 21, 2018, and per the verbal commitment of the Board to these actions during Committee discussion at that meeting and subsequent discussion at the Work Session on April 23, 2018:

Auditing Firm	Architect
Collection Services for BPM Taxes*	Engineer
Employee Benefits	Energy Control System*
Financial Advisor	Mop and Mat Cleaning
Insurance Broker	Healthcare Consultant*
Sale of Delinquent Taxes*	Labor Counsel
Worker’s Compensation*	Solicitor Services
District Physician	Special Education Legal Counsel
ERATE	

*Where there are valid contracts in place, bid dates may fall in 2019.

ATTACHMENTS

Scranton School District Services Bid Timeline for 2018

Scranton School District Contracts for Goods & Services – document dated 2/21/2018

Procurement – Federal Programs – document from Scranton School Board Policy 626

SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVICES BID TIMELINE FOR 2018 Service	Target Date: Send Request for Qualifications/Proposal	Target Date: Board Completes Review, Selects Provider
<i>example: ongoing professional service</i>	<i>1-Jul-18</i>	<i>September 2018 Board Mtg</i>
Architect (current = Palumbo Group/John Palumbo)	July 2018	September 2018 = Beginning 2018-19 School Year
Auditing Firm (current = Barbetti & Associates/Michael Baretti)	Per PFM - bid for 2019 financial statements	2019
Collection Services for BPM Taxes (current = ecollect+)	<i>Pending discussion with City & Single Tax Office [June 2019]</i>	[June 2019]
District Physician (current = Dr. Barry Minora)	May 2018	June 2018
Employee Benefits / 403B or 457 Plan (current = DeHey McAndrew)	July 2018	September 2018 = Beginning 2018-19 School Year
Energy Control System (current = NRG Controls)	January 2019	March 2019
Engineer (current = Peters Design/Gene Peters)	July 2018	September 2018 = Beginning 2018-19 School Year
ERATE (current = Tritt-Schell Consulting)	January 2019	March 2019
Financial Advisor (no current agreement; past = CaseCon Capital)	July 2018	October 2018

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Healthcare Consultant (current = Millennium Advisors/Sarah Picard)	June 2019	August 2019
Insurance Broker (current = Cummings Insurance)	Hold per PFM	Hold per PFM
Labor Counsel (current agreement for 2018 furloughs only = Sweet Stevens Katz/John Audi as lead)	July 2018	September 2018 = Beginning 2018-19 School Year
Mop and Mat Cleaning (current = Dempsey)	June 2018	September 2018 = Beginning 2018-19 School Year
Sale of Delinquent Taxes (current = Municipal Revenue Service)	February 2019	April 2019
Solicitor Services (current = John Minora)	July 2018	September 2018 = Beginning 2018-19 School Year
Special Education Legal Counsel (current = Angela Evans)	July 2018	September 2018 = Beginning 2018-19 School Year
Worker's Compensation (current = Excalibur)	February 2019	April 2019

The resolution was seconded by Director Gilmartin.

President Dixon asked if this resolution reflects the amendments that were discussed at the Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

Director Cagnetti affirmed that it does reflect the changes including holding off on the auditing firm bid until the 2019 financial statements as well as ERATE as recommended by PFM in the spirit of continuity that January 2019 would be a more appropriate time and also the adjustment to the Special Education Legal Counsel.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh indicated that he would be voting in the negative as he feels there are three items that should be voted on separately because they haven't been recommended by PFM and it is not required by the school code to put these services out for bid.

Director Duffy questioned the Collection Services for the Single Tax Office to confirm it has nothing to do with the employees of the tax office.

Director Cagnetti indicated that it is for the service provider, a private entity and not public sector employees in the tax office.

Director Casey requested that they see copies of each spec of what is advertised.

The resolution passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) negative. Director Lesh voted negative.

ALSO

Director Cagnetti referred to the financial advisor resolution and if the board has decided to table the resolution.

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Director Casey stated it needs to be read first.

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

B-7

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

Be it resolved, the Scranton School Board hereby approves CaseCon Capital as financial advisor for the 2018 Bond financing as per the attached.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey asked when will this be voted on and expressed concern of tabling the resolution due to the timeline of the closing.

Director Cagnetti remarked that it has been discussed over the last month and she is not concerned that it would stop Mr. Judge's services.

Director Casey said his fear is Mr. Judge declining and the district is unable to use any of the work Mr. Judge had put into the deal and then having only 48 hours to find a financial advisor.

Director Cagnetti thinks we need to call a special meeting.

Director Schuster agreed it can be discussed at the May 29th work session.

Mr. Pat Laffey, Assistant Business Manager, said he realizes the procedural error, he thought after the budget and finance committee meeting they were headed in this direction, adding there has been no attempt to avoid the process that the board has put in place and he is also concerned about the timeline including ratings and bond insurance.

Superintendent Dr. Kirijan commented that the board has heard from the Assistant Business Manager and herself, advised not to table this; they need to move forward.

Director Cagnetti thinks we are moving forward and Mr. Judge has operated in good faith until now. Mrs. Cagnetti agreed they need more discussion on May 29th and perhaps hold a special meeting as Mr. Schuster suggested solidifying this before the transaction closes and giving them more opportunity to work things out.

Director Gilmartin made a motion to table, seconded by Director Schuster. The motion to table failed due to a tie with four (4) affirmative and four (4) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, Duffy, Lesh, and Dixon.

Director Casey asked what Mr. Judge's compensation is in the contract.

Attorney Minora replied \$20,000.

A vote was now taken on the original motion and also failed due to a tie with four (4) affirmative and four (4) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Cagnetti, Gilmartin, McAndrew and Schuster.

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Technology Committee

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

C-1

The Superintendent of Schools and the Technology Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration.

Whereas the Scranton School District is looking to achieve savings in all areas of its operations; and

Whereas the District along with PFM, our State appointed Technical Assistance Representative, have been reviewing the copying and printing costs of the District; and

Whereas the District's current lease contract for copying service's will be expiring before the end of 2018 and the Scranton School Board of Directors had previously authorized the Administration to solicit RFP's for Copying and Printing Consulting Services to identify the copying and printing needs of the District and also assist in the preparation of future Copier and Printing Bid proposals; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Scranton School Board of Directors award the contract for Copier and Printing Consulting Services to **Pro Buyers** at a total cost of **\$17,750.00**.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked Mr. Gretton of PFM if he has worked with this company, Pro Buyers in the past and how many bids were received.

Mr. Gretton replied yes and there were three bids.

Education Committee

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

D-1

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

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

Frederick Bresser
P-3 Institute
State College, PA
\$77.38
5/7-5/8/18

Ann Genett
Creating & Sustaining Strong Sys. For Spec. Ed.
PaTTAN East
\$170.00
3/6/2018

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Eileen Higginson
PA LETRS – Mod 5 & 6
PaTTAN East
\$363.80
4/25/18 and 5/29/18

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cognetti.

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 the following out of state field trips:

West Scranton High School
Varsity Baseball

March 15-16, 2019

Atlantic City, NJ

***Funded entirely with non-school district funds raised by outside groups per the attached from Mr. George Roskos.**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the field trips per the requests previously provided for your review.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cognetti.

D-3

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Education Committee that the attached school calendar for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years be approved.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cognetti.

D-4

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District receives federal funding through Title I and Title II, Part A (Title II) of the Every Student Succeeds Act, as amended (ESSA) to provide financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards; and

WHEREAS, for compliance with Title I and Title II Part A, the district must approve an annual Equity Plan highlighting the number of experienced teachers, by building, and the number of novice teachers in each building; in correlation with the percentage of minority and low-income demographics within each building; and

WHEREAS The Scranton School District at the end of the school year, reviews changes in equity within the district as faculty relocate or retire or as classes experience shifts in demographics and the administrative team works to fill staff vacancies with qualified, experienced teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Equity Plan also addresses steps the district will take to ensure that all teachers are appropriately state certified and no building has an unfair percentage of new teachers, or inexperienced teachers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board of Directors approves the Equity Plan for 2017-2018 as attached.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cognetti.

D-5

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District is pleased to announce a partnership with Lackawanna College; and

WHEREAS, Level-Up Lackawanna is designed to help ease and accelerate students' achievement of higher education by reducing financial and academic barriers; and

WHEREAS, the Level Up program has three prongs:

1) The opportunity to achieve an associate degree in select majors while still enrolled in high school through a combination of dual enrollment classes at Scranton, evening offerings at LC, and LC's online classes.

2) The opportunity to earn discipline-specific certificates in foundational courses that transfer well to any post-secondary institution.

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3) A pathway to help students to become more prepared for a career in health care through career exploration, mentoring, and dual enrollment science and health care courses.

WHEREAS, Lackawanna College has committed to generous scholarship incentives for students who complete the Level-Up program and enroll in either an associate or bachelors degree; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton Area Foundation is in support of this program and has offered to reward 4 students, 2 from West Scranton High School and 2 from Scranton High School, a tuition free opportunity to take advantage of this program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School Board of Directors approves the partnership with Lackawanna College and its participation in Level-Up Lackawanna.

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

Food Service Committee

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

E-1

The Superintendent of Schools and the Food Service Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the Food Service Contract Renewal for the 2018-2019 school year be awarded to ARAMARK Educational Services with a guaranteed return of \$1,000,000.00. This return includes the continuation of the Breakfast in the Classroom Program and the continuation of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) at all District Schools.

Additionally, Aramark Education Services is proposing to operate a break even Summer Feeding Program.

The State of Pennsylvania Core Contract and any addendums shall be reviewed by the Solicitor and appropriate District officials.

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) negative. Director Lesh voted negative.

Labor Relations Committee

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

H-1

The Superintendent and the Labor Relations Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to continue the 4 day summer work week program for the summer of 2018 in an effort to save energy costs across the districts school buildings, Memorial Stadium and the District Administration Building, and

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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 18, 2018 through Thursday, August 23, 2018, 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,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 4 day summer work week will officially go into effect on Monday, June 18, 2018.

The resolution was seconded by Director Lesh and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) negative. Director Cognetti voted negative.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked Mr. Jeff Brazil for details of the cost savings for the summer work week.

Mr. Brazil provided the board with a handout based on last summer adding there will be additional savings this summer because summer school will not be held at Scranton High School.

Policy Committee

Director Gilmartin submitted the following:

I-1

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

WHEREAS, the following policies (105, 138 & 239) have been **revised** by the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA), and

POLICY NUMBER	POLICY REVISIONS
Policy 105	Curriculum
Policy 138	Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
Policy 239	Foreign Exchange Students

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves revisions to Policy Numbers 105, 138 & 239 recommended by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA).

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Gilmartin.

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I-2

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

WHEREAS, the following policies (005, 006, 327 & 610-first read) have been **revised** by the Scranton School District Board Policy Committee, and

POLICY NUMBER	POLICY REVISIONS
Policy 005	Organization
Policy 006	Meetings
Policy 327	Management Team
Policy 610	Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves revisions to Policy Numbers 005, 006, 327 & 610-First Read recommended by the Scranton School District Board Policy Committee.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked Director Gilmartin if Policy 006 has been amended to include Executive Session agendas.

Director Gilmartin confirmed that it does include Executive Session agendas.

Personnel Committee

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and Personnel Committee that the attached list of Appointments, Assignments, Resignations, Rescinded Positions 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.

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A. RESIGNATIONS-PROFESSIONAL				
1	Colleen Leonard	Principal	McNichols Plaza	6/15/2018
2	Francis (Frank) Jones	Elementary Music Teacher	Itinerant	4/17/2018
B. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - PROFESSIONAL				
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
1	Kathleen McCarthy	4th Grade Teacher	Armstrong	1st Quarter onset-2nd Quarter end
2	Nicole Murphy	1st Grade Teacher	Isaac Tripp	5/18/2018-last day of school 2017-2018
3	Kristen Wincovitch	4th Grade Teacher	Prescott Elementary	5/23/18-6/14/2018
C. RESIGNATIONS - NON-PROFESSIONAL				
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
1	Tyler Powell	Maintenance	Electric City Academy	4/2/2018
D. RETIREMENTS-NON-PROFESSIONAL				
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
1	Elaine Stahl	Paraprofessional PK	Whittier Elementary	6/15/2018
E. TITLE CHANGE				
1	Patrick Laffey	from Assistant Business Manager to Business Manager		May 7, 2018
F. COACHING RESIGNATIONS				
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
1	Meade Beebe	Ass't.Freshman FootballCoach	West Scranton High School	4/9/2018
2	Joseph Watral	Ass't Varsity Football Coach	Scranton High School	4/25/2018
G. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS:				
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
1	Brooke Benson	Physical Education Teacher	Robert Morris	5/2/2018 - 6/15/2018

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey questioned a rescinded resignation; Mr. Bill Gaynord and Dr. Kirijan confirmed that the individual has definitely resigned.

A motion for a friendly amendment was made by Director Schuster, seconded by Director Casey omitting the individual listed as number 1, section B and passed unanimously on roll call.

Director Lesh recognized the resignation of Mrs. Colleen Leonard as an outstanding administrator, congratulated her and wished her well.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

J-2

IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE THAT THE FOLLOWING IS APPROVED:

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WHEREAS, In accordance with PA School Code §404 and Board Policy 005, Organization, the Board shall during the month of May in every fourth year, elect a Secretary who shall serve for four (4) years beginning the first day of July after such election; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby appoints Virginia Orr to serve as Board Secretary through July, 2021.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

J-3

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

WHEREAS, the District is in need of school psychologists and has not been successful in securing qualified applicants, and

WHEREAS, the District is in danger of noncompliance with evaluation timelines that could lead to corrective action by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that School Board of Directors accept the Recommendation to post and hire 4 diagnosticians to ensure the District is compliant with PDE regulations.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked if there was discussion at work session which Mrs. Dixon and Director Cagnetti confirmed and Dr. Kirijan asked Mrs. Sharon Baddick to address the board.

Mrs. Baddick reminded the board that the district has been unsuccessful in securing psychologists at a reasonable rate and the psychologists we have been able to subcontract with are charging the district \$450-\$462 per day and we are still short, she is getting requests daily to bring in additional subcontracted psychologists because they can't keep up with the demands and time limits. Looking to replace all subcontracted psychologists with these four diagnosticians at a much lesser rate, savings to the district a minimum of \$95,400 per year.

Director Schuster asked what the difference is between a psychologist and a diagnostician.

The psychologists will still do the IEP portion of the testing and the diagnostician will serve as a supportive role to them and will be able to complete the achievement component of the testing and also use them to help solidify our 504 procedure which has been a problem in the district

Director Cagnetti asked if they are full time employees of the school district.

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Mrs. Baddick gave breakdown of the psychologists costing about \$360,000 per year, the four diagnosticians with salary and retirement factored in will be about \$260,000 per year, saving the district about \$95,000 per year which includes healthcare.

Director Gilmartin asked if this will completely eliminate the psychologist positions and Mrs. Baddick replied no there would still be district psychologists because the diagnosticians are not qualified to meet certain components, there is already one diagnostician employed in the district, this would bring the district to five and hope that is sufficient to relieve the caseloads.

Dr. Kirijan commented that the district is almost near non-compliance and Mrs. Baddick said the district already is non-compliant.

Mrs. Baddick briefly explained the child study process and 504 plans, adding that the administrative team is working to solidify the procedures the district already has in place, procedures that are well put together but not being implemented but the district does not have a system in place right now, to operate procedurally with any kind of efficiency so the 504s are completely out of compliance as well as the evaluations.

Director Schuster asked if hiring the four diagnosticians will eliminate the issues we have.

Mrs. Baddick responded that the plan is the positions will come from within the schools, within the teaching pool, they must have 8 years teaching experience and she is hoping to have everything taken care of for next school year if not sooner. Further, Mrs. Baddick answered question regarding salary and days worked; the diagnosticians will work five days per week following the teachers schedule and the salaries, which will be paid entirely through ACCESS funds, are commensurate to their individual teaching salary and the savings will be realized with the elimination of the need for five contracted psychologists.

(Mr. Casey momentarily stepped out of meeting at approximately 10:49pm)

Public Relations Committee

The following was submitted by Director Gilmartin.

K-1

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to build community partnerships and to develop alternative streams of revenue for the Scranton School District proposals were received from Times Shamrock Outdoor and King Outdoor Advertising to lease properties for the construction of billboards; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Scranton School Board approves Times Shamrock Outdoor and King Outdoor Advertising to seek the necessary approvals from the required governmental bodies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon approval the Board will enter into final contracts with Times Shamrock Outdoor and King Outdoor Advertising.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy and passed with six (6) affirmative and one (1) negative. Director Lesh voted negative and Mr. Casey stepped out.

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Purchasing Committee

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

L-1

The **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE** presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be It Resolved that the contracts for the 2018 Art Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WB MASON	ALLENTOWN, PA	\$ 9,017.35
KURTZ BROTHERS	CLEARFIELD, PA	\$ 2,140.53
NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLY	RAHWAY, NJ	\$ 1,910.26
BLICK ART SUPPLIES	GALESBURG, IL	\$ 1,125.08
PHILLIPS SUPPLY	PLYMOUTH, PA	\$ 850.00
Total		\$ 15,043.22

The resolution was seconded by Director Schuster and passed unanimously on roll call. *(Mr. McAndrew stepped out momentarily at approximately 10:51pm)*

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster inquired about particular vendors responding to the district's vendor outreach letters and if any offered discounts.

Mr. Pat Laffey replied that there were discounts offered and would be forwarded on to our schools. Mr. Laffey added that the bids were awarded through a public bid process on line items to the lowest responsible bidder and any promised discount would be included in their bid price offer.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

L-2

The **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE** presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be It Resolved that the contracts for the 2018 General Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WB MASON	ALLENTOWN, PA	\$ 139,119.79
KURTZ BROTHERS	CLEARFIELD, PA	\$ 17,540.41
LINDENMYER MUNROE	KING OF PRUSSIA, PA	\$ 12,139.04
NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLY	RAHWAY, NJ	\$ 10,677.90
PHILLIPS SUPPLY COMPANY	PLYMOUTH, PA	\$ 8,031.49
CONTRACT PAPER GROUP	UNIONTOWN, OH	\$ 197.80
Total		\$ 187,706.43

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh asked what we are purchasing from WB Mason in Allentown for \$139,000. Mr. Pat Laffey replied it is for copier paper throughout the district.

Director Duffy asked if multiple bids received. Mr. Laffey replied yes, he believes multiple bids were received and WB Mason has been the lowest responsible bidder he believes the last two years and there have not been any problems.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

L-3

The **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE** presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be It Resolved that the contracts for the 2018 Lumber Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mann & Parker Lumber Company	New Freedom, PA	\$ 11,530.00
Forest County Wood Products	Tionesta, Pa	\$ 2,341.06
Total		\$ 13,871.06

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

L-4

The **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE** presents the following resolution for your consideration:

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Be It Resolved that the contracts for the 2018 Medical Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dailey Resouces	Dunmore, PA	\$ 23,379.97
School Nurse Supply	Schaumburg, IL	\$ 20,424.15
Metco	Leechburg, PA	\$ 1,199.36
Total		\$ 45,003.48

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

L-5

The **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE PURCHASING COMMITTEE** presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be It Resolved that the contracts for the 2018 Music Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SHAR MUSIC PRODUCTS	ANN ARBOR, MI	\$ 1,720.77
WASHINGTON MUSIC CENTER, INC	WHEATON, MD	\$ 1,456.45
Total		\$ 3,177.22

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

M-1

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

WHEREAS, to alleviate the overcrowding student population that currently exists at Scranton High School for safety reasons and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board approved during their April 9, 2018 meeting that current eighth grade students enrolled at South Scranton Intermediate School and who have attended McNichols Plaza Elementary School or John F. Kennedy Elementary School during their fifth grade year are to attend West Scranton High School for their freshman year for the 2018-19 school year; and

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WHEREAS, any direct older siblings of these eighth grade students from South Scranton Intermediate School that currently attend Scranton High School may have the option to transfer to West Scranton High School or stay at Scranton High School for the tenth, eleventh or twelfth grades for the 2018-19 school year; and

WHEREAS, no boundary exceptions will be made for these eighth grade students from South Scranton Intermediate School to attend Scranton High School for their freshman year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the older direct siblings of current eighth grade students at South Scranton Intermediate School whose new boundary zones are in West Scranton High School will be permitted to transfer to West Scranton High School in an upper class grade level for the 2018-19 school year.

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey and passed with five (5) affirmative and three (3) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, Duffy and Lesh.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

M-2

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

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton of Lackawanna County hereby requests an Alternative and Clean Energy Program grant of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District hereby designates John Coyle, Scranton High School Principal and Kevin Kays, Science Teacher, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Scranton School District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves the request to submit for the Alternative and Clean Energy Program grant.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

M-3

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board of Directors hereby approves the extension of the Electric City Academy lease with Dickson Ave. LLC., as previously presented to the Board for review.

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A motion to table was made by Director Schuster, seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call.

Special Education Committee

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

The Superintendent and Special Education Committee hereby recommend the following resolution 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 programs have been challenged or suits have been filed in the matters of ODR 2764 11-12KE which was to be paid in three installments over 2013, 2014 and 2015 and was signed as a settlement agreement and incorrectly logged under the wrong ODR #.; 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 Directors of Special Education are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

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

Transportation Committee

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

P-1

The Superintendent and the Transportation Committee submits the following resolution for the approval of Transportation for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>CONTRACTOR & ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>34 PUPIL DAYS</u>
Elizabeth Bartos 2224 Brown Avenue Scranton, PA 18509	\$5.00 per day	\$170.00

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Cagnetti inquired what the transportation service is for only 34 days. Virginia Orr explained that some special education circumstances may require the parent to transport the student which is more cost effective than paying for van or bus transportation and the 34 days would be the remaining school days.

ALSO

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The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

P-2

The Superintendent of Schools and the Transportation Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration.

Whereas the Scranton School District is looking to achieve savings in all areas of its operations and

Whereas the District along with PFM our State appointed Technical Assistance Representative have been reviewing the Transportation operations of the District

And Whereas the District and PFM feel that savings may be achievable through the use of specialized transportation software and consulting services to analyze the District current Transportation operation.

And Whereas the Scranton School Board of Directors had previously authorized the Administration to solicit RFP's for Transportation Software and Consulting Services to analyze the District's current Transportation operations and provide recommendations to achieve savings.

Therefore Be It Resolved the Scranton School Board of Directors awards the agreement to provide Transportation Software and Consulting Services to Transfinder Corporation at an initial cost of \$57,435 and future software maintenance costs of \$7,250.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh asked if this is the same software that Hazleton Area School District uses.

Mr. Bill Gretton responded that he did not know if Hazleton uses it but it is one of the top recommended providers of this service.

Director Schuster asked if this was the company PFM recommended and put out for bid.

Mr. Gretton said it was one of the best that responded providing the manpower the district needs.

Director Cagnetti asked Mr. Gretton to clarify the cost because the initial cost is \$57,435 but the Transfinder summary is \$54,735. Mr. Gretton clarified that the \$57,435 would provide cloud based software or \$54,735 for district onsite software.

Dr. Kirijan asked Mr. Gretton if this is the service PFM will help pay for.

Mr. Gretton said they are seeking funds from the state.

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Development Committee

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

Q-1

The **Development Committee** presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Whereas the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development approves applications for educational improvement organizations; and

Whereas educational improvement organizations are proven vehicles for public school districts to supplement educational and extracurricular programs for students; and

Whereas donations to Educational Improvement Organizations may qualify for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program; and

Whereas the Scranton School District is in a budget crisis, and must explore expenditure cuts, and a dedicated Educational Improvement Organization could finance innovative educational programs outside the regular curriculum, enabling the District to cut expenses while maintaining and enhancing programs;

Be It Resolved that the Scranton School Board approves of the Development Committee and Superintendent seeking to discuss the formation of a Scranton Schools Educational Improvement Organization (SSEIO) with interested members of the Scranton community.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Cagnetti.

Q-2

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and Development 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 \$3,249.00 to assist the school district and board members in essential services as per the attached.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Cagnetti noted an error in pricing on the resolution; the price of the All-Access should be \$2,480.

A friendly amendment to change the cost to \$2,480 passed unanimously on roll call.

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NEW BUSINESS

Director Duffy spoke briefly of funds needed for a new playground at Prescott which the parents and community are seeking grants and have put together a video and Mr. Duffy requested a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting prior to next work session.

(Director Lesh left the meeting at 11:10pm)

Director Cagnetti asked to suspend the rules, seconded by Director Casey.

Mrs. Cagnetti briefly explained the time sensitive issue to seek a new paying agent in an effort to save the district from having to borrow \$1.4 million dollars this year to finance the gap in the Sinking Fund and read the following explanation:

General Obligation Notes, Series of 2014 (the "2014 Notes")

Paying Agent Replacement

Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company ("M&T") currently serves as Paying Agent in connection with the 2014 Notes pursuant to the Sinking Fund Depositary/Paying Agent Agreement, dated as of December 29, 2014, as amended (the "Paying Agent Agreement"), between the School District and M&T. Pursuant to Section 3.04 of the Paying Agent Agreement, the Paying Agent may be removed at any time by the School District. M&T also serves as Calculation Agent for the 2014 Notes pursuant to the provisions of the Appendix to Addendum to the Note Purchase Agreement, dated December 16, 2014, and the Note Purchase Agreement dated November 17, 2014 (collectively, the "Purchase Contract") and the Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the School District which was duly adopted on November 17, 2014 (the "Resolution"), which authorized the issuance of the 2014 Notes.

The School District has provided funds to M&T in excess of the required deposits to pay principal of and interest on the 2014 Notes in accordance with the Resolution and the Paying Agent Agreement. Those excess funds are held in the Sinking Fund for the 2014 Notes with M&T and will be applied by M&T to pay the next regularly scheduled payments of principal of and interest on the 2014 Notes until exhausted. Currently as of April 30, 2018 there is \$2,084,840.19 held by M&T in the 2014 Notes Sinking Fund and after the October 1, 2018 interest payment an estimated \$1,766,783.06 will remain on deposit with M&T. Absent no action by the School District, those remaining funds will be applied to the April 1, 2019 and October 1, 2019 debt service payments on the 2014 Notes.

The School District has requested that M&T release the funds in the Sinking Fund to be applied to payments of debt service on other School District notes and/or bonds in 2018. M&T has reviewed this request with counsel and has declined to release the funds to the School District. As mentioned above, the School District has the ability to remove and replace M&T with a new Paying Agent that would agree to the release of the excess funds currently held in the Sinking Fund for the 2014 Notes.

Considerations

1. The release of funds from the 2014 Sinking Fund, which would have been applied to the April 1, 2019 and October 1, 2019 debt service payments on the 2014 Notes until exhausted, will require the School District to fund those payments from operations in 2019.
2. 2014 Noteholders could object to the release of the excess funds from the 2014 Notes Sinking Fund. As M&T stated after its review of the request, a position can be taken that once the funds are deposited in the Sinking Fund for the 2014 Notes such funds are not available for any other

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purpose except debt service on the 2014 Notes. The School District would have to defend this claim by a 2014 Noteholder.

Mrs. Cagnetti again explained that a change in paying agent and the district transferring the referenced funds to the general fund could result in the district needing to defend this claim to a 2014 Noteholder that may object that the sole purpose of the excess funds.

Mr. Pat Laffey reiterated the considerations above.

Mrs. Cagnetti asked if we transferred the money from the sinking funds if there would be any remaining for future April 2019 debt service payments.

Mr. Laffey affirmed that yes the amount needed to fund our budget was less than the excess funds in the account and would leave a balance to be applied to future 2019 debt service payments.

A motion was made to suspend the rules by Director Cagnetti, seconded by Director Casey and passed unanimously on roll call.

Director Cagnetti made a motion for CaseCon Capital and Stevens & Lee to pursue an additional paying agent for the Scranton School District, seconded by Director Casey and passed unanimously on roll call.

At this time President Dixon thanked everyone for their hard work, they will continue to work hard and do the best they can.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Casey and the meeting adjourned at 11:25pm.

By: _____