

Scranton, Pennsylvania

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the auditorium of South Scranton Intermediate School, Maple St., Scranton, PA.

President Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:34pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Casey, Douaihy, Duffy, Lesh, McAndrew, Oleski, Schuster, Timlin and Sheridan.

Absent: All Present.

Solicitor Minora announced executive sessions were held on March 27, 2017 and this evening to discuss Personnel and employee matters, Real Estate and the former Lincoln Jackson Academy building and the former Morse building, potential litigation and contract negotiations.

Director Douaihy now announced this is a very special meeting when we're proud and able to salute our athletic students and we'll be reading all of the resolutions and voting on the items under a special consent on the regular agenda so the students can go home and not be held up by the board's business.

The following was submitted by Director Douaihy.

A-1

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize teams who have distinguished themselves athletically; and

WHEREAS, The Scranton High School Lady Knights Basketball Team captured the PIAA 6A District 2 Championship on Friday, March 3, 2017 at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. In addition, the team won The Lackawanna League Division 1 Title for the 2016-17 season with an undefeated record of 13-0 and an overall record of 18-5; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Coach PJ Hughes, Assistant Coaches Kerry Fallon and Jamie Maloney and The Lady Knights Basketball Team.

ALSO

A-2

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize teams who have distinguished themselves athletically; and

WHEREAS, Aidan Drouse, Jason Ardan, Nick Drouse and Alex Schaefer, student athletes at Scranton High School, placed first and won gold medals in the 200 yard freestyle relay event at the PIAA District 2 Swimming Championships held at the Wilkes-Barre CYC on February 25, 2017.

In addition, the team competed at the PIAA State Swimming Championships held on March 17th at Bucknell University, placing 23rd in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Aidan, Jason, Nick and Alex, their Parents, their coaches, their teammates, and all of their teachers at Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-4

It is the recommendation of 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 athletically; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Burgette, an outstanding Junior at Scranton High School, is honored for placing first and winning a gold medal in the 152 pound weight class at the PIAA District 2 Wrestling Championships held on February 24th and 25th at The Kingston Armory. In addition, Jacob placed 2nd and won a silver medal at the PIAA Regional Wrestling Championships held on March 3rd and 4th in Bethlehem. Furthermore, Jacob competed at the PIAA State Wrestling Tournament held on March 9th and 10th at Hersheypark Arena; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Jacob, his parents, his coaches, his teammates, and all of his teachers at Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-5

It is the recommendation of 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 athletically; and

WHEREAS, Aidan Drouse, an outstanding sophomore at Scranton High School, is honored for placing first and winning two gold medals in the 200 yard freestyle and 500 yard freestyle events at the PIAA District II Swimming Championships held at the Wilkes-Barre CYC on February 25, 2017. In addition, Aidan set two District II swimming records in these events and furthermore, Aidan competed at the PIAA State Swimming Championships held on March 17th and 18th at Bucknell University, placing 23rd and 31st respectfully in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Aidan, his Parents, his coaches, his teammates, and all of his teachers at Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-6

It is the recommendation of 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 athletically; and

WHEREAS, Willy Evanitsky, an outstanding Junior at Scranton High School, is honored for placing first and winning a gold medal in the 145 pound weight class at the PIAA District II Wrestling Championships held on February 24th and 25th at The Kingston Armory. In addition, Willy placed 2nd and won a silver medal at the PIAA Regional Wrestling Championships held on March 3rd and 4th in Bethlehem. Furthermore, Willy competed and placed 5th overall at the PIAA State Wrestling Tournament held on March 9th and 10th at Hersheypark Arena and recently named Athlete of the Week and All Regional Wrestler of The Year by The Scranton Times; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Willy, his parents, his coaches, his teammates, and all of his teachers at Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-7

It is the recommendation of 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, Anthony Giordano, an outstanding senior student at West Scranton High School won district championship in the weight class of 285 pounds on Saturday February 24th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has been a member of the Wrestling team at West Scranton High School the past four seasons and he is also a member of the West Scranton High School football team; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Giordano has applied and plans to attend Lycoming College and major in Political Science; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended Anthony Giordano, his parents Larry and Ann Giordano and his teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-8

It is the recommendation of 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, Destiny Jefferson, an outstanding senior at West Scranton High School has scored her 1000th career point in basketball on Friday January 6th, 2017 and Destiny is the 17th player in school history to score 1000 points in a career; and

WHEREAS, Destiny Jefferson has been a member of the varsity basketball team at West Scranton for the past four seasons and she is also the captain of the basketball team, and

WHEREAS, Destiny Jefferson will attend West Chester University to continue her basketball career and major in Physical Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Destiny Jefferson, her parent Natasha Jefferson, and her teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-9

It is the recommendation of 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 athletically; and

WHEREAS, Ciaira Loyd, an outstanding senior at Scranton High School, is honored for becoming Scranton High School's All Time Leading Scorer in Girls Basketball History finishing with 1,319 points over her four year basketball career, including scoring the 1,000th point of her career on January 3, 2017. In addition, Ciaira is the All Time leader in 3 point goals made (110), most points scored in a single season (457), most points scored in a single game (37), and the most 3 point goals scored in a single season (42). Furthermore, Ciaira was named The Scranton Times Athlete of The Week on January 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ciaira will continue her academic and athletic career at Millersville University majoring in Business Administration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Ciaira, her Mother, Marla Loyd, her coaches, her teammates, and all of her teachers at Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-10

It is the recommendation of 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, Bubba Novak, an outstanding senior student at West Scranton High School has earned his 100th career victory in wrestling on Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 and is the 19th wrestler in West Scranton's program's history to accomplish this feat; and

WHEREAS, Bubba Novak has been a member of the varsity wrestling team at West Scranton High School the past four seasons and also the captain of the Wrestling team, member of the varsity football team and Student Council Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Bubba Novak has applied and plans to Lackawanna College; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended to Bubba Novak, his parents, Allison and Bart Novak and his teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-11

It is the recommendation of 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, Jared Slack, an outstanding senior student at West Scranton High School has earned district championship in the weight class of 138 pounds on Saturday February 24th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Jared Slack has been a member of the Wrestling team at West Scranton High School the past four seasons, is the co-captain of the Wrestling team, and was recently named to the Times Tribune All Regional Wrestling Team; and

WHEREAS, Jared Slack has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended Jared Slack, his parents Greg and Joann Slack and his teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-12

It is the recommendation of 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, Cole Stetzar, an outstanding senior at West Scranton High School has scored his 1000th career point in basketball on Wednesday January 18th, 2017 and is the 18th player in school history to score 1000 points in a career; and

WHEREAS, Cole Stetzar has been a member of the varsity basketball team at West Scranton for the past four seasons, the captain of the basketball team, four year member of the baseball team, and recently was the lead in the Drama Club's spring play; and

WHEREAS, Cole Stetzar will attend St Joseph's University to play baseball and major in Sports Marketing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Scranton School Board of Directors is extended Cole Stetzar, his parents Bill and Lori Stetzar and his teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

ALSO

A-3

It is the recommendation of the Athletics & 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, Michael Bruno, an outstanding senior student at West Scranton High School has earned his 2nd consecutive district diving championship on Saturday February 25th, 2017 and Michael is the 1st diver in school district history to accomplish this feat; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bruno received back to back 6th place medals at the PIAA State Diving Competition on March 24th at Bucknell University and also named to the Times-Tribune All Regional Team; and

WHEREAS, Michael is captain of the Swimming and Diving teams, has been a member of the Swimming and Diving teams at West Scranton for the past four seasons while also a member of the Cross Country and Track and Field teams; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bruno has applied and plans to attend St. Bonaventure University where he will major in Business; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board of School Directors is extended Michael Bruno, his parents, Anthony and Ethel Bruno, and his teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

The board now moved to the regular order of the agenda.

Report from PSBA Representative

No Report

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Alexis Kirijan congratulated all athletes, parents, teachers and coaches representing our district in positive ways.

Dr. Kirijan commended our high schools for the outstanding performances of "Nice Work if You Can Get It" at West Scranton High School and "Fiddler on the Roof" at Scranton High School; both performances received marvelous reviews.

Dr. Kirijan announced the Scranton School District received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Resource Network with the support of PDE to provide financial analysis and technical support for the district adding we are thankful for the assistance the district will receive.

Dr. Kirijan thanked United Way for their support in providing the district with a bullying prevention program focusing on Kindergarten through 5th grade offering support in bullying prevention and interpersonal skills.

Dr. Kirijan reminded everyone of the adjusted school calendar reflecting the snow days and that it is posted on the district website.

Public Comment:

Mr. Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Community Relations, updated the board on current and upcoming events happening in Lackawanna County.

Jane Farrell, Leggett St., Scranton, parent, voiced concern about schedule changes and AP courses being eliminated.

Dr. Kirijan said programs are not being cut at this time.

Mary Ann Kapacks, retired teacher, expressed concern of health care for retired employees.

Solicitor Minora assured her current benefits have been extended to December 31, 2017.

Mary Dunleavy, as a parent, they deserve more notification of scheduling changes and elimination of AP courses.

At this time a motion to accept resolutions A-1 through A-12 under consent was made by Director Douaihy, seconded by Director Oleski and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Budget and Finance

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

B-1

It is the recommendation of the Budget & 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:

April 3, 2017

\$479,696.88

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster questioned the CIL program payments, and suggested a presentation regarding the CIL program. Director Schuster stated that contained in the bill list is a payment for about \$27,000. Including this payment the cost of this program has reached around \$100,000 over the last 6 months and wanted the board to be aware of these expenses.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

B-2

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

The Exception Bill List as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended April 3, 2017 be approved as per the attached:

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$1,492,985.01 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

March 10, 2017

\$732,556.99

March 24, 2017

\$656,188.46

March 31, 2017

\$104,239.56

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$5,816,726.59 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

February 10, 2017	\$2,811,364.60
February 24, 2017	\$3,005,361.99

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster questioned if an audit or comparison of Kelly Services has been performed to show if there has been any saving having use these services for the past year.

Dr. Kirijan referred the question to Mr. Gaynord. Mr. Gaynord stated that after the end of the school year it would be better to get a full- year comparison and that this could be completed possibly by mid-June.

Dr. Kirijan said she would like to present the board a report in three-year increments. Dr. Kirijan felt that one year of service would not be sufficient to determine savings.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

B-3

Be It Resolved that the Delinquent Tax Report for the month of February, 2017 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax	\$	370,677.11
Penalty	\$	31,738.87
Interest	\$	16,089.01
TOTAL	\$	418,504.99
Commission	\$	(20,925.50)
NET TO DISTRICT	\$	397,579.49

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

B-4

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

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February, 2017 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$20,805,188.33
Monthly Revenue	\$12,535,258.99
Transfers and Refunds	\$ -

Total Available	\$33,340,447.32
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 9,753,023.84</u>
Balance in General Account	\$23,587,423.48

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

B-5

It is the recommendation of 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:

Entruyst LLC	1513 Meylert Ave.	Map No. 13420060011	\$2,700.00
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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.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

B-6

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this School District shall maintain the tax exempt status of tax-exempt bonds or notes issued for its benefit and insure compliance with 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 15c2-12"); and

WHEREAS, this School District has previously adopted written policies and procedures by which the School District will (a) monitor and continually update its use of bond proceeds and bond financed facilities throughout the term of any bonds or notes issued for its benefit and (b) monitor and comply with its continuing disclosure obligations under Rule 15c2-12; and

WHEREAS, this School District desires to approve and adopt the attached revised written policies and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of School Directors of this School District hereby adopts the Tax Exempt Bond Compliance Program and Continuing Disclosure Compliance Program attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. The officers of the Board of School Directors of this School District, the administrative officers of this School District, and the solicitor of this School District, are hereby authorized and directed to do such other things on behalf of this School District as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District, in lawful session duly assembled, this 3rd day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Secretary

By: _____
President of the Board of School Directors

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

Education Committee

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

D-1

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.

Nina Giordano	PDE Data Summit	Hershey, PA	\$290.19	3/14/2017
Lorraine Babarsky	Amer. Ass. of Physics Teachers Spring Conf.	University of Scranton	\$90.00	4/21-22/17
Ann Salerno	Project ELECT	Harrisburg	\$505.00	4/10-12/17
Karen Lotz	PMEAD9 Band Festifal	Valley View High School	\$90.00	2/8-11/17
Joe Hanni	SCM Instructor Recertification	Carlisle PA	\$895.00	7/17-18/17
Karen Brazil	SAP	NEIU	\$295.00	5/22-24/17
Whitney Jones	LETRS Module 2	NEIU	\$50.00	2/24/2017
Ann Salerno	Migrant and ESL Conference	Harrisburg	\$505.00	3/27-29/17
Briget Yerke	Region Orchestra	Bangor Area High School	\$300.00	3/8-10/17
Jeff Brazil	Pa Codes Academy	New Cumberland PA	\$825.00	4/3-7/17

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

Labor Relations Committee

The following was submitted by Director Schuster.

H-1

It is the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee that the following is approved:

WHEREAS, a retirement incentive has been offered to the Scranton Federation of Teachers; and

WHEREAS, it has been past practice that such incentives be extended to Administrative staff and Act 93 personnel; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School Board hereby extends the retirement incentive offer to Act 93 personnel and the Administrative staff as per the attached.

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey.

A motion to table H-1 was made by Director Schuster, seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on roll call vote. The resolution to extend retirement incentive to Act 93 and administrative staff was tabled.

Personnel Committee

The following was submitted by Director Oleski.

J-1

It is the recommendation of 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.

A motion to approve the following Personnel Report, J-1, without the behavior specialist position was made by Director Schuster, seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Director Schuster made a motion to separate the behavioral specialist position, seconded by Director McAndrew due to questions regarding state licensing, certifications, and master's degree requirements resulting in lengthy discussions regarding salaries and the aforementioned license, certification, and degree requirements.

Mr. Gaynord stated that the Special Education department had created the job requirements for this position, and that the individual would meet these requirements.

Director Oleski stated that she did not see why the board would have questions when the person qualified for the job description. Director Schuster stated that from his perspective, and that of the taxpayer, if the district was to pay this person a master's level salary it would be in the board's best interest to hire the most qualified person for the job.

Director Casey then questioned whether the current behavioral specialists, already hired by the district, aligned with the state job requirements. Mr. Gaynord responded that these positioned were hired at the time through Camelot.

Dr. Kirijan reviewed the qualifications of the current job posting, requiring a B.S. in Education and/or five years experience as part of a behavioral support team

Motion was made to table C-1 by director Casey, seconded by Director Douiah. Motion to table passed with seven (7) affirmative and two (2) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by directors Lesh and Oleski.

A. Recommendations for Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assignments-Certified

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| 1. Maggie Bryan | Grade 4 | Isaac Tripp Elementary | 2/6/17 – further notice |
| 2. Ronald Simpson | Grade 1 | Willard Elementary | 2/15/17 – further notice |
| 3. Alicia Pica | Reading | West Intermediate | 2/2/17 – further notice |

B. Resignations – Certified Effective

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| 1. Alicia Lavelle | Reading | West Intermediate | 3/27/17 |
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C. Recommendations for Appointments – Non-Certified

Judy Luciani	Administrative Asst.	Electric City Acad.	TBD
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D. Recommendations for Appointments – Coaching Positions

Walter Peck	Coach	South Intermediate
		7 th & 8 th Grade Girls Softball

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

M-1

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize the purchase of telescoping bleachers for West Scranton High School through Costars for the sum of \$39,750.00 per the attached breakdown.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

President Sheridan commented that this has been a long time coming and he is glad it has finally come to fruition.

Mr. Jeff Brazil added the old bleachers are outdated and potentially a safety hazard.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

M-2

Be it resolved that the storm drain project at Robert Morris Elementary be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, M.E. Soden, Inc. of Honesdale, Pa for the base bid of \$94,850.00 and Addendum #1 at \$41,275.00 for a total of \$136,125.00.

Be it also resolved that this award is contingent upon approval by the Scranton School Board.

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

Mr. Jeff Brazil gave a brief summary of the project at Robert Morris.

Director Schuster asked Mr. Brazil if the SSD insurance covered any of the damages incurred by flooding. Mr. Brazil explained that the damages did not meet the threshold. Director Schuster then asked that when the insurance document was submitted, was the main issue the damage from the flooding or mold after flooding. Mr. Brazil stated that it was the mold and that there was exclusion for mold in the insurance policy.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

M-3

The Buildings and Grounds Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board of Directors hereby approves the Energy Savings contract with Constellation Energy per the attached contingent upon review by the District Solicitor.

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Douaihy made a motion to table for more consideration, seconded by Director Schuster.

Director Duffy asked Mr. Gregg Sunday if this has ever been done in the district before.

Mr. Sunday didn't have a confirmed date but thought it was when there were replacements of some boilers, some windows, and conversion of steam to gas.

Director Douaihy voiced concerns on fees paid to the vendor while Director McAndrew voiced concerns on unanswered questions regarding the disposal of hazardous waste incurred by the district. Both felt the move would be very irresponsible to the taxpayers at this time.

Director Schuster requested that the board reconsider a motion to table the resolution.

The motion to table failed with four (4) affirmative and five (5) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, Duffy, Lesh, Oleski, and Sheridan.

Representatives from Constellation addressed concerns and were available for questions.

President Sheridan believes this is a great plan and the improvements are definitely needed.

Since the motion to table the resolution failed, the resolution now passed upon roll call with five (5) affirmative and four (4) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Douaihy, McAndrew, Schuster and Timlin.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

M-4

The Buildings and Grounds Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Bus Turn-Around Project at Isaac Tripp Elementary, be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Artistic Excavating, Inc., of Olyphant, Pa. for Base Bid #2 at a cost of \$88,222.00

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That this award is contingent upon approval by the Scranton School Board.

The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) negative vote. The negative vote was cast by Director Duffy.

ON THE QUESTION:

Directors Duffy expressed concerns of the needs of this project. Director Schuster asked if this project was the same project and bid from earlier in the year.

Mr. Brazil explained the safety issues and congestion at Tripp.

Special Education Committee

The Special Education Committee hereby recommends 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 ODR No. 18524-16-17KE, ODR No. 18689-16-17 and ODR No. 18728-16-17AS; 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 vote.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked Solicitor John Minora for the amount of the settlements.

The following was submitted by Director Timlin.

Be it resolved that the proposed General Operating Budget of the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County (CTC) for the 2017-2018 school year be approved.

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director McAndrew abstained due to his employment with CTC.

Mr. Gregg Sunday gave a brief summary of the CTC budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Lesh apologized for his demeanor at the meeting this evening out of frustration explaining that it is extremely difficult to hear in this auditorium and it is unfair to everyone especially the board if we cannot hear one another and thinks the meetings should be held in the board room.

Director Schuster agreed and asked if we can get the cameras back in the board room also.

President Sheridan congratulated all students recognized this evening and thanked Mr. Gilroy for hosting the meeting tonight at South Intermediate.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Douaihy, seconded by Director Oleski and the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

By: _____
Secretary