

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for the specific purpose of the Instructional Calendar on Monday, March 27, 2017 immediately following the public work session in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA.

President Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

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

Absent: Directors Lesh and Oleski.

No one from the public signed in to speak.

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

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

WHEREAS, due to inclement weather, the Scranton School District was closed on March 10, 14, 15, 16, and 17, and

WHEREAS, the state mandates students must receive 990 instructional hours for the secondary schools and 900 hours for the elementary schools per year,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Scranton School Board of Directors approves the following calendar changes:

1. Easter Monday, April 17, 2017, ALL students and employees will report to school / work.
2. Friday, June 16, 2017, ALL students and employees will report to school / work.
3. Seniors will attend school on Saturday April 29, 2017 with a special program.
4. Seniors will attend school on May 16, 2017 with a special program. All teachers will participate in scheduled in-service.
5. Therefore, West Scranton High School and Scranton High School graduation ceremonies will be held on the evening of June 16, 2017.
6. Every other grade will remain in school until the close of school on Tuesday June 20, 2017 to meet the required hour count.
7. Elementary and Intermediate Schools will have early release Thursday March 30, 2017 for mandated staff PSSA training. High Schools will remain in session for a full day.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Duffy asked if there have been any progress at the state level to assist us with some of the issues we're having regarding making up the days due to the snow emergency.

Superintendent Alexis Kirijan addressed Mr. Duffy's concerns citing ACT 4 of 2016 Section 1505 and we are not eligible for any waivers from the state.

Director Duffy also questioned transportation and food service on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Dr. Kirijan said there is a special program planned for the students on that day, administrators and SRO's will be in charge of that, only for the senior students, no transportation needed and special education students will receive transportation as usual.

Director Schuster asked how many hours we're short.

Dr. Kirijan said she did not bring those calculations with her but explained having sessions on Monday, April 17, 2017, Friday, June 16, 2017, seniors attending school on Saturday April 29, 2017, seniors attending school on May 16, 2017 would make up for lost hours.

A discussion was held between directors, administrators and Ms. Boland of SFT regarding violations of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and bargaining unit work.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Douaihy, seconded by Director Casey and the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

By: _____
Secretary