

Scranton, Pennsylvania

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00pm prevailing time at the Career Technology Center, 3201 Rockwell Ave., Scranton, PA.

President Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:11pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary

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

Absent: Director Lesh.

Student Recognition and Public Relations

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

A-1

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 junior student at West Scranton High School has captured a District II Championship in Diving. Michael Bruno achieved a sixth place finish in the state tournament, and

WHEREAS, Michael Bruno has been a member of the diving team at West Scranton High School the past three seasons. Michael Bruno is also the captain of the diving team. Michael Bruno was selected as the Scranton Times-Tribune athlete of the week on Monday, March 21, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Michael Bruno on Saturday, February 27, 2016 captured a District II Championship in Diving Michael Bruno on Friday, March 18, 2016 placed sixth in the state diving meet held at Bucknell University, and

WHEREAS, Michael Bruno is also a member of the diving team, cross country team and track & field teams, and

WHEREAS, Michael Bruno has plans to enroll in college after his senior year, and

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

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

A-2

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, Bubba Novak, an outstanding junior student at West Scranton High School has earned a District II Wrestling championship at the 138 lb. weight class, and

WHEREAS, Bubba Novak has been a member of the varsity wrestling team at West Scranton High School for the past three seasons. Bubba Novak is also the captain of the wrestling team, and

WHEREAS, Bubba Novak on Saturday, February 27, 2016 captured a District II Wrestling championship at the 138 lb. weight class, and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, April 27, 2016 Bubba Novak was named to the Lackawanna League Division I All-Scholastic Wrestling 1st Team and named to the All-Regional Wrestling Team, and

WHEREAS, Bubba Novak is also a member of the football team, wrestling team and National Honor Society and

WHEREAS, Bubba Novak has plans to enroll in college after his senior year, and

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

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

The following was submitted by Director Douaihy.

D-1

It is the recommendation of the Education 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, the following 7th grade students of South Scranton Intermediate School: Jacob Stankowski, Nick Denig, Matt Eckenrode, Elliott Ballino, Natasya Handijaya, Mia Burke, Charlie Talapa, William Walsh, Chloe Neureuter, and Jack Rafferty competed in the Regional Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Competition on Saturday, March 5th, 2016 at Wilkes-Barre University with 793 other students from surrounding school districts in our region. This is the first group of students from South Scranton Intermediate School to compete in this competition in the last 15 years. The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) is a state-wide organization of junior and senior high school students, grades seven through twelve, designed to stimulate and promote interest in science among its members through the development of research projects and investigations.

WHEREAS, to compete in this competition, each student selects a unique research topic to be investigated through both written resources and experimentation; this done by collecting real time data and analyzing results to make meaningful conclusions. Their methods and results are then accumulated in a presentation to present to a panel of judges; all of which is done on the students own time, with guidance from both their parents and their sponsor, Miss. Katona Miller.

WHEREAS, Jacob Stankowski tested the effects of different solutions on coin tarnish; Nick Denig tested the strength of egg arches, Matt Eckenrode tested mold growth on different bread types, Elliott Ballino tested the effects of music genres on plant growth, Natasya Handijaya tested the effects of pigment of flower fluorescence, Mia Burke studied evaporation rates are their relationship to acids, Charlie Talapa tested different sodas in the mentos reaction, William Walsh tested different kinds of sound insulation, Chloe Neureuter tested the effects of essential oils on a student's mood, and Jack Rafferty studied the effects of chewing gum in math class.

WHEREAS, Jacob Stankowski, Nick Denig, Matt Eckenrode, Elliott Ballino, and Natasya Handijaya earned second awards in their categories at the regional competition, while Mia Burke, Charlie Talapa, William Walsh, Chloe Neureuter, and Jack Rafferty earned first awards in their categories.

WHEREAS, students who earn a first award in the regional competition move on to the state level competition; Mia Burke, Charlie Talapa, William Walsh, Chloe Neureuter, and Jack Rafferty will attend Penn State University's Main Campus May 15th through the 17th to compete in the state level portion of this competition.

WHEREAS, South Scranton Intermediate School and the Education Committee would also like to recognize the efforts of Miss Katona Miller, a 7th and 8th grade science teacher who involves herself in many endeavors within our school district, and still manages to dedicate countless hours, resources, and support to her students throughout the school year both in the classroom, after school, and in various science competitions, such as the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board of Education is extended to Jacob Stankowski, Nick Denig, Matt Eckenrode, Elliott Ballino, Natasya Handijaya, Mia Burke, Charlie Talapa, William Walsh, Chloe Neureuter, Jack Rafferty, their parents, and their sponsor Miss Katona Miller from South Scranton Intermediate School.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Douaihy.

D-2

The following resolution is presented for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board is always eager to recognize student achievement both in school and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Scholastic National Partnerships and the National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF) sponsored a public service announcement (PSA) contest for students in grades 6–12; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of students from across the country participated in this Drive2Life contest which challenged students to submit an innovative storyboard or script for a public service announcement (PSA) to help prevent distracted walking; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board is pleased to honor West Scranton High School Bryce Yanni who was selected as a runner-up winner in this national contest; and

WHEREAS, Bryce will receive a \$500.00 scholarship from Scholastic Magazine, and his teacher, Angela Franek will receive a classroom subscription to Scholastic Magazine; and

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes that this is the 4th consecutive year that a West Scranton High School student has placed as a winner in this contest

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that congratulations are extended to Bryce Yanni, his teacher Angela Franek and the administrators and staff at West Scranton High School for encouraging students and promoting student success.

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

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

K-1

It is the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Scranton School District is always eager to recognize vital community partners that make a difference in the lives of our students, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton Municipal Recreation Authority has been at the forefront of restoring and developing Nay Aug Park into one of the area's premier recreational attractions, which is utilized by thousands of people each year, and

WHEREAS, each summer, hundreds of District students and their families visit Nay Aug Park to engage in hiking, biking, sightseeing, and swimming, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton Municipal Recreation Authority has generously donated 400 free swimming passes to District students, many of whom are disadvantaged, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Scranton School District expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Scranton Municipal Recreation Authority for its thoughtful community engagement and generosity.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

K-2

It is the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Scranton School District is always eager to recognize vital community partners that make a difference in the lives of our students, and

WHEREAS, members of the Scranton Fire Department participate in several meaningful community engagement events throughout the District each school year, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton Fire Department, for the second year in a row, spearheaded "Operation Warm," a program which provides brand new winter coats for disadvantaged students, and

WHEREAS, over 400 winter coats were distributed to underprivileged students at Bancroft Elementary and Prescott Elementary over the holiday season, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Scranton School District extends its gratitude and publicly salutes the Scranton Fire Department's commitment to volunteerism and service.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director McAndrew.

K-3

It is the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Scranton School District is always eager to recognize vital community partners that make a difference in the lives of our students, and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna County Library System plays a vital role in the lives of residents and students by offering versatile, dynamic community learning centers, and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna County Library System and the District partnered on a literacy campaign aimed at anchoring the District's community to long-term educational and economic well-being, and

WHEREAS, over 7,000 Scranton School District students received library cards and now have access to 647 libraries throughout the state, as well as unlimited web-based academic resources, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Scranton School District praises the Lackawanna County Library's recent literacy campaign, special mission, and its commitment to strengthening the community through learning opportunities.

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

Communications to the Board

Attorney Minora announced executive sessions were held on Monday, March 14, 2016 and Tuesday, March 29, 2016 to discuss litigation, real estate, personnel and labor relations.

Report from Student Representatives

Mr. Nick Bader, an 8th grader and class president at Northeast Intermediate addressed the board with the following:

- 30 students will be representing Northeast Intermediate at the NEIU's Reading Competition on May 11th and thanked their coaches Sally Kohut, Amanda Berardenelli, Kristin Riley, Jessica Regan, Rebecca O'Brien and Danielle Gowarty.
- 80 students will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on June 2nd.
- Northeast continues to provide the 21st Century after School Program.
- Auditorium project at Northeast consisting of restoring the seats and maintaining the integrity of the original auditorium.
- School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program hosting school wide activities including a Halloween Party, Coloring Activity and Dodge Ball Tournament and annual carnival. The School Wide Positive Behavior Support Team hosted a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on March 8th and was a huge success hosting 38 teams where \$20 Dick's Gift Cards were given to 6th, 7th and 8th grade Girls and Boys champions. Following the event the 2nd Annual City Event Tournament was held at Scranton High School with representatives from Northeast, South Intermediate and West Intermediate.
- Teacher funded Student Assistance Program providing uniforms and winter apparel to needy students.
- Successful clubs and activities at Northeast include Student Council, Art Club, Panther Press, Yearbook Club, Ski Club and Spirit Club.
- Northeast's Ski Club 49 students visited Montage Mountain seven times this year and looking forward to a Pizza Party at the end of PSSA testing.
- The school's newspaper, Panther Press reports on all major events happening at Northeast, interviews new staff, reviews activities of teams and clubs and recognizes student achievements. A recent edition focused on the seven sets of twins who currently attend Northeast as well as pictures of the 37 teams who participated in the annual 3 on 3 tournament.

Report from PSBA Representative

Director Douaihy reported that PSBA is currently soliciting suggestions for their upcoming legislative lobbying agenda and we will be holding an Education Committee meeting later in April and hopefully at that time board members can present their suggestions.

Solicitor's Report No Report

Superintendent's Report No Report

PTA Representative No Report

Public Comment

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

Matt Loftus, SFT addressed the board regarding outstanding board level grievances, bidding contracts, and encouraged the board to look at the terms for accepting grants on tonight's agenda and that accepting these funds don't have conflicts with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

President Sheridan now asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Director Oleski, seconded by Director Duffy and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

The following items are included in the Consent Agenda.

B-1

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

April 4, 2016	\$725,694.11
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ALSO

B-2

The Exception Bill list as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended April 4, 2016 be approved as per the attached.

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$2,474,149.26 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

March 11, 2016	\$ 724,195.33
March 25, 2016	\$1,722,832.71
April 1, 2016	\$ 27,121.22

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$5,983,790.25 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

March 11, 2016	\$2,674,844.46
March 24, 2016	\$3,308,945.79

ALSO

B-3

Be it resolved that the proposed General Operating Budget of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU #19) for the 2016-2017 school year be approved.

ALSO

B-4

Be it resolved that the audit engagement letter for the 2015, 2016 & 2017 calendar years with Michael A. Barbetti, LLC, Certified Public Accountants be approved as per the attached engagement letter.

ALSO

D-3

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.

NAME	CONFERENCE/MEETING	LOCATION	COST	DATES	PAID BY GRANT FUNDS
Megan Barrett	Attendance and Child Accounting	Hershey, PA	\$138.12	3/21/2016	
Elizabeth Rudolfi	Using iPad apps in Speech Language Path.	Allentown, PA	\$213.56	4/20/2016	
Lynn Davies	Using iPad apps in Speech Language Path.	Breinigsville, PA	\$100.00	4/20/2016	
Gregg Sunday	PA Assoc. of School Business Officials	Hershey, PA	\$1,070.00	3/9-11/2016	
Maura McGuire	Using iPad apps in Speech Language Path.	Breinigsville, PA	\$100.00	4/20/2016	
Linda Sagliano	Using iPad apps in Speech Language Path.	Breinigsville, PA	\$100.00	4/20/2016	
Ann Genett	Planning for the Future-Supporting Employ	King of Prussia, PaTTAN	155.00	4/4/2016	
Cathy Opshinsky	IDEA Refresher	Carbon Lehigh IU 21	\$160.00	4/29/2016	
Samantha Hayden	SAP Training (Student Assist. Program)	NEIU	\$330.00	4/18-20/2016	
Christina Gammaitoni	Wilson's Foundations Level 2	NEIU	\$275.00	5/18/2016	Yes
Kimberly Tesluk	Wilson's Foundations Level 3	NEIU	\$175.00	5/19/2016	Yes
Kimberly Gnall	PMEA Conference	Hershey, PA	\$1,327.00	3/31-4/2/2016	Yes
Nadine Zaccheo	Wilson's Foundations Level 2	NEIU	\$265.00	5/18/2016	Yes
Leah Simms	Immigrant & Refugee Children Response to Needs	Kutztown, PA	\$95.04	3/25/2016	Yes
Anne Salerno	Project Elect	Harrisburg, PA	\$475.00	5/3-5/2016	Yes
Mike Kraky	PIAA State Playoff Game (Boys)	Minersville, PA	\$91.80	3/4/2016	

ALSO

D-4

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

WHEREAS, a request for approval (as attached) has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for West Scranton High School Art Club students be permitted a field trip to Storm King Art Center in Windsor, NY on Thursday, May 12, 2016 and;

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

ALSO

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

WHEREAS, a request for approval (as attached) has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for West Scranton High School Music Department students be permitted a field trip to the Music in the Parks competition in Sandusky, OH on Friday, May 20, 2016 and returning on Sunday, May 22, 2016 and;

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

President Sheridan now moved to the Non Consent Agenda items.

Education Committee

The following was submitted by Director Douaihy.

D-6

The following resolution is presented for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District strives to meet the needs of all students -This includes academic, social, emotional, physical and behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the district has seen a dramatic increase in mental health needs of students; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the social, emotional and behavioral health needs of students; the school district has implemented School-Wide Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (SWPBIS) within 14 schools; and

WHEREAS, the participating schools in the Scranton School District are at varying levels of intervention and support; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish continuity across the district by providing resources for schools to continue adding levels of support for students; and

WHEREAS, the district was successful in securing a \$99,000.00 grant from the Moses Taylor Foundation to expand the School-Wide Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School Board of Directors extend their sincere gratitude to the Moses Taylor Foundation and President/CEO LaTida Smith for recognizing the need for student support and for providing funding for this essential program.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey thanked Mrs. Anne Salerno and her staff noting that he and Director Douaihy were present at an on-site visit and cannot thank them enough for their hard work in obtaining these funds.

Health & Safety Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Duffy.

F-1

BE IT RESOLVED, the Health & Safety Committee requests permission to award the Arch AED Medical Direction Program Management by Annuvia to Allied 100, LLC.

BE IT RESOLVED, *That Allied 100, LLC, of Woodruff, WI be awarded the contract for a 3 year period with a cost of \$12,639.17. Documentation of expenses is attached for your review.*

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Award is contingent upon approval by the Scranton School Board.

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

Labor Relations Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Schuster.

H-1

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 2016 in an effort to save energy costs across the districts school buildings, Memorial Stadium and the District Administration Building, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board agrees to allow for an extended workday over four days from Monday through Thursday each week during the summer, commencing on Monday, June 27, 2016 through Thursday, August 4, 2016, and

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

WHEREAS, employees who take a day off for vacation, sick or personal leave will be charged for one day off, however, employees who take any 4 days off in a row will be charged with 5 days off, and all absences are subject to the agreed upon conditions as per the attached, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 4 day summer work week will officially go into effect on Monday, June 27, 2016, contingent upon the 1201 SEIU 32BJ Union approval.

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

Policy Committee

The following was submitted by Director Timlin.

I-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Policy Committee of the Scranton School District that the following is approved:

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide the highest quality service to the district, where contracts and partnerships are in the best interest of students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School Board of Directors agrees to follow all state laws in regards to the bid process including those laws for professional services.

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Douaihy indicated he would be voting no because he feels that the recent motion made in October 2015 needs to be repealed.

Director Schuster indicated that he will also be voting no because he has not seen the policy and there hasn't been any discussion.

Director McAndrew echoed Mr. Schuster adding that he has not seen the policy either.

Director Oleski made a motion to table the resolution. Director Casey seconded the motion and the resolution was tabled unanimously on roll call vote.

Personnel Committee

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

J-1

This employee has completed at least three years of professional service (with satisfactory ratings). For achieving the status of professional employee, under the school code, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that a professional contract be issued to the following individual:

Professional Contracts

Date of Appointment

Patrick J. Gaughan
602 Sunset Street
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

September 6, 2011

RESCINDING OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

1. Justin Stevens
106 Grassy Island Avenue
Jessup, PA 18434
2. Patrick R. Gaughan
1734 Wayne Avenue
Scranton, PA 18508

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Duffy.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERMANENT/LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE ASSIGNMENTS – CERTIFIED

NAME DATE	POSITION	LOCATION/GRADE	EFFECTIVE
Margaret Cosgrove	Librarian	Adams/Bancroft Elementary	1/13/16 – FN
James Piazza	Special Ed Teacher	Prescott	1/25/16-6/21/16
Kendra Mueller	Family & Consumer Sci. Teacher	Scranton High	2/2/16-6/21/16
Mirhia Noldy	ESL Teacher	Scranton High	3/1/16-6/21/16

RESIGNATIONS

NAME DATE	POSITION	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	APPOINTED
Shanna Frank	School Psychologist	Itinerant	4/20/16	8/29/13
Alyson Bruce	Music	Isaac Tripp	6/20/16	1/3/1995
Mary Rose Grochowski	Business	Scranton High	6/20/16	8/25/1997

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COACHING APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION/GRADE
Gregory Gianacopoulos	Boys Varsity Tennis	West Scranton High School

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS – NON CERTIFIED

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Maria Baloga	Hall Monitor	Northeast Intermediate	3/17/16
Jennifer Benke	Clerk 261	Special Ed Office/LJA	4/4/16

RESIGNATIONS – NON CERTIFIED

NAME DATE	POSITION	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	APPOINTED
Kathleen Huthmaker	Paraprofessional	Willard	6/20/16	8/26/1996

LEAVES OF ABSENCES

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATES/WITH OR WITHOUT PAY
Kathleen McCarthy	Teacher	Neil Armstrong	4/11/16-5/25/16 FMLA Without Pay

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

Buildings & Grounds Committee

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

M-1

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, The Palumbo Group to prepare all necessary documents and specifications for The Project to Replace Lockers for the West High Locker Room.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

M-2

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, Peter's Design Group to prepare all necessary documents and specifications for The Project to Replace the Steps at Northeast Intermediate School in front of the Café Entrance.

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

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

M-3

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, Peter's Design Group to prepare all necessary documents and specifications for The Project to Replace the Steps in front of South Intermediate School, on the Maple Street Entrance.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Duffy.

M-4

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, The Palumbo Group to prepare all necessary documents and specifications for The Project to Upgrade the Bathrooms at McNichols Plaza.

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

Special Education Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Casey.

N-1

It is the recommendation of the Special Education Committee that the contract for Special Education Services with the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19 (NEIU) be approved:

WHEREAS, pursuant to 22 PA Code Section 14, school districts may expend said funds and provide said programs and services either by direct service or through arrangements with other agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 22 PA Code Section 14, the Scranton School District is required to specify which, if any, services will be provided by contract with intermediate units or other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the District has concluded and determined that the programs and services below listed can be more efficiently or economically operated by contracting with the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU) for provision of same;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the contract with NEIU for provision of special education programs and services as specified therein are hereby approved for the 2016-2017 school year in accordance with the terms thereof.

The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director Oleski abstained due to her employment with NEIU.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Douaihy congratulated retired former principal Al Karam, his wife Marie and their son Stephen Karam for the opening of Stephen's play on Broadway "The Humans", adding that it is receiving rave review and we're very proud of Stephen, an alumnus of Scranton High School.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Sheridan again thanked Dr. Baileys for hosting the meeting at CTC and thanked Director McAndrew and his culinary students for the wonderful dinner.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Oleski, seconded by Director Duffy and the meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

By: _____
Secretary