

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00pm prevailing time at West Scranton High School, 1201 Luzerne St., Scranton, PA.

President Sheridan called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Mr. Bill Gaynord filled in for Virginia Orr, Board Secretary.

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

Absent: All Present.

Mr. Bert Gentilezza, Principal of West Scranton High School welcomed the board to West Scranton High, home of one of the best schools according to U.S. Reports and on behalf of the West Scranton community thanked the school board for their continued support of West Scranton High School.

Student from the Chorus now performed the National Anthem.

Public Relations

Director McAndrew presented the following resolution:

K-1

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

WHEREAS, thousands of Scranton School District students are assisted by crossing guards as they make their way to school each and every day, and

WHEREAS, the well being of our students is of utmost importance, and these devoted individuals are on the frontlines safeguarding them from danger, and

WHEREAS, these men and women brave many hazards in service to our students and school community in their critical role, and

WHEREAS, it is important that all stakeholders acknowledge the commitment and sacrifice these crossing guards make on behalf of the Scranton School District community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the entire Scranton School District, the Board of Education gratefully recognizes the vital services provided by school crossing guards.

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

ALSO

Director McAndrew presented the following resolution:

It is the recommendation of the Public Relations 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, Greg Matyjevich, an outstanding sophomore student at West Scranton High School, placed third in 2014's Keystone State Games in Harrisburg Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, Greg Matyjevich's third place finish allowed him entry into the national "State Games of America" that were held in Lincoln, Nebraska this past summer, and

WHEREAS, Greg Matyjevich finished in 11th place in the "under 20 boys division," which included participants from all 50 states, and

WHEREAS, Greg Matyjevich looks forward to continuing his stellar bowling and academic successes throughout his career at West Scranton High School, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board of Education is extended to Greg Matyjevich, his parents, Peter and Sandra Matyjevich, and the bowling coaches at South Side Lanes.

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

At this time President Sheridan read the following:

Whereas, The Scranton School Board of Directors wishes to thank Officer Rich Patchcoski for his years of service to the Scranton School Board and the citizens of Scranton; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Scranton School Board officially honors Officer Patchcoski and appreciates his dedication to the School Board and residents of the City of Scranton.

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

President Sheridan presented Officer Patchcoski with a plaque.

Athletics & Stadium Committee

Director Casey presented the following:

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, Maria Coyne, an outstanding senior student at West Scranton High School scored her 1,000th career point for the West Scranton Varsity Girls Basketball Program on Saturday December 19th 2015. Maria is the 8th girl in West Scranton's Girl's Basketball program history to accomplish this feat, and

WHEREAS, Maria Coyne has been a member of the Girl's Varsity Basketball team at West Scranton High School the past four seasons. Maria is also the Captain of the Lady Invader's Basketball team, and

WHEREAS, Maria Coyne was selected as the Scranton Times-Tribune athlete of the week on Monday December 21st for earning her 1,000 career point, and

WHEREAS, Maria is a member of the National Honor Society at West Scranton High School and is also a member of the Varsity Softball team, Captain of Varsity Football Cheerleading team, Track & Field team, Scholastic Bowl team and is also a member of the Exceptional Children's Aide, Spanish, Red Cross, SADD, Student Council (secretary), Spirit Club (secretary), Peer Mediation, Art and Yearbook clubs, and

WHEREAS, Maria will attend Penn State University's Main Campus and will study communications as a major, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board of Education is extended to Maria Coyne, her parents, Jerry and Marie Coyne and her 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.

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, James Forsette, an outstanding senior student at West Scranton High School has earned his 100th career victory in wrestling on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. James is the 18th wrestler in West Scranton's program's history to accomplish this feat, and

WHEREAS, James Forsette has been a member of the Wrestling team at West Scranton High School the past four seasons. James is also the captain of the Wrestling team, and

WHEREAS, James Forsette was selected as the Scranton Times-Tribune athlete of the week on Monday, December 14, 2015 for earning his 100th career victory in wrestling, and

WHEREAS, James Forsette is also a member of the Spanish Club & Ski Club, and

WHEREAS, James Forsette has applied to the University of Scranton and will major in criminal justice, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board of Education is extended to James Forsette, his parents, Mike and Melissa Forsette and his teachers and coaches at West Scranton High School.

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

Attorney Minora now announced executive sessions were held on February 17, 2016 and February 29, 2016 to discuss Personnel, Litigation, Labor Relations and Real Estate.

Report from Student Representatives

Brian Martin, Student Council President and Cassie Merrill, Senior Class President shared the following with the board:

- This year's seniors have been accepted into 59 colleges and universities to date-this is the highest number of post-secondary acceptances from West High in recent memory.
- Senior Leo Ciullo received and appointment to the United State Military Academy
- Senior Dillon Hart received an athletic scholarship to Holy Cross College for Football
- Senior Bryce Yanni received full tuition Board of Governor's Scholarship to West Chester University
- Senior Brian Martin received full tuition Presidential Scholarship to the University of Scranton
- Several students accepted for Culinary Studies to the Culinary Institute of America and the Antonetti School of Art and Design
- Three members of the Senior Class enlisted with United States Marine Corps and nine enlisted with the United States Army.
- Seniors Maria Coyne scored her 1000th point this season, Jimmy Forsette earned his 100th win during wrestling season, Junior Michael Bruno won the District Diving Championship and will compete in the State Championship, Junior Bubba Novak won wrestling districts in his weight class and the Boy's basketball team recently advanced to the state playoffs.

- West Scranton High School was chosen as the recipient of the 2016 Bochicchio Sports Character Award and awarded the US News & World Report Bronze Medal at the conclusion of the 2014 school year.
- West High hosted a blood drive to benefit the Red Cross and donated 46 pints of blood and helped 138 local patients.
- Community Outreach Assembly was held to educate students on prescription drug abuse and a Positive Youth Tour Assembly was held for freshman and sophomores.
- West High will compete in the Computer Fair being held at Keystone College and will compete in the Engineering Olympics at Wilkes University.
- Semi-Formal recently held at Genetti Manor on March 4th.
- SAT was held on March 5th
- Recent dress down day raised over \$600 for the district wide Special Olympics
- Read Across America will be held on March 30th and several groups marched in the St. Patrick's Parade this weekend.
- Drama Club will perform Young Frankenstein on April 15th-17th and invited the board to attend.
- Spirit Week will kick off on April 17th – April 22nd.
- Thanked the board for holding the board meeting at their school and one last thought – West is Best!

Report from PSBA Representative

No Report

Solicitor's Report

No Report

Superintendent's Report

No Report

Public Comment

Rosemary Boland, SFT President, congratulated the teachers, paraprofessionals and staff at West Scranton High School as well as the participating students demonstrating their musical talent and commended the wonderful public speaking by the student representatives.

Ms. Boland addressed the board regarding outstanding grievances, articles in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding federal grant money and reminded the board of a recent motion made regarding the bidding policy.

Kevin Kays, SFT, reminded the board of outstanding grievances and arbitrations and spoke of recent audits regarding transportation costs.

Nick Semon, resident and taxpayer addressed the board regarding a loan taken by the Scranton School District to avoid bankruptcy and costs associated with Attorney John Minora.

Vince Wojnar, SFT, spoke of the school calendar for the next two years and urged the board to start school before Labor Day if at all possible to allow for more instructional time. Mr. Wojnar also reminded the board of outstanding grievances and arbitrations.

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

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

The Consent Agenda included the following:

B-1

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

March 7, 2016

\$406,829.06

ALSO

B-2

The Exception Bill List as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended March 7, 2016 be approved as per the attached:

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$5,071,780.13 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

February 12, 2016	\$1,181,463.13
February 26, 2016	\$3,847,490.54
March 4, 2016	\$ 42,826.46

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$5,273,942.35 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

February 12, 2016	\$2,621,732.93
February 26, 2016	\$2,652,209.42

ALSO

B-3

Be it resolved that the Delinquent Tax Report for the month of January 2016 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax	\$117,351.77
Penalty	\$ 12,593.37
Interest	<u>\$ 9,557.25</u>
TOTAL	\$139,502.39
Commission	<u>\$(6,975.19)</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$132,527.20

ALSO

B-4

Be it resolved that the Delinquent Tax Report for the month of February 2016 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax	\$450,160.72
Penalty	\$ 43,643.21
Interest	<u>\$ 18,283.14</u>
TOTAL	\$512,087.07
Commission	<u>\$(25,604.48)</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$486,482.59

ALSO

D-1

It is the recommendation of the Education Committee that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, this Committee was duly authorized to conduct expulsion hearings in the matter of Expulsion No. 3 , No. 4 , No. 5 and No. 6 of 2016 and;

WHEREAS, the Committee after due notice to the students of the charges alleged and after affording the students the opportunity to challenge the same at time of informal hearings, as well as a full hearings;

DOES HEREBY RECOMMEND that the students be expelled as set forth in the report previously presented for your consideration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the students identified in this resolution as Expulsion No. 3 , No. 4 , No. 5 and No. 6 of 2016 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

ALSO

D-2

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	MANDATED	PAID BY GRANT FUNDS
Eileen Leonard	Epi Pen Training (CSN Prof. Dev.)	NEIU 19	\$25.00	10/1/2015	Yes	
Ann Genett	Section 504- What Admin. Need to Know	PaTTAN Harrisburg	\$205.00	1/6/2016	Yes	
Dave Genovese	Planning for Future- Pathways to Employ.	PaTTAN Harrisburg	\$119.60	3/15/2016		
Diane Amari	Regional Band	Marywood University	\$30.00	03/10-12/2016	Yes	
Joe Brazil	PETE & C (Pa. Ed. Tech. Expo & Conf.)	Hershey, PA	\$1,270.00	02/21-24/2016		
Bridget Yerke	Regional Orchestra	Twin Valley H.S.	\$480.00	2/24-2/26/2016	Yes	
Millie K. McLane	PA Title I: Improving School Performance	Pittsburgh, PA	1,169.00	2/8-10/2016		
Lisa McConlogue	Sheridan Spotlight Show Choir Compet.	Sheridan, OH	\$193.00	3/19-3/20/2016		
Ronelle Barrett	Sheridan Spotlight Show Choir Compet.	Sheridan, OH	\$193.00	3/19-3/20/2016		
Lisa McConlogue	ShowFusion Show Choir Competition	Doswell, VA	\$200.00	4/15-4/16/2016		
Ronelle Barrett	ShowFusion Show Choir Competition	Doswell, VA	\$200.00	4/15-4/16/2016		
Lisa McConlogue	Festival Disney Choir Invitational	Disneyworld, FL	\$976.20	3/30-4/5/2016		
Ronelle Barrett	Festival Disney Choir Invitational	Disneyworld, FL	\$888.20	3/30-4/5/2016		
Gregg Sunday	PA Assoc. of Business Officials	Hershey, PA	\$1,070.00	3/3-11/2016		
Paul Lukasiewicz	PMEA Annual In-Service Conference	Hershey, PA	\$1,212.75	3/30-4/2/2016		Yes
Maureen Walsh	World Language Teacher Workshop	University of Scranton	\$35.00	3/10/2016		Yes
Margaret Newcomb	Project Elect Statewide	Harrisburg, PA	\$375.00	5/3-5/2016	Yes	Yes

Brenda Holzman	Project Elect Statewide	Harrisburg, PA	\$507.52	5/3-5/2016	Yes	Yes
Kathleen O'Donnell	World Language Teacher Workshop	University of Scranton	\$35.00	3/10/2016		Yes
Elizabeth O'Malley	Support Group Facilitator Training-SAP	NEIU 19	\$200.00	3/10-11/2016		Yes
Elizabeth Hemphill	Support Group Facilitator Training-SAP	NEIU 19	\$200.00	3/10-11/2016		Yes
Kim Mecca	SWB Facilitator Training	Albany, NY	\$405.00	5/3-5/2016		Yes
Gina Colarossi	MTSS RtII Implementers Forum	PaTTAN Harrisburg	\$252.89	6/30-7/1/2015		
Gina Colarossi	2015 Special Education Leadership Acad.	Bedford Springs, PA	\$325.80	7/27-7/29/2015		

ALSO

D-3

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 Scranton High School Knight Rhythms, Scranton High School's Show Choir is permitted to attend competitions out of state as follows:

Sheridan, OH
Orlando, FL
Doswell, VA

March 19 & 20, 2016
March 30 through April 5, 2016
April 15 & 16, 2016

WHEREAS, costs to compete have been fundraised by the ensemble by performing and individual contributions and proper medical staff as well as five chaperones, and;

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

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 Ski Club students be permitted a field trip to Killington Ski Resort in Vermont on Friday, March 11, 2016 and returning Sunday, March 13, 2016 and;

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

President Sheridan now moved to Non-Consent Agenda Items as follows:

Education Committee

Director Douaihy submitted the following resolution.

D-5

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Education Committee of the Scranton School District that the attached instructional school calendars for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years be approved.

The calendars include the five designated district holidays, specifically Columbus Day, General Election, Veterans Day, Presidents Day and Martin Luther King Day.

The resolution was seconded by Director Duffy.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey asked if there is any reason why we can't start before Labor Day.

Director Douaihy said that one reason is air conditioning.

Director Casey made a motion to table until the special meeting scheduled for March 29, 2016.

Director Douaihy seconded the motion and the resolution was tabled unanimously on roll call vote.

ALSO

Director Douaihy submitted the following resolution.

D-6

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure the district financial solvency it is the desire to enter into a contract with the School Improvement Partnership, and;

WHEREAS, this contract will result in a long term fiscal recovery plan that includes a comprehensive budget review, preliminary operations and staffing review, an instructional plan program alignment consistent with the goals of the School District's Academic Strategic Plan, and strategy for securing additional financial and human resources through securing federal, state and private financial resources the district is eligible to receive as well as entering into strategic partnership with colleges and universities, businesses and other government entities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors has previously reviewed documents detailing the scope of the contract and approves this partnership.

The resolution was seconded by Director Lesh and failed with two (2) affirmative and seven (7) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, Duffy, McAndrew, Oleski, Schuster, Timlin, and Sheridan.

ALSO

Director Douaihy submitted the following resolution.

D-7

It is the recommendation of the Education Committee to accept Early College Opportunity for Scranton High School and West Scranton High School students in partnership with Luzerne County Community College, pilot year 2016-2017-Mathematics.

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

ALSO

Director Douaihy submitted the following resolution.

D-8

It is the recommendation of the Education Committee to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement with Dickson Avenue LLC., to lease property at 530 Electric Street to relocate Monticello and Lincoln Jackson Academy.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McAndrew asked if we received approval from PDE for this move.

Dr. Kirijan responded yes.

Director Casey thinks it is a great location and asked if the District would be responsible for door or lock replacements or any maintenance needed.

Mr. Jeff Brazil said no it is taken care of.

Dr. Kirijan added that the Center for Independent Living will be partnering with the district to provide life skills services.

Personnel Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Duffy.

J-1

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	POSITION	LOCATION/GRADE	Effective Date
Natasha Brea- Yatko	Long Term	SHS-Spanish	12/14/15-6/21/16
Angelica Cardone	Long Term	Sumner Elementary-Grade 3	1/11/16-FN
Alyssa Gambo	Long Term	Whittier Elementary-Grade 1	12/15/15 to FN
William Gaughan	Long Term	SSIS-English	12/7/15-FN
Tricia Karp	Long Term	SSIS-English/Reading	12/22/15-FN
Elda Sebastianelli	Long Term	Whittier Elementary-ESL	1/4/16-6/21/16
Mariah Noldy	Long Term	SHS-ESL	3/1/16-6/21/16

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COACHING APPOINTMENTS

Sean Hughes	Asst. Coach-Boys Varsity Baseball	Scranton High
Richard C. Clifford	Coach-7 th & 8 th Grade Boys Baseball	South Intermediate
William J. Schoen	Coach-Boys Junior Varsity Baseball	West Scranton High School

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS – NON CERTIFIED

Jeana Gatelli	205 Clerk	Whittier Elementary	2/22/2016
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LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Kerri Welcome Gaughan	Librarian	Adams/Bancroft	3/9/16-4/13/16 FMLA-without Pay
Stefani Saunders	Teacher-Grade 3	Adams	2/8/16-2/8/17 Sabbatical/ROH
Colleen Kelly	Math	Scranton High School	extension to 6/21/16 Sabbatical/ROH
Patricia Laboranti	Family & Consumer Sci.	Scranton High School	2/9/16-FN Sabbatical/ROH

RESIGNATIONS- NON CERTIFIED

Robert P. Reed	Maintenance	3/31/2016 Appointed 7/22/2014
Corey Davis	Maintenance	2/17/2016 Appointed 6/28/2010

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

ALSO

J-2

The following was submitted by Director Duffy.

These employees have 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 professional contracts be issued to the following individuals:

<u>Professional Contracts</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
Nicole Bogdon-Roberts 31 Milbre Street Swoyersville, PA 18704	August 30, 2012
Jeff Boris 1031 Fairfield Street Scranton, PA 18509	August 30, 2012
Thomas Bryan 531 S. Main Street Old Forge, PA 18518	August 30, 2012
Jessica Coar Shelp 178 Carbondale Road Waymart, PA 18472	August 30, 2012
Lindsey Courtright 126 Ridgeview Drive Scranton, PA 18504	April 3, 2012
Katelyn Daugherty Areson 906 Woodlawn Avenue Clarks Summit, PA 18411	August 30, 2012
Katherine Eiden 135 Harriet Street, Apt. #1 Throop, PA 18512	January 3, 2012

Abigail Fisch 2013 Electric Street Dunmore, PA 18512	August 30, 2012
Lauryn Filiposki 803 ½ Church Street Jessup, PA 18434	August 30, 2012
Keith Galinsky 312 Franklin Street Jermyn, PA 18433	August 30, 2012
Elena Galkina 144 Staub Road Shavertown, PA 18708	October 5, 2011
Kelsey Gretz Renzi 124 Dunn Avenue Old Forge, PA 18518	October 5, 2011
Adrienne Gwyn Borgia 514 Haven Lane Clarks Summit, PA 18411	August 30, 2012
Elizabeth Kilker 829 N. Irving Avenue Scranton, PA 18510	August 30, 2012
Maura King 106 Princeton Avenue Clarks Green, PA 18411	August 30, 2012
Ellen Malone 1711 Quincy Avenue Dunmore, PA 18509	August 30, 2012
Robert McLeod 1014 Capouse Avenue Scranton, PA 18509	September 6, 2011
Matthew Michaylo 2415 Red Oak Drive Clarks Summit, PA 18411	December 22, 2011
Catherine Morton 220 Wilbur Street Scranton, PA 18508	August 30, 2012

Jennifer Nagy 1140 Rundle Street Scranton, PA 18504	March 28, 2011
Mary Nichol McHale 1383 Watson Street Scranton, PA 18504	September 23, 2011
Nicole Nicholas Meehan 1424 Cherry Street Scranton, PA 18505	September 23, 2011
Lottie Olson 103 Washington Road Scranton, PA 18509	October 24, 2011
Jessica Pehanick Heise 114 Little Spike Way Scranton, PA 18504	August 30, 2012
Lorrie Reilly 201 Skyline Drive Archbald, PA 18403	August 30, 2012
Edward Roche 2639 Frink Street Scranton, PA 18504	August 30, 2012
Frank Spager 228 Swartz Street Dunmore, PA 18512	August 30, 2012
Emily Walsh 108 Terrace Drive Roaring Brook, PA 18444	March 4, 2011
Kaitlin Walsh 114 Hilltop Road Dalton, PA 18414	August 30, 2012
Matthew Wazowicz 327 Gino Merli Drive Peckville, PA 18452	August 30, 2012
Suzanne Weidner 515 Marshall Squire Road Nicholson, PA 18446	October 28, 2011

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Douaihy congratulated all individuals for receiving their certifications.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Lesh.

M-1

It is the recommendation of the *Buildings & Grounds Committee* that the following resolution be approved.

WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board recognizes the importance of maximizing the use of the Scranton School District existing facilities for the students of the Scranton School District, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School Board recognizes the importance of accurate enrollment area analysis, evaluating boundaries, and determining demographic population changes, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board accepts the Proposal for Demographics Services from Davis Demographics and Planning, Inc., for a Comprehensive Ten-Year Demographic Study as per the attached detailed costs and company profile previously provided for your review.

The resolution was seconded by Director Oleski and passed with five (5) affirmative and four (4) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, McAndrew, Schuster and Timlin.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster questioned the different prices shown on the scope and fees.

Dr. Kirijan answered the amount is \$25,000.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

M-2

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 Fire Doors and Emergency Lights at West High School.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster asked to clarify this project is going out for bid.

Mr. Jeff Brazil addressed.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Lesh.

M-4

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, The Purchase of Two, 2016 F-SD Vehicles Through Costars in the Amount of \$38,755.00 each including options as per attached.

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

Mr. Jeff Brazil noted that these vehicles will replace two vehicles that will not pass inspection and they also include salt spreaders.

Director Schuster asked if this is possible to put out for bid.

Mr. Brazil explained the Costars program.

A discussion now took place between directors and Mr. Brazil regarding the purchase of vehicles through Costars.

ALSO

Director Lesh submitted the following:

M-5

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, The Peters Design Group to prepare all necessary documents and specifications for The Step Replacement Project at the front entrance of West Scranton High School.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Schuster confirmed with Mr. Brazil that this project is going out for bid.

Mr. Brazil addressed and explained the need of repairs.

ALSO

Director Lesh submitted the following:

M-6

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, The Peters Design Group to prepare all necessary documents and specifications for The Retaining Wall Repair or Replacement Project at the Administration Building Lower Parking Lot.

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

Mr. Brazil explained the need of repair or replacement due to the rain and erosion of the wall.

ALSO

Director Lesh submitted the following:

M-7

BE IT RESOLVED that the Buildings and Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, The Peters Design Group to prepare all necessary documents and specifications for The Retaining Wall Replacement Project at Prescott Elementary School.

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

Special Education Committee

The following was submitted by Director Oleski.

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 program has been challenged or suits have been filed in ODR No. 16691-1516AS and ODR No. 17310-15-16 and;

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a settlement agreement; in this matter upon the terms and conditions previously provided for your consideration;

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 matters.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Oleski.

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP as a resource for Special Education consultation and training as previously provided for your review.

The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and failed with four (4) affirmative and five (5) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, Duffy, McAndrew, Schuster and Timlin.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Casey cited the recent article in the Scranton Times regarding transparency and commended the Board Secretary Virginia Orr and Mr. Joe Brazil for keeping the records up to date on the website.

President Sheridan apologized for the short notice in postponing last week's meeting due to his hospitalization.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Oleski, seconded by Director Lesh and the meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

By: _____
Secretary