

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for General Purposes on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

President Douaihy called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Casey, Donahue, Duffy, Martinelli, McAndrew, Oleski, Ruane, Sheridan and President Douaihy.

Absent: All Present.

Visiting Delegations:

Melinda Krokus, PTA President, had questions and concerns regarding the amended bell schedule and urged the board to include the PTA when making decisions.

Mr. John Marichak addressed Mrs. Krokus' concerns.

At this time Attorney Minora informed President Douaihy that in resolution 10-H-1 there is a name on the list that was inadvertently included in the list but does not have proper certification and should not be included in the attachment.

Budget & Finance Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-1

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Scranton School District to increase revenues; and

WHEREAS, Keystone Realty Advisors and Counsel will perform Reverse Property Tax Assessments on properties paying school tax of \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) or greater; and

WHEREAS, Keystone et. al. will do this on a contingent basis to be paid only on increased assessments not to exceed three years per the attached agreement; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Keystone and Counsel's Reverse Property Tax Assessment is hereby approved.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Donahue emphasized that it is school taxes in excess of \$5000.00 not county or city taxes.

Attorney Minora confirmed that is correct.

Technology Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Oleski.

10-C-1

It is the recommendation of the Technology Committee that the following be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors authorize the District Solicitor and Administration to pursue all necessary zoning requirements for the erection of a wind turbine in or near Scranton Memorial Stadium.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

President Douaihy thanked Mr. Kevin Kays, teacher at Scranton High School and also Joe Brazil and the technology department for their hard work, cooperation and involvement in this program.

Education Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-D-1

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

WHEREAS, the attached changes in the Bell Schedule are in the best interest of the Scranton School District and its students; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor hereby recommends these changes are in the best interest of Scranton School District finances; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors hereby approves the attached Bell Schedule changes.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-D-2

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District supports and promotes the pursuit of post-secondary degrees by students of the Scranton School District at colleges, universities and trade schools, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District wishes to grant students access to courses bearing college credits while they are still completing their education within the Scranton School District, and

WHEREAS, Lackawanna College wishes to support the mission of the Scranton School District to assist students in achieving post-secondary courses and degrees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School District will enter into an articulation agreement with Lackawanna College whereby junior and senior students enrolled in the Scranton School District will be permitted to receive college credit for select approved courses currently offered in the curriculum of the Scranton School District and currently taught by approved members of the SFT faculty.

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

Labor Relations Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

10-H-1

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

WHEREAS, the Act 93 Contract expires December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the members of Act 93 and the Scranton School District should begin negotiations per the attached membership roster and execute any and all documents necessary to continue to effectuate contracts; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the above negotiations and attached roster is hereby approved.

Megan Barrett
Dave Bieri
Dave Brudzinski
Rob Butka
Gina Colarossi

Joe Hanni
Erin Keating
Mike Krakey
Chris Lazor
Colleen Leonard

Mike Coleman
John Coyle
Kelly Coyne
Gwen Damiano
Rob DeLuca
Paul Dougherty
Meghan Duffy
Dennis Engles
Bridget Frounfelker
Ann Genett
Bert Gentilezza
Dan Gilroy
Ann Grebeck

John Marichak
Missy McTiernan
Dave Mitchell
Mike Montoro
Al O'Donnell
Cathy Opshinsky
Nora Phillips
Michelle Rinaldi
Paul Stefani
Jake Williams
Tim Wolff

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey and passed unanimously on roll call with the removal of the third name from the bottom of original list.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

10-H-2

The Labor Relations Committee recommends the following resolution for your approval;

WHEREAS, the maintenance and clerical workers, and the Scranton School District have been negotiating a retirement incentive and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both parties to approve the retirement incentive;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Scranton School District hereby approves retirement incentive with maintenance and clerical works as per attached.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

Policy Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-I-1

It is the recommendation of the Policy Committee that the following is approved:

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District's current boundary policy needed updating; and

WHEREAS, the new boundary policy addresses such needed updates; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the new boundary policy as per the attached is hereby approved.

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

See attachment

Personnel Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-1

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1317

RESIGNATIONS

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following be approved:

RESIGNATIONS:

Professional

Maggie McAndrew
Special Ed / Charles Sumner

Effective: June 15, 2015

Mary K. Writer
School Psychologist

Effective: June 19, 2015

Coaching:

Casey McNulty
Assist. Boys Soccer Coach /
West Scranton High

Effective: June 15, 2015

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-2

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the following appointment be approved:

Non Professional:

Katie McAndrew Administrative Assistant / Special Ed Office

Starting date contingent on completion of all necessary clearances and medical records.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Donahue asked if this is a new position or filling a vacant position.

Mr. John Marichak said it is filling two vacant positions; one clerk is now in payroll and another has retired.

Director McAndrew announced that he is **not** related to this individual.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-3

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the following students be hired to work in the Scranton School District Summer 2015. Employment Program for 4 hours per day/4 days per week at an hourly rate of \$7.25 per hour:

Alli Basalyga
1412 Price Street
Scranton, PA 18504

James McAndrew
521 Cayuga Street
Scranton, PA 18508

Jarod Calpin
1926 Bristol Court
Scranton, PA 18509

Mackenzie McAndrew
521 Cayuga Street
Scranton, PA 18508

Christopher Gentile Jr.
850 North Bromley Avenue
Scranton, PA 18504

Kyle Marinelli
2409 Winfield Ave
Scranton, Pa 18505

Peter Gentile
2006 Amelia Avenue
Scranton, PA 18509

Stephen Ruddy
1056 Mohawk St
Scranton, Pa 18508

Bryce Yanni
803 Dale Drive
Scranton, PA 18509

Kevin McConologue
233 White Birch Drive
Scranton, PA 18504

Anthony Rabbito
209 Crown Ave
Scranton, Pa 18505

Jacob Lidle
1730 Wayne Ave
Scranton, Pa 18508

Geoffrey O'Connor
1144 West Elm Street
Scranton, Pa 18504

Lydian Lisandrelli
144 S. Rebecca Ave
Scranton, Pa 15404

Jordan O'Hearn
529 Deacon St
Scranton, Pa 18509

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey asked if all of the workers are students of the Scranton School District.

Mr. Bill Gaynord said they are current or recent graduates of the Scranton School District.

President Douaihy asked if they came through the guidance department.

Mr. Gaynord said that is the only place it was posted.

Director McAndrew indicated that he has a beautiful daughter Mackenzie but the individual on this list is **not** his daughter nor is James McAndrew-no relation.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-4

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1318

APPROVAL TEACHER SELECTION PANELS

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following be approved:

The Teacher Selection Panels for 2015 teacher eligibility lists be approved as below:

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Lee Evans
Sandra Pesavento
Bernice Lucas
Robert Gentilezza
Bridget Frounfelker
Missy McTiernan

Gina Colarossi
Ann Genett
Cathy Opshinsky
Michelle Rinaldi
Dennis Engles
Holly Meade
Ellen Rasimovich
Fran Regan

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

Buildings & Grounds Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-1

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

Be it resolved that the Buildings & Grounds Committee requests permission to authorize, Joseph Solomon, of Provident Energy Consulting to solicit Electricity bids on behalf of the Scranton School District.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-2

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

Be it resolved that the Scranton School District authorizes use of Clover Field by the West Scranton Flag Football Group. They will use the field on Saturdays and Sundays in conjunction with Scranton School District sponsored programs. The West Scranton Flag Football Group will provide insurance.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-3

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

Be it resolved that the contract for the Full Service HVAC Mechanical Systems Repair, Maintenance, Coil Cleaning, Condenser Water Cleaning, and Water Tower Cleaning for all Scranton School District Buildings bid be awarded as follows:

Scranton Electric Company, Scranton, PA

HVAC Mechanic's Hourly Rate	\$61.99/Hour
Premium HVAC Mechanic's Hourly Rate	\$92.99/Hour
Overhead and Profit Markup on Parts or Materials	18%

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

Be it resolved that the contract for the Panel Upgrade at McNichols Plaza Elementary School be awarded as follows:

Simplex Grinnell	Allentown, PA	\$13,673.21
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The resolution was seconded by Director Oleski and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

ON THE QUESTION:

Mr. Jeff Brazil wanted to inform the board that there has been some issues with the alarm systems not being compatible due to the age of the fire alarm at McNichols Plaza and needed to be addressed.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-5

It is the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the following resolution is approved:

WHEREAS, a request for approval (as attached) has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for the local American Diabetes Educators to use Scranton High School on a date to be determined; and

WHEREAS, the event "Diabetes Taste-In" has used our facilities in the past with great success; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the request (as attached) and arrangements will be finalized through Joe Walsh, Special Events Coordinator.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-6

It is the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the following resolution is approved:

WHEREAS, a request for approval (as attached) has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for McCann School of Business be permitted to rent Scranton High School for their graduation ceremony in October 2015; and

WHEREAS, McCann has used our facilities in the past and some of the graduates are former students of Scranton School District; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the request (as attached) and arrangements will be finalized through Joe Walsh, Special Events Coordinator.

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

ALSO

10-M-7

It is the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the following resolution is approved:

WHEREAS, a request for approval (as attached) has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for Bethel AME be permitted to rent Scranton High School for a gospel concert; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the request (as attached) and arrangements will be finalized through Joe Walsh, Special Events Coordinator.

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

Special Education Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Oleski.

10-N-1

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

WHEREAS, it is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Chapter 14 that psycho-educational evaluations be completed within sixty calendar days of signed permission, and

WHEREAS, the District will enter into agreement with independent contractors to meet the required compliance timelines for a student's educational planning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors gives authorization to enter in these contractual agreements.

The resolution was seconded by Director Ruane.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Donahue questioned the wording of the resolution and asked if that makes it open ended.

President Douaihy asked him to rephrase his question.

Director Donahue repeated the last phrase of the resolution "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors gives authorization to enter in these contractual agreements" and again asked if that means it's open ended.

Mrs. Gina Colarossi said that it can be amended to reflect for the summer term only.

President Douaihy, seconded by Director Donahue, made a motion for a friendly amendment to reflect through August 31, 2015 only.

The friendly amendment passed unanimously on roll call vote as well as the original resolution passed unanimously on roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Douaihy spoke of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held earlier this evening where some positive budgetary actions were taken by the administrative team which included recent teacher retirement incentive, changes in the bell schedule, the van contract, overtime

reductions; and these are just some of the things adding up to the kind of savings we have to have in order to have a balanced budget going forward.

Mr. Douaihy thanked Mr. John Marichak, Solicitor John Minora, and Mr. Gregg Sunday, Jeff Brazil, Mrs. Gina Colarossi, Mr. Pat Laffey and Mrs. Kathleen Bevilacqua for their hard work and it has produced the promise of savings for the 2015/2016 school year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Duffy announced that he has been working with Chief Graziano and they have been able to obtain a grant for a School Resource Officer at the Career Technology Center, specifically 75% fully funded government grant for the salary and benefits associated with the SRO and 25% will be split between the Scranton School District and the City of Scranton of which that partial component that we're responsible for, the 25%, will be split with the Joint Operations Committee of CTC and what it breaks down to he thinks for the first three years we may be able to have an officer in that facility full time for \$2000.00 - \$3000.00 per year so it is a great benefit and a great grant and he will submit the MOU when it is completed.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Oleski, seconded by Director Ruane and the meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.

By: _____
Secretary