

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for General Purposes and to adopt the 2015 Preliminary Budget on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Avenue., Scranton, PA 18503.

President Ruane called the meeting to order at 7:12pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary

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

Visiting Delegations:

Kevin Kays, SFT – provided a handout to board members and defended teacher's salaries. Mr. Kays also spoke of transportation costs.

ATHLETICS & STADIUM

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-A-1

It is the recommendation of the Athletic and Stadium Committee that the following be appointed to the Coaching positions as indicated, for the 2014-2015 school year. Salaries in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

WEST SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman Boys Basketball Coach	-	Michael Fazzi
Assistant Wrestling Coach	-	Robert Baresse

SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach	-	John Burgette
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SOUTH SCRANTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Boys' Basketball Coach	-	James Cicchillo
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The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

BUDGET & FINANCE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-1

THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

WHEREAS, The Public School Code of 1949, as amended, requires the formation and approval of the Preliminary Budget; and

WHEREAS, The obligation for the approval of the above is placed upon the School Board based upon information and exchanged between the Administration and the School Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the School District of the City of Scranton is hereby in position to carry out its legal obligation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget, as attached, for the year 2015, is hereby introduced for consideration by the Scranton School Board in order that same, or any amendments thereto, may be approval in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of the Preliminary Budget, as adopted, be made available for public inspection through the Office of the Secretary of the School Board and the Board of School Directors said officer shall advertise the action hereby taken in accordance with law, and be subjected to approval of all documentation by the District Solicitor.

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

SEE ATTACHED.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Sheridan wanted the public to know that this is a preliminary budget and they have the next month to work the bugs out, go over the wish list and get down to a budget that is realistic.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-2

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

WHEREAS, There will be a Capital Working Deficit in the beginning of the 2015 year, and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to borrow funds to meet said deficit in the first part of the 2015 year until revenues are generated, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Board to borrow said funds through the use of a series Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Board of Directors to seek bids from local lending institutions for the Tax Anticipation Note for the 2015 year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RATIFIED AND RESOLVED,

THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT/FINANCE OF THE SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ALONG WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR CASE CON, IS AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FROM LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS IN THE SCRANTON AREA FOR THE TAX REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR THE 2015 YEAR.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING FORTH ITS INTENT TO ISSUE A SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES TO BE DESIGNATED AS GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, SERIES 2014 ("THE NOTES"), OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$32,000,000) PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, 53 PA. C.S. CHAPTERS 80-82, AS AMENDED, REENACTED AND SUPPLEMENTED, KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT ("THE ACT"); FINDING THAT A PRIVATE SALE BY NEGOTIATION IS IN THE BEST FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; DETERMINING THAT SUCH NOTES SHALL EVIDENCE NONELECTORAL DEBT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; SPECIFYING THAT SUCH INDEBTEDNESS IS TO BE INCURRED TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO FINANCE A PROJECT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHICH CONSISTS OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS: (1) CURRENTLY REFUNDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES E OF 2011; AND (2) PAYING THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF ISSUING THE NOTES; SETTING FORTH THE REASONABLE ESTIMATED USEFUL LIVES OF THE PROJECTS TO BE REFINANCED BY THE NOTES; ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUCH NOTES AT PRIVATE SALE BY NEGOTIATION; PROVIDING THAT SUCH NOTES, WHEN ISSUED SHALL CONSTITUTE A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; FIXING THE DENOMINATION, DATED DATE, INTEREST PAYMENT DATES, INTEREST RATES, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND PLACE OF PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH NOTES; AUTHORIZING SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONTRACT WITH THE PAYING AGENT FOR ITS SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOTES; SETTING FORTH THE SUBSTANTIAL FORM OF THE NOTES EVIDENCING THE DEBT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ATTESTATION OF SUCH NOTES; PROVIDING COVENANTS RELATED TO DEBT SERVICE APPLICABLE TO SUCH NOTES TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THE ACT AND PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SUPPORT THEREOF; CREATING A SINKING FUND IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH NOTES, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THE ACT; DESIGNATING THE PAYING AGENT TO BE THE SINKING FUND DEPOSITARY; PROVIDING A COVENANT TO INSURE PROMPT AND FULLPAYMENT FOR SUCH NOTES WHEN DUE; SETTING FORTH REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ONE OR MORE INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS BY SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE) AND THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES OR INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTMENT OF PROCEEDS OF SUCH NOTES; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SPECIFIED OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DO, TO TAKE AND TO PERFORM CERTAIN SPECIFIED, REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTS TO EFFECT THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PREPARATION OF A DEBT STATEMENT AND BORROWING BASE CERTIFICATE, AND THE FILING OF SPECIFIED DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ALL AS REQUIRED BY THE ACT; DECLARING THAT THE DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY SUCH NOTES, TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WILL NOT BE IN EXCESS OF ANY APPLICABLE LIMITATION IMPOSED BY THE ACT; AUTHORIZING PROPER OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DELIVER THE NOTES UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN COVENANTS PRECLUDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM TAKING ACTIONS WHICH WOULD CAUSE THE NOTES TO BECOME "ARBITRAGE BONDS" OR "PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS" AS THOSE TERMS ARE USED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), AND APPLICABLE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER; APPROVING AN INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT PLAN; APPROVING THE FORM OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT TO RELATE TO THE NOTES; APPROVING THE MAXIMUM FIXED RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDERAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOTES AND THE INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE MINIMUM RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE BY THE COUNTERPARTY UNDER THE INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE TERM OF THE INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; COVENANTING TO MAKE PAYMENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOTES AND THE INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS TO BE FILED WITH THE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE AND COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION, USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE PURCHASER IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARKETING AND SALE OF THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND THE TAKING OF OTHER NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING; PROVIDING WHEN THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; AND REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THE SAME SHALL BE INCONSISTENT HERewith.

See attachment.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Casey.

10-G-1

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

Be it resolved that the Board of School Directors authorizes the Superintendent, the Business Manager, the Solicitor, Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor and other professionals associated with the public offerings to determine and make a recommendation of whether it is in the best interest of the School District to participate in the MCDC initiative, and if so determined the district shall file a self report by December 1, 2014 as per attached.

SEE ATTACHMENT.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-1

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1294

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

CERTIFIED:

1. Mancus, Susan
11/12/14—4/13/2014

Grade 1
Willard #32

Sabbatical/Restoration
of Health/With Pay

Date of Appointment—08/29/2005

No other Leave

1. Behavioral Specialist
Lincoln/Jackson Academy

Jeremy Honushefsky

Appointment is effective upon receipt of proper Federal Criminal Records, Immigration, Medical and Child Abuse reports.

Salary is in accordance with the appropriate salary schedules.

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

President's Report:

President Ruane wished all a happy and health Thanksgiving next week.

New Business:

Director Douaihy spoke of Jake McCarthy, Scranton High School student who recently signed his letter of intent to University of Virginia and congratulated Jake, his family and staff at Scranton High School.

Director Douaihy also spoke of his disagreement with the recent article in the newspaper regarding the nursing situation and he believes the public was misguided and misled about our health care workers and it should not have happened.

Director Douaihy defended our nurse ratio per students and the article painted a totally unnecessary picture of what the reality is.

Director Douaihy asked Mr. John Marichak to please provide informational correspondence to the families in elementary, middle and high schools.

Director Sheridan indicated that since he is the most senior director besides Mr. Martinelli's past experience he has never seen a case come forward regarding our nursing staff.

President Ruane asked Director Douaihy the ratio per student. Mr. Douaihy said approximately 455 to 1 with the next best ratio in the 800s.

Director Douaihy added that he wants to know how we're unsafe and that the nurse who commented that we're improperly staffed may be a very capable nurse, she is not capable or trained in staffing and he is not accepting her as a credible source.

At this time Director Casey thanked Principal Leonard at McNichols Plaza for her help and the way she handled some incidents involving children and parents this past week.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Douaihy, seconded by Director Oleski and the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

By: _____
Secretary