

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for General Purposes on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:30pm prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

Vice President McAndrew called the meeting to order at 7:55pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

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

There were no speakers that signed in to address the board.

The following resolution was submitted by Director Douaihy.

10-D-1

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

WHEREAS, the board hiring policy for administrators is such that a single board member sits on the final administrative hiring committee and that this board member shall rotate turns by alphabetical order.

WHEREAS, the tabulation of the final scores in the interview shall be done by the Board Secretary and the Manager of Personnel Services in full view of the five members of the final interview committee and all members of the committee shall sign that they agree with the tabulation which shall be added not averaged.

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

The following resolution was submitted by Director Douaihy.

10-I-1

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

Whereas, the Board has allowed candidates for national and statewide offices to speak at school facilities in the past such as President Barack Obama, President William Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and Kathleen Kane to name a few, and

Be it resolved that the Board deems it appropriate use at this time and shall allow Tom Wolf to speak at Scranton High School.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Donahue questioned if this resolution is only to allow Tom Wolf to use Scranton High or is this a resolution to amend the future policy.

Director Douaihy understands that it is only for Tom Wolf's appearance if it happens and thinks a policy committee needs to take place to discuss openly and in detail any changes they may want to make to the policy regarding the use of facilities for political events or rallies.

Director Donahue asked for a friendly amendment to the resolution to include that they are responsible for any fees and that it does not interfere with student activities or disrupt the school day.

The friendly amendment was seconded by Director Oleski and it passed with six (6) affirmative and two (2) abstentions. Directors Donahue and Sheridan abstained due to their positions on the Democratic Committee.

The resolution including the friendly amendment was seconded by Director Casey and passed with six (6) affirmative and two (2) abstentions. Directors Donahue and Sheridan abstained due to their positions on the Democratic Committee.

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-1

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

Be it resolved that David Brudzinski is appointed as Principal of Whittier Annex, the former Nativity School.

Salary commensurate with the Act 93 Agreement.

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

Director Martinelli asked that 10-J-2 be tabled for further discussion. Director Donahue made a motion to table, seconded by Director Oleski and passed unanimously on roll call vote to table.

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-1

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the District Wide System Intrusion and Fire Alarm Cellular Migration Project, be approved, as per the attached proposal submitted by Triguard Security Systems.

The cost of the Project is \$37,882.00.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Donahue indicated that this was discussed at a Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting and asked Mr. Jeff Brazil to explain.

Mr. Brazil explained that all phone companies are turning to digital signaling and all of our buildings are analog so in order to bring our systems up to current code without disruption to communications this upgrade is needed.

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-2

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal for Fire Alarm Equipment Project, for the Lincoln Jackson Academy be approved, as per the attached quotation submitted by Tyco Integrated Security, for an installation charge, in the amount of \$658.00.

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

At this time Director Ruane made a motion to accept the resignation of Kathleen McGuigan, seconded by Director Douaihy and passed with six (6) affirmative and two (2) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Donahue and McAndrew.

At this time Director McAndrew made the statement that at the close of this meeting he is resigning his position as President of the Scranton School Board due to the current make up of this board he believes his ability to be an effective leader will be greatly diminished adding that he loves this district and wants to focus his attention on supporting the administration, teachers, students and parents as we work to improve student achievement. Director McAndrew further added that should the makeup and priorities of this board change in the future he will gladly step up to the challenge of leading this board.

Director McAndrew asked for a motion to adjourn.

Director Douaihy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Donahue and the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

By: _____
Secretary