

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for General Purposes on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

President McGuigan called the meeting to order at 7:25pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Casey, Donahue, Douaihy, Martinelli, McAndrew, Oleski, and President McGuigan.

Absent: Directors Ruane and Sheridan.

Visiting Delegations

Rosemary Boland, SFT, spoke of an email she received from a board member whom she would not mention by name but thought it should be recognized that this member's email talks about her recent positive experiences with Millenium Administrators, the school district's healthcare consultant, adding that she's had an excellent relationship with them and she is glad they are on our side. Ms. Boland echoed this stating it has always been a pleasure dealing with Millenium.

Ms. Boland also spoke in opposition of using Gertrude Hawk Candy Co. for the district's fundraising due to Mr. Hawk's involvement in opening a private school.

President McGuigan asked Ms. Boland to please include Mr. John Marichak in discussions of the fundraising because he is currently working on that.

President McGuigan asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 5, 2014, May 12, 2014, May 19, 2014 and June 16, 2014. Director Oleski made a motion, seconded by Director Donahue to accept the meeting minutes and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Budget and Finance Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-1

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

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2014 be accepted as follows:

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Opening Balance	\$ 5,478,100.79
Monthly Revenue	\$18,958,403.83
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 386,302.11</u>
Total Available	\$24,822,806.73
Total Disbursements	<u>\$11,690,358.13</u>
Balance in General Account	\$13,132,448.60

SEE ATTACHMENT

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-2

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

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending April, 2014 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$13,132,448.60
Monthly Revenue	\$21,138,365.54
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 373,689.10</u>
Total Available	\$34,644,503.24
Total Disbursements	<u>\$18,349,503.85</u>
Balance in General Account	\$16,294,999.39

SEE ATTACHMENT

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

Education Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Douaihy.

10-D-1

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Education Committee of the Scranton School District that the attached amended school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year be approved.

SEE ATTACHMENT

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Douaihy.

10-D-2

The Education Committee of the Scranton School Board approves the attached letter of support for the United Way Early Childhood Education Community Innovation Zone Grant.

SEE ATTACHMENT

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

Food Service Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director McAndrew.

10-E-1

The FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be It Resolved that the contract for the purchase and installation of a Walk-in Freezer/Cooler for replacement at Northeast Intermediate School be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

Rice's Food Equipment	Dallas, PA	\$26,540.00
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The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Labor Relations Committee

10-H-1

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 43 PA CSA §1101.802, "Fact-Finding Panel" the Scranton School District and the Scranton Federation of Teachers jointly agreed to participate in fact-finding as set forth in Act 88 of 1992 and the Pennsylvania Employee Labor Relations Act, Act 195 of 1970, and more specifically in the statute referenced above; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2014, post submission of both written and oral testimony at time of hearing on the matter, the fact-finder issued his recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the fact-finder issued an Order directing for the ten (10) day period commencing July 16, 2014, the contents of the recommendations were to remain confidential until such time as the parties had the opportunity to consider whether to accept or reject the recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District hereby rejects the Fact-Finding Report and the recommendations of the Fact Finder.

The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed with four (4) affirmative and three (3) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, Douaihy and Oleski.

Personnel Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-1

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1273
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Noncertified:

1. Wolyniak, Nellis	General Custodian	Family Medical Leave/
6/26/2014—9/18/2014	Scranton High School	Without Pay

Date of Appointment – 5/6/2008
No other leave of absence

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-2

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1274

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the appointment of the following individual be rescinded:

1. Jennifer Natalini	Psychologist
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The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-3

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1275

APPOINTMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the individual as listed below be appointed to professional positions in the Scranton School District:

PROFESSIONAL:

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| 1. | James J. Ritts, M.A.
442 Mill St.
Plains, PA 18705 | Psychologist |
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The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-4

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1276

RESIGNATIONS

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

Professional:

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| 1. | Maria Alena Scavone
Itinerant French Teacher | Effective: August 31, 2014 |
| | Years of Service: 2.8 | |

Noncertified:

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| 1. | Holly Kaczmarek
Clerk 261
Administration Building | Effective: August 21, 2014 |
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The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-5

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1277

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following be approved subject to the certification of the interviewing board:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eligibility Lists for candidates for teaching positions in Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, Pre-School and ESL as established by the Committee on Teacher Selection be adopted, as submitted. Said lists shall remain in effect for a period of one year.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Martinelli said that due to the recent publicity regarding the Teacher Eligibility List he wanted to confirm that the list has not been tampered with and indicated that he was contacted by another director who contacted the Personnel Manager and wanted the list; he explained to the director that it has been the policy of the Scranton School District that the list shall not become available to anyone until the public vote.

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

ALSO

10-J-6

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

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| 1. Brian Maxion | General Custodian/Floater |
| 2. Mark Riggi | General Custodian/Floater |
| 3. Robert Reed | General Custodian/Floater |

Appointments are 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 Oleski and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ON THE QUESTION:

President McGuigan asked if these positions were replacing retired employees.

Director Martinelli responded that he consulted with the union and Mr. Jeff Brazil regarding the need for the positions and also Mr. Gregg Sunday regarding available money in the budget for the positions.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

Superintendent's Report No. 1280

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following individuals listed below be appointed to the following positions at Monticello:

APPOINTMENT:

1. Program Director \$85,000- Dennis Engles
2. Team Leader- \$50,000- Emotional/Behavioral Support: Kristin Patchell
3. Behavior Specialist \$35,000: Emotional/Behavioral Support: Stephanie Runco; Autistic Support: Jason Schlingman
4. Administrative Assistant \$25,000: Erica Bolus

Appointment is effective upon receipt of proper clearances and medical records.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-10

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1281

APPOINTMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

The Superintendent of Schools presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the following Professional appointments for Lincoln/Jackson Academy be approved:

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| 1. Tara Carey | Social Studies |
| 2. Ashley Carroll | Math |
| 3. Tricia O’Gurek | Guidance |
| 4. Robert Sadler | English |
| 5. Sara Schmader | Science |
| 6. Lindsey Pagnotti | Special Education |
| 7. Katie Hirnelson | Art |

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

Salary is in accordance with the appropriate salary schedules.

ON THE QUESTION:

President McGuigan questioned the appointments at Lincoln Jackson Academy and a discussion took place regarding the interviews for Alternative Education and if there is a separate eligibility list for Alternative Education.

Director Douaihy made a motion for a friendly amendment to the resolution that an individual academic list for alternative education be established and approved.

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

The resolution in its entirety including friendly amendment was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

President’s Report

President McGuigan did not have anything to report on just expressed her hope that we will be moving forward next week to appoint an acting superintendent.

There being no further business Director Douaihy made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Director Oleski and the meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

By: _____
Secretary