

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

A regular meeting of the Scranton School Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

President O'Shea called the meeting to order at 7:08pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Barrett, Fox, Lesh, McGuigan, Ruane, Sheridan Shrive and President O'Shea.

Absent: Director Martinelli.

President O'Shea waived the rules of the board to present the following resolutions.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Director Barrett presented the following resolution 10-C-1 to Honor Technology Contest winners:

It is the recommendation of the Technology Committee that the following resolution be approved:  
WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize students who have distinguished themselves through local, regional and national academic and computer technology competitions, and

WHEREAS, several of our Scranton School District students recently competed and placed in the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit Regional Computer Fair Competition, and the winners are as follows:

Scranton High School – Technology Teacher – Anne Spindler

Samarth Shah and Joe Gnall - First place in the web page design category and their project was entitled, "Chemistry World"

Luis Perez - Second place in Computer Fair Logo category  
Sam Soares - Honorable Mention for the application design category for an android or iphone and his project was entitled, "The Genetic Calculator"

West Scranton High School – Technology Teacher – Mary Ann Hazzouri

Alexander Lozada – First Place in Animation and his project was entitled, "Shapes"

West Scranton Intermediate School – Technology Teacher – Dean Mulherin

Hannah Yarros – First Place in the Web Design category and her project was entitled, "The Arts through the Ages"

Kaitlin Kennedy, Kailie Martinelli & Olivia Viscomi – Second Place in the Digital Movie category and their project was entitled, "West Goes Green"

WHEREAS, these students successfully competed against a few hundred students from within the entire 20 school NEIU #19 service area, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the official congratulations of Board of the School Directors of the City of Scranton are extended to these students, their teachers, parents and the schools they represent.

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

ALSO

Director Barrett presented the following resolution, 10-D-1, to Honor Essay Contest Winners:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize students who have distinguished themselves through local, regional and national academic competitions, and

WHEREAS, six West Scranton High School students recently won all of the awards in the regional Women's History Month Essay Contest sponsored by the Lackawanna County League of Women Voters, and

WHEREAS, the West Scranton High School student winners of this Women's Essay Contest are as follows:

Grades 7-9

First Place – Brian Martin  
 Second Place – Alexa Anzulewicz  
 Honorable Mention – Felicia Cicco

Grades 10-12

First Place – Cara Anzulewicz  
 Second Place – Jessica Purawic  
 Honorable Mention – Kimberly Graham

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Members of the School Board of the City of Scranton is extended to these West Scranton High School students, their teachers and parents.

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

President O’Shea commended all of the students and returned to the regular order of the meeting.

Communications to the Board:

Attorney Minora announced an executive session was held this evening at 6:30pm to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation.

Visiting Delegations:

Robert Zelinski, Olyphant, is here tonight to follow-up on a letter he sent to the board regarding his son who is a student at Mid-Valley School District, and wrestles for the Scranton Junior Wrestling team. Since Mid-Valley does not offer a wrestling program and his son has been a part of the Scranton team for six seasons he is asking Scranton School District to enter into a cooperative sports agreement with Mid-Valley.

President O’Shea and Mr. King addressed.

Melissa Eckenrode, asked if there are any updates regarding the playground situation at Whittier Elementary.

President O’Shea and Attorney Minora addressed.

REPORT FROM PTA REPRESENTATIVE

Ruthann Romanowski updated the board regarding new officers and they are looking for people at Northeast and West.

President Lesh suggested in the future we should recognize past and present PTA officers.

REPORT FROM PSBA REPRESENTATIVE
 No Report

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Attorney Minora spoke about the bid specifications for the sale of the tax liens.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. King spoke on the following:

- West Scranton High School was the recipient of the \$500 from the 2012 Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Math/Science grant.
- Students at West High collected 92 items and raised \$508 for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Lila MacDonald, a sophomore at West was one of four runner-up winners of the Drive2Life contest sponsored by Scholastic Magazine and won \$500.
- Scranton High Schools production of “Annie” received ESTA Awards Nominations for the following:
 

Best Overall Production of a Musical	Greatest Show Stopping Moment-Duet/Tap Dance for
Best Set	“I Don’t Need Anything But You” by Grace Farrell and Drake
Best Executed Choreography	Best Female Lead in a Musical – Annie by Quinn Hemphill
Best Acting Ensemble	Best Female Supporting Role – Grace Farrell-Allie Sawicki
Best Singing Ensemble	Featured Soloist in a Musical – Bert Healy-Tyler Saar

## CONSENT AGENDA

President O'Shea now asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items.

It was moved by Director Shrive and seconded by Director Ruane that the Board of School Directors approves the consent agenda as offered.

### ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan inquired whether the agreement with Penn Foster (Resolution 10-D-3) will in any way affect the cyber classes that we already offer.

Mr. King addressed that it would not.

The Consent Agenda which includes the following as offered was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### 10-B-1 Bill List as per the attached

April 2, 2013	\$ 1,764.00
April 2, 2013	\$785,701.02

#### 10-B-2 Exception Bill List

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$1,713,385.14 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

March 15, 2013	\$ 815,417.07
March 1, 2013	\$ 897,968.07

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$5,956,731.42 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

March 15, 2013	\$ 2,449,984.06
March 29, 2013	\$ 3,506,747.36

#### 10-B-3 February 2013 Delinquent Tax Report.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delinquent Tax Report for the Month of February 2013 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax:	\$ 346,463.67
Penalty	\$ 61,168.62
TOTAL	\$ 407,632.29
Commission (5%)	\$ 20,381.97
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 387,250.32

#### 10-B-4 Treasurer's Report ending February 2013

Opening Balance	\$ 9,220,065.06
Monthly Revenue	\$ 9,638,344.97
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 367,478.28</u>

Total Available	\$19,225,888.31
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 9,938,368.43</u>

Balance in General Account	\$ 9,287,519.88
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#### 10-B-5 Student Activity Accounts October 2012 – December 2012 as per the attached.

#### 10-B-6 Approve 2013-2014 NEIU #19 General Operating Budget as per the attached.

10-B-7 Tax Lien Sales Bid approve the bid made by Municipal Revenue Services and awards contract to said company for the sale of tax lien properties of 2012 as per the attached resolution.

#### 10-D-2 Approve Expulsion Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of 2013.

#### 10-D-3 Penn Foster Agreement

The Education Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the importance of offering multiple pathways toward graduation and receipt of a meaningful diploma from the Scranton School District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors also realizes that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner differs in many ways from students as recent as 20 or 30 years ago, due to the major advances in technology and the establishment of publicly funded cyber charter schools in our state, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to meet the educational needs and interests of our students the Scranton School District wishes to engage in a partnership with Penn Foster, a fully accredited educational provider in the City of Scranton since 1890, who offers multiple pathways toward achieving a high school diploma, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District plans to work with Penn Foster to utilize existing programs and to develop new and innovative programs, as a means of delivering a more cost effective and high quality educational options to Scranton students that include, but are not limited to: credit recovery, hybrid learning models, cyber course offerings, summer and after school programs, student enrichment courses and more..., and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute and sign an articulation agreement with Penn Foster that addresses all of these services, after full review and approval of our Solicitor.

10-G-1    Electronic Signature for Federal Grants

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the **Board of Directors** of the **Scranton School District**, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that William F. King, who is the **Superintendent** of the above named body is authorized and directed to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses (hereinafter collectively referred to as contract(s)) with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body consents to the use of electronic signatures by the above named individual and that no handwritten signature from the above named individual shall be required in order for any contract with the Department to be legally enforceable and that by affixing his/her electronic signature to an electronic file of the contract via the Department’s e-grants system, the above designated authorized individual shall have effectively executed and delivered the contract, binding the **Scranton School District** to comply with the terms of said contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no writing shall be required in order to make the contract valid and legally binding, provided that the Department and all other necessary Commonwealth approvers affix their signatures electronically and an electronically-printed copy of the Contract is e-mailed or is otherwise made available to the body by electronic means; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will not to contest the due authorization, execution, delivery, validity or enforceability of the electronic Contract under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law. The Contract, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form and the admissibility thereof shall not be contested under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will notify the Department’s Bureau of Management Services promptly in the event that the above named individual is no longer authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the body electronically and that the Department shall be entitled to rely upon the above named officer’s authority to execute agreements electronically on behalf of the body until such notice is received by the Department’s Office of Chief Counsel.

10-J-1    Permission to Attend Meetings

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| 1. | Amy Sekol                                     | PMEA String Fest<br>Wilkes University                |
|    | COST:   | \$90.00  |
|    | DATES:  | March 4, 2013  |
|    | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | Oct., 12   |
| 2. | Amy Sekol                                     | PMEA Band Fest<br>Lakeland High School               |
|    | COST:   | \$90.00  |
|    | DATES:  | April 5, 2013  |
|    | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | Oct., 12   |
| 3. | Amy Sekol                                     | PMEA Chorus Fest<br>Valley View Middle School        |
|    | COST:   | \$90.00  |
|    | DATES:  | May 10, 2013   |
|    | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | Oct., 12   |
| 4. | Margie Galvin                                 | Preparing School Med. Teams for Disaster<br>NEIU #19 |
|    | COST:   | \$90.00  |
|    | DATES:  | March 11, 2013                                       |
|    | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | N/A  |
| 5. | David Bieri                                   | NAESP Conference<br>Baltimore, MD                    |
|    | COST:   | \$2075.00  |
|    | DATES:  | July 10-13, 2013                                     |
|    | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | Oct., 12   |
| 6. | Kim Tesluk                                    | LETRS for Educators<br>NEIU #19                      |
|    | COST:   | \$48.00  |
|    | DATES:  | March 19 & May 17, 2013                              |
|    | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | N/A  |

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| 7.  | Eleanor Langan   | PHSSL State Finals<br>Selinsgrove, PA<br>COST: \$865.00<br>DATES: March 22-23, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 13                 |
| 8.  | Tara Fox         | Shifts in the Common Core<br>NEIU #19<br>COST: \$90.00<br>DATES: March 13, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13                     |
| 9.  | Doreen Dickinson | PDE Conference<br>Harrisburg, PA<br>COST: \$204.60<br>DATES: March 6, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A                               |
| 10. | Joe Gerek        | Schools Shaping the Culture of Sports<br>University of Scranton<br>COST: \$90.00<br>DATES: March 6, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 11. | George Roskos    | Positive Coaching Alliance<br>University of Scranton<br>COST: \$90.00<br>DATES: March 6, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13       |
| 12. | Paul Fox         | Schools Shaping the Culture of Sports<br>University of Scranton<br>COST: \$90.00<br>DATES: March 6, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 13. | Brenda Holzman   | ELECT<br>Harrisburg, PA<br>COST: \$435.00<br>DATES: April 18-19, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A                                    |
| 14. | Maggie Newcomb   | ELECT<br>Harrisburg, PA<br>COST: \$300.00<br>DATES: April 18-19, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A                                    |
| 15. | Scott Greco      | Schools Shaping the Culture of Sports<br>University of Scranton<br>COST: \$90.00<br>DATES: March 6, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12  |
| 16. | Dennis Hricenak  | Schools Shaping the Culture of Sports<br>University of Scranton<br>COST: \$90.00<br>DATES: March 6, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 17. | Cathy Opshinsky  | PDE Conference<br>Hershey, PA<br>COST: \$680.00<br>DATES: March 6-8, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: March, 11                          |
| 18. | Eleanor Langan   | Pennsbury Falcon Tournament<br>Fairless Hills, PA<br>COST: \$1204.24<br>DATES: February 1-2, 2013<br>LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Dec., 12   |

19. Eleanor Langan SCFL Practice  
Abington Heights High School  
COST: \$120.00  
DATES: January 26, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Dec., 12
20. Gayle Plevyak LETRS for Educators  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$48.00  
DATES: March 19 & April 9, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13
21. Kathryn Cawley Language Teacher Workshop  
University of Scranton  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: April 29, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: April, 09
22. Lara Rink Language Teacher Workshop  
University of Scranton  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: April 29, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: April, 12
23. Nancy Cangemi PBIS Implementers Forum  
Hershey, PA  
COST: \$570.00  
DATES: May 29-30, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12
24. Patricia A. Carr Common Core Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: May 23, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13
25. Nora Phillips ELA Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$20.00  
DATES: April 29, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
26. Lisa Rescigno ELA Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$110.00  
DATES: April 29, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12
27. Rachelle Waibel ELA Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$110.00  
DATES: April 29, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 2011
28. Nancianne Garofalo ELA Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$110.00  
DATES: April 29, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
29. William Wright ELA Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$110.00  
DATES: April 29, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
30. Kim Mecca Child Accounting Prof. Assoc.  
Hershey, PA  
COST: \$1071.00  
DATES: March 25-27, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Dec., 12
31. Lisa R. McConlogue Fiesta-val Choir Invitational  
Williamsburg, VA  
COST: \$805.00  
DATES: April 10-14, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 13

32.

Lisa Regan

Brainsteps CMI Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$108.65  
DATES: January 15, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A

10-J-2 Superintendent’s Report No. 1219 – Resignations

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

RESIGNATIONS

NONCERTIFIED:

Harold Bauer  
Custodian  
South Scranton Intermediate School  
Years of Service – 33.3

Effective: March 31, 2013

James Coyle  
Groundskeeper  
Stadium  
Years of Service—34.10

Effective: March 12, 2013

COACHING:

Meyers, Joseph  
Junior Varsity Softball Coach  
West Scranton High School

Effective: March 8, 2013

10-J-3 Superintendent’s Report No. 1220 – Leaves of Absences

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

PROFESSIONAL

1. Emily A. Coleman  
3/18/13—6/14/13

ESL/English  
Scranton High School

Child Rearing  
Without Pay

Date of Appointment – 8/28/2006

Family Medical Leave—12-12-12 – 3/15/13
2. Georgeanne Mattise  
03/01/2013—06/14/2013

Kindergarten  
Tripp #49

Extension/Special/Health  
Without Pay

Date of Appointment –10/19/2005

Family/Medical Leave—9/28/2011  
Special/Health Leave—12/21/2011—6/20/2012  
Special/Health Leave---8/29/12—2/28/2013
3. Renee Miller  
3/4/13—5/23/13

Kindergarten  
Morris #27 School

Family/Medical Leave  
Without Pay

Date of Appointment – 8/30/2004

Family/Medical Leave 11/17/2016—2/8/2007  
Child Rearing Leave 2/9/2007—6/8/2007  
Family/Medical Leave 4/14/2009—6/16/2009
- 4.Shannon Thatcher  
4/8/13—6/13/13

Grade 1  
McNichols Plaza

Family/Medical Leave  
Without Pay

Date of Appointment—9-2-2008

No other Leave of Absence
- 5.Keating, Jennifer  
3/27/13—until further notice

Grade 2  
Prescott #38

Extension/Family/Medical  
Leave/Without Pay

Date of Appointment 8/28/2006

Family Medical Leave 10/9/2012—12/7/2012  
Family Medical Leave 1/3/2013—3/27/2013

NONCERTIFIED

- 1.Kelleher, Suzanne  
3/25/13—6/14/13

Guidance Clerk  
South Scranton Intermediate School

Maternity Leave

Date of Appointment—9/1/2005

No other Leave of Absence

1. Gabriel, Michael  
3/16/2013—Until further notice

Custodian  
West Scranton Intermediate

Family/Medical  
Leave/Health  
Without Pay

Date of Appointment – 6/11/1999

No other leave of Absence

10-M-1    Submission of Plancon F Construction Documents

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

WHEREAS, the Plan Con parts A (Project Justification) and B (Schematic Design) have been submitted to and approved by the Department of Education for the Lincoln-Jackson Academy renovation project, and

WHEREAS, Plan Con parts D (Project accounting based on estimates) and E (Design Development Review) have been approved for submission and review by the Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board authorizes The Palumbo Group to prepare and submit Plan Con part “F” (Construction Documents Review) forms, for submittal to the Department of Education for further review of the project’s eligibility for state reimbursement.

President O’Shea now moved to non consent agenda items.

LABOR RELATION COMMITTEE

Director Shrive indicated that resolution 10-H-1 has been pulled for further negotiations.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Director Ruane presented the following for consideration, 10-J-4, Superintendent’s Report No. 1221, Appointments/Assignments:

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

APPOINTMENT:

1. Gina Colarossi

Director of Special Education and Support Services  
Salary in accordance with Act 93 Agreement

ASSIGNMENTS:

Substitute Teaching Assignments – It is recommended that the substitutes listed below be assigned to the positions indicated at the established rate:

1. Arcuri, Megan	Grade 3 South Scranton Intermediate	Long term Substitute from 2/5/13 and continuing until 5/3/13
2. Bagonis, Jessica	Art Prescott and Kennedy Schools	Long term Substitute from 2/5/13 and continuing until further notice
3. Bouton, Christine	Special Education Scranton High School	Long term Substitute from 3/12/2013 continuing until further notice

ASSIGNMENT:

4. DiRienzo, Jennifer	Preschool McNichols Plaza School	Long term Substitute from 2/4/13 and continuing until further notice
5. Gammaitoni, Christine	Grade 1 Plaza	Long term Substitute from 1/2/13 to 5/3/13
6. Gentilezza, Christopher	Special Education Kennedy School	Long term Substitute from 1/23/13 and continuing until further notice
7. Rinaldi, Melissa	Grade 3 Adams School	Long term Substitute and continuing until further notice



8. Roche, Lauren	Special Education West Scranton Intermediate	Long term Substitute from 2/1/13 and continuing until further notice
9. Smith, Megan	English/ESL Scranton High School	Long term Substitute from 3/18/13 and continuing until 6/14/13

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

ALSO

Director Ruane presented the following for consideration, 10-J-5, Personnel Committee Appointment:

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the following individuals be appointed to the positions indicated. Salaries in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Michelle Bloom	Clerk/LPN Itinerant
Ida Maconeghy	Clerk/LPN Itinerant
Maureen Williams	205 Clerk Robert Morris #27 School
Amy Mitchell	205 Clerk Tripp Elementary
Matthew Gavern	Custodian/Floater McNichols Plaza
John Moskwa	Custodian/Floater Prescott #38

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

PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Director Lesh presented the following for consideration, 10-L-1, Purchase of Vehicle for Maintenance Day Supervisor:

Be it Resolved that the Members of the Scranton School Board approve the purchase of:

One (1) 2013 Ford Escape (U9G) 4WD Vehicle

Vendor:  
Municipal Equipment Enterprises  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ  
Cost \$24, 024.25

PA State Contract #PA4400010458

For use by the Maintenance Department of the Scranton School District.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Director Fox presented the following for consideration, 10-M-2, Approve Construction Manager for Lincoln-Jackson Alternative School as follows:

It is the recommendation of the Building & Grounds Committee that the following be considered for adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Quandel Group Inc. be appointed as Construction Managers for the Renovations and Constructions for the Lincoln-Jackson Alternative School Project and any other Projects as deemed necessary by the Board of School Directors. The terms and conditions will be reviewed and approved by the Special Construction Counsel, District Solicitor, Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent/Finance. Upon completion of review final contract will be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Director Ruane presented (10-N-1) ODR File Number 13250 12-13 for approval, seconded by Director Sheridan and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Director Ruane presented (10-N-2) ODR File Number 13442-1213AS for approval, seconded by Director Shrive and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Director Sheridan presented the following for consideration, 10-P-1, Approve Solicitor negotiations regarding cameras on buses:

It is the recommendation of the Transportation Committee that the following resolution be approved;

WHEREAS, there have been violations of the Bus Vehicle Safety Code.

WHEREAS, the Solicitor for the School District has an opportunity to meet and negotiate with the Solicitor for the City of Scranton and a company wishes to provide cameras for our school buses to enhance revenue for the City of Scranton and the Scranton School District.

WHEREAS, bus vehicle safety is a primary concern for the District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solicitor for the District negotiate with the Solicitor for the City of Scranton and the Bus camera company to negotiate a Resolution of the City to enforce Bus Vehicle Safety violations, and enhance revenue for the City of Scranton and the Scranton School District.

The resolution was seconded by Director Fox.

#### ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan expressed confusion over the resolution because when it was first discussed Chief Graziano was present and said that the state would have to change some laws before the police department would be able to enforce anything.

Director Sheridan explained that this resolution would only approve the solicitors to meet regarding city ordinances.

Director Shrive noted that a key party is missing from the resolution which is an attorney for PENNDOT and for that reason he will be voting against the resolution.

Director Sheridan asked for a motion for a friendly amendment to include an attorney from PENNDOT.

Director Lesh seconded the friendly amendment.

Director McGuigan indicated she would be voting no because there also is no time limit on negotiations and if nothing becomes of it we've already paid a lot of money for nothing.

The resolution including the amendment for an attorney from PENNDOT passed with six (6) affirmative and two (2) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors McGuigan and Shrive.

Director Sheridan spoke in favor of the cameras because he feels it is a win-win situation for the school district and the city because they will both be receiving 12% of the revenue brought in from violations.

Director McGuigan made a motion for another friendly amendment to include a time limit of twenty (20) hours that our solicitor spends on these negotiations.

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

President O'Shea asked for roll call for the final resolution that includes an attorney from PENNDOT and a time limit for our solicitor to spend on the above.

The resolution passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Director Sheridan presented the following for consideration, 10-P-2, Approve Draft Traffic Study Proposal as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors in recognizing the concerns of our parents, students, neighbors, teachers and administrators with respect to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our students, due to traffic concerns at arrival and dismissal times, authorized Bogart Engineering to conduct traffic studies at three elementary schools, and

WHEREAS, Bogart Engineering has completed a draft traffic study proposal for the Isaac Tripp Elementary School for the Board's consideration, and

WHEREAS, Bogart Engineering expects to have the draft traffic study proposals available for Whittier and Willard Elementary Schools for the Board's review within two weeks, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board approves the draft traffic study proposal presented by Bogart Engineering for the Isaac Tripp Elementary School.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Director McGuigan responded to the playground issue at Whittier and suggested maybe the children could use the park down the street for recess, if it's an option, maybe at least for lunch time to release some of their excess energy.

Director McGuigan asked Mr. Jeff Brazil about one of the new trucks that was purchased for the plumbers and is now out of service.

Mr. Brazil said that according to Gibbons Ford there was some kind of contaminant in the gas tank.

Director McGuigan asked if Gibbons felt it was a result of where we purchase the gas or was it something else.

Mr. Brazil said they think something was placed in the gas tank. There haven't been issues with any other vehicle but that one.

Director McGuigan asked Mr. Brazil if he would be conducting an investigation and it doesn't sound as if it will be something that will be covered under warranty.

Mr. Brazil said locking gas caps will be installed.

A brief discussion now took place regarding where the vehicles are parked.

At this time, President O'Shea announced that due to long hours and traveling, as a result of his employment and duties for Pennsylvania Army National Guard, he will be resigning his position as a member of the Scranton School Board. President O'Shea added that it would not be fair to the entire school district if he were to stay on the board and not be able to give 100%.

President O'Shea thanked the teachers and maintenance unions for the outstanding job they do providing a great education for our students and a great place for them to attend school.

President O'Shea also thanked the administration, Mr. King, Attorney Minora, Secretary Orr and of course his best supporters, his family and his wife Chrissy for putting up with him attending all these meetings.

President O'Shea asked for a motion to adjourn. Director Lesh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Shrive. The meeting concluded at 7:55pm.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary