

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

A Special Meeting of the Scranton School Board of Directors for the purpose of Buildings and Grounds, Education and Labor Relations was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

President O'Shea called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

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

Absent: Directors Lesh and McGuigan.

Communications to the Board

An Executive session was held this evening to discuss personnel, real estate and potential litigation.

A motion to accept June 11, 2012 through September 4, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Director Shrive, seconded by Director Ruane and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Barrett.

WHEREAS, certain real property owned by the United States of America, located in the County of Lackawanna, State of PA, has been declared surplus to the needs of the Federal government and is subject to assignment for disposal for educational purposes by the Secretary of Education, under the provisions of Section 203(k)(1)(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377) (Act), as amended, and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, more particularly described as follows:

Description of property requested

CSM Samuel P. Serrenti Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center (USARC)
1801 Pine Street
Scranton, PA 18510

Located in the Hill Section of Scranton, PA the former Serrenti Army Reserve Center is a property subject to the Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure procedure. The property consists of a relatively flat site of approximately 2 acres situated at the intersection of Colfax Avenue and Pine Street. The property is also bound by E. Gibson Street and a vacant lot at the edge of Nay Aug Park. Contained within the property is a two story 23,000 square foot red brick facility. The site is enclosed with chain link fence and its surfaces are of concrete, bituminous pavement, and grass planting strips along Colfax Avenue and Pine Street.

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District needs and can utilize said property for educational purposes in accordance with the requirements of said Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder of which this Board is fully informed, including commitments regarding use and time within such use shall commence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School District, shall make application to the Secretary of Education for, and secure the transfer to it of, the above mentioned property for said use upon and subject to such exceptions, reservations, terms, covenants, agreements, conditions and restrictions as the Secretary of Education, or his authorized representative may require in connection with the disposal of said property under said Act and rules and regulations issued thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Scranton School District has legal authority and is willing and is in a position financially and otherwise to assume immediate care and maintenance of the property, and that William F. King, Superintendent, is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Scranton School District to do and perform any and all acts and things which may be necessary to carry out the foregoing resolution including the preparing, making and filing of plans, applications, reports and other documents; the execution, acceptance, delivery and recordation of agreements, deeds and other instruments pertaining to the transfer of said property; and the payment of any and all sums necessary on account of the purchase price thereof including fees or costs incurred in connection with the transfer of said property for surveys, title searches, real estate appraisals, recordation of instruments or costs associated with escrow arrangements; together with any payments necessary by virtue of nonuse or deferral of use of the property. If the applicant is unable to place the property into use (or determines that a deferral of use should occur), IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the Scranton School District will pay to the United States Department of Education for each month of nonuse beginning twelve (12) months after the date of the deed, or thirty-six (36) months where construction or major renovation is contemplated, the sum of 1/360th of the then current fair market value of the property for each month of nonuse.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Scranton School Board hereby authorizes the Board Secretary to sign the attached agreement for submission of the Application for Public Benefit Allowance Acquisition of Surplus Federal Real Property for Educational Purposes.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Barrett.

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

WHEREAS, this Committee was duly authorized to conduct an expulsion hearing in the matter of Expulsion No. 30 of 2012 and;

WHEREAS, the Committee after due notice to the student of the charges alleged and after affording the student the opportunity to challenge the same at time of informal hearing, as well as a full hearing;

DOES HEREBY RECOMMEND that the student be expelled as set forth in the report previously presented for your consideration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the student identified in this resolution as Expulsion No. 30 of 2012 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

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

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G20-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby granted.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Shrive indicated he would be abstaining due to the resolution involving a family member.

The resolution was seconded by Director Ruane and passed with six (6) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director Shrive abstained.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G21-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby granted.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Shrive indicated he would again be abstaining due to the resolution involving a family member.

The resolution was seconded by Director Martinelli and passed with six (6) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director Shrive abstained.

ALSO

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G24-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby granted.

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

ALSO

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G22-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby denied.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Fox.

It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the concerns of our parents, 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, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recently authorized the Superintendent of Schools to request a traffic study proposal from Bogart Engineering to conduct traffic studies at Isaac Tripp, John G. Whittier and Francis Willard Elementary Schools, and

WHEREAS, Bogart Engineering has proposed to conduct a traffic study (see attached) at each of the three elementary schools, (Tripp, Whittier & Willard) at a total cost of \$12,600.00, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board approves the traffic study proposal presented by Bogart Engineering and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the contract authorizing Bogart Engineering to commence with their work on these traffic studies.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Fox.

It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the following resolution be approved:

Be it resolved that the Scranton School District approve change order #6 for the credit amount of \$4,590.00 for the Administration Building Paving/Fencing Project.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Fox.

It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the following resolution be approved:

Be it resolved that the Scranton School District approve a change order be approved to furnish and install (1) additional 225 amp Enclosed Breaker to feed the New Dimming System, and remove the existing Panel Boards. Also replace existing lamps in the ceiling fixtures for the South Intermediate State Lighting Project.

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

ALSO

It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the following resolution be approved:

Be it resolved that the West Intermediate School Gym Floor Stabilization, additional work and grout quantities, be approved as per the attached proposal submitted by the Peters Design Group, District Engineers.

ON THE QUESTION:

President O’Shea asked for an explanation for the additional work.

Mr. Rich Scheller, Geo-Science Engineering and Mr. Gene Peters, Peters Design Group explained what happened with the mine grouting and that the ash materials are very loose and it was not something they could have predicted was going to happen.

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

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Shrive, seconded by Director Fox and the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

By: _____
Secretary