

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

A Special Meeting of the Scranton School Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Prescott Elementary School for the purpose of air quality results at Prescott Elementary School.

Director Barrett, Vice President, 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.

Absent: Directors McGuigan, O'Shea and President Lesh.

Director Barrett explained the purpose of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Superintendent William F. King and Mr. Joe Guzek of Guzek Associates.

Mr. King and Mr. Guzek spoke of the air quality testing results and recommendations.

Mr. King spoke of the possibility of an extended school day with the approval of PDE and SFT which would end the Prescott Elementary School year on May 17, 2013 so that the work at Prescott can begin sooner than June, 2013. The school day would begin at 8:05am and end at 3:00pm.

Director Barrett now asked if the public has any input.

Jaime Hailstone – Parent, thanked all for taking a bad situation and making it better and thinks it is ideal to keep the children here at Prescott and stressed continued communication.

Jennifer Davis, parent of two Prescott students, echoed Mr. Hailstone and looks forward to working with everyone so the children can stay at Prescott.

Michael McGrath, had some questions regarding the extended school year, if there has been any conversations with child psychologists or doctors regarding extra hours for children, child care issues at end of school year, and Attorney Minora's internal investigation.

Mr. King addressed Mr. McGrath's concerns.

Attorney Minora also addressed Mr. McGrath's questions regarding the investigation.

Some questions arose from the audience from unknown parents regarding children at other schools being dismissed at the same time and questions of when the work would begin.

Mr. Joe Guzek addressed.

HEATH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

The Health and Safety Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recently received (October 10th) an updated microbial air quality assessment for William Prescott Elementary School from Guzek Associates which states the following: "The microbiological lab results for each sampled area inside the building do no indicate the presence of active mold growth, or an airborne microbial concern. Rather, find that each of these environments are acceptable for normal occupancy by students, teachers, and visitors. It is our opinion that these acceptable results can be attributed to the spot remediation in the Basement Multi-Purpose Room and the enhanced cleaning activities conducted by maintenance and outside contractor's staffs." (see attached) and

WHEREAS, based on these positive air quality results and assurances by Guzek Associates that these positive air quality assessments are proven to be acceptable for normal occupancy by students,

teachers, and visitors, the Board of Education wishes to allow students, teachers and staff to remain at Prescott Elementary School for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Board further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to develop an extended school day calendar for Prescott Elementary School, which will allow the students and teachers to complete their PDE required 900 instructional hours by Friday, May 17, 2013, so as to allow for the extra time needed for construction and remediation work to be completed during the extended summer break, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board approves the recommendation of Guzek Associates, which finds that the environments are acceptable for normal occupancy by students, teachers and visitors and that these conditions can be maintained until the building can be vacated in the spring of 2013, when work will begin for construction and remediation of any problem areas.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM

By: _____
Secretary