

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 in the auditorium of Scranton High School, 63 Munchak Way, Scranton, PA 18508.

President Lesh called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upon roll call by the Secretary the following Directors were present; Barrett, Martinelli, McGuigan, O'Shea, Ruane, Sheridan, Shrive and President Lesh. Absent: Director Fox. (Arrived at 7:11pm)

Communications to the Board:

The Scranton School Board of Directors held executive sessions on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 6:00pm to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation and on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 5:30pm to discuss real estate, personnel and potential litigation.

At this time President Lesh announced there will be a five (5) minute time limitation on each speaker to allow time for everyone to speak.

Mary Ann Wardell, spoke on the following:

- Disappointment with the Board regarding Prescott.
- Resignations and if the jobs will be advertised or posted.
- Internal investigation regarding Prescott and the consequences.

Mr. William King and Attorney Minora addressed.

Carol Thomas, spoke of the following:

- Personal issue with Bell Game fireworks that only went off when Scranton High players entered the field but not for West players and thinks West deserves an apology whether or not it was inadvertent.
- Communication with both unions.
- Critics on the radio about staffing.
- Number of people representing two shifts.
- Proper equipment.
- Would like to arrange a meeting with the Labor Relations Committee.

Luann Lord, backed up Mrs. Thomas' comments and also spoke on the following:

- Level of respect.
- Communication.
- Scheduling mandatory meetings with maintenance staff.

Ruth Romanowski, PTA President, spoke on the following:

- Certified maintenance staff to inspect for mold.
- Attorney to conduct internal investigation other than Attorney Minora.

Mrs. Carol Thomas and Director O'Shea responded that they will be getting people in place to inspect.

Attorney Minora stated he is gathering facts to present to the board, not drawing any conclusions and is he is able to do that in an unbiased way.

President Lesh said that regardless of who does the investigation it will be the board's decision.

Director Ruane responded that although he sits with the board he is not a member of the board and he has always been honest and does a fantastic job as solicitor.

Director Sheridan also spoke on behalf of Attorney Minora and how much money he has saved the district and congratulated Mr. Minora on how the board has moved forward.

Melissa Eckenrode, two children from Whittier and also held seat on the PTA spoke on the following:

- Whittier Elementary is an awesome, state of the art building but playground is absent, the children cannot play in a parking lot or mud pit.
- Enrollment at Whittier has grown.
- Too many kids with no-where to play
- Whittier capacity.
- Invited board members to visit and see what children go through.

Director Sheridan responded that he met with Mr. Brazil, the principal.....and they are working on a permanent solution.

Director Sheridan also spoke of roofing issues at Whittier.

Mr. King addressed Whittier capacity, the art room and the music room, and Whittier boundaries.

Director Barrett inquired when the last time the boundaries were revisited and perhaps they should be looked at again.

President Lesh said that he has visited Whittier and it will be addressed.

Director Shrive asked for a district wide study for boundaries.

Joe Guzek, Guzek Associates provided update for Prescott:

- General clean up
- Wet around radiators
- Soft below some areas of carpeting
- Line by line review with Mr. Brazil and will discontinue reason for testing and until clean up is done cannot tell air quality.
- Sampled every room and the results are very good with no amplification in 2nd floor boys bathroom.
- Basement/cafeteria/multi-purpose room.
- 30 rooms – very good results.
- Extensive report turned in to Mr. King and Mr. Brazil.
- Cleaning has produced very good results.
- Basement wall is going dormant.
- Air quality came back very acceptable.

Director Sheridan asked Mr. King to get together with Mr. Guzek about scheduling tests.

Matt Barrett, parent at Prescott spoke of the following:

- Last week's meeting regarding Prescott.
- Communication to parents.
- Possibility and risks of students staying at Prescott.
- Parent Group meeting.
- Significant move and feels good the report came back so good.
- Availability of Guzek Associates.

In response to the above:

Directors indicated that Mr. Justin MacGregor will be available to convey information; the possibility of a special meeting after the results of testing in the event we do not have to move the children; having to move the kids while work is being done because the mold will become airborne; and the possibility that work can be delayed until Christmas break.

Sarene O'Malley and Elizabeth Salcedo parents of Scranton High School spoke on the following:

- Scranton High football.
- Children are not treated fairly.
- Nineteen coaches on the field; we only pay for seven; others are relatives of players.

- Kids are not getting their fair play time.
- Coaches are “chewing” on the field.

Mr. King, Director Sheridan, Director McGuigan and President Lesh all spoke about sportsmanship and tryouts and gives a lot of credit to the kids for speaking up.

Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Community Relations updated the board on upcoming events in the county and if there is anything the Scranton School District would like to add to the county website to let him know.

President Lesh suggested he speak to Mr. Justin MacGregor.

Bob Bolus, spoke on the following:

- Commended Guzek Associates.
- Cause of mold.
- Educational process.
- Suggested Guzek hold a class with maintenance and educate them what to look for.
- Mold is preventable and prevention is the best way to go.
- Keep clean facility.
- High School football.

ATHLETICS AND STADIUM COMMITTEE

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

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 academically and athletically, and

WHEREAS, Jake McCarthy, a sophomore on the Scranton High School Football Team was honored as a Times/Tribune Athlete of the Week for his outstanding effort in week three (9-14-12), in a 34-14 road victory over Wyoming Valley West, and

WHEREAS, Jake, a two way starter at Tailback/Free Safety set a school record for rushing yards in a single game, 277 yards and he also scored 5 touchdowns including runs of 80, 62, and 54 yards, and

WHEREAS, Jake, so far this season leads the area in yards rushing with 799, and touchdowns with 16, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board is extended to Jake McCarthy, to his parents Joe & Jo Ann McCarthy, as well as Head Football Coach, Mike Marichak, his assistant coaches and all of his teachers at Scranton High School.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

It is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be considered:

The list of bill payments in accordance with the bill payment approval policy be approved as per the attached:

October 9, 2012

\$2,152,124.26

ALSO

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

It is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be considered:

The Exception Bill List and the Summer Bill Payment as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended October 9, 2012 be approved as per the attached:

Be it resolved that exception and summer bill payments in the amount of \$13,895,402.44 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

SUMMER

June 22, 2012	\$2,081,646.02
July 6, 2012	\$2,431,236.99
July 22, 2012	\$1,685,222.19
August 3, 2012	\$ 967,839.08
August 17, 2012	\$1,811,293.38
August 31, 2012	\$3,027,190.80

EXCEPTIONS

September 14, 2012	\$ 303,480.98
September 28, 2012	\$1,442,259.86
October 5, 2012	\$ 145,233.14

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$17,474,789.30 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

June 22, 2012	\$4,420,107.34
July 6, 2012	\$1,836,299.50
July 20, 2012	\$1,830,284.96
August 3, 2012	\$2,131,170.91
August 17, 2012	\$1,826,630.38
August 31, 2012	\$ 579,504.21
September 14, 2012	\$2,413,610.13
September 28, 2012	\$2,437,181.87

ALSO

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

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

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2012 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$17,606,784.63
Monthly Revenue	\$13,829,784.01
Transfer and Refunds	\$ 812,433.26
 TOTAL AVAILABLE	 \$32,249,001.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$12,582,106.67
 BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	 \$19,666,895.23

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan, seconded by Director O’Shea and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Budget & Finance Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delinquent Tax Report for the Month of August 2012 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax:	\$ 332,044.24
Penalty	<u>\$ 77,544.88</u>
TOTAL	\$ 409,589.12
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 20,479.69</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 389,109.43

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan, seconded by Director Sheridan and passed with seven (7) affirmative and two (2) abstentions. Director Shrive and Director Sheridan abstained due to work they perform for Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau.

It is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the following resolution be approved;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the rule of state tax law and particular section 627, certain properties and improvements offered at the Lackawanna County Judicial Sale in February 2011 were not sold. Accordingly, Mr. Ron Koldjeski of the Lackawanna Tax Claim Bureau has advised that offers have been made on the following properties located in the county’s real estate repository and that the same properties were approved for sale by the School Board:

1316 – 1318 Vine Street - Pin No: 15710020027- \$3,500 – Peter Chiappini
108 Kurtz Street – Pin No: 15707040013 - \$3,301 – David Wintermute
1117 ½ North Main Avenue – Pin No: 13419030036 – RM and S Realty
417 South Hyde Park Avenue – Pin No: 15605060029 - \$2,582.60 – Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the above referenced property for a repository sale pursuant to the real estate tax sale law and section 627 of said act. This resolution is subject to the approval of other taxing bodies.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Shrive and Director Sheridan indicated that they would be abstaining due to work they perform for the Tax Claim Bureau.

Director McGuigan asked for the dollar amount for 1117 ½ North Main Avenue.

Attorney Minora addressed and would get the amount as soon as possible.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following was submitted by Director Barrett, seconded by Director Fox and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

WHEREAS, this committee was duly authorized to conduct expulsion hearings in the matter of Expulsions Nos. 17,20,21 and 22 of 2012 and;

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the students identified in this resolution as Expulsions No. 17,20,21 and 22 of 2012 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

The Labor Relations Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your Consideration;

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton and the Service Employees International Union 32 BJ have been involved in contract negotiations;

WHEREAS, the parties have reached an agreement in this matter upon the terms and conditions previously provided for your consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Service Employees International Union 32 BJ contract as attached hereto, be approved upon the terms and conditions as described, and the Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

Director Shrive commended the maintenance, clerical and food service employees for their hard work and support that they provide for district and the community at large.

President Lesh echoed Director Shrive's comments.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

ASSIGNMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1202

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

APPOINTMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL:

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| 1. Art (.5 Schedule) | |
| Zigon, Sara | 243 Gager Road, Honesdale, PA 18431 |
| 2. Special Education | |
| Miller, Jennifer | 216 Grove St., Avoca, PA 18641 |

ASSIGNMENT:

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| 1. Health and Safety Wellness Committee--Replacement | |
| Melissa LeStrange | School Nurse |

ALSO

The follow was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Shrive and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO. 1203

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ADMINISTRATIVE

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| 1. | Linda E. DeMuth
9/20/2012 – 3/20/2013 | Principal
Armstrong #40 | Extension/Sabbatical/
Restoration of Health
With Pay |
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Date of Appointment – 8/14/1006

Sabbatical/Restoration of Health

PROFESSIONAL

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| 1. | Nadine Cabets
11/26/2012 – 2/19/2013 | Grade 6
Northeast Intermediate | Family/Medical Leave
Without Pay |
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Date of Appointment – 8/25/2003

No other Leave of Absence

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| 2. | Bryn Grabowski
10/1/2012 – 12/23/2012 | Grade 3
Whittier #2 School | Family/Medical Leave
Without Pay |
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No other Leave of Absence

NONCERTIFIED

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|----|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | Rose Lesh
10/4/2012 – 10/31/2012 | Clerk
Administration Building | Family/Medical Leave
Without Pay |
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Date of Appointment – 2/4/2003

No other Leave of Absence

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Fox and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO. 1204

RESIGNATIONS

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

Noncertified

1. Rosemary Kline
Receptionist
Administration Building

Years of Service – 24.5

Effective: April 30, 2013
2. Audrey Ryan
Library Clerk
Scranton High School

Years of Service – 27.7

Effective: December 31, 2012
3. Carolyn Allen
Custodian
Kennedy #7 School

Years of Service – 26.0

Effective: October 19, 2012
4. Sharon O'Donnell
Custodian
West Scranton High School

Years of Service – 28.3

Effective: September 14, 2012

Director Lesh recognized the individuals retiring, thanked them for their many years of service and wished them good health and longevity.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Fox and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1205

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

RESCINDING OF LEAVE

Non-Certified

1. David Loscombe
7/23/2012 – 10/15/2012
Family/Medical Leave
Custodian/ Sumner #18 School
Board Approved – 8/20/2012

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director O'Shea and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) negative vote. Director Ruane cast the negative vote.

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

Vincent C. Bianca III, MD	School Physician
	Salary:

Director McGuigan questioned the salary of the School Physician. Mr. King addressed.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Barrett and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PERMISSION TO ATTEND MEETINGS

1. Judy Ann Gruen Chickillo Common Core Math Algebra I
NEIU #19
COST: \$450.00
DATES: Oct. 30, Nov. 29, 2012
Jan. 22, Feb. 7 & 28, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May, 12
2. Susan Decker Common Core Math Algebra I
NEIU #19
COST: \$450.00
DATES: Oct. 30, Nov. 29, 2012
Jan. 22, Feb. 7 & 28, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 04
3. Abigail Hankee Common Core Math Algebra I
NEIU #19
COST: \$450.00
DATES: Oct. 30, Nov. 29, 2012
Jan. 22, Feb. 7 & 28, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 10
4. Melissa Tucker Common Core Math Algebra I
NEIU #19
COST: \$450.00
DATES: Oct. 30, Nov. 29, 2012
Jan. 22, Feb. 7 & 28, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 09
5. Renee Stevens Common Core Math Algebra I
NEIU #19
COST: \$450.00
DATES: Oct. 30, Nov. 29, 2012
Jan. 22, Feb. 7 & 28, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Oct., 11
6. Douglas Nardella Common Core Math Algebra I
NEIU #19
COST: \$450.00
DATES: Oct. 30, Nov. 29, 2012
Jan. 22, Feb. 7 & 28, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
7. Brenda Holzman Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Genetti's, Wilkes-Barre, PA
COST: \$55.00
DATES: September 14, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A

8. Kathleen O'Donnell Common Core: English Language Arts
NEIU #19
COST: \$90.00
DATES: October 3, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
9. Jason O'Hearn Golf Districts
COST: \$180.00
DATES: September 19 & October 8, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 12
10. Lynn Harrison Common Core Training Workshop
NEIU #19
COST: \$450.00
DATES: Oct. 3, Nov.8, 2012
Jan. 10, Feb. 5 & 26, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
11. Anne Salerno Common Core & Beyond Workshop
Liverpool, NY
COST: \$990.00
DATES: October 28-30, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
12. Kim Mecca Annual NAPSA
Philadelphia, PA
COST: \$1133.25
DATES: October 21-24, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May, 12
13. M. Irene Rose Support Group Facilitators Training
NEIU #19
COST: \$380.00
DATES: November 1-2, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Nov., 09
14. Leslie Lempke Non Violent Crisis Intervention
NEIU #19
COST: \$180.00
DATES: December 10&13, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
15. Eleanor Langan SCFL Practice Tournament
Wallenpaupack High School
COST: \$230.00
DATES: December 1, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12
16. Eleanor Langan Early Bird Tournament
Shikellamy High School
COST: \$200.00
DATES: October 27, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12
17. Maggie Newcomb Ending Sexual Violence
Marywood University
COST: \$75.00
DATES: October 11, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A

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| 18. | Brenda Holzman | Ending Sexual Violence
Marywood University
COST: \$75.00
DATES: October 11, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 19. | Brenda Holzman | No Such Thing as a Bad Kid
Marywood University
COST: \$100.00
DATES: October 26, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 20. | Maggie Newcomb | No Such Thing as a Bad Kid
Marywood University
COST: \$100.00
DATES: October 26, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 21. | Ann Nicastro | Training Math Coarse Update
Washington D.C.
COST: \$160.00
DATES: October 19-21, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: June, 12 |
| 22. | Mario Emiliani | AFT Thinking Math Course Update
Washington, D.C.
COST: \$190.00
DATES: October 19-21, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May, 12 |
| 23. | Lisa Goodwin | Reading Network
NEIU #19
COST: \$180.00
DATES: October 23 & December 11, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: June, 12 |
| 24. | Lisa Goodwin | Common Core LA
NEIU #19
COST: \$90.00
DATES: November 5, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: June, 12 |
| 25. | Kay LaCoe | Common Core Math
NEIU #19
COST: \$270.00
DATES: October 2 & November 6, 2012
January 8, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Sept., 11 |
| 26. | Elizabeth DeFrancesco | Reading Network
NEIU #19
COST: \$270.00
DATES: October 23 & December 6, 2012
Another date TBD
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 09 |
| 27. | Elizabeth DeFrancesco | Common Core-ELA
NEIU #19
COST: \$90.00
DATES: November 5, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 09 |

28. Lenore Boyle Common Core Math
NEIU #19
COST: \$270.00
DATES: Sept. 25, Oct. 23 & Dec. 11, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
29. Jennelle Wasilchak Non Violent Crisis Intervention
NEIU #19
COST: \$90.00
DATES: February 7, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: June, 12
30. Joseph Hanni PAESSP Conference
Pittsburgh, PA
COST: \$1271.00
DATES: October 21-23, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
31. Amy Sekol SLO Training
NEIU #19
COST: \$90.00
DATES: October 12, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May, 12
32. Ann Nicastro Common Core Math
NEIU #19
COST: \$270.00
DATES: October 9 & November 13, 2012
January 15, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: June, 2012
33. Angela Stefani Common Core Math
NEIU #19
COST: \$270.00
DATES: October 11 & November 15, 2012
January 17, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
34. Penny Dougher Common Core Workshop
NEIU #19
COST: \$270.00
DATES: October 11 & November 15, 2012
January 17, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12
35. Deborah Coyle Common Core Math
NEIU #19
COST: \$270.00
DATES: October 11 & November 15, 2012
January 17, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 03
36. Gayle Plevyak School Psych Consortium
NEIU #19
COST: \$20.00
DATES: September 20, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May, 12

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Barrett and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the job description for Justin MacGregor, Inventory Control Technician, be amended to include the title of Community Outreach Liaison. The Community Outreach Liaison, Mr. MacGregor will report directly to the Superintendent of Schools, who will approve all communications to the public and press. There will be no change in the current salary.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan thinks the Community Outreach Liaison is a great idea but wants to make sure it is not stifling Mr. King's ability to speak to the press.

President Lesh addressed that anything Mr. MacGregor speaks to the press about would need to be approved by Mr. King.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Barrett and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

It is the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the following resolution be approved:

Be it resolved that the Scranton School District approve a change order be approved to dig areas down to remove soft materials and place oversize stone to stabilize areas at a cost of \$1,725.00.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Fox asked the location of the change orders.

Jeff Brazil addressed that it is for the parking lot at the Administration Building and there were a number of change orders due to the sub surface of the lot.

ALSO

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

It is the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the following resolution be approved:

Be it resolved that the Scranton School District approve a change order be approved include the addition of two classrooms for the Neil Armstrong Roof Replacement Project.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan asked for an update of the roof project at Neil Armstrong.

Mr. Jeff Brazil addressed.

ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director Fox and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors authorizes the Peters Design Group and Civil Design Partners to prepare drawings, documents and bid specifications for the McNichols Plaza sub-surface project.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Sheridan inquired about water run-off into the school area.

Mr. Jeff Brazil addressed.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan, seconded by Director O'Shea and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Intermediate School Auditorium lighting project, be approved, as per the attached proposal.

SEE ATTACHMENT

ON THE QUESTION:

Mr. Jeff Brazil informed the board of the need for the updates to the lighting in the auditorium at South Intermediate.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors authorizes the Palumbo Group to prepare any drawings, documents and/or specifications to be submitted to both the Scranton Redevelopment Authority and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as they relate to the district's interest in obtaining the Serranti US Army Reserve Center property located at 1801 Pine Street, Scranton, PA

The resolution was seconded by Director O'Shea and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan inquired about the property.

President Lesh and Mr. King addressed.

At this time Director Sheridan asked Mr. Paul Dougherty, Principal at West Scranton Intermediate and Mr. Gene Peters, Peters Design Group to update the board regarding the gym floor at West Intermediate and performing the work at night.

Mr. King addressed that the evening work would cost \$113,000.

President Lesh asked if anyone had a problem with the cost of \$78,000.

Director O'Shea asked for a timeline as to how much longer it will take for the gym floor to be completed.

Mr. Peters said that he spoke to the contractor Vice President several times today; he is out west and they are completing a job in the Philadelphia area, he can be here within two weeks and it appears to be a two month project.

Director Shrive asked if the work can wait until the end of the school year.

A discussion now took place between the Board of Directors, Mr. Gene Peters, Mr. Rich Scheller, and administrators regarding night work, summer work, working over Thanksgiving recess, basketball practice, gym classes, swimming practice, background checks and if the contractor is willing to give credit back for day shifts. Mr. Scheller said yes.

President Lesh said the question is \$78,000 and the decision if we want to get this project done in the next two months or do we wait.

Director Martinelli asked Mr. Peters how long ago he came up with the \$78,000 figure.

Mr. Peters said he just received it today.

Director Martinelli expressed dissatisfaction that the board is receiving a flurry of resolutions right before they come out for a meeting when it should be in their packets on Friday so they have time to review it. Mr. Martinelli further added that it is unfair to the board to have to vote on something they know nothing about.

Mr. King asked if it would be appropriate to get more information and prepare for the next meeting.

President Lesh did not think a whole month is needed to consider this when they knew about the issue and it has been talked about. This is a decision about a \$78,000 increase because it has to be done at night and he doesn't know what more they need to read.

Director Shrive said he would like to see the report submitted with updated numbers.

President Lesh said he believes the members of the board heard the same conversations he has pertaining to the night shift work and he understands Director Shrive and Director Martinelli wanting to see more information but this has all been discussed before.

Director McGuigan stressed that she is not trying to hold up this work but it was talked about two months ago and they are just received the report tonight. The issue is not the night time work; it is receiving this information two minutes before the meeting.

President Lesh indicated that this isn't something we just started discussing tonight and you've been given a total of \$78,000. It's been discussed, there is a resolution and if we receive a second we can vote on it tonight.

Mr. Peters addressed Director McGuigan and echoed President Lesh that this has been discussed and discussed, and is this affordable to the school district.

A disagreeable discussion now took place between Director Sheridan and Director McGuigan regarding the conversations that took place in August; Director McGuigan again said she does not want to hold up this project but it took two months to get the differential.

President Lesh asked that the resolution be read.

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors authorizes the additional costs/change order (\$78,000.00) associated with night shift work required to repair the sub-surface (mine grouting) of the West Scranton Intermediate School Gymnasium area, as per the attached.

SEE ATTACHMENT

The resolution was seconded by Director O'Shea.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Barrett indicated that he is voting in favor of the resolution with Mr. Dougherty's recommendation due to the health and safety of the children but he agrees with some board members regarding last minute resolutions that he did not see prior to tonight and as a board member he does not appreciate that.

Director Shrive made a motion to table the resolution this evening.

Director Sheridan added to Director Barrett's comments that as Building and Grounds Chairman he also did not receive the resolution until this evening.

Director McGuigan seconded the motion to table.

The motion to table failed with three (3) affirmative and six (6) negative. Directors Barrett, Fox, Martinelli, O'Shea, Sheridan, and President Lesh cast the negative votes. Director Martinelli indicated he was voting against the table so that the project can move forward but he still insists that from now on he expects the resolutions in the packet for review. Directors Fox and Ruane agreed.

Roll call was now taken on the resolution to proceed and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane, seconded by Director O'Shea and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the importance of ensuring that Special Education related services are provided for students as agreed upon within Scranton School District,

And,

WHEREAS, Invo. Healthcare Associates, Inc, 1780 Kendarbren Drive, Jamison, PA 18929 (IHC) enters into agreement to provide on an "as needed" basis up to 15 hours per week of occupational therapy for students for a rate not to exceed \$52.00/hour.

And,

WHEREAS, this service will be provided for a one year period, commencing on October 10th, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board authorizes the Solicitor to review this contract and forward them to the Superintendent of Schools to sign all necessary documents, as they pertain to this contract.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane, seconded by Director Shrive and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) negative. Director McGuigan indicated that she is voting against it only because she is not aware of it due to not being present at the time of discussion during executive session.

The Special Education Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your Consideration:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is subject of administration proceedings and civil suits, wherein the appropriateness of the student's special education program has been challenged or suits have been filed, ODR # 3363-12-13 AS.

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a settlement agreement; in this matter upon the terms and conditions previously provided for your consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the settlements as attached hereto, be approved upon the terms and conditions as described, and the Superintendent or Directors of Pupil Personnel are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

ALSO

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

The Special Education Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your Consideration:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is subject to regulations and acts passed by legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the legislature of the United States of America concerning students in the Special Education program.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the Behavior Support Policy be adopted by the Board of Directors for the School District of the City of Scranton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the Behavior Support Policy, as attached hereto

See attachment.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Shrive asked Mrs. Colarossi if the language in the policy is mandatory by the statutes or is it something permissible we have been able to write on our own.

Mrs. Colarossi addressed.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The following was submitted by Director O’Shea, seconded by Director Ruane and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Transportation Committee submits the following resolution for the approval of Transportation for the 2012-2013 school year:

CONTRACTOR & ADDRESS	AMOUNT	ANNUAL COST 180 PUPIL DAYS
Endang Loukopoulos 1514 Prospect Avenue Scranton, PA 18505	.23 per mile	\$ 414.00
Cynthia Cox 106 Debbie Dr Scranton, PA 18505	.23 per mile	\$1,672.00
Patricia Ayala 1408 Vine St. Scranton, PA 18510	.23 per mile	\$ 900.00
Tara Sacchetti 1126 Diamond Ave. Scranton, PA 18509	.23 per mile	\$ 496.80
Dawn Klees 2115 Belmont Terrace Scranton, PA 18508	.23 per mile	\$ 579.60
JoAnna Jones 547 N. Garfield Ave Scranton, PA 18504	.23 per mile	\$ 547.20

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Lesh thanked the parents and students of Prescott Elementary for their patience and understanding; agrees that maintenance should be educated regarding mold in the schools and that this board is committed to seeing that Prescott is restored.

President Lesh announced that if anyone has a problem with anything or anyone to contact Mr. King; if anyone needs information to contact Mr. Justin MacGregor, and that Mr. O'Donnell is the spokesperson for Prescott Elementary.

President Lesh agreed with Directors Martinelli, Shrive and McGuigan regarding last minute resolutions, voiced his own concerns and confirmed with Mr. King that there are a lot of last minute phone calls.

President Lesh reminded everyone that the directors do not run the day to day operations of the school district and that sometimes there isn't time to review the information they receive on Friday nights in their packet.

President Lesh again thanked everyone for their patience.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Lesh spoke of the Wellnet lawsuit to recover money owed to the district for the past few years and that we're seeing savings in our healthcare; said that he made a promise to the unions who made the sacrifice and took the cuts. President Lesh thanked both of the unions, the paras, the teachers and now asked Mr. Gregg Sunday, that with the approval of the board, if a separate account be opened for the recovered money from the health care savings to be used for all negotiations for future union contracts.

President Lesh asked for a vote of confidence that Mr. Sunday can proceed and asked if anyone objects.

Mr. Sunday responded that he will meet with Attorney Minora to establish that account and will report back to the board.

President Lesh asked that it be discussed at the November work session with a formal vote in November.

President Lesh also asked Mr. Jeff Brazil to please keep the board updated.

Director McGuigan spoke of sponsoring the fireworks at the Bell Game and said she had nothing to do with when the fireworks were set off. She was only trying to support and do a good deed.

Mr. John Coyle also said, referring to the fireworks that it was not on purpose.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

By: _____
Secretary