

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:30PM prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 North Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

President Lesh called the meeting to order at 7:37PM with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: By the Secretary.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00PM to discuss litigation and personnel.

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:00PM to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation.

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 5:30PM to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate.

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 6:45PM to discuss litigation and personnel.

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session this evening, September 4, 2012 at 7:00PM to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate.

VISITING DELEGATIONS:

Matthew Loftus, SFT, asked the board when considering the LERTA resolution to please be sure there is a project labor agreement in place and if there will be non union workers used for this project to please vote no.

Rick Schraeder, Scranton Building Trades President, spoke of the LERTA project and reminded the board that there are union members who live in the City of Scranton and Lackawanna County who are unemployed and since they are the ones paying for it then they should benefit from it and work on this project.

Drew Simpson, Carpenters Union, echoed Mr. Schraeder comments and concerns and added that they are not against the LERTA and are asking for a project labor agreement and we have local, unemployed members who need this work.

Gerald Hetman, Lackawanna County Department of Community Relations, updated the board on upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PTA

NO REPORT

REPORT FROM THE PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Director Ruane announced the upcoming PSBA Conference in Hershey, PA in October 2012.

REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

NO REPORT

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Minora updated the board about the following:

- Sale of Marshall and Audubon Schools
- CTC Project and Riverside School District

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. King spoke about the following:

- Smooth opening day of school
- Student enrollment at 10,092; does not include Lourdesmont, PATH, the detention center and other areas.
- Armstrong roof; commended the district maintenance staff
- Productive Education Committee Meeting held earlier this evening

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ATHLETICS AND STADIUM COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Fox.

It is the recommendation of the Athletics & Stadium Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the School Board of Directors wishes to rescind a resolution approved on December 1, 2011, that authorized a second meeting of the West vs. Scranton football game to be played as the Bell Game on Thanksgiving Day in 2012 & 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Board, after having heard legitimate concerns from Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Athletes and Parents, has decided it is in the best interest of the student-athletes to forgo the playing of a second game between West and Scranton High on Thanksgiving Day during the 2012 & 2013 seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to designate the one and only annual football game between West & Scranton (game 6), as the official Bell Game (City Championship) for the 2012 & 2013 seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes the Principals & Athletic Directors to further explore the possibility with the LIAA of moving the annual West vs. Scranton annual football game to Thanksgiving Day in the fall of 2014 and they will report their findings back to the Board in the early fall of 2013, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education officially cancels the scheduled Thanksgiving Day football game between West & Scranton for the 2012 & 2013 seasons and designates the first meeting (game 6) of these two teams as the Annual Bell Game for the next two seasons.

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 Athletics & Stadium Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the School Board of Directors wishes to explore the possibility of creating district-wide sports Athletic Passes to cover sporting events throughout the entire school year at both West Scranton & Scranton High Schools, and

WHEREAS, the Board also wishes to explore the possibility of creating and selling sport and school specific season passes for each of the following sports (football, basketball, wrestling) in both the high schools, and

WHEREAS, the Board realizes that any athletic passes sold can only apply to regular Season, West Scranton and/or Scranton High sporting contests or events and will not apply to any PIAA District II sponsored playoffs and/or championships, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the District Superintendent, Administrators, District Event Coordinator, Athletic Directors and interested PTA Members to develop recommendations for both district-wide and sport specific Athletic Passes to be presented to the Board of Education for their consideration.

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2012 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$ 22,227,065.61
Monthly Revenue	\$ 4,104,948.32
Transfer and Refunds	<u>\$ 309,512.26</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE	 \$ 26,641,526.19
TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	<u>\$ 9,034,741.56</u>
 BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	 \$ 17,606,784.63

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

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

FROM: 10-1240-610-000-1051-01 \$1,000.00
10-2220-610-000-3051-01 \$1,914.69
10-2120-610-000-3051-01 \$2,000.00

TO: 10-1100-750-000-3051-01 \$3,914.69

REASON: The reason for this request is that the Principal and Assistant Principal are in need of a new laptop with Windows 7 Professional to be primarily used for teacher observations.

FROM: 10-1100-750-000-3071-03 \$25,000.00
10-1100-760-000-3071-03 \$25,000.00

TO: 10-2220-610-000-10-271-06 \$50,000.00

The reason for this request is to purchase licenses for the Fast Forward Reading Recovery Program for our Elementary Schools.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

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

Whereas, the City of Scranton has adopted Ordinance 37 pertaining to the “Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act” (LERTA) (72 P.S. §4722 et. seq.) on June 7, 2012;

Whereas, the County of Lackawanna has adopted Ordinance 217 pertaining to the “Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act” (LERTA) (72 P.S. §4722 et. seq.) on June 27, 2012;

Whereas, the School District of the City of Scranton has recently been approached regarding these ordinances pertaining to the former Daron Block site and Affordable Senior Housing;

Therefore, be it resolved that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the use of the above referenced property for use as a LERTA site in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Scranton and County of Lackawanna, and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan asked Mr. Schraeder and Mr. Simpson if we are still waiting to hear about the project labor agreement and wage determinations.

At this time a discussion took place between the board members, Chris Trevisani, representatives from Senior Affordable Housing and union representatives regarding the project labor agreement, prevailing wage determination, using local union members for the project, guarantees for local union workers and the length of the abatement.

Director Shrive asked for a brief caucus with legal counsel (8:13PM). The developer and local union representatives were afforded the opportunity for discussion regarding the building project.

Upon re-adjourment at 8:30PM, all nine members present after roll call.

Solicitor Minora announced for the record an executive session did meet to discuss project detail surrounding this resolution and possible or potential litigation.

Mr. Rick Schraeder announced that the developer will do everything in their power to use local labor.

Director Sheridan applauded the gentlemen for coming to an agreement.

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

ALSO

The following resolutions were submitted by Director McGuigan.

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

Tax:	\$ 229,895.50
Penalty	<u>\$ 40,908.36</u>
TOTAL	\$ 270,803.86
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 13,540.34</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 257,263.52

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

Tax:	\$ 439,334.93
Penalty	<u>\$ 83,872.73</u>
TOTAL	\$ 523,207.66
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 26,160.65</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 497,047.01

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

Tax:	\$ 266,686.15
Penalty	<u>\$ 47,719.26</u>
TOTAL	\$ 314,405.41
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 15,720.62</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 298,684.79

The resolutions were seconded by Director Shrive and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

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:

- 1. 417 S. Hyde Park Avenue – Pin No: 15605-060-029 - \$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.

The resolution was seconded by Director O'Shea and passed with (8) eight affirmative and (1) one abstention. Director Shrive abstained due to legal work he performs for the Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau in his role as a private attorney.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Barrett.

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

WHEREAS, based on the 2011 PSSA Exam scores for Reading & Mathematics our two high schools did not meet AYP, as West Scranton High School was placed in School Improvement II status and Scranton High School was placed on Corrective Action I status, and

WHEREAS, schools that did not meet AYP during the 2010-2011 school year and received a status of School Improvement II or Corrective Action I, were required to complete and submit a Comprehensive School Level Improvement Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has reviewed the Comprehensive School Level Improvement Plans developed by the School Level Planning Teams and has approved them for submission to PDE, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of School Directors approves the submission of the Comprehensive School Level Improvement Plans (as per attached) for both West Scranton and Scranton High Schools, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The resolution was seconded by Director Shrive 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 approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is required to review, reapprove and provide the Pennsylvania Department of Education with a copy of its Bullying Policy every (3) three years, according to 24 PS 13-1301.1, subsection (c), and

WHEREAS, the information required under this subsection shall be attached to or made part of the annual report required under section 1303-A (b), and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors, Administrators and District Discipline Committee have reviewed this policy and agrees with its content and relevance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Board of School Directors reapproves the existing Scranton School District Bullying Policy in accordance to the state mandate; further, the Board charges the Discipline Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, Administrators and Supervisors to continually refine the existing policy and to inform the Board of any recommended changes.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO: 1198 ASSIGNMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

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:

ASSIGNMENTS:

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| 1. Maria Anuszewski | Acting Principal
Whittier #2 School
\$2,500 responsibility factor prorated per diem
Effective: August 29, 2012 |
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2. Curriculum Council – Replacement

Karen Battaglia

Scranton High School – Guidance

APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

1. Earth & Space Science/Biology (.8 Schedule)
Nalevanko, Abigail, 824 Columbia St., Scranton, PA 18509

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO: 1199

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

PROFESSIONAL

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| 1. Jennifer Keating
10/9/2012 – 12/7/2012 | Grade 2
Scranton High School | Family Medical Leave
Without Pay |
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Date of Appointment – 8/28/2006

No other Leave of Absence

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| 2. Georgeanne Mattise
8/29/2012 – 2/28/2013 | Grade 3
McNichols Plaza | Extension/Special/Health
Without Pay |
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Date of Appointment – 10/19/2005

Family/Medical Leave – 9/28/2011
Special/Health Leave – 12/21/2011-6/20/2012

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

PERMISSION TO ATTEND MEETINGS

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| 1. | David Bieri | PAESSP Conference
Pittsburgh, PA
COST: \$1280.00
DATES: October 21-23, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: February 2012 |
| 2. | Virginia Orr | PSBA Board Secretary Conference
Hershey, PA
COST: \$653.50
DATES: October 17-19, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: October, 2011 |

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO: 1200
TERMINATION

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

TERMINATION

1. Arthur Lord
Custodian

Effective: September 4, 2012

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

ASSIGNMENTS/APPOINTMENT

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the individuals listed below be assigned/appointed to the positions indicated.

Salaries are in accordance with the appropriate salary schedules.

Substitutes-Teachers

Scranton High School	Mathematics	9/6/12-12/6/12	Stephen Lenceski
Scranton High/West High	Mathematics	Permanent Substitute	Brandon Budd
#34	Reading Specialist	8/30/12-1/25/13	Alicia LaVelle
WSHS	.4 Social Studies	Permanent Substitute	Robert Barese
#38	Grade 2	8/29/12-12/7/12	Susan Schimelfenig
#49	Grade 4	8/29/12-further notice	Jennifer DiRienzo
Plaza	Grade 3	8/29/12-2/28/13	Jamie Marcks-Kelly

Appointment

Kennedy #7	.5 Kindergarten	Diane Lowe
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The resolution was seconded by Director Ruane and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO: 1201
RESIGNATIONS

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

Administrative

1. Anees R. Fogley, MD
School Physician

Effective: August 29, 2012
- Years of Service – 25.5

Noncertified

1. Matthew Woelkers
General Custodian
Willard #32 School

Effective: September 12, 2012
- Years of Service – 4.3

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

ON THE QUESTION:

President Lesh thanked Dr. Fogley for his 25 years of service and wished him well.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that one-half (1/2) the salary of the Single Tax Office Controller be paid by the City of Scranton School District subject to the approval by the City of Scranton's payment of one-half (1/2) the salary of the Controller;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Single Tax Office Controller is and remains to be an employee of the City of Scranton and not the City of Scranton School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the above referenced proposed salary payable to the Single Tax Office Controller.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors agrees to increase the salary of the Director of Federal and Special Programs by \$10,000 to account for added responsibilities and it is noted that this increase is covered by Federal Title I funding.

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

WHEREAS, the Palumbo Group had been directed to proceed with an Alternative School Study resulting in the conceptual design of an Alternative School to be housed in the former Lincoln-Jackson Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, based on the conceptual design presented, the board has authorized The Palumbo Group to prepare Plan Con A (project justification) forms for submittal to the Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board approves submission of Plan Con A for review by PDE of the project's eligibility for state reimbursement, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the architectural firm of the Palumbo Group and the engineering firm of The Peters Design Group be authorized to proceed with subsequent Plancon documentation for the design development of the project.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Shrive asked if there was a discussion regarding Peters Design Group included in this resolution.

Mr. King addressed.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The following resolution was submitted by Director Barrett.

Resolution
School District of the City of Scranton
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County (the "CTC") was organized under the Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, Art. XVIII, 24 P.S. § 18-1801, et seq. (the "Vocational Education Act"), pursuant to Articles of Agreement dated as of December 6, 1968, as amended and supplemented (the "Joint Agreement"), by certain participating school districts and is validly existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Agreement and the Vocational Education Act the joint operating committee (the “Joint Committee”) of the CTC has been delegated to be responsible for the operation, administration and management of the CTC; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee, after careful and thorough consideration, has determined that to more efficiently and expeditiously operate, administer and manage the CTC, a building renovation project is necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the School District of the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (the “School District”), a member of the consortium of school districts forming the CTC, to undertake and support a major capital improvement project at the facilities of the CTC located at 3201 Rockwell Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the CTC plans to finance the project through the issuance of revenue bonds by the State Public School Building Authority (the “Authority”) as more fully described below; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to undertake the project under Pennsylvania Department of Education PLANCON guidelines in accordance with applicable state laws in order that reimbursement may be secured for the project; and

WHEREAS, district reimbursements for the project shall be calculated using the formula under the Pennsylvania Department of Education PLANCON guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the project scope and approximate cost has been formulated and disclosed to the School District after a detailed feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the project will consist of program area renovations, building infrastructure renovations, repair and replacement of electrical and mechanical systems, and the purchase of equipment for instructional purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined to authorize and issue for the benefit of the CTC and the Participating School Districts (as hereinafter defined) \$18,100,00 aggregate principal amount of its Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County Lease Revenue Bonds (the “Bonds”), under and secured by a Trust Indenture (the “Indenture”), between the Authority and a trustee to be named therein; and

WHEREAS, the CTC, as lessor, and the Authority, as lessee, will enter into a Lease Agreement (the “Lease”), under which the CTC will lease to the Authority certain land and facilities of the CTC described in the Lease (the “Leased Premises”) for a rental payment consisting of the net proceeds of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, as sublessor, and the CTC and Carbondale Area School District, Valley View School District, Lakeland School District, Mid Valley School District, Dunmore School District, Forest City Regional School District, North Pocono School District, and the School District (collectively, the “Participating School Districts”), as sublessees, will enter into a Sublease Agreement (the “Sublease”), under which the Authority will, among other things, sublease the Leased Premises to the School and the Participating Districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sublease, the School and the Participating Districts shall make rental payments to the Authority or its assigns in amounts sufficient to pay when due, among other things, yhr principal or redemption price of and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds of the Authority shall be supported by the School District as provided by the Joint Agreement and the Sublease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors (the “Board”) of the School District in lawful session duly assembled, as follows:

Section 1. The School District supports the completion of this project for the benefit of the CTC and authorizes the Joint Committee of the CTC to take all necessary steps to complete this building renovation project.

Section 2. The President or Vice President of the Board and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the School District, and , if applicable, their duly qualified respective successors, are hereby severally authorized and directed on behalf of the School District to execute any and all papers and documents, including but not limited to, the Sublease, and to do or cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or appropriate to enable the CTC and the Authority to carry out the transactions contemplated by the Lease, the Sublease, and the Indenture, and to effectuate the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, the investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and of moneys in the funds established under the Indenture and the timely payment in full of the Bonds.

Section 3. The School Board approves, ratifies, and confirms all action heretofore taken by officers and other persons on behalf of the School District in connection with the undertakings herein contemplated.

Section 4. All resolutions of the School District or parts of resolutions of the School District to the extent inconsistent herewith shall be and the same hereby are rescinded, canceled and annulled.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Barrett.

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

WHEREAS, the Riverside School District has filed a lawsuit for a declaratory judgment in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County to docket number 12-CV-5116; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit names as defendants the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County, Carbondale Area School District, Dunmore School District, Forest City Regional School District, Lakeland School District, Mid Valley School District, North Pocono School District, Scranton School District and Valley View School District; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit seeks declaratory judgment that the Riverside School District has the right to terminate its further participation in the Articles of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside School District has announced its intentions to not send its vocational education students to the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County despite approving the 2012-2013 budget; and

WHEREAS, these actions of the Riverside School District will cause irreparable harm to the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County and its students.

NOW, THEREFORE , be it resolved that the SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT shall participate with the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County in defending the action commenced by the Riverside School District and in bringing an appropriate legal action against the Riverside School District including, but not limited to, actions for injunctive relief, mandamus and declaratory judgment. The subject matter of the actions against the Riverside School District shall include, but not be limited to a declaration that the Articles of Agreement are still in full force and effect, that the Riverside School District is bound to the capital improvements bond issue for the renovation of the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County building, that the Riverside School District must make its monetary contributions to the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County as required and that the Riverside School District must send its vocational education students to the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County.

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director O'Shea.

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

Whereas, the School District of the City of Scranton is required to transport certain students to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf; and

Whereas, in order to provide said transportation, the District must enter into contracts for the provision of the same,

Therefore, be it resolved that the attached contracts with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Abington Heights School District, Susquehanna Community School District and Scranton School District be approved on the terms and conditions set forth in the contracts attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director O'Shea.

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

Whereas, the School District of the City of Scranton is required to transport one student to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf; and

Whereas, in order to provide said transportation, the District must enter into contracts for the provision of the same,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the attached contracts with the Abington Heights School District, Susquehanna Community School District and Red Top Transportation be approved on the terms and conditions set forth in the contracts attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Lesh said he was glad to hear the first day of school was a success.

President Lesh thanked Mr. King, Mr. Brazil and the maintenance staff for their hard work at Armstrong Elementary and wished everyone good luck in the new school year.

President Lesh also thanked the board members who participated in the Education Committee meeting held earlier this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Sheridan spoke of an email he received from Peters Design Group regarding the tunnel project at McNichols Plaza.

A discussion now took place regarding the project and President Lesh asked Mr. Jeff Brazil to please meet with Mr. Peters and Army Corps of Engineers so we could move forward.

Director McGuigan asked about the lettering on the new district maintenance vehicles.

Director McGuigan also expressed her disappointment with the Armstrong roof project as she thought it was nearly complete at the last meeting.

Mr. King addressed and said that he visited the school along with Mr. Jeff Brazil and spoke to the foreman about the delay in completion.

President Lesh suggested we look into a project manager to oversee building projects.

Director McGuigan said she thought we have people already in place to do that.

A discussion now took place regarding past projects and the need for a project manager.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:17PM.

By: _____
Secretary