

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for General Purposes on Monday, July 9, 2012 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 at 7:30PM prevailing time.

President Lesh called the meeting to order at 7:40PM with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At this time President Lesh called attention to the absence of the Board Secretary and asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of her mother in law Theresa Orr whose son William Orr is also a district employee in the maintenance department.

ROLL CALL: Mr. William Gaynord

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

VISITING DELEGATIONS

Rosemary Boland, SFT, expressed how hard everyone had worked on the recent teacher's contract; spoke in opposition of any job creation unless it is of paramount importance to the district and asked the board to be cautious about any new hiring.

President Lesh now distributed a packet containing a breakdown of how the District was able to save \$7,635,000.00 to date; spoke about those savings and also some of the future additional planned savings.

President Lesh also asked the board and the administration that due to the financial strains of the City of Scranton, if they would look into opening up some of the gymnasiums in the air-conditioned schools and maybe the swimming pools at West Scranton Intermediate and Scranton High School to provide a place for the children of the city to play and swim.

President Lesh now moved to the Committees.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is subject of a civil suit, NO: 3: CV-11-0095;

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 Director of Pupil Personnel are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

The resolution was seconded by Director Shrive and passed with seven (7) affirmative and two (2) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Barrett and McGuigan.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

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

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton has closed John Audubon School, located at 1801 Mulberry Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18510 via Resolution in May 2012.

WHEREAS, interest has been expressed by several parties to purchase the property known as John Audubon School, on Colfax Avenue and Mulberry Street in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the above referenced school for public sale by advertising and bid pursuant to the sale of school act and section of said act.

The resolution was seconded by Director O'Shea 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 School District of the City of Scranton has closed John Marshall School located at 1415 Oram Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18504 via Resolution in 2012.

WHEREAS, interest has been expressed to purchase the property known as John Marshall School, on Oram Street and Lincoln Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the above referenced school for private sale pursuant to the sale of school act and section of said act.

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

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, 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 has reviewed this policy and agrees with its content and relevance,

THEREFORE be it resolved, the Board of School Directors reapproves the Scranton School District's Bullying Policy according to the state mandate.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan asked that the resolution be tabled for further review.

The motion to table was seconded by Director Martinelli and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

LEGISLATION AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

It is the recommendation of the Legislation and Federal Programs Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association created a model Ethics Act to guide School Boards conduct on the job;

WHEREAS it has been proposed that the Ethics Act be adopted by the Board of Directors for the School District of the City of Scranton replacing any prior acts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the Ethics Act, as attached hereto.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO: 1191 RESIGNATIONS

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

RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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| 1. Mary Ann Cartegna
Principal
McNichols Plaza

Years of Service – 12 | Effective: June 29, 2012 |
| 2. Eric Schaeffer
Principal
Scranton High School | Effective: August 3, 2012 |

COACHING

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| 1. Jerry Murray
Assistant Freshman Football Coach
West Scranton High School | Effective: June 25, 2012 |
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ON THE QUESTION:

President Lesh commended Mrs. Cartegna for her years of service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

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: 1192 ASSIGNMENTS

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the individuals listed below be assigned to the positions indicated:

PROFESSIONAL

Assignments:

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| 1. <u>Substitute Teaching Assignments</u> - It is recommended that the substitute listed below be assigned to the position indicated at the established rate: | | |
| <u>Robert Barrese</u> | Social Studies
Northeast Intermediate | Long term Substitute
4/30/2012-6/20/2012 |

2. Health and Safety Committee

Suzanne Conaboy
Melissa Daily
Eileen Leonard

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO: 1193
PROMOTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/SALARIES

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

PROMOTIONS

Supervisor Pupil Personnel/Support Services*	Kim Mecca Effective: July 1, 2012
Supervisor Special Education-Instructional*	Ann Genett Effective: July 1, 2012
Supervisor Special Education-Instructional*	Cathy Opshinsky Effective: July 1, 2012
Manager of Personnel Services	William P. Gaynord Salary: \$82,156

APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Special Education-Instructional*	Michelle Rinaldi
Special Education Behavioral Advisor Specialist*	Dennis Engles Salary: \$75,000
Supervisor of Elementary Education*	Jessica Leitzel
Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction*	Christopher Mazzino
Principal Scranton High School*	John Coyle
Principal McNichols Plaza*	Colleen Leonard
Vice Principal Scranton High School*	Michael Montoro
Vice Principal Scranton High School*	David Mitchell
Assistant Principal Isaac Tripp*	Daniel Williams

*In Accordance with Act 93 Plan

SALARIES

Director of Facility and Grounds	Jeff Brazil	\$73,676
AV Technician	Philip Hinton	\$31,903
IT Technician	Ronelle Barrett	\$31,903
Inventory Control Technician	Justin MacGregor	\$31,903
Wellness Coordinator	Patrick Hinton	\$30,000

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan said that while she agrees with many of the appointments she would be voting against the resolution due to budgetary reasons.

The resolution was seconded by Director Barrett and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) negative vote. Director McGuigan cast the negative vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO. 1194
APPOINTMENT

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the individual listed below be appointed to the following position:

APPOINTMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL:

Principal*	Willard School #32	Margaret Duffy
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*Salary in accordance with the Act 93 Plan

The resolution was seconded by Director Fox and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director Shrive abstained due to the individual appointed is a relative.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

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| 1. Clerk 230 – Scranton High School | Colleen S. Burke |
| 2. Floating General Custodian | Thomas Pugliese |
| 3. Floating General Custodian | Frank Maher |
| 4. Floating General Custodian | Corey Davis |

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan again indicated she would be voting against this resolution due to concerns of the budget.

The resolution was seconded by Director Martinelli and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) negative vote. The negative vote was cast by Director McGuigan.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the City of Scranton authorizes the Palumbo Group to prepare all required paperwork to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education requesting that Lincoln-Jackson Elementary School be approved to be re-opened as a secondary alternative school site.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

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 students' special education program has been challenged or suits have been filed, 3: CV-07-0532 and ODR# 1499 10/11 JS.

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 Director of Pupil Personnel are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

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

At this time President Lesh spoke in favor of the appointments made this evening stating that recommendations were made by the supervisors of the departments where the personnel is deeply needed. He said the budget has been taken into consideration and we are within our budget to approve these appointments.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

By: _____
Secretary