

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the School District of the City of Scranton was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 at 7:30 PM prevailing time.

President Lesh called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: By the Secretary.

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

ABSENT: Director Barrett.

Director Jeffers made a motion to accept the minutes of the meetings held on December 5, 2011, December 12, 2011 and December 15, 2011. The motion was seconded by Director Sheridan and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:15 PM to discuss personnel.

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 6:30 PM to discuss labor relations and personnel.

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:00 PM to discuss labor relations and personnel.

President Lesh now waived the rules of the board to have the following resolutions read.

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

The Labor Relations Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

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

Whereas, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #13 of 11 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.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

The Labor Relations Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

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

Whereas, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #14 of 11 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 Ruane and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

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

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors hereby approves the services of Millenium Administrators, Inc., to serve as the Scranton School District's Healthcare Consultant for a three year term commencing on February 7, 2012 and ending on February 6, 2015. The Healthcare Consultant shall report back to the Board of Education with all pricing and a complete breakdown of anticipated savings and costs, prior to consummation of the contract.

Be it further resolved, that the Healthcare Consultant shall report to the Board of Education quarterly each year of the contract with an update and breakdown of costs and savings to the district.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, the Solicitor and/or the Deputy Superintendent of Finance to review, finalize and ultimately have the contract signed by the Board President.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

President Lesh asked Sarah Picard of Millenium Administrators, Inc., to be more specific regarding the stop loss savings, the Administrative savings and the Dental savings.

Ms. Picard said they haven't received final information yet related to the stop loss savings but they are anticipating a better price.

With regards to the Administrative savings, Ms. Picard said there are still some proposals on the table and they are still negotiating with them but they are projecting approximately a \$20.00 per person/per month savings.

As for the Dental savings Ms. Picard said it will be a substantial savings because you are currently paying approximately \$13,000.00/month and they are looking to eliminate that cost entirely and pursue other alternatives.

Director McGuigan now asked about a savings on the retirees' prescription plan.

Ms. Picard responded that Millenium is proposing an RDS program, which stands for Retiree Drug Subsidy and their plan is to get retirees into that program so that the district receives immediate subsidy and that right now it's not in existence at all.

President Lesh now asked how Ms. Picard would grade Millenium's follow-up.

Ms. Picard responded A+ and that they are in operation 24/7, 365 days a year and if you call them, an agent will get back to you within 15 minutes.

President Lesh now moved to the Education Committee to honor Art students.

(Director Ruane left the meeting at 7:45PM due to illness)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

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 within the arts and humanities and excelled to reach their full potential in high school, and

Whereas, a number of students at both West Scranton High School and Scranton High School received special recognition for the 2011-2012 Scholastic Art Awards program, sponsored by The Times-Tribune, and

Whereas, these students' works are on display on the Suraci Gallery in the Shield Center for Visual Arts at Marywood University through February 12, 2012, and

Whereas, Marisha Lozada distinguished herself in the highest category of the American Visions Award, and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the official congratulations of the Board is extended to the following individuals in the categories for which they were recognized:

Scranton High School

Angela Altier – Honorable Mention
Deja LaVango – Honorable Mention
Paul Maglioli – Honorable Mention
Meaghan Stevens – Honorable Mention
Meaghan Stevens – Silver Key Awards
Cole Perechinsky – Silver Key Awards
Victoria Dougher – Gold Key Awards
Margaret Scott – Gold Key Awards
Marina Daniel – Silver Key Portfolio (Art)
Meaghan Stevens – Gold Key Portfolio (Photography)

West Scranton High School

Alex Lozada – Honorable Mention
Alex Lozada – Silver Key Award
Cassandra Novak – Honorable Mention
Megan DeNinno – Silver Key Award
Marisha Lozada – Honorable Mention
Marisha Lozada – (2) Silver Key Awards
Marisha Lozada – Gold Key Award
Marisha Lozada - Gold Key Portfolio (Art)
Marisha Lozada – American Visions Award

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

President Lesh now moved to the regular order of the meeting.

VISITING DELEGATIONS

William Bittenbender, concerned parent and grandparent, provided a letter and pictures to the board members addressing his concerns of the parking and dismissal issues at Frances Willard Elementary School.

Mr. Bittenbender offered some suggestions to alleviate the problem and added that he can only speak for himself and that he is very concerned for the children’s safety.

Also in his letter Mr. Bittenbender asked that the board witness what goes on at the school for themselves and to please find a solution.

Director Sheridan asked that a meeting be held to discuss the issues at Willard and asked that perhaps there could be extra staff outside to help with dismissal. Mr. Sheridan also suggested a meeting with someone at Gerrity’s Supermarket to see if they will open up the parking lot a little bit more for parking.

Mr. Paris addressed and said he would contact Chief Duffy to see if there could be another squad car there at dismissal times and possibly get the school buses out a little bit earlier so that would create 10 or 15 more spaces for cars to pick up.

Mr. King suggested adjusting the pre-school hours to alleviate some traffic problems because most of them are driven to school.

President Lesh suggested parking stickers identifying school employees and if someone is parked without a sticker they will be towed.

REPORT FROM THE PTA REPRESENTATIVE

Ruthann Romanowski,PTA did not have anything to question or announce at this time but that the PTA is only waiting for the results of Audubon Elementary School so that the Audubon PTA can move on.

Director Shrive asked when the monthly PTA council meetings are.

Ms. Romanowski and Mr. King responded that the meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the library at Scranton High School at 7:00 PM.

Mr. King also announced that there will be a public hearing regarding the possible closing of Audubon Elementary School tomorrow, February 7, 2012 in the auditorium of Scranton High School at 7:00 PM.

REPORT FROM THE PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

NO REPORT

REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

NO REPORT

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Minora spoke about the following:

- Approval of the Healthcare Consultant.
- Expulsion Hearings.
- Meetings with Teachers.
- Next SFT negotiating session will be February 13, 2012.

- Negotiations with Custodians.
- Special Education Meetings.
- CMC Settlement in which the district's share is \$57,000 and will benefit the school district.
- Several Real Estate Tax Sales which will be financially beneficial to the district as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. King announced the following:

- Scranton School District received word recently from the Department of Education that we have met our AMAO (Academic Measurable Achievement Objectives) for 2008, 2009 and 2010 for ELL (English Language Learners). Mr. King added that a corrective action plan was in place and he is proud to say we are making progress and kudos to the teachers and administration for doing a great job.
- Scranton School District and the Scranton area in general received an A rating by the Urban Institute measuring racial and ethnic equity in the nation's top 100 metropolitan areas and we ranked 29th.
- Two Scranton High School twin brothers, John Clark and Dan Clark, each received full presidential scholarships to the University of Scranton and this is another great example that our kids are achieving at high levels and we are very proud of these two young men.
- Devaughn Chollette, a West Scranton High School student recently signed on to play football with the University of New Hampshire.
- Malcom Sweeting, a West Scranton High School student recently signed on to play football at West Chester University.
- Joe McCarthy, a Scranton High School student recently received a full scholarship to play baseball at the University of Virginia.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Fox.

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

Whereas, the Board of School Directors wishes to enter into a rental agreement with Scranton Preparatory School to use Scranton Memorial Stadium for their 5 annual home football games on Saturday afternoons for a 1 year term beginning in the fall of 2012, and

Whereas, Scranton Preparatory School agrees to provide a copy of their insurance policy that names the Scranton School District as additionally insured during the 1 year period, and

Whereas, all games will be scheduled to be played on Saturday afternoons on dates to be determined and arranged through the Scranton School District's Special Events Coordinator, and

Whereas, the Scranton School District will continue to operate and retain any funds earned from the food concession stands, and

Whereas, the Board agrees to rent Memorial Stadium at a rate of \$2500.00 per game for a maximum of 5 games annually at a maximum total cost of \$12,500.00 (5 games) per year, and

Whereas, Scranton Preparatory School agrees to pay any Board approved rental increases, should any occur prior to the start of the 2012 football season, and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of School Directors agrees to the rental agreement with Scranton Preparatory School to use Memorial Stadium for their home football games at the rate of \$2500.00 for the 2012 season and the terms and conditions listed above.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan asked Mr. King if Scranton Prep would be paying in advance for the use of Scranton Memorial Stadium.

Mr. King addressed and said they will be paying in advance prior to the season in August.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Fox.

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

Whereas, the Board of School Directors wishes to once again reduce the rental fee for the use of Memorial Stadium to accommodate the Semi-Professional NEPA Miners Football games during the summer and fall of 2012, and

Whereas, all games will be scheduled to be played on Saturday evenings on dates to be determined and arranged through the Scranton School District’s Special Events Coordinator, and

Whereas, the Board agrees to rent Memorial Stadium at a rate of \$1800.00 per game for 6 games for a total of \$10,800.00, which will result in a \$9,000.00 reduction in revenue, if the regular nighttime rate of \$3,300.00 per game was charged, and

Whereas, the NEPA Miners, as a sign of good faith, will once again provide the Scranton School District with the following:

- Each elementary student in the Scranton School District will receive a complimentary \$4.00 student pass to attend a home game
- Will sponsor a SSD youth football/cheer program for students ages 6-14 or will permit our students to attend the Charlie Wysocki Camp free of charge
- Will sponsor a One Way 2 Play Drug Free Program to students in the SSD
- Will include the SSD/Memorial Stadium in all game promotions/advertisements

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of School Directors agrees to rent Memorial Stadium to the NEPA Miners at the reduced rate of \$1800.00 for the dates to be determined and terms and conditions listed above.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Sheridan congratulated the NEPA Miners for a great season last year and wished them luck. Mr. Sheridan also thanked the NEPA Miners for the programs offered to our students.

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 Delinquent Tax Report for the Month of December 2011 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax:	\$ 167,224.40
Penalty	<u>\$ 36,654.04</u>
TOTAL	\$ 203,878.44
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 10,194.02</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 193,684.42

The resolution was 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 considered:

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

February 6, 2012	\$1,020,460.34
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The resolution was seconded by Director Jeffers 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:

The Exception Bill List as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended February 6, 2012 be approved as per the attached.

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$4,038,689.28 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

December 20, 2011	\$ 1,091.45
December 23, 2011	\$ 2,610,499.61
January 6, 2012	\$ 455,652.14
January 20, 2012	\$ 831,156.83
February 6, 2012	\$ 140,289.25

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$9,261,880.79 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

December 23, 2011	\$ 2,322,562.52
January 6, 2012	\$ 2,269,919.01
January 20, 2012	\$ 2,286,918.35
February 3, 2012	\$ 2,382,480.91

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

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 November 30, 2011 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$ 20,871,630.34
Monthly Revenue	\$ 4,488,824.85
Transfer and Refunds	<u>\$ 138,857.84</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE	 \$ 25,499,313.03
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 9,360,794.44</u>
 BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	 \$ 16,138,518.59

The resolution was seconded by Director Jeffers 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 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 County 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 on September 12, 2011 with the exception of No. 3 below. However, the subsequent purchaser, via resolution of September 12, 2011 under paragraph six was identified as Davis Edsel instead of Robert Noone under No. 1, under No. 2 it was a private sale. Below is the location of said property and the property owner:

1. South Washington Avenue – Map No. 15657020004, purchaser Robert Noone - \$3,500.00.
2. Private Sale – 3241 Pittston Avenue – Map No. 17608030051, purchaser Davis Edsel - \$3,500.00.

3. New purchase – South Washington Avenue – Map No. 15657020001, C&E Investors, Inc. - \$4,045.00.

Whereas, the above reference purchase price represents at least the minimum upset price at the county’s judicial sale of February 2011 for unpaid property taxes.

Therefore be it resolved that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the above referenced properties for a repository sale pursuant to the real estate tax sale law and section 627 of said act.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Shrive indicated that he will be abstaining from the vote due to a conflict with his work and the the Lackawanna Tax Claim Bureau.

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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 No. 31, No. 32, No. 33, No. 34, and No. 35 of 2011 and also Expulsions No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6 and No. 7 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. 31, No. 32, No. 33, No. 34, and No. 35 of 2011 and also Expulsions No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6 and No. 7 of 2012 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

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

COMPUTERIZATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

The Computerization Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

It is the recommendation of the Computerization Committee that Tritt-Schell Consulting Services be approved for the Priority II component of the E-Rate Program.

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
E-Rate Consulting Services	\$9,000.00
Priority II Services (Internal connections, servers, Wireless equipment from Dell & Cisco, totaling \$954,032.52)	

The resolution was seconded by Director Jeffers 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 considered for adoption:

Be it resolved that School Director Bill Fox be designated as the Northeastern Intermediate Unit (NEIU #19) Representative from the Scranton School Board for the term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

It is the recommendation of the Legislation and Federal Programs Committee that the following resolution be considered for adoption:

Be it resolved that Director Lyn Ruane be designated as the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) representative from the Scranton School Board for the term ending December 31, 2012.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

It is the recommendation of the Legislation and Federal Programs Committee that the Rules for the Board of School Directors be adopted as per the attached.

ON THE QUESTION:

President Lesh indicated that he didn't believe there were any changes to the rules and sure that everyone has reviewed them.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

The Legislation and Federal Programs Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Whereas, Act 32 7 505(b) requires bodies of school districts, townships, boroughs and cities to appoint voting delegates and one or more alternate delegates to serve as their Tax Collection Committee (TCC) representatives, and

Whereas, the Scranton School Board wishes to re-appoint Kathleen McGuigan as the Primary Delegate, and

Whereas, The Scranton School Board wishes to replace former Board Member Patrick O'Malley as First Alternate Delegate and hereby appoints Deputy Superintendent/Finance, Gregg Sunday as the new First Alternate Delegate, and

Whereas, the Scranton School Board wishes to replace former Board Member Chris Phillips as the Second Alternate Delegate and hereby appoints Assistant Business Manager, Bill Gaynord as the new Second Alternate Delegate, and

Therefore be it resolved that the Scranton School Board appoints Kathleen McGuigan as Primary Delegate, Gregg Sunday as the First Alternate Delegate and Bill Gaynord, as the Second Alternate Delegate to the TCC and they are hereby authorized to vote on behalf of the SSD.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1172 APPOINTMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

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:

Secondary Counselor

- 1. Coss, Joy 1225 ½ S. Irving Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505

ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Literacy Committee - \$29.00/Hour
Jennifer Telesco
Kathleen Beckwith
Amy Lloyd
Lynn Harding
- 2. Substitute Teaching Assignments – It is recommended that the substitutes listed below be assigned to the positions indicated at the established rates:

Jennifer McIntyre	Special Education Sumner #18	Long-term Substitute 1/11/12 – 6/20/12
Christine Phillips	Spanish Scranton High School	Long-term Substitute 1/9/12 and continuing Until further notice
Mikki Shalata	Spanish Scranton High School	Long-term Substitute 1/19/12 and continuing Until further notice

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO. 1173
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Professional

- 1. Judith A. Gatelli School Nurse Sabbatical/Restoration
1/30/12-6/12/12 West Scranton High School of Health/With Pay

Date of Appointment – 8/26/96

No other Leave of Absence
- 2. Gail Hoffman Kindergarten Extension/Special Health
2/1/12 – 1/31/13 Audubon #42 Leave/Without Pay

Date of Appointment – 9/21/93

Family Medical Leave – 1/16/11 – 4/10/11
Special Health – 4/11/11 – 6/10/11
Special Health – 9/6/11 – 2/1/12
- 3. Stephen Kochis Reading Family/Medical Leave
5/23/12 – 6/15/12 Northeast Intermediate Without Pay

Date of Appointment – 9/27/04

No other Leave of Absence

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| 4. <u>Georgeanne Mattise</u>
12/21/11 – 4/4/12 | Grade 3
Whittier #2 | <u>Special/Health</u>
<u>Without Pay</u> |
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Date of Appointment – 10/19/2005

Family Medical Leave – 9/28/11 – 12/20/11

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| 5. <u>Timothy W. Pawlik</u>
2/7/2012 | Music
Elementary Itinerant | <u>Military Leave/With Pay</u> |
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Date of Appointment – 8/30/1999

Military Leave – 4/2/11 – 4/9/11

Military Leave – 5/10/11 – 5/14/11

NON-CERTIFIED

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| 1. <u>Christine Tanfield</u>
1/9/12 – 4/1/12 | Clerk 205
Prescott #38 | <u>Family/Medical Leave</u>
<u>Without Pay</u> |
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Date of Appointment – 9/4/01

Family Medical Leave – 10/30/07 – 1/21/08

Child Rearing Leave – 1/22/08 – 4/1/08

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1174
RESIGNATIONS

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

Professional:

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| 1. <u>Arlene R. Shahum</u>
Special Education
West Scranton Intermediate

Years of Service – 24.8 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
| 2. <u>Colleen Stern</u>
Secondary Counselor
Scranton High School

Years of Service – 5.0 | Effective: December 23, 2011 |

Coaching

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| 1. <u>Kate Fox</u>
Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
West Scranton High School | Effective: January 4, 2012 |
| 2. <u>Paul McGloin</u>
Head Baseball Coach
West Scranton High School | Effective: January 31, 2012 |

ON THE QUESTION:

President Lesh recognized Ms. Colleen Stern and Arlene Shahum and the years of service by Ms. Shahum and wished her well in her retirement.

President Lesh also wished the best of luck to Mr. Paul McGloin who now holds a position with the New York Yankees.

The resolution was seconded by Director Jeffers 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 individuals be appointed to the positions indicated. Salaries in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Debra DeSanto	Clerk/LPN Itinerant
Michelle Diskin	Paraprofessional Special Education

The resolution was seconded by Director Fox 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

1.	Eleanor Langan	SCFL Practice Tournament West Scranton High School
	COST:	\$250.00
	DATES:	January 14, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	November 2011
2.	Eleanor Langan	Myers MLK Tournament Meyers High School
	COST:	\$880.00
	DATES:	January 21, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	November 2011
3.	Geralyn Vecerkauskas	Going to Scale 3 Tiered Logic Hershey, PA
	COST:	\$405.00
	DATES:	May 23-24, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
4.	David Mitchell	Going to Scale 3 Tiered Logic Hershey, PA
	COST:	\$405.00
	DATES:	May 23-24, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
5.	Eric Schaffer	PA PBS Implementers Forum Hershey, PA
	COST:	\$225.00
	DATES:	May 23-24, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	January 2011
6.	Jerome Skotleski	Promethean Active Educator Conf. Hershey, PA
	COST:	\$148.20
	DATES:	August 11, 2011
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	May 2009

7. Marian McGraw Poveromo	PA PBS Network Forum Hershey, PA COST: \$280.00 DATES: May 23-24, 2012 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May 2011
8. Dawn Jones	PA PBS Implementers Forum Hershey, PA COST: \$405.00 DATES: May 23-24, 2012 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: September 2011
9. Jennifer Palazzari	Suicide Prevention Workshop Children's Advocacy Center COST: \$90.00 DATES: December 8, 2011 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: November 2011
10. Jessica Leitzel	PA PBS Implementers Forum Hershey, PA COST: \$225.00 DATES: May 23-24, 2012 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: July 2011
11. Mario Emliani	PA PBS Implementers Forum Hershey, PA COST: \$405.00 DATES: May 23-24, 2012 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 2011
12. Anne Salerno	PAFPC Hershey, PA COST: \$580.00 DATES: March 25-26, 2012 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
13. David Bieri	Partners in Education Washington, DC COST: \$1493.00 DATES: February 16-19, 2012 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 2011
14. John F. Vail	PASPA State Conference Harrisburg, PA COST: \$790.00 DATES: February 29-March 2, 2012 LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 2011

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

At this time Mr. King submitted the following resolution proclaiming January as School Director Recognition Month.

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

Whereas, the role of locally elected school officials has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834, and

Whereas, the Scranton Board of School Directors has discharged its responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed the Scranton School District in the forefront of our education systems, and

Whereas, these elected officials have distinguished themselves and the Scranton community in this nonpaid, volunteer public service commitment, and

Whereas, the contributions of these men and women should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the administration, faculty, students and staff of the Scranton School District as well as the entire Scranton community join with the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and hereby proclaim the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in Scranton and throughout the Commonwealth.
The resolution was seconded by Director Sheridan and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the following be considered for your approval:

Be it resolved that Dunmore Roofing and Supply Company is hereby authorized to repair the metal base and flashing using SRC polyurethane coating and polyester fabric coating system at West Scranton High School roof not to exceed \$5,800.00 as per the attached proposal.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the following be considered for your approval:

Be it resolved that the Director of Facilities and Grounds in consultation with the District Solicitor and Deputy Superintendent/Finance is hereby authorized to develop Request for Proposals for Electricity and Natural Gas Consultants for the purchases of these resources.

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.

It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee that the following be considered for your approval:

Be it resolved that the Director of Facilities and Grounds in consultation with the District Solicitor and Deputy Superintendent/Finance in developing a Request for Proposals for Guaranteed Energy Services in accordance with Act 29 Guaranteed Energy Savings Act for West Scranton Intermediate School, McNichols Plaza Elementary School and Armstrong Elementary Schools.

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

At this time, 8:39PM President Lesh recessed for an executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 8:43PM

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

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

Whereas, the School District of the City of Scranton is the subject of administrative proceedings in ODR File Number ODR-2305-11/12AS wherein the appropriateness of the students’ special education programs have been challenged; and

Whereas the parties have reached tentative settlement agreements in these matters upon the terms and conditions previously provided for your consideration;

Therefore be it resolved that the settlement identified in ODR File Number: ODR-2305-11/12AS be approved upon the terms and conditions as described above, 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 Sheridan and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director O’Shea.

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

Be it resolved that the Contract Extension for student transportation between the Scranton City School District and its current contractor DeNaples Transportation, Inc., be approved as per the attached Addendum.

The terms and conditions are effective for the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Sheridan thanked and congratulated DeNaples for doing a great job of transporting our students.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

President’s Report:

President Lesh thanked the public for their participation in the monthly meetings and also announced the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in the auditorium of Scranton High School at 7:00 PM to hear public input regarding the possible closing of Audubon Elementary School. President Lesh also stated that the public will have ninety (90) days to ask questions, submit letters and to address the board regarding the possible closing of Audubon before a decision is made.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

By: _____
Secretary