

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the School District of the City of Scranton was held on Monday, April 2, 2012 in the cafeteria of the Career Technology Center, 3201 Rockwell Avenue, Scranton PA 18508 at 7:30 PM prevailing time.

President Lesh called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: By the Secretary.

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

Director Shrive made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on February 6, 2012. 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 Monday March 26, 2012 at 7:00PM to discuss labor relations and personnel.

The Scranton School Board of Directors held an executive session this evening, Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:00PM to discuss personnel.

President Lesh now waived the rules of the board and called for Visiting Delegations for the people who applied for the vacancy seat on the school board announced there would be a three minute time limit as there are plenty of speakers.

The following individuals addressed the board and spoke of their qualifications and backgrounds, and why they should be considered to fill the school board vacancy.

Dan LaMagna
James E. Freethy
Tom Borthwick
James Timlin
Joe Matyjevich
Sarene O'Malley
Armand Martinelli

Ozzie Quinn Taxpayer's Association spoke of the recent Lerta (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act) program that was approved by the board and shared information he is aware of regarding variances.

Mr. Quinn also spoke of two bills introduced in Harrisburg; the House Bill 1776 and Senate Bill 1400 that pertain to the elimination of property taxes for schools.

William Jackowitz Scranton resident spoke in favor of the uniform policy and also that he hopes the board has taken their time and makes the right decision when appointing an individual for the vacant school board seat.

Mr. Jackowitz also spoke of Pennsylvania school districts website and is disappointed that the Scranton School District ranked 419th out of 550 schools in the state.

Sandra Brady, Scranton High School PTSA President, spoke about the lack of school spirit at Scranton High School and how disheartening it is. Ms. Brady suggested an Athletic Pass that the students can buy to attend any athletic school function to help raise school spirit and also as a fund-raising tool.

Ms. Brady now informed the board that the students are no longer allowed to have pretzel sales at Scranton High School and that they were asked to leave the building. She was told directly that the school board voted against the pretzel and bake sales although she doesn't believe the school board would do that. Ms. Brady added that over \$2,000.00 was raised for a student within the Scranton School District who is very ill and the students were very proud they raised that money for this student.

President Lesh apologized to Ms. Brady and said that the board has had no involvement with stopping the fund raising sales and they will address the situation.

Director Sheridan also responded and said that he cannot recall a resolution that this board passed regarding the stoppage of any fund raising sales.

A brief discussion now took place between Ms. Brady, President Lesh, Mr. William King and Mr. Bill Gaynord about fund raising sales and the food services contract.

President Lesh felt that Aramark will be cooperative and come to an agreement regarding the pretzel and bake sales and asked that this be rectified as soon as possible.

Gerard Hetman of Lackawanna County Community Relations introduced himself and informed the board that he will be attending the monthly school board meetings to update the Scranton School District of Lackawanna County government and upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

Rachel Mercuri teacher at Scranton High School thanked Directors McGuigan and Ruane for their recent visit to Scranton High.

Ms. Mercuri also spoke on the following:

- Uniform Policy/Dress Code

Ms. Mercuri said that as teachers their biggest concern is that the uniform policy/dress code is the **least** of their concerns. Ms. Mercuri added that the teachers would rather have a student who is wearing a hoodie who listens and does their work rather than one who **is** in dress code, who with every direction given is met with an argument or cursing. It is a daily reality that the teachers deal with.

- Frustrated with the incredible defiance that they are met with routinely being cursed at by students for simple requests such as remove their earphones or put away their hoodie.
- Ms. Mercuri has gone through all of her disciplines that she has had throughout the year and the number of dress code violations was about even with the disruptive and defiant actions.
- Asked the board to reinstitute In-House Suspension; Out of School Suspension is a reward for most of these students not a punishment.

President Lesh responded to Ms. Mercuri and said there have been quite a few discussions about discipline issues and said help is on the way, adding that a very informative Education Committee meeting was held recently and there is going to be a committee formed involving faculty and administrators to help rectify the problems in the classrooms.

Director Barrett also assured Ms. Mercuri that there is light at the end of the tunnel; a Discipline Committee is being created which includes the teachers union, administrators and board members.

Ms. Mercuri now asked the board to please reconsider when renewing the contract with Aramark. As far as she is concerned they are in breach of contract if they think they are serving healthy meals to our students.

Rosemary Boland SFT President, thanked Director Barrett and other members who attended last week's Education Committee meeting. Ms. Boland thinks it was very productive and appreciates that administrators were present.

Ms. Boland now invited the board members to attend a public rally on April 14, 2012 at the Lackawanna Courthouse to call attention to the harm that budget cuts are doing to our students. We must stand together and tell the governor that enough is enough.

At this time, President Lesh again waived the rules of the board and move out of order and asked for a motion to fill the vacant seat on the Scranton School Board.

Director O'Shea made a motion to nominate Mr. Armand Martinelli to fill the board vacancy. The motion was seconded by Director Shrive and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) negative vote. Director McGuigan cast the negative vote.

Mr. Armand Martinelli was now sworn in as a Board Member of the Scranton School District by Solicitor John Minora.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

It is the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee that the following resolution be approved.

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize the outstanding talent exhibited by our Art, Music & Drama students in the Scranton School District, and

WHEREAS, the West Scranton Players won the Peter J Doyle Memorial Scholastic Award at the 2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10, 2012 for their outstanding singing and dancing to the soundtrack of Grease, and

WHEREAS, these WSHS cast members of Grease performed dance routines including, "Shaking the High School Hop" and "Grease Lightening" along the parade route, and

WHEREAS, the outstanding cast members included seniors: Galen Haggerty as Sandy, John Kearney as Danny, Chris Galdieri as Kenickie, Victoria Kusy as Frenchy, Aryssara Bryndiza as Marty, Kelsie Kiehart as Miss Lynch, Brian Jones as Vince Fontain, Marisha Lozada as Cha Cha and Dylan Doran as a Hot Rod Greaser., and

WHEREAS, underclassmen cast members included: Christian Luciano as Roger, Justin Luciano as Sonny, Rachel Fitz as Jan, Layla Bryndzia as Rizzo, Shania Burns as Patty Simcox, Delaney Malloy as a Bobby Socks Kitten, Randy Kasorek as a high school jock, Marcel Thomas as a greaser, Andrew Simpson as Johnny Casino and Isaac Charleson as The T-Bird Doody, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the Board be extended to the West Scranton High School Drama Club, the entire cast and crew of Grease and their Drama Teacher Angela Franek.

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

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 Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize outstanding performances by our student-athletes and their coaches, and

WHEREAS, Tom Hendry, a West Scranton High School Senior Wrestler, recently completed his high school wrestling career with a total of 109 wins, and the PIAA State Wrestling Championships in Hershey, and

WHEREAS, Tom has had tremendous success at the PIAA District II level of competition throughout his wrestling career, placing 4th as a sophomore, 2nd as a junior and capping off his senior year by winning the PIAA District II Wrestling Championship in the 119 lb weight class,

WHEREAS, Tom has also qualified for the PIAA Regional Wrestling Championships 3 years in a row, placing 4th his senior year and earning a trip to the PIAA State Wrestling Championships in Hershey, PA, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the entire Board of Education be extended to Tom Hendry, his parents, Tom & Kim Hendry and his coaches, Paul & John Fox for Tom's outstanding wrestling career at West Scranton High School.

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 & Stadium Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors is always eager to recognize outstanding performances by our student-athletes, teams and their coaches, and

WHEREAS, the 2011-2012 Scranton High School Knights Boys Basketball Team won its second straight Lackawanna League Division I Championship and had an overall season record of 19-5, and

WHEREAS, this outstanding basketball team also won their second straight Lynett Tournament Championship and competed in 3 nationally acclaimed high school tournaments with a record of 1-2, and

WHEREAS, some other season highlights included: Senior Terry Turner becoming the schools all time leading scorer, Senior Malik Draper was selected to the All Region Team and was named the All Star Game Most valuable player, and Coach Tony Battaglia won his 200th career game, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the official congratulations of the entire Board of Education be extended to the players and coaches of this exceptional Scranton High School Knights Basketball Program.

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:

To approve the Contract with West Scranton Little League and the Scranton School District for the exclusive use of Battaglia-Cawley Field, Sloan Field, and Lackawanna Field by West Scranton High School and West Scranton Intermediate School as per the attached.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

It is the recommendation to 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:

I move that orders be drawn upon the treasury as follows:

April 2, 2012	\$542,114.84
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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 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 April 2, 2012 be approved as per the attached:

Exception Bill List for April 2, 2012

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$3,294,867.11 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

March 30, 2012	\$ 1,776,177.42
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March 16, 2012	\$ 1,518,689.69
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Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$6,767,928.72 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

March 30, 2012	\$3,901,919.71
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March 16, 2012	\$2,866,009.01
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The resolution was seconded by Director Ruane 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 January 31, 2012 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$ 4,388,127.70
Monthly Revenue	\$ 2,454,301.44
Transfer and Refunds	<u>\$ 11,721,481.49</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE	 \$ 18,563,910.63
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 9,682,615.67</u>
 BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	 \$ 8,881,294.96

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 McGuigan.

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

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

Tax:	\$ 416,858.51
Penalty	\$ 96,681.49
TOTAL	\$ 513,540.00
Commission (5%)	\$ 25,677.31
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 487,862.69

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director McGuigan.

It is the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee that the following be accepted:

Student Activity Funds Accounting for the period October through December 2011 submitted by the Treasurers of South Scranton, Northeast, and West Scranton Intermediate Schools, Scranton and West Scranton High Schools and #32 Frances Willard, #38 William Prescott and #41 John Marshall Elementary Schools; and the Athletic Directors of Scranton and West Scranton High Schools.

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 McGuigan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the general operating budget of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU #19) for the 2012-2013 school year be approved as per the attached.

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 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:

1. South Washington Avenue – Map No. 15657020004, purchaser C&E Investors, Inc. - \$3,457.00.
2. 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. This resolution is subject to the approval of other taxing bodies.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Shrive indicated he would be abstaining from the vote due to legal work he performs for the Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau in his role as a private attorney.

The resolution was seconded by Director Fox and passed with eight (8) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director Shrive abstained.

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 wishes to establish a Career and College Readiness Pilot Course at both Scranton and West Scranton High Schools for the 2012-2013 school year, and

WHEREAS, this pilot Career and College Readiness course shall be placed on the high school course selection sheet, listed as a 1 credit English elective, available to both juniors and seniors who are not enrolled in AP or Honors English courses, and

WHEREAS, this Career and College Readiness Course is intended to prepare students for the rigors of college level reading, writing, listening, speaking and critical thinking for post-secondary education and employment, and

WHEREAS, students choosing to participate in this course will be pretested and post tested to evaluate the effectiveness of this course offering, which will help teachers and administrators to determine whether this is a course that should be permanently adopted, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School District agrees to offer this Career and College Readiness Pilot Course for the 2012-2013 school year.

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 considered for your approval:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors has had a consistent student school uniform policy in grades Pre-K–8 for more than a decade, and

WHEREAS, this well defined school uniform policy in grades Pre-K–8 has served the district well for more than 10 years, and

WHEREAS, in order to insure consistency, student safety and discipline in grades Pre-K–12, the Board wishes to expand the student uniform policy to include grades 9 –12, commencing at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to convene a committee of pertinent stakeholders to develop a uniform policy that will be presented to the full Board for their consideration, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board officially agrees to adopt a high school uniform policy that will go into effect at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year and will be developed by a committee of stakeholders and later approved by the full Board of Education.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan indicated she would be voting against this resolution because without having a uniform policy developed it is senseless to pass a policy by just saying we're going to adopt a policy and hopes that the administration of our high schools don't think that a uniform policy is going to solve the problems. There is a problem with discipline and a problem of support of the teachers. The only kids that are going to follow the uniform policy are the ones that are currently following the dress code policy.

President Lesh also commented and said there has been a lot of debate over a uniform policy and it is something that needs to be put into effect by the next school year. Mr. Lesh added that the uniform policy is just the beginning and is part of the disciplinary issues that the committee will address.

Director Sheridan added that he agrees with both President Lesh and Director McGuigan regarding a uniform policy but it starts with the administrators at the schools and the students need to know that there are policies in place that need to be followed.

The resolution was seconded by Director Sheridan 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 Barrett.

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. 10 of 2012 and No. 11 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. 10 of 2012 and No. 11 of 2012 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

The resolution was seconded by Director Ruane 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 wishes to establish one section of a Pilot Advanced Placement Environmental Science course at both Scranton and West Scranton High Schools for the 2012-2013 school year, and

WHEREAS, this Pilot AP Environmental Science course shall be placed on the high school course selection sheet and will be available to juniors and seniors, who have successfully completed a minimum of Biology and a course in Chemistry, as prerequisites, and

WHEREAS, this AP Environmental Science Course is intended to prepare students for the rigors of post secondary science courses for possible study in the areas of Environmental Science and Ecology, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of this course shall be determined by evaluating student performance on mid-term exams, final exams and AP exams, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School District agrees to offer this Pilot AP Environmental Science course for the 2012-2013 school year.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan thanked Mr. Kevin Kays for having the foresight to introduce this course and is happy that it’s finally coming to fruition.

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. 1179

ASSIGNMENTS/APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Assignments:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS – It is recommended that the substitutes listed below be assigned to the positions indicated at the established rates:

<u>Bart Burne</u>	Business Co-op Scranton High School	Long term Substitute from 3/26/12 and continuing until further notice
<u>Ashley Carroll</u>	Mathematics South Scranton Intermediate School	Long term Substitute from 2/1/12 and continuing until further notice
<u>Jennifer DiRienzo</u>	Grade 2 McNichols Plaza	Long term Substitute from 2/1/12 and continuing until further notice
<u>Maureen Keegan</u>	Reading Northeast Intermediate School	Long term Substitute from 2/7/12 and continuing until further notice

Appointment:

Special Education

1. Lindsey Courtright 126 Ridgeview Drive, Scranton, PA 18504
(.5 schedule)

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. 1180

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Professional

1. Courtney E. Novak
5/2/2012—5/25/2012
Preschool
Scranton High School
Family/ Medical
Leave/Without Pay

Date of Appointment – 9/2/2008

No other Leave of Absence
2. Karen L. Padden
2/6/2012—3/2/2012
English
Scranton High School
Family/Medical Leave/
Without Pay

Date of Appointment—2/3/2000

F/ML—11/19/2001—2/11/002
F/ML—3/15/2006—4/7/2006

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Non Certified

- Stephanie Allen
3/20/2012—6/1/2012
Clerk/ LPN
Family/Medical Leave/
Without Pay

Date of Appointment—2/22/2011

No other Leave of Absence

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. 1181

TERMINATION

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

TERMINATION

1. Lynn Higgins
Paraprofessional
West Scranton Intermediate School
Effective April 2, 2012

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. Maggie Newcomb
Giving a Fish a Bath
Marywood University
COST: \$110.00
DATES: March 9, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A

2.	Brenda Holzman	Giving a Fish a Bath Marywood University
	COST:	\$20.00
	DATES:	March 9, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
3.	Helen Ann Joyce	CLM NEIU #19
	COST:	\$107.00
	DATES:	February 22, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Nov., 12
4.	Tiffany Megotz	CLM NEIU #19
	COST:	\$107.00
	DATES:	February 22, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
5.	Kathleen O'Donnell	World Language/Diversity University of Scranton
	COST:	\$115.00
	DATES:	April 30, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Oct., 11
6.	Thomas Murray	Immigration in NEPA Anthracite Museum
	COST:	\$98.00
	DATES:	March 27, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
7.	Colleen Gallagher	World Language Day University of Scranton
	COST:	\$115.00
	DATES:	April 30, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	09
8.	Eleanor Langan	NFL District Finals Philadelphia, PA
	COST:	\$2050.00
	DATES:	March 9-10, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Feb.,12
9.	Kim Mecca	TBI Team Presentation NEIU #19
	COST:	\$11.00
	DATES:	March 29, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Jan., 12
10.	Bradley M. Turi	SAP Training 911 Call Center
	COST:	\$460.00
	DATES:	March 26-28, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
11.	Kim Mecca	Students with Asperger's Syndrome Abington Heights School District
	COST:	\$13.00
	DATES:	March 9, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	March, 12

12.	Ann Lebowitz Monsky	Tips for Successful Therapy in Schools NEIU #19
	COST:	\$12.00
	DATES:	March 20, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Nov.,11
13.	Kathy Martin	SAP Training 911 Call Center
	COST:	\$460.00
	DATES:	March 26-28, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
14.	Eleanor Langan	CFL Qualifier Dallas High School
	COST:	\$750.00
	DATES:	March 3, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Feb., 12
15.	Eleanor Langan	PHSSL State Finals Susquehanna University
	COST:	\$1200.00
	DATES:	March 23-24, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	March, 12
16.	Cathy Opshinsky	Written Expression Instruction Harrisburg, PA
	COST:	\$140.00
	DATES:	July 12, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	March, 11
17.	Cathy Opshinsky	Education on Law Conference Lehigh University
	COST:	\$295.00
	DATES:	May 11, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	March, 11
18.	Jennifer Palazzari	Exploring Current Drug Trends Marywood University
	COST:	\$50.00
	DATES:	March 20, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Feb, 12
19.	Jennifer Spott	Crisis Intervention Training NEIU #19
	COST:	\$205.00
	DATES:	May 10 & 15, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	N/A
20.	Laura McDermott	Brainsteps NEIU #19
	COST:	\$90.00
	DATES:	March 29, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Oct., 11
21.	Dave Genovese	CPI Refresher Course NEIU #19
	COST:	\$90.00
	DATES:	April 11, 2012
	LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE:	Dec., 11

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| 22. | Marie Ceccoli | Wildlife Tracking
Lakeside Elementary School |
| | COST: | \$90.00 |
| | DATES: | March 7, 2012 |
| | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | N/A |
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| 23. | Molly Zvirblis | Early Childhood Leadership
Virtual Conference (Online) |
| | COST: | \$119.95 |
| | DATES: | April 5, 2012 |
| | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: | N/A |

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 of Schools that the following be approved:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO.1182

RESIGNATIONS

RESIGNATIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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| 1. | <u>Ann McDonough</u>
Principal
Whittier #2 School | Effective: | June 29, 2012 |
| | Years of Service – 35 | | |
| 2. | <u>Louis M. Paris</u>
Supervisor/Elementary Education/Curriculum
Administration Building | Effective: | June 29, 2012 |
| | Years of Service – 16 | | |

PROFESSIONAL:

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| 1. | <u>Cristina Applegate</u>
Special Education
Scranton High School | Effective: | March 9, 2012 |
| | Years of Service – 4.5 | | |
| 2. | <u>Elizabeth Balise</u>
English
Northeast Intermediate School | Effective: | June 20, 2012 |
| | Years of Service – 11 | | |
| 3. | <u>Laura Ann Haarmeyer</u>
Grade 4
Isaac Tripp #49 | Effective: | June 20, 2012 |
| | Years of Service – 31.5 | | |

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| 4. <u>Mary C. Jennings</u>
Health
Scranton High School

Years of Service – 22 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
| 5. <u>Ann Lebowitz Monsky</u>
Speech Correction
McNichols Plaza

Years of Service – 26.4 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
| 6. <u>Gary S. Mulrine</u>
Social Studies
Scranton High School

Years of Service – 27.4 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
| 7. <u>Gladys H. Pugh</u>
Computer Lab
South Scranton Intermediate School

Years of Service – 29 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
| 8. <u>William M. Roditski</u>
Gifted
Elementary Itinerant

Years of Service – 36 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
| 9. <u>Catherine VanNort</u>
Music
Elementary Itinerant

Years of Service – 32.3 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |

PARAPROFESSIONAL:

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| 1. <u>Paula Kearney</u>
Kindergarten
Robert Morris #27

Years of Service – 17 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
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NONCERTIFIED:

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| 1. <u>Dorothy Arcuri</u>
Clerk/230
Scranton High School

Years of Service – 11 | Effective: June 30, 2012 |
| 2. <u>Marilyn Culkin</u>
Clerk
Diagnostic Center

Years of Service – 16 | Effective: June 20, 2012 |
| 3. <u>Patricia Hanis</u>
Clerk/ 205
John Adams #4 School

Years of Service – 32.5 | Effective: June 30, 2012 |

4. Paulette Szydlowski
Clerk/ 261
Special Education Office

Effective: May 18, 2012

Years of Service – 19.3

NONCERTIFIED:

5. David Whittaker
Building Supervisor
Scranton High School

Effective: June 29, 2012

Years of Service -- 30

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan thanked all of the individuals who are retiring for their years of service to the Scranton School District.

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

PURCHASING COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for Lumber Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Mann & Parker Lumber Company	New Freedom, PA	\$5,922.24
Forest County Wood Products	Tionesta, PA	\$4,042.60
<u>O'Shea Lumber Company</u>	<u>Glen Rock, PA</u>	<u>\$2,646.00</u>
TOTAL		\$12,610.84

ON THE QUESTION:

Director O'Shea wanted to note that O'Shea Lumber is of no relation to him.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

The PURCHASING COMMITTEE presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be It Resolved that the contracts for Janitorial Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Master Chemical Products	Wilkes Barre, PA	\$10,656.66
Central Poly Corporation	Linden, NJ	\$ 9,985.00
Penn Paper Supply Company	Scranton, PA	\$19,830.00
American Janitor	Scranton, PA	\$34,010.00
Northeast Chemical	Lansford, PA	\$ 7,125.00
<u>Sanico</u>	<u>Binghamton, NY</u>	<u>\$18,715.00</u>
Total		\$100,321.66

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Scranton High School Kitchen A/C project, be approved, as per the attached proposal submitted by the Peters Design Group, District Engineers.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Intermediate School Gym Floor Stabilization, be approved, as per the attached proposal submitted by the Peters Design Group, District Engineers.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Step Replacement Project at McNichols Plaza Elementary School, be approved, as per the attached proposal submitted by the Peters design Group, District Engineers.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

Superintendent's Report No. 1183

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following contract for Special Education Services with the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19 (NEIU) be approved:

WHEREAS, pursuant to 22 PA Code Section 14, school districts may expend said funds and provide said programs and services either by direct service or through arrangements with other agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 22 PA Code Section 14, the Scranton School District is required to specify which, if any, services will be provided by contract with intermediate units or other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the District has concluded and determined that the programs and services below listed can be more efficiently or economically operated by contracting with the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU) for provision of same;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the attached contract(s) with NEIU for provision of special education programs and services as specified therein are hereby approved for the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter until expiration in accordance with the terms thereof.

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 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, wherein the appropriateness of the student's special education program has been challenged;

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 settlement 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.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Lesh thanked all of the candidates who submitted resumes or letters of interest for the board vacancy, for coming forward to speak and he hopes to see all of you again in the campaign arena.

President Lesh also thanked Mrs. Ann McDonough for her 35 years of service to the Scranton School District. Mr. Lesh added that Mrs. McDonough has been a great administrator and teacher, she will be hard to replace and he is personally sad to see her go.

President Lesh noted that there is over 300 years of service that the list of retirees have invested in the Scranton School District and that really tells you something of the dedication and time that the employees have given to the district and he thanked all and wished them well.

Director Barrett now thanked fellow directors that helped move forward with the paperless initiative by not accepting a paper board packet this evening. Mr. Barrett also thanked Mr. Bill DelPrete and Mr. Ronelle Barrett for setting up the laptops and sound system this evening.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40PM

BY: _____
Secretary