

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

A special meeting for general purposes of the Scranton Board of School Directors was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 7:30PM prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503.

President Lesh called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM 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.

VISITING DELEGATIONS:

Ozzie Quinn, Taxpayers Association, read a letter to the board regarding the public pools and also had some questions about the LERTA resolution to be considered this evening in which Attorney Frank Hoegan explained.

Mr. Quinn asked the board to reconsider as we are in a financial crisis, cannot afford it and if there is any extra money, to use that money to pay off bonds or open public pools.

Lori Stetzer, Math teacher and cheerleading coach at Scranton High School and Mr. Ted Anderson, Math teacher and Athletic Director at Scranton High School representing the students, parents and football players of Scranton High School spoke in opposition of the Thanksgiving Day Football game. They have received negative feedback from students and parents stating they are not in favor of the Thanksgiving Day game due to the number of games and player safety.

President Lesh now asked Director Fox, Chairman of the Athletics and Stadium Committee to hold a committee meeting to discuss the football game further.

Rosemary Boland, SFT, congratulated Mr. King and looks forward to again working with him.

Ms. Boland spoke about the swimming pool situation in the city of Scranton, test scores, and after school tutoring.

Ms. Boland now spoke about the negative feedback she has heard about the Thanksgiving Day football game and also the use of facilities in our district; and that the students should take precedence over anyone else using our schools.

Ms. Boland expressed her opinion regarding the money that is being realized from the health care savings and feels that the money must be designated in a separate account and she wants to be able to track that money.

President Lesh interrupted Ms. Boland and said we have competent people and administrative staff to manage and do the right thing; and the board will do the right thing.

In closing, Ms. Boland continued to say that she wants the board to realize what is about to happen and she is speaking of a forensic audit.

President Lesh now asked to adjourn for a few minutes to speak to counsel and also invited Ms. Boland. (8:03PM)

The meeting re-adjourned at 8:10PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATHLETICS AND STADIUM COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Fox.

It is the recommendation of the Athletic and Stadium Committee that the following coaching assignments for the 2012-2013 school year be ratified. Salaries are in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Head Football Coach	Michael Marichak
Assistant Football Coach	Jamie Higgins
	Steven Shumbres
	Greg Hoffner
	Joseph Watral
	John Miles, Jr.
Assistant Freshman Football	Mark Granahan
Athletic Director	Theodore Anderson
Cross Country Coach	James Griffiths
Assistant Cross Country Coach	David Powell
Golf Coach	Anthony C. Battaglia
Soccer Coach	James McCormack, Jr.
Assistant Soccer Coach (Boys)	William Gibbons
Cheerleader Advisor (Football)	Lori Stetzar
Soccer Coach (Girls)	Margaret Loughney
Assistant Soccer Coach (Girls)	Matthew Loughney
Tennis Coach (Fall)	Joseph McNulty

WEST SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Head Football Coach	Joseph Gerek
Assistant Football Coach	Robert Eisenhart
	Christopher Gentilezza
	Donald Jackson-Bey
	Dennis Hricenak
	Frank Portanova
Assistant Freshman Football	Craig Rosser
Athletic Director	Richard Bresser
Cross Country Coach	John Kirby
Assistant Cross Country Coach	Scott Grecco
Athletic Equipment Aide	Anthony DeNunzio
Golf Coach	Jerome Skotleski
Soccer Coach	Mark Schultz
Tennis Coach (Fall)	Jennifer Spott
Cheerleader Advisor	Lori C. Stabryla
Soccer Coach (Girls)	James Cook
Assistant Soccer Coach (Boys)	William Schultz
Assistant Soccer Coach (Girls)	Glenn Lesh

WEST SCRANTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

7 th & 8 th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach	Leo Ciullo
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SOUTH SCRANTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

7 th & 8 th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach	Joseph Kearney
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NORTHEAST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

7 th & 8 th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach	William Tigue
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*Effective upon receipt of proper criminal, medical, immigration and child abuse reports.

ON THE QUESTION:

President Lesh indicated that he is not a relative of Mr. Glenn Lesh who is named Assistant Girls Soccer Coach.

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

ALSO

The following resolution as submitted by Director Fox.

The Athletics and Stadium Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration.

Be it resolved that the contract for Food Concessions at Memorial Stadium be awarded to Jerry Elia, Exeter, PA. The proposal guarantees a return to the district of 35% of gross receipts after sales tax.

The contract shall be for one (1) year with the option for two (2) annual renewals.

The resolution was seconded by Director Barrett 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 May 31, 2012 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$ 21,883,691.53
Monthly Revenue	\$ 7,319,298.65
Transfer and Refunds	<u>\$ 727,277.54</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE	 \$ 29,930,267.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 9,630,023.98</u>
 BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	 \$ 20,300,243.74

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.

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

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2012 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$ 20,300,243.74
Monthly Revenue	\$ 12,884,804.62
Transfer and Refunds	<u>\$ 525,901.48</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE	 \$ 33,710,949.84
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 11,483,884.23</u>
 BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	 \$ 22,227,065.61

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 McGuigan.

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

FROM:	10-3250-610-000-30-852-01	\$3,500.00 (WSIS)
TO:	10-3250-750-000-3063-01	\$3,500.00 (WSHS)
REASON:	This is the contribution from West Scranton Intermediate School to West Scranton High School, Mr. Rick Bresser (Athletic Director) to support the PIAA activities in which our seventh and eighth graders participate.	

The resolution was seconded by Director Fox 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 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 for more details regarding the proposed LERTA site.

Attorney Frank Hoegan, representing Affordable Senior Housing, addressed and a brief discussion now took place between the directors and Mr. Hoegan about the amount of savings in taxes to the developer, how much the district is giving up per year in taxes, rental prices, the significant investment the developer is making in the city of Scranton, the benefits to senior citizens and whether local unionized workers will be afforded the opportunity to be hired for construction at the site.

Directors McGuigan and Barrett both questioned the term of the LERTA and if there is an option of five (5) years instead of ten (10) years. Mr. Hoegan said the client may not agree.

In response to local unionized workers being used for the project, Mr. Hoegan said they would do everything they could to ensure local contractors are given the first opportunity but he could not guarantee that.

President Lesh now spoke about tabling the resolution so that they may research this further.

A motion to table the above resolution pertaining to the LERTA for Daron Block Site and Affordable Senior Housing was made by Director McGuigan, seconded by Director Martinelli 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 is subject of a civil suit, NO: 2004- CV-446;

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 Deputy Superintendent of Finance are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

ON THE QUESTION:

Attorney Minora wanted to clarify that this is at no cost to the district.

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 and Finance Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is subject of a dispute with Keystone Business Products, Inc., regarding copiers at West Scranton High School

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 be approved upon the terms and conditions as described, and the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent of Finance are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

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 and Finance Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton has contracted with Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania for the coverage of health insurance for its employees, and

WHEREAS, there has been a proposal for the incentive of a wellness program for participating members through WellNow for biometric screenings, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the contract with WellNow, as per attached, for the biometric screening of employees and their dependents.

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, the School District of the City of Scranton has contracted with Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania for the coverage of Health Insurance for its employees for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, and

WHEREAS, there has been a proposal to continue to achieve healthcare savings for the Scranton School District, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the contract with Fluidedge Consulting, as per attached.

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:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is a taxing authority in the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, a request for a refund of taxes relating to the KOZ designation of the Ritz Building, 222 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503 for the 2011 calendar year has been made; and

WHEREAS, the Single Tax Office will not honor the request made and has directed the School District of the City of Scranton to refund the taxes paid; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton agrees to refund the 2011 taxes for the KOZ designation in the amount of \$10,093.78 made payable to Jag Morgison Enterprises, Inc.

At this time Attorney Minora and Mr. Gregg Sunday addressed the reasons for the refund.

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 approved:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is subject of a civil suit, NO: 2011-CV-4231, and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the settlements as attached hereto, be approved upon the terms and conditions as described, and the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent of Finance 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.

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 contracted with Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania for the coverage of Health insurance for its employees.

WHEREAS, there has been a proposal for the imaging services for participating members through US Imaging for radiology serves.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the contract with US Imaging, as per attached, for the imaging services of the employees and their dependents.

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

FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director O'Shea.

The FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE presents the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that the FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT for the 2012-2013 school year be awarded to Aramark with a guaranteed return of \$453,295.29 to the District.

The state of Pennsylvania Core Contract and any addendums shall be reviewed by the Solicitor and appropriate District officials.

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

Director O'Shea thanked all who participated in the bidding process for the Food Services Contract including Mr. Gaynord and our staff.

LEGISLATION AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Shrive.

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

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law, the Scranton School District names Superintendent William F. King and Deputy Superintendent of Finance Gregg L. Sunday as the Acting Right to Know Officers, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors officially names Mr. William F. King and Mr. Gregg L. Sunday as the Acting Right to Know Officers for the Scranton School District.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the individuals listed on the attached sheet be appointed/assigned to the positions in the Scranton School District. Appointments/Assignments are effective upon receipt of proper federal criminal, immigration, medical and child abuse reports.

Salaries are in accordance with the appropriate salary schedules.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO. 1195

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the individuals as listed on the attachment be appointed to professional positions in the Scranton School District. Appointments are effective upon receipt of proper criminal records, immigration, medical and child abuse reports.

Salaries are in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan questioned the number of special education teacher positions and also if we are still held liable to offer positions to the displaced teachers at the School for the Deaf.

Mr. King addressed.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT NO: 1196
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. Emily A. Coleman
12/12/12 – 3/15/13 | ESL/English
Scranton High School | Family/Medical Leave
Without Pay |
| Date of Appointment – 8/28/2006 | | |
| No other Leave of Absence | | |
| 2. Amanda Jones
2012-2013 School Year | Mathematics
Scranton/West Scranton High | Extension/Special Leave
of Absence/Study
Without Pay |
| Date of Appointment – 8/26/2010 | | |
| Special Leave/Study 2011-2012 School Year | | |
| 3. Ann M. Medico
2012-2013 School Year | Grade 2
Morris #27 School | Special/Personal Leave/
Without Pay |
| Date of Appointment – 9/5/2008 | | |
| No other Leave of Absence | | |
| 4. Mildred K. McLane
8/30/2012-1/25/2013 | Reading Specialist
Bancroft #34 | Sabbatical/Professional
Development/With Pay |
| Date of Appointment – 8/30/1999 | | |
| No other Leave of Absence | | |

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| 5. Nancy Schaub
2012-2013 School Year | Elementary Guidance
Itinerant | Extension/Child Rearing
Leave/Without Pay |
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Date of Appointment – 8/30/1999

Family/Medical Leave	3/23/2011 -6/13/2011
Child Rearing Leave	2011-2012 School Year

NON-CERTIFIED

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| 1. David Loscombe
7/23/2012 – 10/15/2012 | Custodian
Sumner #18 | Family/Medical Leave
Without Pay |
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Date of Appointment – 5/8/98

No other Leave of Absence

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

PERMISSION TO ATTEND MEETINGS

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| 1. | Eleanor Langan | The Blue Maroon & White
Sunbury, PA
COST: \$585.00
DATES: January 7, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12 |
| 2. | Barbara Udomsak | 2012 ELL Symposium
Chester County Inter. Unit
COST: \$534.00
DATES: July 30 to August 1, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Nov., 11 |
| 3. | Megan Barrett | Eastern Penn IT Data
Lewisburg, PA
COST: \$147.40
DATES: May 15, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 4. | Christopher E. Evans | AP English 2012
Wilkes University
COST: \$1311.00
DATES: July 23-27, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 5. | Mary Ann Hazzouri | PA State Computer Fair
Carlisle, PA
COST: \$160.00
DATES: May 22, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |
| 6. | Thomas L. Frew | PMEA Conference
Lancaster Convention Center
COST: \$1103.00
DATES: April 18-21, 2012
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 12 |

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan questioned why the Permissions to Attend are so often approved after the conference dates.

Mr. King addressed.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO: 1197
RESIGNATIONS

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

RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

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| 1. Eric G. Schaeffer
Principal, Scranton High School | Effective: | August 3, 2012 |
| Years of Service – 11 | | |
| 2. Kimberly Shina
Controller, Single Tax Office | Effective: | July 27, 2012 |
| Years of Service – 2.4 | | |

PROFESSIONAL

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| 1. Jeanne E. Luker
Kindergarten, Robert Morris #27 School | Effective: | July 23, 2012 |
| Years of Service – 1.0 | | |

NONCERTIFIED

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| 1. Stephanie Allen
Clerk/LPN, Itinerant | Effective: | August 15, 2012 |
| Years of Service – 1.0 | | |
| 2. Kathryn Thomas
Clerk/Access Spec. Ed-Administration Bldg. | Effective: | July 5, 2012 |
| Years of Service - .8 | | |
| 3. Shawn Walsh
Pool Locker Room Attendant, Scranton High School | Effective: | July 13, 2012 |
| Years of Service – 11 | | |

COACHING

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| 1. Richard M. Bailey
Assistant Varsity Football Coach
West Scranton High School | Effective: | July 10, 2012 |
| 2. Kevin Rossi
Golf Coach
West Scranton High School | Effective: | August 4, 2012 |

3. Christopher R. Mazzino
Assistant Swim Coach
West Scranton High School

Effective: July 12, 2012

The resolution was seconded by Director Shrive 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 of the City of Scranton wishes to change the title and responsibilities of the current Title I Administrator, Anne Salerno to Director of Federal & Special Programs with the salary to be adjusted in accordance with Federal Title I guidelines.

The resolution was seconded by Director Shrive 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:

Assistant Business Manager

Patrick Laffey
Salary: \$60,000

The resolution was seconded by Director O'Shea.

ON THE QUESTION:

President Lesh made a motion for a friendly amendment to the resolution. President Lesh indicated that the Assistant Business Manager has always held the responsibility of Purchasing Agent and since Catherine DelPrete, who is a current employee of the District, has shared the duties for many years and is well qualified to assume these duties, he is asking for a friendly amendment to include Catherine DelPrete as Purchasing Agent.

A brief discussion now took place regarding the salaries of the Assistant Business Manager and Purchasing Agent and will be addressed at the September meeting.

The motion for the friendly amendment to include Catherine DelPrete as Purchasing Agent was seconded by Director O'Shea and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Scranton Intermediate School Re-Carpet Project as per the Palumbo Group.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan questioned if the re-carpet project needed to go out for bid.

Mr. Jeff Brazil addressed.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration Building paving and fence project as per the proposals from the Palumbo Group, Inc., Jerry Ganz, Inc., for completion by September 2012. The cost of the paving and fence is from the Capital Improvement Fund.

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 Sheridan.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the City of Scranton authorizes the Palumbo Group to begin work on Plancon A & B for construction work to be completed at the former Lincoln-Jackson Elementary School, which will serve as a secondary alternative school site, and

WHEREAS, these plancon documents shall be developed and presented to the Board of Education for approval in September 2012, prior to submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) in October 2012, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board authorizes the Palumbo Group to begin preparation of Plancon A & B for construction work at the former Lincoln-Jackson Elementary School.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan had a question regarding the money available in capital funds.

Mr. John Palumbo and Mr. William King addressed.

The Palumbo Group now gave a presentation of the Preliminary Findings of the proposed Lincoln Jackson Alternative School study.

A brief discussion now took place between directors, administration and the Palumbo Group regarding the study.

A discussion now took place about the West Scranton Intermediate gymnasium sub-surface between directors, administrators and the district engineer regarding bidding, options, how long it will take to finish, accommodating the students, their activities and wanting the job completed properly without worry of further issues down the road.

President Lesh now asked that a resolution be approved this evening to move forward with the sub-surface project.

Mr. King and Attorney Minora left the meeting to prepare the resolution.

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 student's special education program has been challenged or suits have been filed, ODR # 2369-11-12 AS, ODR # 3363-12-13 AS and ODR # 3395-12-13 AS

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

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

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the importance of ensuring that all special education services provided for under the School Based ACCESS Program is accurately accounted for and reimbursed, and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education recently contracted with the Public Consulting Group to administer the ACCESS Program, and

WHEREAS, since the PCG is presently in a transition phase, it is recommended that the district continue to engage the services of the school based ACCESS Program-Align through Leader Services for a one year period, commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS the combined costs of both programs reflect a savings of 18 cents per direct service fee billed and 31 cents per transportation transaction billed, and

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

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Ruane.

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

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

WHEREAS, Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc, 1780 Kendarbren Drive, Jamison, PA 18929 (IHC) enters into agreement to provide on an "as needed" basis up to 40 hours per week of related service for students as indicated by the attached contract, and

WHEREAS this service will be provided for a one year period, commencing on September 4, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013, and

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

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

At this time, Mr. Jeff Brazil gave an update to ongoing projects

Mr. Jeff Brazil updated the board on the following:

- Prescott Elementary School Wall
- Adams Elementary School roof
- Armstrong Elementary School on schedule and ready to go for opening day.
- West Scranton Intermediate School
 - Additional rooms
 - Track resurfaced
 - Tree removal in front of building
 - Power-washing front of building
 - Repairing or replacing windows that have been leaking for quite a while
- McNichols Plaza final walk through scheduled and steps will be complete
- Audubon and St. Mary's have been emptied
- Scranton High School
 - Painting
 - Fence repaired
 - Lighting replaced along the side that faces the Expressway that have been out for six or seven years
- West Scranton High School
 - A/C unit will be complete
 - 3rd floor ceiling Exit C sign
 - Condition of concrete on the ramp by gymnasium

Director Sheridan asked if the brass doors on West Scranton High School could be polished.

Mr. Brazil said the doors are very old, the parts are hard to find and they would require a lot of attention but they would do the best they could.

A discussion now took place regarding the energy costs study that Peters Design Group performed at West Scranton Intermediate School about the control system.

There was question about whether a discussion was had approving the study; although it was agreed it was not voted on.

President Lesh clearly remembers it being discussed and asked for it to be brought up again at the next work session so we can move forward with Mr. Peter's recommendations.

Director Fox questioned the cost of converting to natural gas from electricity.

Mr. Peters addressed but feels it would be very expensive.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the need to repair the sub-surface of the floor area of the West Scranton Intermediate School Gymnasium, and

WHEREAS, the district Engineer along with the soils expert, GEOSCIENCE, Inc., have recommended option 1, which is a full repair without the need for further subsurface monitoring, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School District approves the aforementioned proposed repair project to be completed as soon as possible and authorizes the awarding of the bid with use of capital improvement funds to the lowest responsible contractor, per the option 1 offered above by GEOSCIENCE, Inc.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

By: _____
Secretary