

## SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the auditorium of Scranton High School, 63 Munchak Way, Scranton, PA 18508.

President Douaihy called the meeting to order at 7:04pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Casey, Donahue, Martinelli, McAndrew, Oleski, Ruane, Sheridan and President Douaihy.

Absent: Director Duffy.

### Visiting Delegations:

Tom Morgan, President of West Scranton High School Boosters addressed the board regarding rumors of band classes and marching band being cut and/or reconfigured.

Mr. John Marichak said the marching band will be the same as it has always been and he asked President Douaihy if he may be excused so he could address the concerned group in the cafeteria and explain how next year will work.

Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Community Relations, spoke of the Commissioner's Task Force, a county fair, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) School and updated the board on current events in Lackawanna County.

Lyle Kerrick of Nutrition Inc., spoke on behalf of Nutrition Inc and they are thrilled at the prospect of submitting a proposal for the food service operations in the Scranton School District and in conversations over the last couple of days it has come to his attention that there was a change in a number submitted by a competitor and in that open competition it is important for Nutrition Inc to offer and they are going to go a little bit further for Scranton School District so their guaranteed number to the Scranton School District will be \$1,150,000.00 (one million, one hundred fifty thousand dollars) for the 2015/2016 School Year.

Frank & Jackie Damski, Farr St., Scranton, addressed the board regarding construction equipment set up on the corner of Farr St. and Sumner Ave. and wondered if anyone else besides Mr. Jeff Brazil is aware of it.

President Douaihy said we are now.

Mrs. Damski wanted to know whose decision it was to lease that land and have a construction hub in a residential neighborhood at the former Samuel B. Morse Elementary School for work being done in the neighborhood installing gas and/or water lines.

A lengthy discussion between Mr. Jeff Brazil and Mr. and Mrs. Damski now took place regarding a construction company setting up their equipment without a lease in place, communication with the neighbors and the Damski's interest in purchasing the property.

Joann Davis of St. Cats and Dogs addressed the board that she is a lifelong resident of Scranton and co-owner of a local restaurant Mrs. D's in South Scranton and wanted to familiarize the board with St. Cats and Dogs located at the former Nay Aug Zoo.

Mrs. Davis spoke on the issue of feral cats in the city and explained what she and other volunteers do at St. Cats and Dogs to help with the growing overpopulation of feral cats and stray dogs.

Mrs. Davis politely and earnestly asked for the school board's support to their organization and their goal of decreasing the feral and stray cat population of the city of Scranton and beyond as they have so much work to do with little resources and asked for a dress down day in the coming school year to help their cause.

Mr. Frank Torquato, Scranton resident, spoke of his concerns with the potential of losing music and arts programs in the school district, expressed that the public education system is in crisis and asked the board to please consider the kids studying music, it is extremely important and please not to slight the arts programs in their decisions.

#### Communications to the Board:

Attorney Minora announced executive sessions were held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 and this evening, Monday, June 1, 2015 to discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate.

Report from PTA Representative

NO REPORT

#### Report from Student Representatives:

Students from West Scranton High School reported on the following:

Thanked the board for listening to them to speak every month of their upcoming events, activities and achievements.

- West Scranton High School was nominated 12 awards this year for the production of the Addams Family including Best Feature Ensemble Member David Lutchko as Lurch, Best Acting Ensemble, Best Vocal Ensemble, Best Small Vocal Ensemble for Where Did We Go Wrong sung by Kaile Martinelli as Morticia and Andrew Simpson as Gomez, Best Supporting Actor Isaac Charleson as Fester, Best Supporting Actress Ollie DeSarno as Wednesday and Ali Basalyga as Pugsley, Best Set Design, Best Executed Choreography, Best Female Lead Kaile Martinelli as Morticia, Best Male Lead Andrew Simpson as Gomez and Best Overall Musical Production.
- Dress Down Day raised \$700.00 for the Student Assistance Fund.
- Drama Student Ali Basalyga was given the WVIA Award as Artist of the Month.
- Upcoming Class Day and Graduation.
- Upcoming SAT Workshops.
- Final exams beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Introduced new class of 2016 Student Representatives.

Scranton High School reported on the following:

- Class of 2016 newly elected officers including Blaise Beebe, President who is present this evening.
- Successful Senior Prom.

- Over \$3 million dollars in scholarships awarded at the Awards and Honors Society Ceremony.
- Upcoming Spirit Week – Decades Day, Mix & Match Day, Character Day, Jersey Day & Spirit Week T-Shirt Day.
- Class Day will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> and Graduation on June 18<sup>th</sup> and thanked the board for their support throughout the school year.

REPORT FROM PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

NO REPORT

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

NO REPORT

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

NO REPORT

**President Douaihy now asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.**

**Director Ruane made a motion, seconded by Director Sheridan and the Consent Agenda passed unanimously on roll call vote.**

The Consent Agenda included the following:

Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2015 and May 21, 2015.

Athletics and Stadium Committee

10-A-1

It is the recommendation of the Athletic & Stadium Committee of the Scranton School District that the following resolution be approved:

**WHEREAS**, there has been a request by a parent of a Mid Valley School District student-athlete to enter into a PIAA cooperative sponsorship agreement with the Scranton School District to offer wrestling at Scranton High School for this student, and

**WHEREAS**, Mid Valley School District does not currently sponsor the sport of wrestling and this student-athlete has participated in the club sport of wrestling for several years in the City of Scranton, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Directors is willing to sponsor a PIAA cooperative agreement in the sport of wrestling with the Mid Valley School District for one school year (2015-2016), and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement is contingent upon official Board approval by the Mid-Valley School Board to enter into this cooperative sponsorship agreement, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Scranton School District agrees to enter into a cooperative sponsorship agreement with the Mid Valley School District in the sport of wrestling (Scranton High School only) for one year (2015-2016).

ALSO

10-A-2

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton Running Company is conducting a Youth Running Camp to instruct students on running; and

WHEREAS the Scranton School District deems organized physical activity to be in the best interest of our youth; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby to lease Scranton Memorial Stadium to Scranton Running Company from June 22, 2015 through July 31, 2015 for one (1) hour per day at a total cost of \$1000.00. (One Thousand Dollars).

Budget and Finance Committee

10-B-1

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:

June 1, 2015	\$788,981.16
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ALSO

10-B-2

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 June 1, 2015 be approved as per the attached:

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$3,198,181.81 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

May 8, 2015	\$ 784,084.98
May 22, 2015	\$2,397,112.05
May 29, 2015	\$ 16,984.78

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$5,438,595.99 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

May 8, 2015	\$2,670,029.03
May 22, 2015	\$2,768,566.96

ALSO

10-B-3

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Delinquent Tax Report for the Month of April 2015** be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax:	\$ 325,235.51
Penalty	\$ 59,568.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 384,804.47
Commission (5%)	\$ 19,240.53
<b>NET TO DISTRICT</b>	\$ 365,563.94

ALSO

10-B-4

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Deputy Superintendent/Finance, Gregg L. Sunday, is hereby authorized to approve payments of all payables during the summer months in the absence of regularly scheduled Board meetings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that with the scheduling of the regular Board meeting all summer payments will be accepted by the Board of Directors at their regular September Board meeting.

ALSO

10-B-5

**WHEREAS** the Lackawanna County Tax Claim Bureau has approved the Repository Sale of certain properties and the School District approves the following Repository Sales:

538-540 N. Decker Ct.	Map No: 14514 080 00401	Frank Ottone	\$4,201.00
610-12 Langstaff Pl.	Map No: 14508 040 015	Martin Toth	\$2,100.00

Education Committee

10-D-1

WHEREAS, this Committee was duly authorized to conduct expulsion hearings in the matter of Expulsion No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, No. 21, No. 22, No. 23 and No. 24 of 2015 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 hearings, as well as a full hearings;

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 Expulsion No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, No. 21, No. 22, No. 23 and No. 24 of 2015 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

Health and Safety Committee

10-F-1

It is the recommendation of the Health and Safety Committee that the following resolution is approved:

WHEREAS, student safety is a top priority of the Scranton School District; and

WHEREAS, school photography vendors will provide a digital format to the Scranton School District to assist identification of students when or if emergencies arise; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves and requires vendors for photography to provide digital format to the Scranton School District for Emergency Preparedness Planning.

Policy Committee

10-I-1

Be it resolved that Section 700- Property, Section 800 –Operations and Section 900-Community from the proposed PSBA Policy Manual update are hereby approved.

ALSO

10-I-2

It is the recommendation of the Policy Committee that the following is approved:

WHEREAS, the PA Legislation has approved Act 71 requiring schools to approve and maintain a Suicide Prevention Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District has a top priority of the safety of the students; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves the Suicide Prevention Policy as per the attached.

Purchasing Committee

10-L-1

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 Music Supplies & Equipment Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Loser's Music Store	Lebanon, PA	\$9,023.95
Washington Music Center	Wheaton, MD	\$4,238.00
Music In Motion	Plano, TX	<u>\$ 696.25</u>
		\$13,958.20

ALSO

10-L-2

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 General Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Contract Paper Group	Uniontown, OH	\$77,079.89
Standard Stationary	Wheeling, IL	\$22,503.28
WB Mason	Allentown, PA	\$20,101.47
National Art & School Supply	Rahway, NJ	\$11,857.10
Phillips Supply Company	Plymouth, PA	\$ 8,297.50
Kurtz Brothers	Clearfield, PA	<u>\$ 7,197.49</u>
		\$147,036.73

ALSO

10-L-3

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 Lumber Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

O'Shea Lumber	Glen Rock, PA	\$13,908.08
Forest County Wood Products	Tionesta, PA	<u>\$ 6,825.00</u>
		\$20,733.08

ALSO

10-L-4

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 Sports Equipment & Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Battaglia Sporting Goods	Scranton, PA	\$25,936.90
Passon's Sports	Jenkintown, PA	\$ 1,387.20
Metuchen Center	Sayreville, NJ	<u>\$ 11.90</u>
		\$27,336.00

10-L-5

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 Art Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Kurtz Brothers	Clearfield, PA	\$5,502.71
WB Mason	Allentown, PA	\$5,405.60
Standard Stationary	Wheeling, IL	\$5,019.11
Phillips Supply	Plymouth, PA	\$3,317.72
National Art & School Supplies	Rahway, NJ	\$2,086.00
Nasco	Fort Atkinson, WI	\$1,678.75
School Specialty	Lancaster, PA	<u>\$ 49.32</u>
		\$23,059.21

ALSO

10-L-6

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 Janitorial Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>NOT TO EXCEED</u>
Penn Paper & Supply	Scranton, PA	1,3,5,6,7,8,12,14,15,16 17,18,19,21,22,25,27,30 33,36,37 & 40	\$47,728.79
Sanico	Binghamton, NY	9,10,13,23 & 38	\$30,922.00
American Janitor	Scranton, PA	4,20,31 & 39	\$23,920.00



Central Poly Corporation	Linden, NJ	2	\$ 7,160.00
Northeast Chemical	Lansford, PA	11	\$5,645.00
Interboro Packaging	Montgomery, NY	32	\$2,450.00
Calico Industries	Annapolis Junction	24,26,34 & 35	\$ 580.16
Metco	Leechburg, PA	28 & 29	<u>\$ 23.45</u>
			\$118,429.40

ALSO

10-L-7

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 Paint & Painting Equipment & Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

VENDOR	LOCATION	ITEM #	Not to Exceed
		2,4,5,6,7,8,9,16,17,18,19,20 21,22,23,27,28,31,32,35,36 38,40,41,46,47,48,49,50,51 57,58,61,62,63,64,67,73, 74 75,78,83,86,87,88,89,90,91 95,96,97,98,99,101,104, 105,106, & 109	
Sherwin Williams	Scranton		\$46,491.43
		1,3,10,11,12,13,14,15,22,24 25,26,29,30,33,34,37,42,43 44,45,52,53,54,55,56,59,60 65,66,68,69,70,71,72,76,77 79,80,81,82,84,85,92,93,94 100,102,103,107,108,110,111 112,113,114,115,116 & 117	
Gleco Pain	Scranton		<u>\$26,716.10</u>
			\$73,207.53

ALSO

10-L-8

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the contracts for the 2015 Medical Equipment & Supplies Bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

Daily Resources	Dunmore, PA	\$4,708.86
School Health	Hanover Park, IL	\$2,381.75
Diamond Medical	Indiana, PA	\$2,022.16
Henry Schein, Inc	Melville, NY	<u>\$1,520.81</u>
		\$10,633.58

#### Buildings & Grounds Committee

10-M-1

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That Step replacement project at Willard Elementary

be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder ,Jerry Ganz, Inc. at a cost of \$103,720.00

Other bidders and prices were:

1. Bill Anskis co, Inc., \$422,087.00
2. T Brennan LLc , \$146,000.00
3. Scandale Associates, \$129,900.00
4. Scartelli Construction, \$104,475.00
5. Straka Construction, \$128,578.00
6. L&A General Concrete \$182,812.34

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That this award is contingent upon approval by the Scranton School Board.

#### **President Douaihy now moved to the Non-Consent Agenda.**

#### Athletics & Stadium Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Casey.

10-A-3

It is the recommendation of the Athletic and Stadium Committee that the following be appointed to the Coaching positions as indicated, for the 2015-2016 school year. Salaries in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL:

P.J. Hughes

Girls Basketball Head Coach

Kerry Fallon

Girls Basketball Assistant Coach

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

Public Relations Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-K-1

The Public Relations committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Whereas the CEO/Weinberg Regional Food Bank - People Helping People Program sponsored a Children's Produce Market at McNichols Plaza and Bancroft Elementary School during the 2014-15 school year and

This Children's Produce Market provided fresh fruits and vegetables as well as other canned food items to families on a monthly basis and

The market was open after school for working families and families that operate on a busy schedule and

Whereas all families that attend the school were invited each month, regardless of income and

As part of the Children's Produce Market there was a fun child- friendly nutrition activity as well as nutrition education for the whole family, cooking demonstrations and recipes. Parents were educated on how to prepare foods that they received at the Children's Produce Market.

And whereas the United Way of Lackawanna County organized volunteers to staff each food distribution and they also scheduled community agencies to provide information to parents on services that are available in the community and

The produce market served a total of 503 households: 370 @ Mc Nichols and 133 @ Bancroft as of the end of April. This included:

1,181 children (birth to 18yrs.)  
904 adults  
18 Elderly

And there were 52 agency informational tables and the United Way Success By Six program participated in each distribution.

Therefore be it resolved that the Scranton School District would like to extend its sincere appreciation to The CEO/Weinberg Regional Food Bank and the United Way of Lackawanna County for providing this outstanding program to the students and parents.

A special thank you goes to Lisa Berardelli from the United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties and Gretchen Hunt and Mary Ellen Spellman from the CEO/Weinberg Regional Food Bank.

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

#### Budget & Finance Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-6

It is the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee that the following be considered for your approval:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors authorizes the Administration to prepare the necessary documentation for consideration and for approval and for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Referendum Exception Relief for the Budget Year 2016 as recommended by the Financial Consultant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scranton School District will comply with Section 333(f) of Act 25 of 2011 in applying for exceptions above the index for increased costs in Special Education Expenditures pursuant to Section 333 (n) and Refinancing of Existing Debt Section 333 (3)(A) of Act 25 of 2011.

The resolution was seconded by Director Casey and passed with five (5) affirmative and three (3) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Donahue, Oleski and Sheridan.

#### ON THE QUESTION:

President Douaihy clarified that this is a request for permission only to go above the cap under specific instances adding that we are doing it at this time because we are only one of two districts of the 500 in the state who still function on a calendar year opposed to fiscal year so the state structures to permission at this time of the year even though our budget is in December we have to request now if we were to need to go above the cap. It is not a request to go above the cap, it is a request for permission to do so if needed at that time.

Director Sheridan indicated that last year we were at the same point asking for the request to go above the cap and we ended up raising taxes. He will be voting no because he doesn't believe we can put anymore burden on the taxpayers.

Director Casey again clarified that a yes vote is non-binding when it comes time in December.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-7

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School District accept the Auditor General's Performance Audit Report for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2009 and 2010 and approve the enclosed Letter of Response to the recommendations contained herein to the Department of Education.

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

Education Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-D-2

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board of Directors hereby designates Robert Casey as the representative to the NEIU #19 beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-D-3

WHEREAS, the attached changes in the Bell Schedule are in the best interest of the Scranton School District and its students; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor hereby recommends these changes are in the best interest of Scranton School District finances; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors hereby approves the attached Bell Schedule changes.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-D-4

The Education Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the authorization be given to the Administration to advertise for Requests for Proposals for a District-Wide Demographic Study as per the attached.

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

ALSO

Food Service Committee

At this time, Director Ruane said that in lieu of the comments of the gentleman from Nutrition Inc., she would like to know if she can open this up for questions prior to reading this resolution.

President Douaihy indicated that he thinks if she reads the resolution the opportunity for question would be "On the Question".

Director Ruane did not want to read the resolution with her name on it and Director Sheridan asked if she can read it without her name on it so we can open it for discussion.

Director Ruane asked Attorney Minora if a discussion can be held before she reads the resolution.

Attorney Minora suggested she have someone else read the resolution.

Director Ruane said she wants to ask questions regarding what the gentleman from Nutrition Inc. had to say.

President Douaihy said that we normally entertain questions after the resolution is read and seconded, however Director Ruane would like to open this up for board discussion and he asked Attorney Minora if he has some suggestion for them to do this procedurally.

Attorney Minora said that if Director Ruane doesn't want to read the resolution someone else from the committee could read it.

Director Donahue asked if we would be able to suspend the rules.

Attorney Minora answered that he thinks you can do that.

President Douaihy asked if anyone objected to Director Donahue's suggestion to suspend the rules of the board. There being no objections the rules of the board were suspended.

Director Ruane deferred to the representative from Nutrition Inc., Mr. Lyle Kerrick and asked again the guaranteed number from his company.

Mr. Kerrick answered \$1,150,000.00 (One million, one hundred fifty thousand dollars).

Director Sheridan indicated that he believes it is \$205,000.00 difference than Aramark.

President Douaihy responded that there is a bidding procedure and the bidding period is closed.

Director Sheridan indicated that it has been re-opened before.

President Douaihy interrupted and said that we cannot re-open the bid process at a board meeting adding that they have to vote on whether or not to accept Aramark's bid, but they cannot re open the bid process in the middle of a board meeting.

Director Martinelli said the board cannot negotiate in public.

Director Ruane said it was done before.

Director Oleski asked if it can be tabled.

President Douaihy said she may make a motion to table it.

Director Ruane again asked if they can ask questions and talk to these people (Nutrition Inc.).

Mr. Pat Laffey, Assistant Business Manager indicated that he would feel more comfortable if it were tabled because he is unsure of what is allowed at this point until he can get some answers but if it is going to be negotiated it should be opened up to all the parties involved.

Directors McAndrew and Douaihy agreed that negotiations are over, the bidding process posted, it came and went, an addendum was posted, it is improper what is happening here.

Director Donahue made a motion to table the resolution. Director Sheridan seconded the motion to table.

The motion to table failed with five (5) negative and three (3) affirmative votes.

The negative votes were cast by Directors Casey, Donahue, Martinelli, McAndrew and Douaihy.

President Douaihy said we're back to discussing because the rules were suspended but said he doesn't think they have legal grounds here and he is not comfortable with this in any way.

Director Ruane said she was present at a meeting where it went out for RFP, came back and then there was a bidding war going on in front of them.

Director Sheridan indicated that it was for workmans comp.

Director McAndrew said that not all parties are here and he thinks the resolution should be read as proposed here tonight.

Director Sheridan asked what other parties.

Director McAndrew said there were two other companies that bid on this and the bids have been opened.

President Douaihy said that if all four parties were here and this was happening and the rules were suspended how does the representative go back to their supervisors and get permission to go above their bid, this is not an auction and he is very disappointed with all of it.

President Douaihy made a motion to suspend the discussion and move to a vote.

Director Donahue seconded the motion.

President Douaihy asked Director Ruane to read the resolution.

10-E-1

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT for the 2015-2016 school year be awarded to ARAMARK Educational Services with a guaranteed return of \$1,000,000.00 to the District. This return includes the implementation of the Breakfast in the Classroom program.

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 Donahue.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Ruane said she was merely trying to save additional monies based on what the gentleman said and past practice adding she is not trying to cause any trouble but trying to ascertain if she can ask more questions.



Director Sheridan said that at times like this when the district is looking for savings, \$205,000.00 is a lot of money, a lot of savings and that's the reason he backed up Director Ruane's statement that if someone can give a better deal we're looking for it.

Director Martinelli asked why this number wasn't presented to the board before and that he should have known what he was proposing before and there should not be any contract negotiating going on right now.

President Douaihy said this is not one of their better moments and there is a procedure that is followed and outlined by law courtesy of the Pennsylvania Assembly, it was posted, addendums posted, the bids accepted and it's over and as far as he is concerned this discussion is over.

Director Martinelli added that the bids were studied by our administrative staff very carefully and that is how we have come to this resolution but for this to come now right before a board vote and change a bid he cannot understand what is going on here.

Director Sheridan said the reason is because as Director Ruane said that in June 2009 we were at the same table with workmans comp and there was an actual debate going on right in front of them with the contract, and the contract was changed because it was a better deal given that benefitted this district.

President Douaihy asked who the solicitor was at the time, if it was Attorney Minora, Director Sheridan answered no and Mr. Douaihy indicated that the former solicitor obviously doesn't know the law because this is a violation on bidding process and there are procedures to follow.

President Douaihy now asked for roll call vote on the resolution.

The resolution now passed unanimously on roll call vote.

#### ALSO

The following was submitted by Director Ruane.

10-E-2

The Food Service Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the Summer Food Service Program Budget as per the attached be awarded to Aramark Corporation. This program shall operate as a break-even program.

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

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-1

### Superintendent's Report No. 1312 Resignations

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the attached Non-Professional resignations be approved:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Nancy Lyons	Para	NEIS	6/19/2015
Sally Barrett	Para Learning Support	Plaza	6/19/2015
Angela Potis	4 yr Pre K	Sumner	6/19/2015
Gloria Hazzouri	Para	ITE	6/19/2015
Margaret O'Shea	Para	Willard	6/19/2015
Elaine McHale	Para	Bancroft	6/19/2015
Diane Chalachan	Para	Kennedy	6/19/2015
Angela Wahl	Para	Whittier	6/19/2015
Christine Connolly	Library Clerk	Armstrong	6/19/2015
Mary Hokrien	Confidential Secretary	Special Ed	5/15/2015
Pat Trunzo	Hall Monitor	West High	6/19/2015

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-2

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

### **PERMISSION TO ATTEND MEETINGS**

1. Carla Stackhouse PASA Science Scoring Conference  
Harrisburg, PA  
COST: \$270.00  
DATES: June 16-19, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A

2. Kathleen O'Donnell Teaching Methods Update  
University of Scranton  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: April 28, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
3. Anne Salerno Adolescent Sexual Health Conference  
Harrisburg, PA  
COST: \$850.00  
DATES: June 22-24, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
4. Robert McLeod Math Competition  
Marywood University  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: May 21, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
5. Stacey Crispino PBIS Implementers Forum  
Hershey, PA  
COST: \$388.38  
DATES: May 26-28, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
6. Erin Keating NYC Leadership Academy  
COST: \$5,770.00  
DATES: July 13-17, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
7. John Marichak NYC Leadership Academy  
COST: \$5,770.00  
DATES: July 13-17, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
8. Frank Wahl PBIS Implementers Forum  
Hershey, PA  
COST: \$205.00  
DATES: May 26-28, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
9. Jeffrey Brazil Safety Management  
Atlanta, GA  
COST: \$2,925.00  
DATES: August 10-14, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May 2015

10. Jeffrey Brazil Safety Management & Training  
Cambridge, MA  
COST: \$2,990.00  
DATES: July 13-18, 2015  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: June 2015

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-4

Superintendent's Report No. 1313  
Leaves of Absence

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CERTIFIED

1. Shaina McDermott	Teacher	Intermittant Family
6/1/15 – 6/19/15	Whittier	Medical Leave/Without Pay

Date of Appointment: 9/2/2008

No Other Leave

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-6

Superintendent's Report No. 1316  
Assignments/Appointments

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the individuals as listed below be appointed to professional positions in the Scranton School District:

ASSIGNMENTS

Substitute Teaching Assignments - It is recommended that the substitutes listed below be assigned to the positions indicated at the established rate:

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|---------------------|--|--|
| 1. Rachel Cramer    | Special Education<br>Robert Morris     | Long term substitute<br>from 4/2/15 until the<br>End of school year. |
| 2. Nicole Przywara  | Pre-K<br>Robert Morris                 | Long term substitute<br>from 3/23/15 to<br>further notice.           |
| 3. Laura Luckey     | Special Education<br>West Intermediate | Long term Substitute<br>to Permanent Sub                             |
| 4. Brittany VanWert | ESL<br>Scranton High School            | Long term Substitute<br>to Permanent Sub                             |

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-J-5

Superintendent's Report No. 1315  
Resignations

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the attached Professional resignations be approved:

Name	Position	School	Years Of Service	Effective
Beichler, Jr., William	Industrial Arts	SSIS	33.64	6/19/15
Bohan, Mary C.	Social Studies	SHS	19	6/19/15
Burns, M. Susan	Mathematics	WSHS	32.37	6/19/15
Casey, Mary Ann	ESL Teacher	McNichols Plaza	34.87	6/19/15
Coleman, Emily	ESL Teacher	SHS	9	3/16/15
Cox, Roxann	Teacher	Morris	20	6/19/15
Coyne, Stephanie	Fam/Cons Science	WSHS	20	6/19/15
Crolly, Rochelle	Guidance Counselor	West High	26.97	6/19/15
Curran, Carole	English	SHS	34.78	6/19/15
Curran, James	Grade 6	NEIS	35	6/19/15
Dente, Joseph	Librarian	McNichols Plaza	34.74	6/19/15
DiRienzo, Barbara	Title I Math	Sumner	35.33	6/19/15
Eagen, Michele	Special Ed	WSIS	23.12	6/19/15
Emmi, Mary Ann	Grade 1	Tripp	30.72	6/19/15
Franco, Charlotte	Grade 5	Tripp	37.4	6/19/15

Frew, Thomas	Music Teacher	WSHS	22	6/19/15
Kerrigan, Charisse	Latin Teacher	SHS	20	6/19/15
Marsico, Mary Susan	French/English	West High	32.37	6/19/15
McIntyre, Kathleen	Social Studies	SSIS	29	6/19/15
Murphy, Mary Ann	English	SSIS	8	6/19/15
O'Dea, Mary	Gifted	Itinerant	34.82	6/19/15
O'Hearn, Timothy	Gifted	SHS	27.86	6/19/15
Pilosi, Joan	Grade 1	Armstrong	47	6/19/15
Pratt, Margaret	Family Consumer Sci	SHS	16.96	6/19/15
Quatra, Dorothea	Art Teacher	SSIS	23	6/19/15
Rescigno, Virginia	Reading Sp	Tripp	33.47	6/19/15
Robinson, Joan	Health & PE	Willard	33	6/19/15
Schwartz, Richard	Music Teacher	Itinerant	33	6/19/15
Serine, Virginia	Librarian	Whittier	12.34	6/19/15
Stott, Margaret	Diagnostician	Ad Bldg	24.79	6/19/15
Valvano, Maribeth	PreSchool	Tripp	25	6/19/15
Wahl, Ann Marie	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Adams	23.82	6/19/15
Weiss, Paula	Chemistry	SHS	23.73	6/19/15
Zanghi, Debra	PreSchool	Tripp	22.25	6/19/15

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

#### ON THE QUESTION:

Director Oleski thanked all teachers retiring for their dedication and service to the children over the years.

President Douaihy echoed and thanked all paraprofessionals and teachers for their service.

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

#### 10-M-2

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

WHEREAS, a request for the use of Whittier Elementary has been received by the Boys & Girls Club of Northeastern PA (as attached), and;

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club has been using Whittier Elementary for their "Park It" Program for the past several years with great success, and

WHEREAS, the "Park It" Program offers recreational activities, educational speakers, crafts, games and limited field trips to children and the activities are held outdoors surrounding the school which does not take place during inclement weather. The Club will provide the necessary certificate of insurance and the site will be staffed by a PA certified teacher, two to three aides and all staff will have child abuse and criminal history clearances. In addition, the only requested access to the school is for restrooms and an area to secure equipment and supplies related to the program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the use of Whittier Elementary School for the "Park It" Program beginning Monday, June 22, 2015 through Thursday, August 27, 2015.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Donahue asked if there were any additional costs associated with the above.

Mr. John Marichak said to his knowledge there is not.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-3

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

To authorize GEO Science/Richard Scheller to prepare specifications and bid documents and bid out the replacement of the cafeteria floor at Neil Armstrong Elementary.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-4

It is the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the following is approved:

To authorize Olivetti Roofing to replace the roof at the George Bancroft Elementary School.

Olivetti Roofing was the lowest responsible bidder at \$214,500.00.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Sheridan.

10-M-5

It is the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds Committee that the following is approved:

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton has decided to explore the institution of an energy savings program; and

WHEREAS, the School District would like to issue Requests for Qualifications ("RFQ") for identification and selection of an energy savings company; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the School District to proceed with necessary steps and preparations to seek an RFQ from companies capable of developing and implementing comprehensive supply and demand side energy cost savings initiatives.

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

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director McAndrew.

10-O-1

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Budget of the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 be approved as per the attached.

The resolution was seconded by Director Oleski and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director McAndrew abstained due to his employment at the Career Technology Center.

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Casey.

10-P-1

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

WHEREAS, the current van transportation provider has agreed to reconfigure current transportation needs at a savings to the Scranton School District of almost 20% (twenty percent); and

WHEREAS, that savings requires substantial investment monies by the vendor; and

WHEREAS, the vendor has agreed to this investment if a contract extension is granted; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board hereby approves the resolution and contract as per the attached.



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

At this time President Douaihy thanked the administrative staff including Mr. Marichak and Mrs. Bevilacqua for their work on the transportation contract, Mr. Pat Laffey for his hard work on the food service contract as it is a arduous task and he thanked him on behalf of the board and commented that there was a lot of great work and savings accomplished this evening.

Director Sheridan wished everyone in the Scranton School District a long and healthy summer.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Director Donahue submitted the following:

On a broad level one of our main responsibilities as school directors is to make sure we're adequately educating our children so they have the skills that are necessary to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As community leaders it is vital that we make sure that the community they grow up in is safe and clean. So as elected leaders of our community we must protect our community and our community's children from the environmental dangers continuing to be a dumping ground in the Mid-Atlantic region. We as a board need to pass a resolution that opposes the proposed expansion of the Keystone Sanitary Landfill. The environmental risks will only increase if the expansion is approved while also suppressing both environmental and economical progress in Lackawanna County. As a district we should give our support to the many courageous people who have organized an opposition to this expansion. We need to protect our area's environment so that the children we are educating today can grow up and live in an area that is environmentally healthy and economically prosperous in the future. Therefore I submit a motion for a resolution that the Scranton School District opposes the expansion of the Keystone Sanitary Landfill due to the harmful environmental and aesthetic effect on the future of Lackawanna County.

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

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Oleski, seconded by Director Donahue and the meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary