

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the auditorium of West Scranton Intermediate School, 1401 Fellows St., Scranton, PA 18504.

President O'Shea called the meeting to order at 7:06pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

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

ABSENT: Director Barrett.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

Attorney Minora announced an executive session was held this evening at 6:30pm and also Monday, February 26, 2013 at 7:30pm to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation.

REPORT FROM PTA REPRESENTATIVE:

Ruth Ann Romanowski spoke about the nominations and voting for PTA officers.

REPORT FROM PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Minora reported on the following:

- Recent meetings with Scranton Federation of Teachers to settle some grievances.
- Continues to advance the real estate sales of both Marshal and Audubon Elementary Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent William F. King reported on the following:

- PSSA Reward Program for Positive school-wide behavior at Willard Elementary, PAW-Zinga.
- Eric Shrive, a Willard Alumni and current Penn State linebacker spoke to students on the importance of maintaining high academic standards.
- Scranton High School students recently participated in the Future Business Leaders of America Regional Conference taking First Place in the category for Entrepreneurship; Jim McNally, Mariah Kopinski and Maura Lunney have now qualified to go to the state conference in Hershey.
- Scranton High School Boys Basketball won their third PIAA District II AAAA Championship by defeating Wyoming Valley West.
- Hannah Goldberg, a 5th grade student at Prescott Elementary recently won first place in the Daughters of the American Revolution writing contest and will be honored tomorrow evening at the Caitlin House.
- Jim Forsette, a West Scranton High School freshman wrestler at the 106lb weight class recently won the PIAA District II AAA Wrestling Championship and advanced to the Northeast Regional Wrestling Tournament along with four other West wrestlers.
- Covenant Presbyterian Church's donation of \$500, Advocacy Alliance's donation of \$2000 and Workforce Investment Board's donation of \$5000 has allowed us to offer economically disadvantaged students at Scranton High School monthly COLTS bus passes for \$10/month for the remainder of the school year and we thank them for their generosity.
- Thanked Principal Paul Dougherty and the faculty for inviting and hosting the board meeting here this evening and added they have met AYP for 2011-2012 school year, won the Lackawanna County Recycling Contest at the Intermediate level and was honored at a County Commissioners' meeting, and presented a documentation of their recycling efforts and the film was so well received that it was submitted to a school film festival.
- Zachary Niemiec won the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest and he was presented with a \$100 check from VFW President Joseph Sylvester.

- Kaile Martinelli, Christine Jiang, Olivia Viscomi and Hannah Yarros will be representing West Intermediate at the NEIU computer competition next week.
- A recording studio has been installed at West Intermediate through funding from the Drama Club and the Keyser Valley Community Center. All music for upcoming performances will be produced in their own studio and the first two student tracks were recorded last week with great success.
- The Boys Basketball team was undefeated in the league again this year.

VISITING DELEGATIONS:

Gerard Hetman, updated the board on upcoming events in Lackawanna County.

Tom Smith, spoke about the timing system at Memorial Stadium, suggested upgrading it and marketing the timing system rather than it sitting there not being used or perhaps sell it.

CONSENT AGENDA

President O’Shea asked for a motion to accept Consent Agenda Items 9 through 16.

Director Shrive made a motion to accept the following consent agenda items 9 through 16, seconded by Director Ruane and the items passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan spoke about the Federal Surplus program and if we are going to pull the resolutions to purchase the tractor, gator and packmaster until Mr. Brazil has a chance to check with that program to see if we can save some money.

President O’Shea said we could remove the orders or approve them and then have Mr. Brazil explore those avenues before he signs off on purchasing the equipment. It was agreed to approve and Mr. Brazil would first check to see if there is anything available in Harrisburg.

Director McGuigan explained the program that is offered through the state that we can go to Harrisburg and purchase federal items at greatly reduced and discounted prices and that these items are not necessarily used or beat up but in good condition. Director McGuigan suggested maybe Mr. Brazil can check there first before we spend all this money on brand new equipment and maybe realize some savings.

President O’Shea asked Mr. Brazil to find out if they have anything we’re looking for at a lower cost.

Consent Agenda items include the following:

Approval of the minutes of the meetings on held on October 1, 2012, October, 9, 2012, October 22, 2012 and November 13, 2012.

ALSO

ATHLETICS AND STADIUM COMMITTEE

10-A-1 Spring Coaching Appointments

SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity Baseball Coach	Jamie Higgins
Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Santo Zanghi
Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	Robert Judge
Girls’ Varsity Softball Coach	Shannon McDonnell
Girls’ Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Paul Hughes
Junior Varsity Girls’ Softball Coach	James Maloney
Varsity Track Coach	David Powell
Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Michelle Reed
Temporary Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Kerri Ruddy Archer
Junior High Track Coach	Jason Orlando
Assistant Junior High Track Coach	Ed Thomas
Boys’ Tennis Coach	Joseph McNulty

WEST SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity Baseball Coach	George Roskos
Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Ed Brudnicki
Junior Varsity Baseball Coach	Dennis Hricenak
Girls' Varsity Softball Coach	Brett Mattern
Assistant Girls' Softball Coach	Jennifer Nagy
Junior Varsity Girls' Softball Coach	Joseph Meyers
Varsity Track Coach	Scott Grecco
Assistant Varsity Track Coaches (2)	Donnie Jackson-Bey
	Ryan Kahanic
Junior High Track Coach	William Gibbons
Junior High Assistant Track Coach	Maureen Kenny
Boys' Tennis Coach—Spring	Rick Bresser

NORTHEAST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

7th & 8th Grade Baseball Coach	Mario Emiliani
7th & 8th Grade Softball Coach	Kathleen McGrail

SOUTH SCRANTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

7th & 8th Grade Baseball Coach	John Boone
7th & 8th Grade Softball Coach	Katie Shiffer

WEST SCRANTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

7th & 8th Grade Baseball Coach	Leo Ciullo
7th & 8th Grade Softball Coach	Kathleen Dennebaum

ALSO

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

10-B-1 Bill List - the list of bill payments in accordance with the bill payment approval policy be approved as per the attached:

March 4, 2013	\$407,613.87
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SEE ATTACHMENT

10-B-2 Exception Bill List for the period ended March 4, 2013 exception payments in the amount of \$3,346,800.96, as follows, per the attached.

February 14, 2013	\$1,879,356.41
March 1, 2013	\$1,467,444.55

Payrolls in the amount of \$4,935,455.58 as follows:

February 15, 2013	\$2,430,583.51
March 1, 2013	\$2,504,872.07

ALSO

10-B-3, Treasurer's Report for the month ending November, 2012 as follows:

Opening Balance	\$14,423,686.30
Monthly Revenue	\$ 3,709,029.17
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 389,470.25</u>

TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$18,522,185.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$10,371,539.21</u>

BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 8,150,646.51
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ALSO

10-B-4, Treasurer's Report for the month ending December, 2012 as follows:

Opening Balance	\$ 8,150,646.51
Monthly Revenue	\$ 13,920,007.19
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 756,455.72</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 22,827,109.42
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 20,439,518.55</u>
BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 2,387,590.87

ALSO

10-B-5, Treasurer's Report for the month ending January, 2013 as follows:

Opening Balance	\$ 2,387,590.87
Monthly Revenue	\$ 5,984,926.81
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 11,926,563.43</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 20,299,081.11
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 11,079,016.05</u>
BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 9,220,065.06

ALSO

10-B-6, Delinquent Tax Report for the month of January 2013 as follows:

Tax:	\$ 118,670.02
Penalty	<u>\$ 27,911.48</u>
TOTAL	\$ 146,581.50
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 7,329.20</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 139,252.30

ALSO

10-B-7, Student Activity Funds for the period April through June 2012 as per the attached.

10-B-8, Student Activity Funds for the period July through September 2012 as per the attached.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

10-D-1, Approve the following Expulsions:

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 Expulsion No. 2 and No. 3 of 2013 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. 2 and No. 3 of 2013 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

10-J-1, Approve the following Permissions to Attend Meetings:

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

1.

Eleanor Langan

BMW Speech Debate Tournament
Shikellamy High School
COST: \$400.00
DATES: January 12, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Dec., 12
2.

Eleanor Langan

MLK Speech & Debate Tournament
Meyers High School
COST: \$400.00
DATES: January 19, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Dec., 12
3.

Eleanor Langan

PHSSL District Finals
Abington Heights High School
COST: \$240.00
DATES: February 23, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13
4.

Eleanor Langan

SCFL Finals
Dallas High School
COST: \$385.00
DATES: March 2, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13
5.

Eleanor Langan

VFNFL Speech-Debate Finals
Lasalle College, Philadelphia, PA
COST: \$1210.00
DATES: March 7-9, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13
6.

Mary Jane Douaihy

Elem. Science Core Curriculum
NEIU #19
COST: \$90.00
DATES: March 13, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12
7.

Bridget Yerke

Regional Orchestra
Wyoming Area High School
COST: \$270.00
DATES: February 20-22, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 13

ALSO

10-J-2, Superintendent’s Report No. 1216, Resignations as follows:

RESIGNATIONS

NONCERTIFIED:

1.

Jennifer Megotz
Clerk/LPN

Effective: February 14, 2013
- Years of Service – 2.33

ALSO

10-J-3, Superintendent’s Report No. 1217, Professional Contracts as follows:

These employees have completed (at least three years of professional service with satisfactory ratings) for achieving that status of professional employees under the school code and it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that professional contracts be issued to the following individuals:

<u>Professional Contracts</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
1. James Carroll 404 Alice St. Olyphant, PA 18447	August 27, 2009
2. Stacey M. Covage 1312 Clay Ave. Building A Apt. B Dunmore, PA 18510	August 27, 2009
3. Jennifer Felter 106 Colburn Ave. R. Clarks Summit, PA 18411	August 27, 2009
4. Abigail Hankee 306 Thurston St. Clarks Summit, PA 18411	August 27, 2009
5. Nicole Hanni 1629 N. Webster Ave. Dunmore, PA 18512	August 27, 2009

6.	Corey Harrington 116 Mill St. Dalton, PA 18414	August 27, 2009
7.	Angela Franek 428 Sherwood Ave. Dunmore, PA 18512	August 27, 2007
8.	Kristen Gretz 56 (Lower) Laurel Drive Scranton, PA 18505	February 2, 2009
9.	Angela Harding 329 Sprin St. Dunmore, PA 18512	April 6, 2009
10.	Kathleen Hengler 1810 Prospect Ave. Scranton, PA 18505	August 27, 2009
11.	April Hopkins 3216 Augusta Ave. Scranton, PA 18508	August 27, 2009
12.	Sarah Kohut 543 Arthur Ave. Scranton, PA 18510	February 18, 2009
13.	Glenn Lesh 102 Moosic Lakes Old Lake Road Jefferson Twp., PA 18436	August 27, 2009
14.	Megan Maloney 14 Webster Ave. Scranton, PA 18509	August 27, 2009
15.	Laura McDermott 1516 W. Gibson St. Scranton, PA 18504	August 27, 2009
16.	Christina Nasser 101 McDonough St. Scranton, PA 18505	August 27, 2009
17.	Kevin Pail 130 Debbie Dr. Lake Ariel, PA 18436	November 7, 2008
18.	Carol Rothenberger 331 Knapp Road Clarks Summit, PA 18411	August 27, 2009
19.	Natalie Stalker 428 15 th Ave. Scranton, PA 18504	November 6, 2008
20.	Renee Stevens 129 N. Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18503	August 27, 2009
21.	Maria Tomcykoski 931 Cortez Road Lake Ariel, PA 18436	August 27, 2009
22.	Bradley Turi 736 N. Rebecca Ave. Scranton, PA 18504	August 27, 2009
23.	Frank J. Wahl IV 1016 Paul Ave. Scranton, PA 18510	August 27, 2009
24.	Thomas Wheeler 501 Fawnwood Dr S. Abington Twp., PA 18411	August 27, 2009

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

10-M-1, Approve Increase in Rental Fees of Auditoriums at Secondary Schools as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors has developed a policy for rental and utilization of district facilities by staff and community members, and

WHEREAS, this policy is in need of revision to more accurately reflect today's market and rental values and therefore adjusts the following rental rates:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RENTAL CHARGE</u>	<u>UTILITY FEE</u>
Auditorium	\$800 Dance studios, etc.	\$50 equipment fee

Furthermore, in an effort to insure that a safe and healthy environment is maintained during events occurring at district rented facilities, the Board of Directors wishes to require that there be a minimum of one adult per fifteen children be available to properly supervise these students. The Board also wishes to require that renters hire a police officer to be present for events exceeding 75 people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective July 1, 2013 the Board of Directors approves the increased rental fees for the facilities listed above, along with the new supervision requirements listed above

ALSO

10-M-2, To Approve Formal Study of West Intermediate School and West High School Gym Floor Options as follows:

The Buildings & Grounds Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors authorizes the Palumbo Group and Peters Design to submit a not to exceed proposal, listing the scope of work, to conduct a study for either the expansion of the West Scranton Intermediate Gymnasium or to add an additional gymnasium in an area adjacent to or in close proximity to the existing gymnasium at West Scranton High School. These proposals shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2013.

ALSO

10-M-3, To Approve Purchase of Compact Utility Tractor for Stadium as follows:

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

BE IT RESOLVED: The Buildings and Grounds committee requests permission to award the PA State contract for Power Equipment and Supplies as per the attached to:

Bartron Supply, Tunkhannock, PA 18657, for the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and accessories at a cost of \$32,195.05.

ALSO

10-M-4, To Approve Purchase of Gator for Stadium as follows:

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

BE IT RESOLVED: The Buildings and Grounds committee requests permission to award the PA State contract for Power Equipment and Supplies as per the attached to:

Bartron Supply, Tunkhannock, PA 18657, for the purchase of a John Deere XUV 625i Gator, at a cost of \$19,190.96.

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

10-N-1, To Approve Educational Trainings provided by the Northeast PA Center for Independent Living as follows:

The Special Education Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your Consideration;

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is in cooperation with the Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living to support educating our Scranton School District Community enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the Board of Directors for the School District of the City of Scranton engage in educational trainings to support this mission to develop a greater knowledge of advocacy for individuals with disabilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of the City of Scranton does hereby approve the educational trainings to be provided by the Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

10-P-1, To Approve a Mom & Pop Contract as follows:

The Transportation Committee presents the following additional Transportation for the 2012-2013 school year to be approved:

CONTRACTOR & ADDRESS	AMOUNT	ANNUAL COST 81 PUPIL DAYS
Angelina Nancy Baresse 502 East Market St. Scranton, PA 18509	.23 per mile	\$167.67

That concluded the items under the consent agenda.

The following items were considered non-consent agenda items:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Director McGuigan presented the following resolution for consideration, 10-D-2, To Approve YMCA Memorandum of Agreement as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the importance of providing summer tutoring programs to benefit low income students to combat summer learning loss and improve educational success for children, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Scranton YMCA wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to rent George Bancroft Elementary School during the summer of 2013 at a mutually agreeable rental rate to offer this summer tutoring program for selected low income students at George Bancroft Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, by agreeing to rent George Bancroft Elementary School to the Greater Scranton YMCA for this tutoring program, agrees that the Greater Scranton YMCA will have total oversight of this program in terms of hiring, supervision and programming, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Greater Scranton YMCA after a full review by the Scranton School District Solicitor.

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

ALSO

Director McGuigan presented the following for consideration, 10-D-3, To Authorize a Bid Notice for Horseshoe Reading Tables as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the importance of ensuring that our teachers and students have the proper and most optimal learning stations in their classrooms, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need to provide horseshoe type activity tables with adjustable height legs and chairs to be used by teachers and students for small group reading instruction at Isaac Tripp, John G. Whittier and John F. Kennedy Elementary Schools, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Supervisor of Elementary Education to develop appropriate specifications and to seek competitive bids for these horseshoe shaped activity tables and chairs for each classroom in the three schools mentioned above.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Director Martinelli presented the following for consideration, 10-J-4, Superintendent’s Report No. 1218, Appointments/Assignments as follows:

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

APPOINTMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Social Studies | |
| Barrese, Robert | 1615 Bulwer St., Scranton, PA 18504 |
| | Effective: February 4, 2013 |
| 2. Biology | |
| Georgia Emiliani, Rebecca | 512 Colfax Ave., Scranton, PA 18510 |

ASSIGNMENT:

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

1. Adam McCormick	Business South Scranton Intermediate School	Long term Substitute from 1/4/13 and continuing until further notice.
2. Kelsey Mackin	Social Studies .4 Schedule West Scranton High School	Long term Substitute from 1/29/13 and continuing until further notice.
3. Christine Bouton	Special Education Isaac Tripp #49	Long term Substitute from 12/10/2013 continuing until further notice.
4. Michele Crofton	Grade 6 South Scranton Intermediate School	Permanent Substitute

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Director Fox presented the following resolution for consideration, 10-M-5, To Approve Purchase of Packmaster as follows:

The Buildings and Grounds Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:
BE IT RESOLVED: The Buildings and Grounds committee requests permission to award the PA State contract for Vehicles and accessories as per the attached to:

Triple Cities Mack, Scranton, PA 18509 for a cost of \$170,315.00 for Refuse, Rear Loader On/Off Hwy (Mack Granite Axel Back GU813) and accessories.

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

There being no further business Director Shrive made a motion, seconded by Director Ruane and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

By: _____
Secretary