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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a Special Meeting for General Purposes on Monday, August 27, 2018 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave, Scranton, PA immediately following the scheduled 7:00PM Work Session.

President Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:26pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was held prior to the Work Session.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

Present: Directors Casey, Cognetti, Gilmartin, McAndrew, Schuster and Dixon.

Absent: Directors Duffy, Lesh and Oleski.

Public Comment

Suzanne Furey, SFT, spoke as an advocate for the students, thankful for Mrs. Sandy Lamana for the SEIO (Scranton Education Improvement Organization) presentation during the work session this evening adding that it is something the students desperately need and please do not put SEIO on the back burner.

Ms. Furey also voiced concern of the music and reading programs that have been cut and the shortened school day for Pre School students.

Holly Meade, SFT, spoke again of the lack of a reading list on the district website, over 2,000 kids not given summer reading list and voiced her opinion of the lack of attention given to students.

Rosemary Boland, SFT, wanted to know when the board received the transcripts of the recent furlough hearings and did they read them, and asked where in the school code or what law says that the board doesn't have to answer questions.

Resolution

The following was submitted by Director Casey.

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It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Personnel Committee that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of January 25, 2018 the Board of School Directors adopted a resolution of the intent to suspend district's professional staff effective August 30, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, the administration considered realignment of the professional staff for the purpose of minimizing suspensions pursuant to current statutes and court decisions, and implemented a plan of realignment to the extent it was educationally practical; and

WHEREAS, that letters were hand delivered and/or sent via certified mail on January 26, 2018, specifically outlining the employee rights under School Code Sections 1124 and 1125.1; and

WHEREAS, all employees so notified of the intent to suspend filed for a hearing before the Board of Education pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, hearings were conducted before a committee of the Board of Education and all parties were afforded an opportunity to present witnesses, cross examine witnesses, and present documentary evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, having heard or reviewed the evidence presented hereby approves the recommended suspensions and the adjudication which will follow; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the attached list of names are hereby suspended as professional employees of the Scranton School District effective August 30, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1124 and 1125.1 of the Public School Code, and subject to their right to be recalled as provided therein.

The resolution was seconded by Director Schuster and failed to pass with three (3) affirmative and three (3) negative votes. The negative votes were cast by Directors Cagnetti, McAndrew and Schuster.

ON THE QUESTION:

Directors Cagnetti was unable to attend the hearings and did not feel she had enough information at this time and Directors McAndrew and Schuster do not agree with the process.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Casey, seconded by Director McAndrew and the meeting adjourned at 9:41PM.

By: _____
Secretary