

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503

A regular meeting of the Scranton School Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

President O'Shea called the meeting to order at 7:14pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

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

President O'Shea waived the rules of the board for a presentation by students at Scranton High School about their trip to Washington DC for the 2013 Inauguration. The students presenting were Chelsea Jablonski, Lindsey Jordan, Lindsey Hessmiller, Rachel Kovach, Angelia Altier, Donna Doherty, Sean DeFazio, along with their teachers and chauffeurs Mr. Jerry Skotleski and Mr. Sean Curry, thanked the board for their continued support of their Washington DC trips.

President O'Shea expressed appreciation and thanks to Mr. Skotleski and Mr. Curry for taking the time to chaperone students each year to Washington DC.

Communications to the Board

Attorney Minora announced an executive session was held this evening, February 4, 2013 at 6:30pm to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate.

Visiting Delegations

Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Department of Community Relations spoke about the Parks and Recreation Golf Clinics, All Star Cheer Academy and the Annual Winter Reading Club.

Dan LaMagna, NEPA Miners, asked the board for discounted rates for the use of Memorial Stadium.

Director Sheridan spoke in favor of the discounted rates for NEPA Miners.

Jim McGough, spoke on behalf of parents and grandparents of students at Isaac Tripp and thanked the board especially Director Fox, Director O'Shea and Mr. King for their support and help with the transportation issue at Tripp.

Mr. McGough also complained about the lighting situation at Scranton High School as well as the streetlights at the Administration Building and also requested hiring a Construction Manager for the West Intermediate School project.

President O'Shea and Jeff Brazil addressed the lighting at Scranton High School.

Melissa Eckenrode, parent and PTA President at Whittier Elementary, spoke about the overcrowding at Whittier and asked for an update regarding a playground at Whittier Elementary.

President O'Shea and Mr. King addressed that there has been discussion about the boundaries at Whittier and also they are exploring possibilities of a playground.

Ms. Eckenrode asked for periodic updates to pass along to parents.

Rosemary Boland, STF President, spoke in opposition of the Aesop System, the Aesop App for Smartphones and the lack of substitutes/coverage for classes.

Report from PTA Representative

Ruthann Romanowski said she has not heard any complaints or issues except for the playground issue at Whittier that Ms. Eckenrode spoke about earlier.

### Report from PSBA Representative

No Report

### Solicitor's Report

Attorney Minora announced continuing to litigate the Wellnet matter and also a recent Healthcare meeting with Mr. King and Mr. Sunday.

### Superintendent's Report

Mr. William King spoke about the following:

- Meeting he attended along with Solicitor Minora and Mr. Sunday, City Council, Mayor Doherty and Millennium.
- Curriculum Council Meeting.
- Adding AP courses and ways to reduce costs to the students taking AP tests.
- Recent dress down day raised \$5,029 for Women's Resource Center.
- Low Achieving Schools and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program

### LEGISLATION AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Director McGuigan presented the following resolution, 10-L-1 – Approve Consent Agenda Format:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes their roles and responsibilities to read and review each Board Resolution prior to voting on them at a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors also realizes the importance of conducting the business of the Board in the most efficient and effective manner, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to achieve the above stated goal, the Board of School Directors wishes to adopt the PSBA supported practice of approving a *Consent Agenda* at the beginning of each meeting, as a means of approving the majority of routine agenda items, and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the right of each Board Member to request that any item listed on the *Consent Agenda* to be removed and placed in the respective Committee to be voted on separately prior to voting on acceptance of the *Consent Agenda* for that particular meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors also recognizes the right of the public to speak on any agenda item regardless of whether it is listed on the *Consent Agenda* or listed separately, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors approves the PSBA promoted concept of approving a Consent Agenda as listed above.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh voiced concern about the consent agenda adding that not every board member has a lot of time to analyze the resolutions and prepare. Director Lesh further added that that he is not against change or saving time but he would like to table the resolution for thirty (30) days.

Directors McGuigan, Martinelli and President O'Shea spoke in favor of the consent agenda noting that the resolutions are agreed to and known a week ahead of time at the Work Session, the items on the consent agenda are for non controversial items, the public still has the opportunity to speak on the agenda items, no one is hiding anything and anything can be pulled by any director if they chose.

Director Sheridan agreed that all directors do not always have the time to look things over, echoed Director Lesh's concerns and seconded the motion to table.

The motion to table failed with three (3) affirmative and (6) negative votes. Directors Fox, Martinelli, McGuigan, Ruane, Shrive and O'Shea cast the negative votes.

President O'Shea now asked for roll call to accept the consent agenda format.

The resolution was seconded by Director Shrive and passed with seven (7) affirmative and two (2) negative votes. Director Lesh and Director Sheridan cast the negative votes.

ALSO

Director McGuigan presented the following resolution 10-L-2 to Support Legislation regarding Advertising:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes that there is currently legislation up for consideration to allow school districts to publish legal advertisements on their internet websites instead of requiring them to publish in newspapers of general circulation, and

WHEREAS, at a time when Pennsylvania school districts are facing economic challenges resulting from a significant reduction in state and federal funding for public education, school districts hands are tied when it comes to ensuring that they have the necessary resources to provide students with the quality education they deserve. Relieving school districts of this mandate and allowing them to use other less costly avenues for providing the required legal advertisements would save valuable resources that could be spent on educational programs, and

WHEREAS, school districts are required to publish advertisements in newspapers of general circulation, which is extremely costly. In these challenging economic times, every dollar we can save is another dollar we can use toward educational programs ensuring we are providing the quality education our students deserve, and

WHEREAS, the Board is not advocating for exemption of the requirement of providing legal advertisements. We just believe valuable dollars can be saved by providing these advertisements in alternative forms, such as the Internet. Additionally, we believe that by giving school districts the option to advertise in a mechanism other than a general circulation newspaper, we will have the opportunity to reach a broader audience and will increase the transparency of school district proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors supports the legislation and encourages our local legislators to support this bill that would allow school districts the option of publishing legal advertisements on their Internet websites, saving thousands of dollars for student education in the Scranton School District.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh spoke in opposition of this resolution and favors advertising in The Scranton Times.

Director Martinelli questioned other ways than the internet for advertising.

President O'Shea and Director McGuigan noted that it is not a way to not advertise our meetings but to save money and use other sources.

Director Fox asked Mr. King if he knows how much we pay for advertising in the newspaper.

Mr. King responded around \$65,000.

Director Lesh asked Mr. Sunday what he thinks The Scranton Times provides the school district in taxes.

Mr. Sunday responded the most significant would be real estate taxes.

The resolution was seconded by Director Barrett and passed with five (5) affirmative and four (4) negative votes. Directors Lesh, Martinelli, Ruane and Sheridan cast the negative votes.

## ATHLETICS AND STADIUM COMMITTEE

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-A-1, Cheerleader Advisor:

It is the recommendation of the Athletic and Stadium Committee that the following be appointed to the Coaching positions as indicated, for the 2012-2013 school year. Salaries are in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

### SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman Cheerleader Advisor  
(Basketball)

Nanine Gramigna

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

### ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh questioned why the resolution does not include after passing background checks, etc.

Mr. King replied that the appointee is already a teacher with the district.

### ALSO

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-A-2, NEPA Miners Agreement:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors wishes to once again reduce the rental fee for the use of Memorial Stadium to accommodate the Semi-Professional NEPA Miners Football Games during the summer and fall of 2013, and

WHEREAS, all games will be scheduled to be played on Saturday evenings on dates to be determined and arranged through the Scranton School District's Special Events Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees to rent Memorial Stadium at a reduced rate of \$2500.00 per Game for 6 games for a total of \$15,000.00, which will result in a \$4,800.00 reduction in revenue, if the regular nighttime rate of \$3,300.00 per game was charged, and

WHEREAS, the NEPA Miners, as a sign of good faith, will once again provide the Scranton School District with the following:

- Each elementary student in the Scranton School District will receive a complimentary \$4.00 student pass to attend a home game.
- Will sponsor a SSD youth football/cheer program for students ages 6-14 or will permit our students to attend the Charlie Wysocki Camp free of charge.
- Will sponsor a One Way 2 Play Drug Free Program to students in the SSD.
- Will include the SSD/Memorial Stadium in all game promotions/advertisements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors agrees to rent Memorial Stadium to the NEPA Miners at the reduced rate of \$2,500.00 for the dates to be determined and terms and conditions listed above.

The resolution was seconded by Director Shrive.

### ON THE QUESTION:

Director Sheridan reminded the board of what the NEPA Miners do for the students and the community and asked that the rates be reduced to \$1800.00 per game.

President O'Shea agreed but had some questions regarding additional maintenance personnel and the wear and tear of the field.

Director Martinelli indicated that our rental fee is \$3300.00 and renting it for \$2500.00 we are losing money, renting it for \$1800.00 we are losing even more money. Director Martinelli suggested we meet them half way and charge the Miners \$2100.00 per game.

Director Ruane said that she was not aware of how many charities the Miners help and she thinks the district should discount the rate to \$1800.00 for at least another year.

President O'Shea asked Director Sheridan if he is asking to amend the rental fee to \$1800.00.

Director Sheridan made a motion to amend the resolution and reduce the rental fee for the NEPA Miners to \$1800.00 per game. Director Ruane seconded the motion and the resolution passed unanimously to adjust the rental fee for the NEPA Miners to \$1800.00 per game.

#### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Director McGuigan presented the following resolution, 10-B-1-Bill List:

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

The list of bill payments in accordance with the bill payment approval  
Policy be approved as per the attached:

February 4, 2013	\$769,100.09
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The resolution was seconded by Director Shrive and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

Director McGuigan presented the following resolution, 10-B-2-Exception Bill List:

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 February 4, 2013 be approved as per the attached.

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$13,654,998.95 have  
been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

December 31, 2012	\$ 11,250,245.72
January 18, 2013	\$ 763,712.81
February 1, 2012	\$ 1,641,040.42

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$7,302,158.62 have been paid  
in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

January 4, 2013	\$2,409,874.56
January 18, 2013	\$2,448,187.49
February 1, 2013	\$2,444,096.57

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ALSO

Director McGuigan presented the following resolution, 10-B-3, December 2012 Delinquent Tax Report:

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

Tax:	\$ 105,337.77
Penalty	<u>\$ 25,432.07</u>
TOTAL	\$ 130,769.84
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 6,538.70</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 124,231.14

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

#### ON THE QUESTION:

Director McGuigan mentioned that the last three resolutions are a perfect example of what would be included in the consent agenda because no one ever has an issue and they can be voted on with one roll call.

Director Lesh responded that is because the list is so thick and full of codes that no one understands them.

#### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Director Barrett presented the following resolution, 10-C-1, Comcast Agreement:

It is the recommendation of the Technology Committee that the following be approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes the increasing role and importance of Technology in education and the continuing need for a greater and more efficient information network and;

WHEREAS, in an effort to achieve those goals, the Scranton School District, under federal guidelines, did bid such technology services and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors approves the contract agreement with Comcast as per the attached.

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

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Director Barrett presented the following resolution, 10-D-1, Approve 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 Nos. 31, 32 and 33 of 2012 and No. 1 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 Nos. 31, 32 and 33 of 2012 and No. 1 of 2013 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

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

## HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Director Ruane presented the following resolution for approval, 10-F-1, School Based Health Grant:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors formally approves acceptance and participation in the \$500,000 School-Based Health Center Capital Program Grant that was recently awarded to The Wright Center to upgrade our medical rooms through alteration/renovation of existing facilities with updated equipment in our three intermediate schools at NEIS, SSIS and WSIS, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Scranton School Directors approves this agreement with the Wright Center Medical Group, PC to collaboratively support the development of a School Based Health Center through this grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign and all documents necessary to consummate this agreement to participate in this School Based Health Center Capital Grant in collaboration with The Wright Center.

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

## ALSO

Director Ruane presented the following resolution for approval, 10-F-2, Concussion Management Policy:

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

WHEREAS, the Board School Directors recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of students participating in the district's athletic programs, and

WHEREAS, the attached policy has been developed to provide guidance for prevention, detection and treatment of concussions sustained by students while participating in an athletic activity, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School District approves the adoption of the attached Concussion Management Policy.

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

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Director Sheridan presented the following resolution for approval, 10-G-1, Justice Assistance Grant for School Resource Officers:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognizes that having increased police presence (SRO's) at our schools helps to add an extra layer of security in our schools, and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton has already approved the application for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant that would fund the salaries for two additional School Resource Officers for the Scranton School District, and

WHEREAS, should the grant be awarded, the Board of Education agrees to split the costs of the healthcare benefits for these two SRO's with the City of Scranton, which is not expected to exceed \$20,000 each, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board agrees to participate in this JAG grant application and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign any and all documentation to consummate this matter.

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

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Director Shrive indicated that the resolution 10-H-1 has been pulled for further deliberation.

Director Shrive presented the following resolution for consideration, 10-H-2-SFT Grievance G31-12:

It is the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee that the following be approved:

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G31-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby denied.

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

ALSO

Director Shrive presented the following resolution for consideration, 10-H-3-SFT Grievance G32-12:

It is the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee that the following be approved:

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G32-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby denied.

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

ALSO

Director Shrive presented the following for consideration, 10-H-4-SFT Grievance G33-12:

It is the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee that the following be approved:

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G33-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby granted.

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

ALSO

Director Shrive presented the following for consideration, 10-H-5-SFT Grievance G29-12:

It is the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee that the following be approved:

WHEREAS, the Scranton Federation of Teachers filed a grievance at #G29-12 and;

WHEREAS, the grievance was heard by the Labor Relations Committee and both sides had the opportunity to present evidence and make arguments on the issues presented;

THEREFORE, after deliberating on the same the grievance is hereby granted.

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



## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Director Martinelli presented the following for approval, 10-J-1, Permission to Attend Meetings:

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

### PERMISSION TO ATTEND MEETINGS

1. Francine Kevra  
Shifts in the Common Core  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: February 12, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
2. Shannon O'Donnell  
Shifts in the Common Core  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: February 12, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
3. Bradley Turi  
Support Group Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$380.00  
DATES: January 31 to February 2, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
4. Kathy Martin  
Support Group Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$380.00  
DATES: January 31 to February 1, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
5. Ann Marie Weiksner  
SAP Training  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$495.00  
DATES: January 15-17, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
6. Lisa Goodwin  
Middle School Reading Strategies  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$180.00  
DATES: January 18 & February 8, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12
7. Jessica Regan  
Middle School Reading Strategies  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$180.00  
DATES: January 18 & February 8, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Nov., 12
8. Margaret Loughney  
Shifts in the Common Core  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: January 23, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
9. Christina Turnbull  
Modifying Assignments for ESL Students  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: January 15, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Oct., 09
10. Joy O'Malley  
Modifying Assignments for ESL Students  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: January 15, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
11. Marie Ceccoli  
Shifts in the Common Core  
NEIU #19  
COST: \$90.00  
DATES: January 30, 2013  
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12

12. Katherine LaCoe	Shifts in the Common Core NEIU #19
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	February 12, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12	
13. Anne Salerno	PA Federal Program Coordinator Conf. Pittsburgh, PA
COST:	\$1540.00
DATES:	April 14-17, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	
14. Nancy Rosario	Modifying Assignments for ESL Students NEIU #19
COST:	\$50.75
DATES:	January 15, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	
15. Bridget Yerke	District Orchestra Marywood University
COST:	\$180.00
DATES:	January 9-11, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: March, 12	
16. Marie Ceccoli	Middle School Reading Strategies NEIU #19
COST:	\$180.00
DATES:	January 18 & February 8, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 11	
17. William Tighe	Support Group Facilitator Training NEIU #19
COST:	\$380.00
DATES:	January 31 to February 1, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	
18. Diane Amari	District Band Blue Ridge High School
COST:	\$492.00
DATES:	January 23-25, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 12	
19. William F. King	Superintendent's Summit Colorado Springs, CO
COST:	\$530.00
DATES:	March 20-22, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: July, 12	
20. Jessica Leitzel	PDE Conference Hershey, PA
COST:	\$616.00
DATES:	March 6-8, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Dec., 12	
21. Chris Mazzino	AP Literature Scoring Louisville, KY
COST:	\$500.00
DATES:	June 9-16, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: June, 12	
22. Lisa R. McConlogue	PMEA District 9 Chorus Dallas High School
COST:	\$405.00
DATES:	February 6-8, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: March, 12	
23. Megan Barrett	PA Educational Tech Expo Hershey, PA
COST:	\$866.00
DATES:	February 10-11, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	
24. Kimberly Gnall	Bandfest TBA
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	April 5, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12	

25. Kimberly Gnall	Songfest Valley View School District
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	May 10, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 12	
26. Barbara Washo	Shifts in the Common Core NEIU #19
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	February 12, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	
27. Jennifer Zaleski	Shifts in the Common Core NEIU #19
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	February 12, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	
28. Laura Perry	SWPBS King of Prussia
COST:	\$190.00
DATES:	January 24, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: 08	
29. Nancy Cangemi	SWPBS King of Prussia
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	January 24, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Jan., 10	
30. Mike Marichak	Nike Coach of the Year Atlantic City, NJ
COST:	\$180.00
DATES:	February 7-9, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Feb., 10	
31. Nadine Cabets	Reading Strategies for Middle School NEIU #19
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	January 18, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: Nov., 12	
32. Ann Geiger	Shifts in the Common Core NEIU #19
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	January 23, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	
33. Jennifer Palazzari	Shifts in the Common Core NEIU #19
COST:	\$100.00
DATES:	January 30, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May, 12	
34. Ann Geiger	Shifts in the Common Core NEIU #19
COST:	\$90.00
DATES:	January 30, 2013
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A	

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

ALSO

Director Martinelli presented the following for approval, 10-J-2-Superintendent's Report No. 1213-Assignments and Appointments:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the individual listed below be appointed to the position indicated in the Scranton School District:

APPOINTMENT:

Terri Anuszewski	Confidential Secretary Superintendent's Office	Effective: 6/3/2013 Salary: \$42,746.00
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ASSIGNMENTS:

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

1. Brittany VanWert	Grade 6 West Scranton Intermediate	Long term Substitute 10/1/12 -2/8/13
2. Emily Piel	Grade 5 LS Issac Tripp #49	Long term Substitute 11/7/12- further notice

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

ALSO

Director Martinelli presented the following for approval, 10-J-3, Superintendent's Report No. 1214- Leaves of Absences:

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Professional

1. Judith A. Gatelli 1/28/13 – 6/12/13	School Nurse West Scranton High School	Sabbatical/ Restoration of Health/With Pay
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Date of Appointment – 8/26/96

Sabbatical/Restoration of Health--1/30/12 – 6/12/12

2. Nicole L. Valenzano 2/14/13—3/1/13	Grade 5 Learning Support Isaac Tripp #49	Family Medical Leave
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Date of Appointment – 10/15/2007

No other Leave of Absence

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

ALSO

Director Martinelli presented the following for approval, 10-J-4, Superintendent's Report No. 1215- Resignations:

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

RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Lee Carr Supervisor Special Education/Pupil Personnel Services Administration Building	Effective: December 31, 2012
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Years of Service – 15.25

\*Shall receive the same retirement incentive as provided for in the "Act 93" agreement dated January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.

CERTIFIED:

1. Gail Hoffman  
Grade 6  
South Scranton Intermediate School  
Years of Service – 18.33

Effective: January 31, 2013

NONCERTIFIED:

1. Maureen Lavelle  
Confidential Secretary  
Years of Service – 26.25

Effective: May 31, 2013

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh recognized Mrs. Maureen Lavelle during his sixteen years as a board member, her years as Board Secretary, commended her for the long hours of meetings, thanked and wished her the best of luck in her retirement.

Mr. William King also spoke very highly of Mrs. Lavelle as his secretary stating she has truly been a confidential, dedicated and professional secretary to him, she will be deeply missed and he wishes her all the best.

Director Sheridan also recognized Mrs. Lavelle and her husband, adding that she's a great person and exceptional secretary.

Director McGuigan also recognized all of the resigning employees and wished them well.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-M-1, Natural Gas Supplier:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that approval be given to Hess Gas as our Natural Gas Supplier.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh asked Mr. Jeff Brazil if this has gone out for bid and asked what the total savings would be.

Mr. Brazil confirmed that it did go out for bid and the savings would be \$30,000.

ALSO

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-M-2, Security System Upgrades:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board authorize Triguard Security to perform upgrades to the Security Systems at Scranton High and Northeast intermediate Schools.

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

ALSO

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-M-3, Prepare Bids for Door Replacements:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board authorize Palumbo Group to write specifications for and bid out Door Replacements at various schools.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh thanked Mr. King and administration for acting quickly to see that these improvements are made for the security of our schools.

ALSO

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-M-4, NEIS Elevator Upgrade:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the board authorize the upgrade of the leveling unit of the elevator at Northeast Intermediate School to Current Elevator for \$17,400.00.

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

ALSO

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-M-5, Change Order for WSIS Gym Floor:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors authorizes the additional costs/change order (\$163,437.00) to switch from a synthetic gym floor to a wooden floor surface for the West Scranton Intermediate School Gymnasium, as per the attached.

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Lesh had some questions about the changes to the gym floor since he was unable to attend the previous work session.

A brief discussion took place regarding options that were discussed which included possibly a pole barn for both schools or extending the existing gym.

ALSO

Director Fox presented the following resolution, 10-M-6, Authorize PlanCon D & E for Lincoln-Jackson Alternative School:

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

WHEREAS, the PlanCon Part "A" (Project Justification) has been submitted to and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the LincolnJackson Academy renovation project, and

WHEREAS, architectural and engineering plans are being developed for the project, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board authorizes The Palumbo Group to prepare PlanCon part “D” (Project Accounting Based on Estimates) and PlanCon part “E” (Design Development Review) forms, for submittal to the PA Department of Education for further review of the project’s eligibility for state reimbursement.

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

ALSO

Director Fox presented the following resolution for approval, 10-M-7, Lincoln-Jackson Construction Special Counsel:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors has begun the PlanCon Construction process of converting the former Lincoln Jackson Elementary School to an alternative school, and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors wishes to protect the interests of the Scranton School District by ensuring that best practices in design and construction are employed in the development of this project, and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors in an effort to ensure that all construction documents and contracts are properly written and best practices in construction and design are employed, wishes to engage the services of Attorney William Warren of Saul Ewing, LLP to serve as their special counsel for construction on this capital improvement project, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors approves the hiring of Attorney William Warren as special counsel for construction on the Lincoln-Jackson Academy Alternative School Project, not to exceed \$20,000, as per the attached.

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

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Director Ruane presented the following resolution for approval, 10-N-1, Settlement Agreement:

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 in ODR File Number 9261 80-09, wherein the appropriateness of the student’s special education program has been challenged;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the settlement identified as an ODR File Number: 9261 80-09, be approved upon the terms and conditions as described above, 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 Lesh and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ALSO

Director Ruane presented the following resolution for approval, 10-N-2, Settlement Agreement:

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 in ODR File Number 13071 12-13, wherein the appropriateness of the student’s special education program has been challenged;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the settlement identified as an ODR File Number: 13071 12-13, be approved upon the terms and conditions as described above, 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President O'Shea urged that a decision needs to be made regarding the gym floor at West Scranton Intermediate School so that class schedules are not adjusted.

Director Fox asked Mr. King if he could get a number of students who are interested in taking AP courses at Scranton and West Scranton High Schools.

There being no further business Director Shrive made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Ruane and the meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

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