

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, April 6, 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 7:00pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary

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

Absent: Director Sheridan.

President Douaihy waived the rules of the board for a performance from The Knight Rhythms.

Following the performance President Douaihy congratulated the students and moved to the regular order of the meeting.

VISITING DELEGATIONS:

Connor Gilbride, Scranton High and Career Technology Center student informed the board of what has been happening at CTC. Mr. Gilbride spoke of recent fundraisers as well as participating in community activities including:

- Volunteered as servers and baked sheet cakes for the Friends of the Poor St. Patrick's Day dinner at St. Mary's Center featuring student volunteers Christina Freeman, Nasir Woods and Karla Gutierrez.
- Simon Ubera, DJ Costa, Christina Freeman, Laurencia Thomas and Ayanna Myers made and decorated sheet cakes to serve 400 people for the Scranton High School Knight Players performance of the Music Man.
- Alanah Sobrinski and Zechariah participated and made several servings of Cream of Broccoli Soup for the Penn State Extension 3rd Annual Spring Craft Show held at West Scranton Intermediate School.
- Cosmetology students recently attended the New York Hair Show in Manhattan recently and also donated their time doing hair and makeup for the Lackawanna College Backpacks to Briefcases Fashion Show and also donated their time doing manicures, hair and makeup at Keystone College's Refashioning Friday, a fundraiser benefitting Women's Resource Center.
- National Technical Honors Society Induction was held Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Senior students excelling in their program areas were recognized.

West Scranton High Students:

- Matthew Clutter
- Robert Waltos
- Meghan Williams

Scranton High Students:

- David Costa
- Rosemary Echevarria
- Melissa Evans
- Connor Gilbride
- Lorraine Gonzalez
- Kayla Hill
- Elijah Izak
- Jean Marie Jenkins
- Shawn Reed
- Victoria White

- NOCTI testing has started for all seniors completing their program of study for students performing competent or advanced will have the opportunity to earn college credit in their program areas.

Director McAndrew now commended Connor and all his students with regards to their hard work and great sense of community and also announced that Connor will be graduating this year and has been accepted to the Culinary Institute of America where he will attend this fall.

Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Community Relations, spoke of his recent visit to CTC and commended the students for the work they do there. Mr. Hetman then updated the board on current events in Lackawanna County.

Communications to the Board:

Attorney Minora announced that executive sessions were held on Monday, March 30, 2015 and this evening, April 6, 2015 to discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate.

Report from the PTA Representative:

Melinda Krokus, PTA President, announced that everyone has been busy with fundraisers and family fun nights, reminded everyone of the next council meeting to be held on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00pm at West Scranton High School, and welcomed Dr. Kirijan.

Report from Student Representatives

Students from West Scranton High School welcomed Dr. Alexis Kirijan and announced the following:

- Dress down days were held to benefit the Art Club, Drama Club, CASUAL Day, Technology Club and Autism Awareness. Each dress down day raised \$600-\$700.
- Congratulations were extended to senior Rebecca Price who received a full tuition scholarship to Westchester University.
- Senior Eric Denicola received congratulations for placing 2nd in the PSA competition by the speech and drama students. Eric won a \$500 scholarship for his essay on Distracted Walking and teacher Mrs. Angela Franek received a free subscription to Choices Magazine.
- The National Spanish Exam was completed last week by Spanish II, III, and IV classes. Students enrolled in these classes have the choice to take this test in order to receive scholarships for

college. West Scranton High School has received awards in the past for gold, silver, bronze and honorable mention in the past.

- Students recently competed in the annual computer fair at Keystone College and took home 2nd and 3rd place.
- On March 27, 2015 students finished the annual Wilkes University IEEE Engineering Olympics and placed 2nd.
- The West Scranton Players had successful shows of the Addams Family, The Musical with guests filling the audience each night having worked long hours to complete this musical. The West Scranton Players will now be competing in the Excellence in School Theater Awards on June 1st.
- On April 23, 2015 the West Scranton Players will hold the annual lip sync competition with all proceeds benefitting a charity of their choice.
- Junior students Danny Salurday and Jake MacDonald were recognized for winning the PSU Essay Writing contest.
- West Scranton High School senior Jason Palauskas was named Scholar of the Year by the NEIU and will attend a dinner and receive a scholarship.
- West Scranton senior Sarah Purawic was named the Times-Tribune Scholastic Superstar.
- Chorus Club will be performing at Disney World this weekend.
- West Scranton will be evaluated by the Middle States for Re-Accreditation on April 14-17th. Class officers will be giving representatives from the Middle States tours of West Scranton High School and explain their mission statement.
- West High will host Willard Elementary School on April 23rd for the annual Read Across America Program.
- Spirit Week will be held April 20-24th and will include Sports Day, Decades Day, Tie Dye Day, Salad Dressing Day and Class Shirt Day. The week will end with a final competition on the softball field full of competitions between each class.
- SAT Workshop and Math SAT Workshops will be held on April 30th and May 1st to prepare for the May 2nd SATs.

Scranton High School students welcomed Dr. Alexis Kirijan and reported the following:

- Scranton High has hosted several 8th grade students in their shadowing program from St. Paul's, St. Stanislaus, All Saints Academy, Northeast and West Intermediate Schools.
- Allison Barrett and Robert McGowan will be honored on Wednesday, April 8th at the Times Building for being named 2015 Scholastic Superstars.
- Knight Rhythms will compete this week in Myrtle Beach and wish them the best of luck.
- Scranton High will host a blood drive on April 28th.
- Annual Talent Show will be held on April 30th at 7:00pm in the auditorium.
- Scranton's Half Marathon will be held at Memorial Stadium on April 12th.
- On April 14th Scranton High students will participate in a Rita's Scoop for Mr. David Bieri, Principal at Sumner Elementary and the profits raised will aid in Mr. Bieri's recovery from his car accident.

Report from the PSBA Representative

No Report

Solicitor's Report

No Report

Acting Superintendent's Report

No Report

At this time President Douaihy asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

The Consent Agenda included the following:

The Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2015.

ALSO

ATHLETICS & STADIUM COMMITTEE

10-A-1

It is the recommendation of the Athletic and Stadium Committee that the following be appointed to the Coaching positions as indicated, for the 2014-2015 school year. Salaries in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL:

Jeff Kaub

South Scranton Intermediate School
7th & 8th Grade Girls' Softball Coach (1 yr)

Matt Fidati

West Scranton High School
Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach

ALSO

10-A-2

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

Whereas, the District II Track Meet held annually at Valor Field at Scranton Memorial Stadium incurs certain expenses to the Scranton School District and;

Therefore be it resolved, that the District II Track Committee has agreed to pay the Scranton School District \$1000.00/day for the two day track meet.

ALSO

BUDGET & 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.

April 8, 2015 \$976,701.63

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 April 8, 2015 be approved as per the attached:

Be it resolved that exception payments in the amount of \$6,166,308.19 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

March 13, 2015	\$2,698,278.72
March 27, 2015	\$3,468,029.47

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$2,639,424.80 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy.

March 13, 2015	\$ 433,463.79
March 31, 2015	\$ 366,241.88
April 3, 2015	\$1,823,025.13
April 8, 2015	\$ 16,694.00

ALSO

10-B-3

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

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2014 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$7,707,229.55
Monthly Revenue	\$1,169,884.62
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$1,592,739.73</u>
 Total Available	 \$10,469,853.90
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 7,716,512.36</u>
Balance in General Account	\$ 2,753,341.54

ALSO

10-B-4

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

Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2014 be accepted as follows:

Opening Balance	\$4,470,131.65
Monthly Revenue	\$9,767,901.60
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$5,343,888.87</u>
Total Available	\$19,581,922.12
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 11,874,692.57</u>
Balance in General Account	\$ 7,707,229.55

ALSO

10-B-5

The Budget and Finance Committee hereby recommends the following Resolution;

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

4 Oakwood Place	Map No.: 15710 010 019	Lakeshkumar Patel	\$1872.00
Lafayette & Briggs	Map No.: 14408 020 014	Larry Fuller	\$1931.00

ALSO

10-B-6

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

Tax:	\$ 221,309.92
Penalty	<u>\$ 35,359.05</u>
TOTAL	\$ 256,668.97
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 12,833.66</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 243,835.31

ALSO

10-D-1

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. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11 and No. 12 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. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11 and No. 12 of 2015 be expelled upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the report mentioned above.

ALSO

10-D-2

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

WHEREAS, a request for approval (as attached) has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for Scranton High School AP and Honor students be permitted a field trip to Washington DC on Saturday, April 25, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, this has been an annual trip that the AP and Honor students have been taking for several years, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the request, as per the attached request.

ALSO

10-D-3

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

WHEREAS, a request for approval (as attached) has been submitted to the Board of School Directors for Caleb Mandile, a Senior at Scranton High School to travel to Portland Oregon to compete in the International Bridge Building Competition on April 25, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, Caleb will be traveling with his parents was invited to this competition after he won the PA Regional Bridge Building Competition held on February 21, 2015 and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Scranton School Board hereby approves the request, as per the attached request.

ALSO

10-D-4

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Education Committee of the Scranton School District that the attached school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year be approved.

10-D-5

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

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District realizes the importance of regularly revisiting district curriculum to ensure that it meets the needs of our students and to ensure that it prepares all students to be career and college ready, and

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District recognizes that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has mandated that all schools in the Commonwealth align their curriculum to reflect the Pennsylvania Common Core State Standards, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Math Curriculum Committee in the School District of the City of Scranton have aligned the required math courses to the Pennsylvania Common Core State Standards,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School District adopt the Secondary Mathematics Curriculum reflecting the newly aligned Pennsylvania Core Standards courses for the 2015-2016 school year, and beyond.

ALSO

10-I-1

It is the recommendation of the Policy Committee that the following resolution be considered for adoption:

The Scranton School District has been working with PSBA to update the school district policy manual.

PSBA has made recommended changes to the district's existing policies.

Now be it resolved that the Scranton School Board approves the recommended changes to Section 700 – Property.

ALSO

10-J-1

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1307

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NONCERTIFIED:

1. <u>Hubert, Nicole</u>	Clerk	<u>Family Medical Leave/</u>
5/1/15—5/15/15	South Intermediate	<u>Without Pay</u>

Date of Appointment—8/30/2004

No Other Leave

ALSO

10-J-2

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1308

RESIGNATIONS

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

RESIGNATIONS:

NON CERTIFIED:

1. Anuszewski, Terri Effective: May 15, 2015
Confidential Secretary
Superintendent's Office
Administration Building

Year of Service: 37

2. Ruddy, Mary Jo Effective: May 15, 2015
Confidential Secretary
Superintendent's Office
Administration Building

Years of Service: 39

3. Sienkiewicz, Sandy Effective: May 15, 2015
Confidential Secretary
Personnel Office
Administration Building

Years of Service: 43

COACHING:

1. Kenny, Maureen Effective: March 11, 2015
Hear Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Scranton High School

ALSO

PURCHASING COMMITTEE

10-L-1

The Purchasing Committee presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the following necessary purchases for Food Service Equipment be accepted as follows:

Electric Counter Top Kettle	\$6,399.28	Rice's Food Equipment
Convection Oven	\$3,158.40	Rice's Food Equipment

PRESIDENT DOUAIHY NOW MOVED TO NON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Budget and Finance Committee

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-7

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed General Operating Budget of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU #19) for the 2015-2016 school year be approved.

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

ALSO

10-B-8

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

It is the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee that the following resolution be accepted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scranton School District approves the contract to hire Alu and Associates to perform an audit of the Scranton Single Tax Office for the year ending December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014. The costs associated with both audits shall be shared between the City of Scranton and the Scranton School District as per the attached bid document from the City of Scranton.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-B-9

It is the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee that the following is approved:

Whereas, tax map # 13408060066 has paid 2012 and 2013 school taxes and,

Whereas, said property was tax exempt and owner has since sold said property and is entitled to a reimbursement of 2012 and 2013 school taxes and;

Therefore be it resolved that the Scranton School Board hereby approves the reimbursement for tax map # 13408060066 for the 2012 and 2013 school taxes.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Oleski.

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

PERMISSION TO ATTEND MEETINGS

1. Colleen Gallagher SAP Networking Day
911 Call Center, Jessup, PA
COST: \$90.00
DATES: March 27, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
2. Patricia Laboranti SAP Networking Day
911 Call Center, Jessup, PA
COST: \$90.00
DATES: March 27, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
3. Steve Shumbres Holocaust Symposium
Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Scranton
COST: \$90.00
DATES: May 6, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: May 2013
4. Amy Sekol PMEA Stringfest
Tunkhannock Middle School
COST: \$90.00
DATES: March 5, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
5. Amy Sekol PMEA Chorusfest
Lackawanna Trail High School
COST: \$90.00
DATES: May 8, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: March 2015
6. Amy Sekol PMEA Bandfest
Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton
COST: \$90.00
DATES: April 24, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: March 2015
7. Millie McLane PAFPC Conference
Champion, PA
COST: \$1,407.00
DATES: May 3-6, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A
8. Eleanor Langan PHSSL State Finals
Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, PA
COST: \$1,100.00
DATES: March 20, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: March 2015
9. Corey Bartell PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival
Lackawanna Trail H.S.
COST: \$90.00
DATES: May 8, 2015
LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Oleski.

10-J-4

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the following appointment be approved:

Shawn Larue

Facility Support Staff

Effective: April 6, 2015

Salary: \$13,245.75

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Oleski.

10-J-5

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kim Mecca currently administers the Scranton Pennsylvania Elementary and Secondary Counseling grant program and;

WHEREAS, this program has been administered by Kim Mecca and this grant will continue for three years and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scranton School Board of Directors hereby approves that Kim Mecca will continue to administer this grant program and be compensated as per the attached agreement.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-K-1

It is the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee that the following is approved:

Be it resolved that the Scranton School District enter into a naming rights agreement for the gymnasiums at both Scranton and West High Schools with Northeast Pennsylvania Center for Independent Living (NEPACIL) as per the attached agreement.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Donahue expressed that moving forward that this is something that should be put out for Request for Proposal.

Director Ruane asked for Mr. Justin MacGregor to give some background on how this developed.

Mr. MacGregor explained that he had been seeking a sponsor for several months all over the community approaching dozens of businesses and the Center for Independent Living responded favorably and he based his numbers off the attendance at both high school gymnasiums.

Director Donahue agreed and commended Mr. MacGregor, adding that he thinks he did a great job but moving forward he thinks in order to cast a wider net that it is put out for RFP and if there's no response we can then solicit.

Mr. MacGregor added that we are partnering with an industry leader who will come in and shore up services with our Special Education department.

Directors Ruane, Donahue and President Douaihy again commended Mr. MacGregor for the hard work he put into this agreement adding we are fortunate to have the services for our special needs students.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Duffy.

10-M-1

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Triguard Security, Inc. Avoca, Pa be awarded the bid for Security Monitoring for the Scranton School District at a cost of \$8,300.00 per year for three years.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was submitted by Director Oleski.

10-N-1

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

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Scranton is subject of administration proceedings and civil suits, wherein the appropriateness of the student's special education program has been challenged or suits have been filed in ODR Nos. 15881 1415KE, 15828 1415KE and 15942 1415AS

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Ruane welcomed Dr. Alexis Kirijan tonight and looks forward to working with her.

President Douaihy extended congratulations to Scranton High Freshman Kyron Harbin for the Times-Tribune Athlete of the Week and for breaking Scranton High records for long jump and triple jump. President Douaihy added that the numbers are impressive and it is quite an accomplishment for a freshman. Mr. Douaihy extended congratulations to Kyron's coaches and teammates.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Oleski, seconded by Director Ruane and the meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

By: _____
Secretary