

## SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Scranton School Board of Directors held a regular board meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00pm prevailing time in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 425 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

President McGuigan called the meeting to order at 8:00pm with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: By the Secretary.

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

Absent: Director Ruane.

Communications to the Board:

Attorney Minora announced executive sessions were held on Monday, August 25, 2014 and this evening September 8, 2014 to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate.

### VISITING DELEGATIONS

Ms. Rosemary Boland, SFT President, announced that its been a great start to the new school year so far and addressed the board with the following concerns:

- Parking at Northeast Intermediate as well as other schools.
- Title I Math
- Programs taking over classrooms especially at Scranton High School e.g., child care.
- Staffing.

Bridget McAndrew, teacher at McNichols Plaza addressed the board regarding Title I Math and having to go to another school because she's been reduced to two days.

Eleanor Wiscosky, grandparent of West High student expressed dissatisfaction that the West High students have to walk to West High School where there are no sidewalks down Dalton Street. She feels the high school students should be bussed.

Student Representatives from Scranton High and West Scranton High addressed the board with upcoming events. President McGuigan asked that the students email the board secretary the dates and times of all events.

### REPORT FROM PTA PRESIDENT

Melinda Krokus could not attend this evening but sent message to remind the board of the upcoming PTA meeting to be held in the library at Scranton High School.

### REPORT FROM PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Director Donahue reminded the board of the upcoming executive session with PSBA on September 15, 2014 at 6pm to discuss superintendent's search.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

NO REPORT

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

NO REPORT

President McGuigan moved to the Consent Agenda and the following items were removed from the consent agenda:

10-A-1 – Coaching Appointments – removed from consent agenda.  
10-J-3 – Resignations – removed from consent agenda.

Director Donahue made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Douaihy and passed with one (1) abstention and seven (7) affirmative. Director Casey abstained due to father's employment relationship to a vendor.

The Consent Agenda included the following:

BUDGET AND FINANCE

10-B-1

It is the recommendation of the Budget & 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:

September 8, 2014	\$31,552.20
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The Summer Bill Payment as per the bill payment approval policy for the period ended September 8, 2014 be approved as per the attached:

Be it resolved that exception and summer bill payments in the amount of \$7,887,255.04 have been paid in accordance with the approval payment policy.

SUMMER

June 20, 2014	\$1,248,061.66
July 4, 2014	\$ 533,202.99
July 18, 2014	\$1,211,448.30
August 1, 2014	\$1,885,429.25
August 15, 2014	\$1,126,942.67
August 29, 2014	\$1,882,170.17

Be it resolved that payrolls amounting to \$15,181,673.73 have been paid in accordance with the approval for payment policy:

June 20, 2014	\$2,568,522.18
June 26, 2014	\$ 363,799.26
July 4, 2014	\$3,974,471.96
July 18, 2014	\$2,048,943.98
August 1, 2014	\$2,246,117.73
August 15, 2014	\$2,016,414.47
August 29, 2014	\$1,963,404.16

ALSO

10-B-2

The Budget & Finance Committee present the following resolution for your consideration:

Be it resolved that the Delinquent Tax Report for the Month of June 2014 be accepted.  
A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax:	\$426,150.20
Penalty	<u>\$ 73,212.52</u>
TOTAL	\$499,362.72
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 24,968.45</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$474,394.27

ALSO

10-B-3

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delinquent Tax Report for the Month of July 2014 be accepted. A copy of the monthly detail is available for review in the Business Office.

Tax:	\$ 388,103.34
Penalty	<u>\$ 83,541.40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 471,644.74
Commission (5%)	<u>\$ 23,582.71</u>
NET TO DISTRICT	\$ 448,062.03

ALSO

10-B-4

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

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

Opening Balance	\$16,294,999.39
Monthly Revenue	\$19,474,521.95
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ 99.22</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$35,769,620.56
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$11,082,914.37</u>
BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$24,686,706.19

ALSO

10-B-5

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

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

Opening Balance	\$24,686,706.19
Monthly Revenue	\$ 5,734,220.98
Transfers and Refunds	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$30,420,927.17
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$14,286,811.97</u>
BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$16,134,115.20

ALSO

10-B-6

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

**WHEREAS**, the School District of the City of Scranton recognizes the need to provide parking for its' employees at Northeast Intermediate School, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to fulfill this need, the Board of Directors wishes to enter into a lease agreement with Bethel AME Church to rent 25 parking spaces at a rate of \$25.00 per space, per month for 9.5 months, commencing on September 2, 2014 and ending on June 15, 2015 at a total cost of \$5,937.50, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School District of the City of Scranton authorizes the Superintendent to sign the attached lease agreement with Bethel AME to lease these 25 parking spaces, after the Solicitor has fully reviewed and approved such lease.

ALSO

10-B-7

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

**WHEREAS**, the School District of the City of Scranton recognizes the need to provide parking for its' employees at Northeast Intermediate School, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to fulfill this need, the Board of Directors wishes to enter into a lease agreement with Coopers Seafood to rent 50 parking spaces at a rate of \$25.00 per space, per month for 9.5 months, commencing on September 2, 2014 and ending on June 15, 2015 at a total cost of \$11,875.00, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School District of the City of Scranton authorizes the Superintendent to sign the attached lease agreement with Coopers Seafood to lease these 50 parking spaces, after the Solicitor has fully reviewed and approved such lease.

#### EDUCATION

10-D-1

The Education Committee hereby recommends that the following resolution be approved;  
Be it resolved that the former Thomas Jefferson School be renamed to Monticello School for Autism.

#### POLICY

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 600 - Finances.

## PERSONNEL

10-J-2

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1285

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

##### NONCERTIFIED:

- |    |   |   |  |
|----|---|---|--|
| 1. | <u>Tonkin, William</u><br>8/18/2014—9/16/2014 | General Custodian<br>Whittier School #2 | <u>Family Medical Leave/<br/>Without Pay</u> |
|----|---|---|--|

Date of Appointment—6/26/2006

No other Leave

- |    |  |                                     |                                       |
|----|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2. | <u>Zenker, Karen</u><br>9/3/2014—6/12/2014 | Paraprofessional<br>Isaac Tripp #49 | <u>Personal Leave<br/>Without Pay</u> |
|----|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|

Date of Appointment—8/27/2009

No other Leave

## TRANSPORTATION

10-P-1

The Transportation Committee hereby recommends the following resolution for your consideration:

*WHEREAS*, the School District of the City of Scranton is required to transport certain students to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf; and

*WHEREAS*, in order to provide said transportation, the District must enter into contracts for the provision of the same,

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the attached contracts with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Hanover Area School District and Red Top Transportation be approved on the terms and conditions set forth in the contracts attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**President McGuigan now moved to the Non Consent Agenda.**

The following resolution was submitted by Director Casey.

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.

## WEST SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity Softball Coach—Girls  
Varsity Assistant Softball—Girls  
Boys Tennis

Leah Carroll  
Jolene Chomko Hanley  
Kathy Martin

The resolution was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed with seven (7) affirmative and one (1) abstention. Director Martinelli abstained because his daughter is one of the coaches.

### ON THE QUESTION:

President McGuigan noted for the record that the Boys Tennis Coach is Director Martinelli's daughter; she was the only applicant adding that she has volunteered to coach for several years now and thanked her for volunteering.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Director Sheridan submitted the following resolution:

10-F-1

It is the recommendation of the *Health and Safety Committee* that the following resolution be approved.

*WHEREAS*, the Scranton School Board recognizes the importance of the Pennsylvania Department of Health recommended regulations.

*WHEREAS*, the Scranton School Board acknowledges the recommendation for the elimination of all requirements for routine tuberculin skin testing by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Thoracic Society, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Board authorizes the modification of the current tuberculin testing as requested by the Department of Health and authorizes the elimination of all requirements for routine tuberculin skin testing for students only.

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

### ON THE QUESTION:

President McGuigan confirmed that we are following Department of Health recommended regulations and the lead of other school districts in the state that are no longer testing.

## PERSONNEL

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-1

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

### **PERMISSION TO ATTEND MEETINGS**

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|----|---|---|
| 1. | Dan Gilroy  | PA Low Incident Conference-Project Max<br>Hershey, PA |
|    | COST:   | \$1,030.00  |
|    | DATES:  | August 4-8, 2014                                      |
|    | LAST CONFERENCE ATTENDED AT DISTRICT EXPENSE: N/A |   |



APPOINTMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Lazor, Christopher

Assistant Principal  
Isaac Tripp #49 School  
as per Act 93 Agreement

PROFESSIONAL:

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Feeney, Leanne  
Casey, Amanda  
Peters, Steven  
Mousley, Amanda  
DeLorenzo, Ashley  
Preuss, Megan

MATH

Budd, Brandon

MUSIC

Jones, Frank

ESL

Lukasiewicz, Julie

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

Stec, Laura

ART

Ruane, Adam

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Lynch, Stephanie  
Watters, Josh

ENGLISH

Boyce, Danyel

ASSIGNMENT:

1. Allan, James

Acting Principal  
Robert Morris #27 School  
as per Act 93 Agreement

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

1. Cummings, Samantha

Guidance                      Permanent Substitute  
West Scranton High School

2. McGuire, Joseph

Social Studies                      Permanent Substitute  
Scranton High School

3. Noldy, Mariah

ESL                                      Permanent Substitute  
South Scranton Intermediate School

4. Serge, Kimberly

Kindergarten                      Permanent Substitute  
Whittier School



5. <u>Seeuwan, Natalie</u>	Art Scranton High School	Permanent Substitute
6. <u>Sparacino, Jacqueline</u>	Kindergarten Bancroft School	Permanent Substitute
7. <u>Yablonski, Kathryn</u>	Reading South Scranton Intermediate School	Permanent Substitute
8. <u>Boddorff, Laura</u>	Geometry Scranton High School	Long Term Substitute 8/27/2014—1/23/2015
9. <u>Bryan, Maggie</u>	Grade 5 Morris School	Long Term Substitute 9/4/2014—11/26/2014
10. <u>Cummings, Tara</u>	Grade 5 McNichols Plaza	Long Term Substitute 9/2/2014—11-3-2014
11. <u>Hoban, Christina</u>	Autistic Support Isaac Tripp School	Long Term Substitute 9/8/2014—11/17/2014
12. <u>Kempf Philbin, Kristen</u>	Preschool Prescott School	Long Term Substitute 9/4/2014—11/28/2014
13. <u>Luckey, Laura</u>	Emotional Support Sumner School	Long Term Substitute 9/2/2014—Further Notice
14. <u>Potter, Alyssa</u>	Math Scranton High School	Long Term Substitute 9/2/14—Further Notice
15. <u>Pregnar, Travis</u>	Business/Computer Northeast Intermediate	Long Term Substitute 9/2/2014—1/30/2015
16. <u>Przywara, Nicole</u>	Grade 3 Armstrong School	Long Term Substitute 9/8/2014—1/30/2015
17. <u>Sebastianelli, Elda</u>	ESL Isaac Tripp School	Long Term Substitute 9/8/2014—12/31/2014
18. <u>VanWert, Brittany</u>	ESL Scranton High School	Long Term Substitute 9/3/2014—3/16/2014

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

#### ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey asked Mr. Gaynord if the names of the professionals were taken off the list. Mr. Gaynord replied yes.

Director Douaihy asked Acting Superintendent John Marichak when Mr. Lazor will be joining us.

Mr. Marichak addressed.

President McGuigan asked if the substitute assignments were taken off the list and Mr. Gaynord addressed.

ALSO

Prior to the reading of 10-J-3, a motion was made by Director McAndrew seconded by Director Donahue to amend the resolution removing Sophie Genello from the resignations list. The friendly amendment passed unanimously on roll call vote.

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-3

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1286

**RESIGNATIONS**

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

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Professional:

1. ~~Sophie Genello~~ Effective: ~~September 5, 2014~~  
~~School Psychologist~~  
~~Years of Service: 3.0~~
2. Maria Grzybowski Effective: August 14, 2014  
Art Teacher  
Scranton High School  
Years of Service: 9.3
3. Julie Larson Effective: August 22, 2014  
Second Grade Teacher  
Years of Service: 9.0
4. Dr. Michael A. Mandarano, D.L.,M.S. Effective: June 18, 2014  
School Physician  
Years of Service: 1.0

5. Rachel Mercuri  
ESL Teacher  
Scranton High School

Effective: June 19, 2014

Years of Service: 7.0

The resolution as amended was seconded by Director Douaihy and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-5

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT NO. 1288

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the appointments of the following individuals be rescinded:

1. Tomaszewski, Dayna
2. Karpf, Jennifer
3. Oliver, Jill
4. Williams, Jessica
5. Sirchia, Jaclyn

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Martinelli.

10-J-6

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

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Elementary Clerk          | Patti Yesu<br>Isaac Tripp School |
| 2. General Custodian/Floater | Matt Fletcher                    |
| 3. General Custodian/Floater | Josh Guse                        |

Appointments are effective upon receipt of proper Federal Criminal Records, Immigration, Medical and Child Abuse reports.

Salary is in accordance with the appropriate salary schedules.

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

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-1

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

**Be it resolved** that the Scranton School District approve a change order for the Scranton High School Natatorium Lighting Renovations as per the attached proposal in the amount of \$918.72.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

President McGuigan asked why the switches were defective and why they need to be replaced.

Mr. Jeff Brazil addressed that the switches were probably the wrong switches from the original installation.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-2

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Door Replacements at the Monticello School, be approved as per the attached proposals submitted by Mesko Glass in the amount of \$ 6,424.00.

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

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Douaihy said he understands the upgrades are for the school itself and the safety of our children is paramount but he believes the upgrades should have been discussed prior to the lease agreement and going forward when this situation comes up again it needs to be discussed prior to a lease agreement.

President McGuigan agreed that it should have been negotiated and have we asked the owner if the costs could be split.

Mr. Brazil said that he did not.

President McGuigan asked if the board would agree that the solicitor ask the building owner to split some of the costs towards the door replacements.

Director McAndrew asked if this is the same owner that wants the district to pay for the windows in the building too and President McGuigan indicated yes and asked again if anyone was opposed to the solicitor asking the owner for some money towards the doors.

No one was opposed.

Solicitor Minora indicated that the next resolution coming up resembles the same situation and he will address both issues.

#### ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-3

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fire Alarm System for the Monticello School, be approved as per the attached proposal submitted by CK Alarm Systems in the amount of \$19,182.00, with a Monthly Monitoring fee of \$23.00.

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

#### ON THE QUESTION:

Director Douaihy expressed his opinion that public schools are held to a higher standard than private schools and the Scranton School District had to replace alarm systems which did not work in both the Howard Gardner and Nativity schools and hopes it gets duly noted that private schools do not have to “play the game” by the same rules that public schools do and the taxpayers should understand that.

President McGuigan agreed adding would you want your child going to a private school without functioning security and fire alarm systems.

President McGuigan also asked if these services were put out to bid.

Mr. Jeff Brazil addressed and added that it was at the recommendation of the Scranton Fire Department that the systems be upgraded to today’s standards.

Mrs. McGuigan noted that she would think that the systems in Northeast and South Intermediate probably need to be upgraded and they’re in buildings that we own, including the administration building; we don’t own the buildings that we’re upgrading.

Mr. Brazil said that he would do whatever the board would like to do but if they are found to be out of code he doesn’t want that on his shoulders.

A discussion now took place regarding periodic testing of the systems in all schools.

Director McAndrew said once again this should have been checked prior to us signing the lease.

President McGuigan expressed that some of the responsibility should be on the City of Scranton because they are allowing buildings to be rented without them being up to code.

Mrs. McGuigan added that she knows how much the building was purchased for and how much rent we're paying, and we're paying him for the upgrades to his building like the doors and security system and he wants to entertain new lights and windows.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-5

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the proposal for Eight (8) Exit Sign Fixtures with battery back-up and Emergency heads Project, for the Whittier Annex be approved, as per the attached proposal submitted by Urban Electrical Contractors, in the amount of \$2,931.00.

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

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-6

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the District Wide System Intrusion and Fire Alarm Cellular Migration Project, be approved, as per the attached proposal submitted by Triguard Security Systems.

The cost of the Project is \$37,882.00.

ON THE QUESTION:

Director Douaihy asked Jeff Brazil to explain what the District Wide Intrusion System is.

Mr. Brazil addressed that it is updating the wireless system for security and fob systems in all the schools.

President McGuigan indicated that it was not discussed at the work session and how did it come before us tonight without discussion.

Director Douaihy asked for a motion to table seconded by Director McAndrew and the resolution was tabled unanimously on roll call vote.

ALSO

The following resolution was submitted by Director Donahue.

10-M-7

The BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE presents the following resolution for your consideration:

Be It Resolved that the Board approve the request to purchase three new vehicles for the Maintenance Department under State Contract # 025151025-151 from Municipal Equipment Enterprises through Day Ford of Monroeville, Pa.

The vehicles are as follows:

	2015 Ford Super Duty F-550 Stake Body Truck	\$ 54,864.00
	2015 Ford Super Duty F450 2 WD	\$ 51,397.00
	2015 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW	<u>\$ 36,980.00</u>
TOTAL		\$143,241.00

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

#### ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey asked Jeff Brazil if he was able to look into getting the vehicles through Federal or State surplus.

Mr. Brazil addressed that there isn't anything available for what we need or the vehicles were too old.

Mr. Brazil indicated that the F450 is needed for Food Services and will come from Food Services budget and these vehicles were originally purchased when Scranton High first opened adding that one of them is a plow truck that is needed.

A discussion took place about websites available to purchase these vehicles with President McGuigan asking do we need to purchase brand new trucks for a district in the financial position that it's in.

Director Sheridan agreed we may be able to get used vehicles and also asked why there aren't any local dealerships.

Mr. Brazil said none of the local dealerships are CoStar.

Director Douaihy asked if the snow plowing could be contracted out.

Mr. Gregg Sunday addressed that snow removal was looked into years back but it was difficult because the buildings were bid on individually and it became a time issue if contractors did not show up on time for student arrivals.

Director Sheridan agreed that contracting snow removal really doesn't work well for school districts.

President McGuigan asked what do we do with the equipment that is no longer road worthy.

It was agreed that we need to establish a policy on what to do with salvage equipment.

President McGuigan's final request is to have the vehicles lettered and numbered.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

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 in ODR # 15275 14-15DP, 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 ODR#15275 14-15DP, be approved upon the terms and conditions as described above, and the Superintendent or Director of Special Education and Support Services are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the matter.

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President McGuigan responded to the woman who questioned why we do not transport high school students stating that we do not transport high school students and doesn't believe we could afford to bus high school students.

Mrs. McGuigan also addressed Mr. Festa's comments last week about the Title I Math and Reading teachers and the previous elementary supervisor requested four positions but we could not afford it with limited funds.

A discussion took place regarding support for Reading and Math with Mrs. McGuigan noting that it was mentioned previously that some parents are not able to help kids with their homework. Mrs. McGuigan would hope that with some encouragement more teachers will get involved in the PTA because it is the Parent/Teacher Association and possibly one night a month we could have something that the parents could attend with their children.

Further discussion took place regarding an afterschool homework project with food services and local restaurants getting involved with hopes of improving homework success.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Director Douaihy presented the following resolution:

The Athletics and Stadium Committee presents the following for your approval:

Be it resolved that the Scranton School District enter into a naming rights agreement for the field at Scranton Memorial Stadium with the Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union as per the attached agreement.

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

## ON THE QUESTION:

Director Casey asked Director Douaihy to explain the naming rights agreement.

Director Douaihy confirmed that the playing field only is being renamed; NOT the stadium – it will always be Scranton Memorial Stadium. Mr. Douaihy addressed a letter he received from an old team mate Pat Ahern and said we need a modern and healthy playing field and Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union came forward with a terrific offer.

Director Oleski suggested a plaque with the names of our fallen students.



Director Casey suggested a committee of all local veterans to voice their opinion about how veterans can be honored at the stadium.

Solicitor Minora reiterated the agreement in paragraph 19 it clearly states – the field will be named Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union Field at Scranton Veterans Memorial Stadium.

President McGuigan added that having just received the agreement this evening and not having a chance to review it she will vote in favor for this taking the recommendation of the Solicitor.

Director McAndrew complimented, thanked and applauded Mrs. Kim Mecca for the recent counseling grant totaling \$400,000/year over three years (\$1.2 million) which Mrs. Mecca was instrumental in obtaining the grant for the Scranton School District adding that having to spend 20 hours/week as project manager she is truly a champion for our kids.

There being no further business Director Oleski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Casey and the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

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