

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
April 13, 2015

President, Louis M. Elmy called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Superintendent Dr. Bernard S. Prevuznak led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Leonard B. Przywara called the roll.

9 MEMBERS PRESENT: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

President Elmy stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session on April 6, 2015 and prior to the Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2015.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Board President Elmy presented certificates to the following State recognized athletes.

Brea Seabrook – Field Hockey 1st Team

Saul Wilkins – Football 1st Team

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2015 and dispense with the reading of those minutes. The vote was as follows:

All In Favor: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

Treasurer's Report:

Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary/Business Manager, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2015.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2015

GENERAL FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$738,336.57)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$20,577,235.58
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$323,567.34
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$145,954.78
OMEGA BANK	\$2,928,768.33
OMEGA BANK	\$2,064,485.76
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$216,254.62
PNC BANK	\$1,000.00
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$8,730,187.41
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,534.32
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$16,061.43
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,594.05
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00

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LANDMARK CD	\$459,544.29
PLGIT EIT	\$819,330.41

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$36,384,181.75
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,367.59
ATHLETIC FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$483,722.79

TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$494,090.38
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TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$3,134,448.69
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$272.64
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$173,066.44
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$123,712.11
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$273,800.76
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,109.66

TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$4,038,410.30
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FOOD SERVICE FUND

CHECKING ACCOUNT-OMEGA BANK	\$1,924,718.42
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TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$1,924,718.42
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,280.17
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TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$9,280.17
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Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to accept the Treasurer's report ending January 31, 2015.

The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

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Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary/Business Manager, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2015.

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES
MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2015

GENERAL FUNDS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING - FNCB	(\$220,845.83)
GENERAL FUND CASH CONCENTRATION - FNCB	\$17,424,428.96
FEDERAL PROGRAMS - FNCB	\$1,151,256.22
FEDERAL PROGRAMS CHAPTER 1 -FNCB	\$187,348.65
OMEGA BANK	\$2,929,442.35
OMEGA BANK	\$2,064,960.87
JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT	\$216,254.63
PNC BANK	\$1,000.00
PNC BANK INVESTMENT	\$8,730,442.30
LPL LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER	\$828,540.68
EARNED INCOME TAX ACCOUNT-FNCB	\$89,788.92
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENT #1	\$11,594.49
REAL ESTATE TAX ACCOUNT - FNCB	\$0.00
LANDMARK CD	\$459,626.25
PLGIT EIT	\$819,340.24
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$34,693,178.73

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS CASH CONCENTRATION-FNCB	\$10,367.99
ATHLETIC FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$492,531.55
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$502,899.54

TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

PAYROLL CHECKING-FNCB	\$3,251,198.80
PAYROLL CLEARING -FNCB	\$267.65
WHOLE LIFE GROUP TRUST-CITIZENS BANK	\$238,066.44
ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$129,445.53
SECONDARY ACTIVITY FUND-OMEGA BANK	\$273,199.21
COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #5	\$333,122.44
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$4,225,300.07

FOOD SERVICE FUND

CHECKING ACCOUNT-OMEGA BANK	\$1,453,484.26
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$1,453,484.26

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DEBT SERVICE FUND

COMMONWEALTH INVESTMENTS #7	\$9,280.14
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$9,280.14

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Mr. Galella, to accept the Treasurer's report ending February 28, 2015.
The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

Unfinished Business

Mr. Caffrey informed the Board that he recently participated in a conference call with PDE in regard to the Plan Con process and the Plan Con reimbursement issue. Mr. Caffrey noted that the Mackin project is currently on board for Plan Con reimbursement; however, the Governor's proposed Budget is going to reinstate a moratorium as of July 1, 2015. Mr. Caffrey informed the Board that during the phone conference he (Mr. Caffrey) expressed that the District did not have a lot of faith in the Plan Con reimbursement process in regard to our buildings and our current building situations and options.

Mr. Caffrey noted that Mr. Vogel from PDE, indicated that if Plan Con is refunded in the future, it would make sense for our District to get into what he (Mr. Vogel) referred to as the "pipeline/cube". Mr. Caffrey explained to the Board that the Board would be required to submit a project to Plan Con, Part A by July 1, 2015 to be in the "pipeline/cube", if the District wanted the possibility to be considered for reimbursement. Mr. Caffrey explained that if the District does not submit by July 1, 2015, there will be no opportunity anytime in the future that the District would be eligible for reimbursement if Plan Con is reinstated.

Mr. Caffrey noted that Mr. Vogel, from PDE, wished to be clear and wanted the District to understand that we either have to make the decision to get into the "pipeline" by July 1, 2015 and hopefully down the road receive the reimbursement that could be between 15% and 20 % of the total project or we could choose not to get in the "pipeline" by July 1, 2015 and thus forfeit any chance for future reimbursement.

Attorney Wendolowski informed the Board that a very detailed submission by the District design team would be required and realistically the decision would have to be made by the end of May, 2015 or at the latest by the first week of June 2015, in order to have a plan prepared by the design team to submit by July 1, 2015.

Mr. Caffrey informed the Board that a report was going to be presented by the Chairpersons of the Internal and External Task Force.

Mr. Patrick Patte, Chairperson of the Internal Task Force and Mr. John Kozerski, Chairperson of the External Task Force, addressed the Board and the Citizens in attendance at the Board Meeting of April 13, 2015 in regard to the information they are reviewing in regard to the Feasibility Study and the progress they have made thus far. Both Mr. Patte and Mr. Kozerski noted that there has been great interaction and cooperation between both the Internal and External Task Force along with the Feasibility Committee.

Mr. Patte and Mr. Kozerski expressed their gratitude for being afforded the possibility to participate in and provide their questions, concerns and ideas in regard to the process of building of new schools.

Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Prevuznak thanked Dr. Mileski for her years of dedicated service to the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and for always being on the forefront of the needs and wellbeing of the students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. Dr. Prevuznak wished Dr. Mileski, God Speed, good health, and an enjoyable time on the golf course.

Communications from Citizens

Matthew Ford, 94 Oak Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Mr. Ford informed the Board he was a new resident of Wilkes-Barre Area and wished to express to the Board his thoughts as they relate to the decisions the Board is faced with in regard to the construction of new schools. Mr. Ford expressed his desire to encourage the Board to enable the Wilkes-Barre Area School District to be a progressive leader in the "Stem Field" and also encourage strong curriculums in regard to Math, Technology and Science. Mr. Ford encouraged the Board not to spare dollars, rather invest in the future of the students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Miss Katsock informed the Board that the next meeting of the LIU is scheduled for April 22, 2015. Miss Katsock stated that the Annual LIU Field day is being held on May 22, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Miss Katsock noted that Field Day is a wonderful event for the students who attend the LIU and a wonderful experience for anyone who may have the opportunity and time to attend the event and witness the accomplishments of the students who attend the LIU.

Mr. Galella stated that the LIU Field Day is a tribute to all the accomplishments of the students who attend the LIU and encouraged anyone who is able to do so to attend and noted that it will be a rewarding experience.

WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

Mr. Quinn informed the Board that the next meeting scheduled for the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center is Monday, April 20, 2015.

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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Galella presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

The Curriculum/Administration Committee respectfully submits the following report and recommendations:

1. That the following 2015-2016 calendar be adopted.

WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 27, 2015	Act 80/Professional Development
August 28, 2015	Act 80/ Professional Development/Staff Preparation Day
August 31, 2015	Student First Day – School Opens
September 4-7, 2015	Schools Closed (Labor Day Weekend)
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day
November 11, 2015	Veteran's Day
November 16-20, 2015	American Education Week
November 26-30, 2015	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 2-16, 2015	Keystone State Exams Wave 1
December 24 - January 1, 2016	Christmas Vacation
January 4, 2016	School Re-Opens
January 6-20, 2016	Keystone State Exams Wave 2
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Day
January 25, 2016	Second Semester Begins
February 12, 2016	Act 80/Professional Development
*February 15, 2016	Presidents Day
*March 21-24, 2016	Spring Break
*March 25 – March 28, 2016	Easter Vacation
April 11 – April 29, 2016	PSSA Testing
May 16-27, 2016	Keystone Exams
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day
June 9, 2016	Last Student Day
June 10, 2016	Staff, Clerical, Evaluation, Planning, Last Teacher Day
*February 15 and March 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 2016	Designated Make-Up Days

Days of Pupil Attendance Days	180
Staff Days	4
Total Days	184

2. That the 2014-2015 school calendar be amended as follows:

June 5, 2015	Last Student Day
June 11, 2015	Last Teacher Day

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3. That approval be given to establish Wednesday, June 5, 2015, as Graduation Day for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District at the following times:

Meyers High School	10:30 AM	Meyers High School
G.A.R. High School	1:00 PM	G.A.R. High School
Coughlin High School	2:30 PM	F.M. Kirby Center

4. That approval be granted to hold Secondary Summer School at G.A.R. High School beginning Monday, July 6, 2014 through Thursday, July 30, 2015 from 7:45 AM to 2:15 PM.
5. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit, 1200 Line Street, Archbald, PA for special educational services for the 2015-2016 school year. A complete copy of the contract (Exhibit "A") is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.
6. That approval be given to enter into an agreement with Woods Services, Inc., Routes 413 & 213, Langhorne, PA to provide special educational services to District students beginning March 4, 2015 through June 30, 2015. A complete copy of the agreement (Exhibit "B") is on file in the Office of the Board Secretary and incorporated into this resolution with full force and effect as if same had been pronounced in its entirety herein.
7. That approval be granted to hold a Title III Elementary Summer Tutoring Program at the Heights/Murray and Kistler Elementary Schools, Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., beginning June 29, 2015 and ending July 9, 2015.

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Katsock, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

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BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Quinn presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. That approval be given to the below listed payments:

Contractor	Project	Fund	Cert/Appli. Invoice #	Payment Due
Apollo Group, Inc.	District Feasibility Study	Capital Projects	07	\$388.70
Borton Lawson Architecture	District Feasibility Study	Capital Projects	08	\$4,459.00
Apollo Group, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	07	\$21,742.54
Borton Lawson Architecture	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	07	\$1,080.00
WKL Architecture	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	07	\$9,900.00
Abmech, Inc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	02	\$320,386.50
Environmental Abatement Assoc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	15-010-1	\$1,080.00
Environmental Abatement Assoc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	15-010-2	\$3,480.00
Environmental Abatement Assoc.	Mackin Renovation	Capital Projects	15-100-3	\$21,170.00
D&M Construction Unlimited, Inc.	Meyers High School Protective Canopy	Capital Projects	01	\$60,918.00

2. That approval be given to the Repository Tax Sales by Northeast Revenue Service, LLC, as agent for the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau as follows:

PROPERTY OWNER	PARCEL NO.	PROPOSED BID
Robert H. Eggleston & F.P. Dewees Miller Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-G10SE1-010-002-000	\$500.00
Leeann Koonrad 224 N. Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-H10SW1-006-048-000	\$500.00
Glenn P. Pearson 58 Wayne Lane Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-I9NE2-005-045-000	\$500.00
Odette Neuman 257 N. Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-H10SW1-007-003-000	\$500.00
Rosario Wayne 17 Prospect Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	73-I8NE1-035-003-000	\$784.00

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3. That approval be given to exonerate the following listed property owners from the payment of school property taxes. The Pennsylvania State Veterans, Commission for Real Estate Tax Exemption has verified with the Department of Veterans Affairs that the property owner is totally and permanently disabled as a result of service connected causes incurred during a period of war or armed conflict.

PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Stewart G. Gassner	2244 Pine Run Road Laurel Run, PA	May 12, 2014
Patricia Reid	38 Elizabeth Street Wilkes-Barre, PA	June 11, 2014

4. That approval be given to authorize the Business Administrator to submit Plancon, Part K, Project Refinancing to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of school Facilities in respect to the general Obligation Note, Series of 2014.
5. That approval be given to authorize the Business Administrator to submit Plan Con, Part K, Project Refinancing to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of School Facilities in respect to the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015.

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1394-1399 and Federal Wire transfer 201400680 from March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 *and Chapter I AP checks #1364-1380 and Chapter I Wire Transfers 201400681-201400691* were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on March 9, 2015 be approved.

- C. That payment be approved for the following General Fund Wire Transfers #201410137-201410154 and General Fund checks, #38570-38628 and Food Service checks # 2569-2588 which were drawn for payment since the last regular meeting of the Board of Education held on March 9, 2105.
- D. That the checks listed on the following pages #38629 to 38814 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

Mr. Quinn moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Aye: Katsock – A - # 2 & 3

1 Nay: remainder of report

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Thomas noted that all metal detectors and cameras are installed and operating.

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Susek presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

1. That approval be given to the change order request of Abmech, Inc. in respect to the Asbestos Abatement Project at Mackin Elementary School. This change order, which will result in the removal of an asbestos ceiling in the Auditorium, will cost \$16,000.00.
2. That approval be given to enter into a contract with Masonry Preservation Services, Inc., P.O. Box 324, Berwick, PA to perform the Spring façade evaluation at James M. Coughlin High School and Elmer L. Meyers Junior/Senior High School. The cost to perform these evaluations will be \$6,000.00.
3. That the Board approve an intent to award a contract for the HVAC work in respect to the Mackin School Renovation Project to Yannuzzi, Inc., PO Box A, Hazleton, PA, at their base bid in the amount of \$1,399,364.00 pending written PDE approval of Plancon Part F and review by the Solicitor.

ADDENDUM

1. That the Board authorize the District Construction manager, The Apollo Group, to revise and analyze the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Long and Short Term Maintenance Plan and to make recommendations to the Board regarding the preparation of a master Schedule for the performance of all required work and to make recommendations to the Board regarding bidding, scheduling and completing the work on all District facilities and to prepare budget estimates for all work recommended. And be it further moved that The Apollo Group be authorized to identify which work may be self-performed by District personnel and to work in conjunction with District Administration to develop a short term and long term schedule for the completion of all work that the District can self-perform.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

There was no **LEGISLATIVE /FEDERAL REPORT**

MATERIAL SUPPLIES REPORT

Mr. Galella presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

1. That having inspected RFP opened on March 25, 2015 that the award is made to the following bidders for:

Empire Street Property Junk Removal

Company:

BRDARIC EXCAVATING, INC
Luzerne, PA

Pay District \$1,001.00

2. That having inspected bids opened on April 8, 2015 that the award is made to the following bidders for:

Garbage and Refuse Removal Service (commencing July 1st, 2015)

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF PA INC.
Dunmore, PA

\$7167.59 per month

Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Mr. Quinn, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Susek presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

All appointments are made pending receipt of required clearances and any applicable pre-employment drug test.

A. Professional

1. That **Lauren Medvec**, who will be a day to day substitute for over 90 days in one position on April 15, 2015, be appointed long term substitute effective November 7, 2014 and ending on a date to be determined.
2. That the retirement of **Janet Evanchick** be accepted with regret effective the last day of the 2014-15 school year.
3. That the retirement of **Ann V. Grimes** be accepted with regret effective the last day of the 2014-15 school year.
4. That the retirement of **Doreen Lavan** be accepted with regret effective the last day of the 2014-15 school year.
5. That the retirement of **Glen Ryman** be accepted with regret effective April 17, 2015.
6. That the retirement of **Dr. Deborah Smith Mileski** be accepted with regret effective August 14, 2015.

7. That **Karen Blaum's** sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 2015-16 school year be approved.

B. Teachers' Associates

1. That **Alissa O'Brien** be appointed a 20 hour Kindergarten Aide.
2. That **Allison Fasulka** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.
3. That **Nancy Horan** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.
4. That **Maria Menendez** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.
5. That **LuAnn Riker** be appointed a substitute teachers' associate.
6. That the retirement of **Diane Allen** be accepted with regret effective the last day of the 2014-15 school year.

C. Custodians

1. That **Joseph Sromovski**, a traveling security greeter be appointed a substitute custodian, not to exceed 28 hours per week.

D. Security Greeters

1. That the resignation of **Dennis Armour** be accepted with regret effective March 31, 2015.

E. Summer Employment

1. ~~That a maximum of 120 hours of psychologist testing during the summer be approved.~~ TABLED

F. Athletics

1. That the resignation of **Thomas Leighton** as Meyers girls' soccer varsity head coach be accepted with regret effective March 16, 2015.
2. That the resignation of **Erik O'Day** as Meyers cross country varsity head coach be accepted with regret effective April 13, 2015.
3. That the resignation of **Ashley Filipek-Pasquariello** as Coughlin's cheerleading advisor be accepted with regret.

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4. The following appointments are made for the sport season and will be continued on a season to season basis unless, the post is declared vacant by the Board of School Directors. All appointments are effective upon all PDE required clearances and documents being submitted.

Meyers	Girls' Soccer	Varsity Head Coach	Brynn Nargoski
Meyers	Cross Country	Varsity Head Coach	Ali Schappert
Meyers	Cross Country	Junior High Head Coach	Dave Lewis
Meyers	Football	Varsity 1 st Asst. Coach, ½ pay	Nicholas Bilski
Meyers	Football	Varsity 2 nd Asst. Coach	Corey Brenner
Meyers	Football	Junior High Head Coach	Joseph Bitzer
Meyers	Football	Junior High Asst. Coach	Keith Moules
Meyers	Football	Volunteer Asst. Coach	Corey Adams
Meyers	Cheer	Volunteer Assistant Advisor	Amanda Dixon

ADDENDUMS

A. Security Greeters

1. That **Sophie Pelak** be appointed substitute security greeter/traveling security greeter.

A. Teachers' Associates

1. That **Lynn Brown's** unpaid leave with benefits be approved for a period of six weeks effective March 31, 2015, pending proper documentation and a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Wilkes-Barre Area Secretaries and Associates Educational Support Personnel Association.
2. That **Valerie Delaney's** unpaid leave with benefits be approved for a period of six weeks effective March 31, 2015, pending proper documentation and a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Wilkes-Barre Area Secretaries and Associates Educational Support Personnel Association.
3. That **Mary Beth Boyle's** unpaid leave with benefits be approved for a period of six weeks effective April 6, 2015 pending proper documentation and a fully executed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Wilkes-Barre Area Secretaries and Associates Educational Support Personnel Association.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Miss Thomas to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:
9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

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Mr. Galella presented Resolution #1

**WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY AMEND CHARTER OF BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL TO ALLOW FOR A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION
FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Charter School Appeals Board voted to approve a charter to operate a public charter school known as Bear Creek Community Charter School (the "Charter School") at a public meeting held on August 31, 2004 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of School Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District (the "Board") under the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and the Charter School Law of 1997, as amended, 24 P.S. § 17-1701-A, et seq., a charter was granted on September 1, 2004 to Bear Creek Community Charter School to operate a public charter school at 2000 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek Township, PA 18702; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved modifications to the original charter by resolutions dated July 27, 2006 and April 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2009 the Board reauthorized the charter to operate Bear Creek Community Charter School for an additional five (5) year period commencing on September 1, 2009 and ending on August 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2014 the Board reauthorized the charter to operate Bear Creek Community Charter School for an additional five (5) year period commencing on August 31, 2014 and ending on August 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School has agreed to provide 185 days of academic instruction as part of the Charter School's normal instructional program for students; and

WHEREAS, significant inclement weather has forced the Charter School to delay, release early, or cancel school for an unusually high number of school days during the current 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School has already utilized multiple snow make-up days that were planned and embedded into the regular school calendar; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School expects to continue classes beyond the last day of school for students in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the Charter School understands the financial burden placed upon the District to transport Charter School students on days when the District is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School respectfully request that the Charter School's charter be temporarily amended to allow a minimum 180 days of academic instruction for the current 2014-2015 school year.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT that it does hereby approve the request presented by the Charter School to temporarily amend the School's charter for the 2014-2015 school year to allow for a minimum 180 days of academic instruction.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT this 13th day of April, 2015.

For the Board of School Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District

Louis M. Elmy, Board President

Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary

For the Board of Trustees of Bear Creek Community Charter School

David Blazejewski, Board President

Jim Smith, Board Secretary

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Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

Mr. Galella presented Resolution #2

**WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY AMEND CHARTER OF BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL TO ALLOW FOR A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION & FIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Charter School Appeals Board voted to approve a charter to operate a public charter school known as Bear Creek Community Charter School (the "Charter School") at a public meeting held on August 31, 2004 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of School Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District (the "Board") under the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and the Charter School Law of 1997, as amended, 24 P.S. § 17-1701-A, et seq., a charter was granted on September 1, 2004 to Bear Creek Community Charter School to operate a public charter school at 2000 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek Township, PA 18702; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved modifications to the original charter by resolutions dated July 27, 2006 and April 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2009 the Board reauthorized the charter to operate Bear Creek Community Charter School for an additional five (5) year period commencing on September 1, 2009 and ending on August 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2014 the Board reauthorized the charter to operate Bear Creek Community Charter School for an additional five (5) year period commencing on August 31, 2014 and ending on August 31, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, the Charter School has agreed to provide 185 days of academic instruction as part of the School's normal instructional program for students; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School has agreed to provide 10 days of professional development to Charter School staff on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School, in collaboration with the Bear Creek Foundation, is currently in process of completing construction of the new Bear Creek Community Charter School at Ten Mile Run (the "Charter School Project"); and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Charter School Project is scheduled to occur within the normal academic term during the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, administrators and staff feel that it is in the best interests of students and the school to immediately transition to the new facility upon completion of construction and not wait until the end of the normal academic term; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a safe and orderly transition to the new school and to prevent any unnecessary disruption to the educational process, the Board of Trustees, administrators and staff seek flexibility in designing the academic schedule for the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees respectfully request that the Charter School's charter be temporarily amended to allow a minimum 180 days of academic instruction and five (5) days of professional development during the 2015-2016 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT that it does hereby approve the request presented by the Charter School to temporarily amend the Charter School's charter for the 2015-2016 school year to allow for a minimum 180 days of academic instruction and five (5) days of professional development.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT this 13th day of April, 2015.

For the Board of School Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District

Louis M. Elmy, Board President

Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary

For the Board of Trustees of Bear Creek Community Charter School

David Blazejewski, Board President

Jim Smith, Board Secretary

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Mr. Galella moved, seconded by Miss Katsock to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

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Ms. Thomas presented Resolution # 3

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **OWEN JAMES COSTELLO** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he is the Father of Brian Costello, Director of Secondary Education, James Costello, Physical Education teacher and Mandy Costello, Elementary teacher for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District School; and

WHEREAS, he was a Board Director of Wilkes-Barre Area School District for sixteen years, was an Executive Director for the Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board, was instrumental in establishing the Wilkes-Barre City Farmers Market, St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration, developed and formed the first junior football program in the Wyoming Valley- the Heights Packers and served as President and CEO of Keystone State Games. He was appointed by Governor Robert P. Casey to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports in 1988 and was re-appointed by Governor Thomas Ridge. In 1990 he was inducted into the Luzerne County Pennsylvania Hall of Fame and was named the recipient of the Philadelphia John B. Kelly Jr. Memorial Outstanding Citizen Award for generously giving time to the community;

WHEREAS, his passing on March 28, 2015 will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that his death be recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors and that the Secretary be instructed to express the sympathy of the members of the Board to his wife Mary Ann; sons, Brian and James; daughter in-law Mandy; grandchildren, Brian, Mia, and Chloe and to his entire family.

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Ms. Thomas moved, to accept the Resolution by ACCLAMATION

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Rev. Walker presented Resolution # 4

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **VICTORIA ANTOINETTE SERINO** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she is Grandmother of Christine Katsock, Board Member of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, her passing on March 8, 2015 will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that her death be recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors and that the Secretary be instructed to express the sympathy of the members of the Board to her daughters, Marie, Roseann and Nancy; her granddaughter, Christine; and to her entire family.

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Rev. Walker moved, to accept the Resolution by ACCLAMATION

Dr. Susek presented Resolution # 5

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **THERESA MARIE WASHINGTON BARR** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she is the mother of Belinda Tabron, Secondary Assistant Principal for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District; and

WHEREAS, her passing on March 14, 2015 will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that her death be recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors and that the Secretary be instructed to express the sympathy of the members of the Board to her daughter, Belinda; and to her entire family.

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Dr. Susek moved, to accept the Resolution by ACCLAMATION

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Mr. Evans presented Resolution # 6

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **ROBERT CZAJKOWSKI** has brought sorrow to his family, friends, and all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he is the father of Amy Pascale, Elementary teacher, for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District School; and

WHEREAS, his passing on March 11, 2015 will leave an unfillable void in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that his death be recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors and that the Secretary be instructed to express the sympathy of the members of the Board to his wife Victoria; daughter, Amy; son, Robert; sister, Carol; brothers, Charles and George; and to his entire family.

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Mr. Evans moved, to accept the Resolution by ACCLAMATION

New Business

Mr. Quinn, Chairperson of the Budget Finance Committee, stated that there will be a Budget Finance Committee Meeting on, Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Mr. Quinn noted that the public is welcome to attend.

Miss Katsock brought it to the Boards attention that the LIU has a "Mobile Fingerprint Unit" that is currently servicing some of the local School Districts at a cost of \$300 per day. Miss Katsock suggested that this may be a service that the Wilkes-Barre Area School District may wish to have in place.

Dr. Prevuznak, Superintendent, noted that he is aware of the "Mobile Fingerprint Unit" and he knows that several Districts are using those services. Dr. Prevuznak also noted that with the increase of current and future employees being required to provide fingerprint information, he (Dr. Prevuznak) feels it would be a service that would be beneficial to the District.

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Miss Katsock moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to request an RFP in regard to a technology audit.

The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, to approve an RFP in regard to quotes for insurance.

The vote was as follows:

9 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Katsock, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

Mr. Caffrey moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to approve submission of Plan Con F in regard to Mackin.

The vote was as follows:

8 Ayes: Caffrey, Evans, Galella, Quinn, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Elmy

1 Nay: Katsock

Communications from Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski congratulated Dr. Mileski on her approaching retirement from the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and stated that it has been his pleasure to work with her over the years and she will be missed. Attorney Wendolowski noted that Dr. Mileski has worked tirelessly on the "Truancy Elimination Program" for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and it has become a model for all of Luzerne County and probably for all of North Eastern Pennsylvania.

Board Secretary Report

Leonard B. Przywara, Board Secretary/Business Manager announced the following Meeting schedule.

May – 2015

Committee Meeting

Monday April 13, 2015 – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2015– 7:00 PM

Dr. Susek moved to adjourn the Meeting.

President Elmy adjourned the Meeting at 8:00 PM.