

Summary of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
October 29, 2018

Board President Joseph A. Caffrey called the meeting to order at 8:26 PM.

Board President, Mr. Caffrey, requested a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance, for all the victims of gun violence, especially for the most recent victims, Members of the Tree Of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

Superintendent Brian J. Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Secretary Thomas F. Telesz called the roll.

7 MEMBERS PRESENT: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

2 MEMBERS ABSENT: Galella, Quinn

President Caffrey stated:

- The chair wishes to announce that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the Regular Board Meeting of October 29, 2018.
- THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED SOLELY TO MATTERS OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR THREATENED OR ACTUAL LITIGATION.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Rev. Walker, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meetings of September 20, 2018 and October 4, 2018 and dispense with the reading of those minutes. The vote was as follows:

ALL IN FAVOR: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Costello expressed his gratitude to the Transition Team, the AD's, teachers and especially the students who from the beginning to currently have handled so well the process of the sports consolidation. Dr. Costello noted that once the news of the Sports Consolidation was taking place, the students have come together as one. Dr. Costello further noted that unity was clearly evident at the final G.A.R./Meyers football game. Dr. Costello stated that as the District continues to move forward in this venture, we will always remember the past, respect, learn and never forget the traditions that have brought us together today, however, the one thing that we have learned is, that our students represent the past and are up to creating a new era.

There was no **Unfinished Business**

Communications from Citizens

1. John Suchoski
2. Tracey Hughes
3. Kim Borland
4. Sarah Borland
5. Ruth Borland
6. Joann Tenneriello
7. Erin Jones

The above listed Citizens addressed the Board in regard to the following:

1. Not in favor of Resolution #1. Funding of the consolidated high school will bring blight and debt to the City of Wilkes-Barre.
2. What are the plans for logistics of games, practices and spirit week in regard to sports consolidation? There is a sense of community with sports which will be eliminated with sports consolidation. Sports consolidation was not thought through properly.
3. The Board meeting Agenda should be provided to Citizens in advance of the scheduled Board Meeting.
4. Concerns voiced in regard to the selection of the Pagnotti site and questions in regard to mineral rights.
5. The school District is not a land developer and there is a lack of public trust in regard to the selection of designated site for the consolidated high school.
6. Why were the agendas for the October 29, 2018 Regular Board meeting not made available to the Public until after the conclusion of the Act 34 Public Hearing? The public needs an opportunity to review agendas, discuss and debate with Board items on agenda prior to the Board voting on agenda items.
7. Students are confused in regard to the future plans of the School District.
8. The Board discusses everything besides education.
9. Sports consolidation may cause a loss of student participation and students not being able to participate in extracurricular activities, because they will not have the ability to get to out of neighborhood locations due to being economically disadvantaged.
10. The Board needs to speak more about education and provide necessary books for students.
11. The Board has never had a sound plan, dating back to the selection of the Coughlin site for the consolidated high school.
12. Will there be better maintenance in the new building?
13. New high school will require 90% of students taking busses, resulting in taking all students out of the City.
14. The last Meyers-G.A.R. football game was heartbreaking.
15. Does the Board have concerns in regard to student attendance issues and student interaction with each other at the new high school?

Superintendent, Dr. Brian Costello and Attorney Wendolowski responded to questions/statements presented by the Citizens who addressed the Board.

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Caffrey noted that the next meeting of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

There was no report from the **WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER**

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. To approve an agreement with Beacon Light Behavioral Health System to provide education services to students of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

Tuition Costs are as follows:

Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth	\$126.50/Day
Special Education	\$160.00/Day
Life Skills	\$191.00/Day
Autism Classroom	\$258.50/Day

2. That permission be granted to the E.L. Meyers Ski Club for a field trip to Smugglers Notch Resort, Lake George, New York, departing on March 29, 2019 and returning on March 31, 2019.

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

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

BUDGET FINANCE /MATERIAL SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Walker presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

Apollo Group, Inc.	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	App. No. 19	\$30,386.67
Densification, Inc.	New High School Plains Site	Capital Projects	App. No. 1	\$132,727.50

2. That after having reviewed the bids received on October 3, 2018 award is made to the following vendors for:

Winter Athletics

UA DUFFLE	EACH		
BSN SPORTS LLC	1	\$34.98	\$34.98
GAME BASKETBALL PIAA GIRL	EACH		
BSN SPORTS LLC	39	\$43.36	\$1,691.04
BASKETBALL GAME BALL BOYS	EACH		
BSN SPORTS LLC	42	\$43.36	\$1,821.12
DRY ERASE BOARD	EACH		
BSN SPORTS LLC	1	\$22.12	\$22.12
WHISTLE FOX40	EACH		

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	BSN SPORTS LLC	6	\$3.16	\$18.96
DRIBBLE STICK		SET		
	BSN SPORTS LLC	1	\$69.93	\$69.93
SLIPP NOTT SHEET		SET		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING	4	\$49.00	\$196.00
BALL CART		EACH		
	BSN SPORTS LLC	1	\$135.62	\$135.62
LAUNDRY BAG		EACH		
	BSN SPORTS LLC	1	\$2.92	\$2.92
DRY ERASE BOARD		EACH		
	BSN SPORTS LLC	4	\$6.12	\$24.48
SQUEEZE BOTTLES		EACH		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING	4	\$36.00	\$144.00
INFLATION NEEDLES		PK		
	BSN SPORTS LLC	1	\$1.24	\$1.24
BOYS SOCK WHT GAR		PAIR		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING	60	\$2.95	\$177.00
TOWEL		EACH		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING	12	\$1.50	\$18.00
LATEX CAP COUGHLIN RED		EACH		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING	36	\$3.95	\$142.20
YELLOW CAP-MEYERS		EACH		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING	45	\$3.95	\$177.75
GOGGLES-SPEEDO		EACH		
	BSN SPORTS LLC	45	\$11.46	\$515.70
SUIT MALE SPEEDO NAV-MEY		EACH		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING GOODS	15	\$29.00	\$435.00
SUIT FEMALE SPEEDO-MEYERS		EACH		
	BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING GOODS	30	\$39.50	\$1,185.00
SUIT COUGHLIN FEMALE		EACH		

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BATTAGLIA'S SPORTING GOODS	28	\$42.00	\$1,176.00
SUIT COUGHLIN MALE	EACH		
BSN SPORTS LLC	10	\$26.99	\$269.90
HEADGEAR-MEYERS	EACH		
BSN SPORTS LLC	10	\$25.92	\$259.20
MAT TAPE	ROLL		
BSN SPORTS LLC	24	\$4.94	\$118.56
			TOTAL \$8,636.72

B. FEDERAL

That, in accordance with the authority of the Board, the following Federal AP Checks #1770-1778 and Federal Wire transfer #201800258 and Chapter I AP checks #1985-1998 and Chapter I Wire Transfers #201800259-#201800267 were drawn for payment since the last regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on October 4, 2018 be approved.

- C.** That payment be approved for the General Fund checks, #50223-#50315 and Food Service Checks #3204-3215 which were drawn for payment since the regular board meeting of the Board of Education held on October 4, 2018.
- D.** That the checks listed on the following pages #50316 to #50464 which have been inspected be approved and that orders be drawn for the respective amounts set down opposite the names of persons or firms.

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

There was no **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. To ratify the proposal from Dunmore Roofing & Supply Co. Inc. regarding the Districts Administration Building Roof project. The base bid plus alternate # 1 is \$44,200.00. Alternate unit prices are as follows:

Unit Price 1	\$7.50	Roof Insulation Replacement
Unit Price 2	\$6.50	Wood Blocking Replacement
Unit Price 3	\$11.50	Plywood Replacement

This award is based on the recommendation of the Apollo Group, Inc., the District's Construction Manager and will be largely covered by an insurance claim.

2. To enter into an agreement with Varsity Brands, LLC (BSN Sports, BSN Sports Construction, Varsity Spirit, Herff Jones and VIP Branding) for three years to be the preferred provider of graduation products, rings, athletic and physical education supplies and equipment, yearbooks, team sports and spirit team uniforms, apparel and accessories, spirit team camps, competitions and facility branding products.
3. To enter into the Highlight School Athletic Agreement with Under Armour for a three year period to be the provider of varsity athletic team uniforms, apparel, equipment, footwear and headwear.

ON THE QUESTION:

Mr. Caffrey requested that Dr. Costello and Rev. Walker provide information in regard to items #2 and #3 listed on the Contract Service Committee Report.

Rev. Walker stated that items #2 and #3 were the result of negotiations with various vendors who could supply the District with Varsity uniforms. Varsity Brands, LLC, offered cost savings and discounts to the District for uniforms, branding, logos, mascots and help with the transition into the "Wolf Pack Era". Varsity Brands, LLC, is an experienced company working throughout the country with Division 1 Universities such as Clemson and Alabama. Rev. Walker stated that he is confident that the District is partnering with a National company who has done this in the past and they will also provide a local convenience, working with Coaches and Administrators on a regular basis.

Rev. Walker noted that in regard to the contract with Under Armour, the District basically had two choices. The District could either choose Under Armour or Nike. ..Rev. Walker stated that pricing was identical in terms of discount, however, there is no local representative for Nike in the event an emergency arose in regard to a supply stand point, so it was more prudent to select Under Armour.

Dr. Costello stated that the contract is for three years and during that period the District will be purchasing all of those items mentioned by Rev. Walker most likely in a two year period. By signing the contract there will be additional services that the District will be able to obtain. Dr. Costello noted that because the District is doing it all at once as opposed to staggering ordering District uniforms, for example, baseball, basketball and football uniforms one year and soccer, hockey and track, etc. the following year. The District is buying all at once making it advantageous for the District to sign an exclusive contract with Nike or Under Armour because the District will receive an additional 40% of the retail price plus receive an additional 15 % off for anything additionally purchased. Dr. Costello stated there also will be no shipping costs for anything ordered.

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

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

There was no **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no **BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Walker presented the following report and recommendations for the Board's approval:

The Policy Committee respectfully makes the following report and recommendation:

1. That the following policies be adopted:
 - 806 Child Abuse
 - 907 School Visitors

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to adopt the report. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

PATHWAY/NEW CONSTRUCTION/TRANSITION REPORT

Ms. Thomas noted that there will be a Transition Committee Meeting on November 1, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Personnel Committee Report

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

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

A. Act 93

1. That **Anthony Khalife** be appointed a 12 Month Junior High Principal effective September 1, 2018 at a salary to be determined by the Act 93 Agreement.

B. Professionals

1. That the resignation of **Anthony Koval** be accepted with regret effective October 19, 2018.
2. That **Alicia Erwine's** request from unpaid leave for a period of one year beginning October 25, 2018 be approved.
3. That **Lauren Yanniello's** request for unpaid leave beginning on or about February 12, 2019 through the end of the 2018-19 school year be approved.
4. That **Jamie Kramer** be appointed an Elementary Education Long Term Substitute Teacher for the second semester of the 2018-19 school year.
5. That **Janine Smith** be appointed a Special Education Long Term Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.
6. That **Danielle Rozelle** be appointed a Special Education Long Term Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.
7. That **James Spangler** be appointed an Earth and Space Science/Biology Long Term Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.
8. That **Jennifer Pierich** be appointed a Temporary Professional as a School Psychologist.
9. The following members of the professional staff, having made claim for an incentive raise under the WBAEA Agreement and having produced official transcripts listing the graduate credits earned, be granted the following effective September 4, 2018.

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10. That the following professional employees be appointed as After-School SIG (School Intervention Grant) Teachers at an hourly rate of \$35. This tutoring program is fully funded by the Title I Grant Program and will take place at Kistler Elementary and Meyers JSHS. Actual teacher hours will be based on student enrollment. Salaries and benefits will not exceed the Title I allocation.

Hendler	Jessica
Craig	Cynthia
Edmondson	Christine
Fisher	Dionne
Goffredo	Anne
Gubbiotti	Rita
Hagenbaugh	David
Hine	Dana
Kellar	Christine
Marinko	Sandra
Mercadante	Kaycee
Mikiewicz	Patricia
Payne	Darlene
Pstrak	Kristen
Schwab	Susan
Shanahan	Keli
Sullivan	Maria
Sullivan	Amy
McFarlane	Diane
McMahan	Tamera
Rizzo	MaryAnn
Letteer	Lauren

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11. That the following professional employees be appointed as RAISE (Reinforcing Academic Instruction for Student Excellence) Program teachers at a rate of \$35 per hour. This Saturday tutoring program is fully funded by the Title IV Grant Program and will take place at Heights-Murray Elementary School and Daniel J. Flood. Actual teachers' hours will be based on student enrollment. Salaries and benefits will not exceed the Title I allocation.

Scarantino	Linda
Anthony	Christopher
Brewster	Stephanie
Caffrey	Joan
Delasandro	Annette
Detwiler	Sharon
Dolan	Maureen
Flaherty	Heather
Gray	Christopher
Gunn	Lesley
Hendler	Jessica
Kane	Crystal
Kane	Crystal
Marino	Stephanie
Ohrin	Lori
Petlock	Mary Jo
Thomas	Cynthia
Walkowiak	Mary Grace
Nardone	Dominique
Pstrak	Kristen
Brenner	Donna
Capristo	Jamee
Considine	Patricia
Hanson	Erika
Jacobs	Erika
Mcgrath	Margaret
Sickle	Kevin
Witczak	Elizabeth
Yuhas	Jennifer
Letteer	Lauren

C. Secretaries & Teachers' Associates

1. That **Cynthia Gardner** request to rescind her resignation be accepted.
2. That the following employees be appointed as After-School SIG (School Intervention Grant) Teachers' Associates at her regularly hourly rate. Actual hours will be based on student enrollment. Actual hours will be based on student enrollment.

Conahan	Michelee
Carey	Betsy
Corcoran	Mary Claire
Roldan	Migdalia

3. That the following employees be appointed as RAISE (Reinforcing Academic Instruction for Student Excellence) Program aides at their regular hourly rate. This Saturday tutoring program is fully funded by the Title IV Grant Program and will take place at Heights-Murray & Daniel J Flood Elementary School. Salaries and benefits will not exceed the Title IV allocation. Actual hours will be based on student enrollment.

Margaret Bailoni	Nicole Hoskins
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D. Crossing Guard

1. That **Aida Smith** be appointed as a substitute crossing guard.

E. Security Greeters

1. That **Robert Buynak** be appointed as a substitute security greeter.
2. That **Alice Kondratick** be appointed as a substitute security greeter.

F. Custodians, Housekeepers & Food Service

1. That the resignation of **Lefagous White** as be accepted with regret effective November 9, 2018.
2. That the retirement of **Richard Cosgrove** effective July 5, 2019 be accepted with regret.
3. That **Daniel Luce's** request for an unpaid leave beginning October 24, 2018 through November 2, 2018 be approved.
4. That **Evan Plantamura** be appointed a 25 hour per week Housekeeper.
5. That **Rhonda Campbell** be appointed a substitute custodian.

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6. That the following employees be appointed as RAISE (Reinforcing Academic Instruction for Student Excellence) Program custodians at a rate in accordance with agreement. This Saturday tutoring program is fully funded by the Title IV Grant Program and will take place at Heights-Murray & Daniel J Flood Elementary School. Salaries and benefits will not exceed the Title IV allocation:

Craig	Jeffrey
Yencha	Richard
Schmidt	Karen

7. That the following employees be appointed as RAISE (Reinforcing Academic Instruction for Student Excellence) Program cafeteria workers at a rate in accordance with agreement. This Saturday tutoring program is fully funded by the Title IV Grant Program and will take place at Heights-Murray & Daniel J Flood Elementary School. Salaries and benefits will not exceed the Title IV allocation:

Koch	Linda
Rogers	Stacey
Charnichko	Karen
Susek	Mary Ann

G. Athletics

1. That the resignation of **Carlo Thomas** as GAR's Boys' Basketball Junior High Assistant Coach be accepted with regret.
2. 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.

Coughlin	Swimming	Varsity Head Coach	Donald Williams
Coughlin	Boys Basketball	Varsity Assistant Coach	Galen Shell
Coughlin	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Head Coach	John Kozerski
Coughlin	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Assistant Coach	Damon Saxton
GAR	Boys Basketball	Varsity Assistant Coach	Christopher Shovlin
GAR	Boys Basketball	Jr. High Assistant Coach	John Hopkins
Meyers	Girls Basketball	Jr. High Assistant Coach	Madison Lavery

ADDENDUM

A. Custodians, Housekeepers & Food Service

1. That **David Bubblo's** resignation be amended from September 21 2018 to November 5, 2018.

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

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Abstain: Susek - Item F- #7

Rev. Walker presented Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION 1

General Obligation Bonds Motion

A motion authorizing the adoption by the Board of School Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District of a Resolution authorizing and approving the issuance of one or more series of its General Obligation Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$150,000,000 for the purpose of funding a project consisting of the following: (1) planning, designing, engineering, acquiring, constructing, installing, furnishing and equipping of alterations, replacements, renovations, improvements and additions to the School District's facilities, including but not limited to the High School Replacement Project; (2) demolition costs incurred in connection with the facilities of the School District; (3) purchasing capital equipment for use in or in connection with the facilities of the School District; (4) additional capital projects of the School District as approved by the Board; and (5) paying the costs and expenses of issuance of the Bonds, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution.

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:

6 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Nay: Patla

Rev. Walker presented Resolution #2

RESOLUTION 2

USDA Loan Resolution Motion

A motion authorizing the adoption by the Board of School Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District of a United States of America, acting through USDA, Rural Housing Service Loan Resolution (USDA Form RD-1942-47) authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness by the School District for the purpose of funding a project consisting of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its facilities, including but not limited to the High School Replacement Project, all as more fully described in the complete text of the Resolution.

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to adopt the Resolution. The vote was as follows:

6 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

1 Nay: Patla

Mr. Caffrey presented Resolution #3

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **FRANCES H. MORAN** has brought sorrow to her family, friends, and all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, she is the wife of Joseph A. Moran, who was a principal at G.A.R. and Coughlin High Schools and served on the Board of Directors of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and;

WHEREAS, she was a 1950 graduate of James M. Coughlin High School and was honored as Mother of the Year by St. John Neumann Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in 2008 and;

WHEREAS, her passing on October 2, 2018 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 husband, Joseph, daughters, Patty, Kelley and Mollie, sons, Sean, Kevin, and Brian; and to his entire family.

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Mr. Caffrey moved to accept the Resolution by Acclamation.

All In Favor: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Ms. Thomas presented Resolution #4

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recent death of **BRIAN ANTHONY GROHOWSKI** has brought sorrow to HIS family, friends, and all who knew HIM; and

WHEREAS, he was a 1974 graduate of G.A.R. Memorial High School and he was an all-conference football player while making the Super 22 team of the Wyoming Valley Conference in 1973 as a defensive tackle. He was a graduate of Mansfield State College and was a four year starter at defensive tackle for the Mounties football team. He began his coaching career at Crestwood High School and went on to coach at his alma mater, G.A.R. High School from 2006 until 2012. He was the author of the book "77 From Heaven Jarad" published in 2009, the true story of his son's life through the eyes and heart of his father. In 2003 along with his wife, Maureen he founded the Jarad Grohowski Foundation which raises money to send G.A.R. football players to camp and also awards two \$1000 scholarships to further football players education in college. The motto of the Foundation is "Help Us Help Kids" and;

WHEREAS, her passing on October 8, 2018 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, Maureen, sister, Alice and twin sister Bonita, brothers, Raymond and Gary; and to his entire family.

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Ms. Thomas moved to accept the Resolution by Acclamation.

All In Favor: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

New Business

Ms. Thomas asked if the funds that were allotted to the G.A.R. Booster Club as re-imbursements for funds that were diminished due to losses at concession stands were allotted in order to purchase chrome books.

Dr. Costello noted that all students in grades 3-12 will be provided chrome books in 2019.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to name the "Science Wing" at G.A.R. High School", in memory of Dr. George Moses who went above and beyond in his dedication and financial contributions to all athletes within the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Dr. Costello announced that in May, 2019 the District will hold a "Unification Ceremony" in which all WBASD athletes will come together and at that time the new school colors, logo and mascot will be presented.

At this time Attorney Wendolowski announced that he, along with the Superintendent and the Board, received an email from Mr. Dino Galella, stating that he is resigning as a Board Director for the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. Attorney Wendolowski stated that Mr. Galella has served with dedication and distinction for many years as a School Director and he will be missed. At this time Attorney Wendolowski requested a motion to accept the resignation of Dino L. Galella, as a Member of the Board of Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Rev. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Patla, to accept the resignation of Dino L. Galella as a Member of the Board of Directors of Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The vote was as follows:

6 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Walker, Caffrey

1 Nay: Thomas

Attorney Wendolowski noted that in accordance with the School Code the Board has thirty days to appoint a person to fill the remaining term of Mr. Galella. Attorney Wendolowski requested a motion to advertise tomorrow, October 30, 2018 for a period of ten days, in regard to applications for a replacement Board Member.

Dr. Susek moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, to advertise for a period of ten days, the application process for anyone interested in submitting an application to be appointed a replacement Board member for Mr. Galella's remaining term. The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

President Caffrey noted that Mr. Galella is a good man, devoted to his family and while serving on the Board of School Directors, he exemplified complete dedication to the education of students, and all things necessary for the good of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Report of the Solicitor

Attorney Wendolowski requested the following motion:

Ms. Patla moved, seconded by Dr. Susek, to approve the Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement, instituted by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in regard to the Brookside Heights apartments. The back taxes received are approximately \$250,000 and moving forward a \$50,000 annual tax assessment.

The vote was as follows:

7 Ayes: Evans, Geiger, Patla, Susek, Thomas, Walker, Caffrey

Dr. Susek moved to adjourn.

President Caffrey adjourned the Meeting at 9:40 PM