

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

February 25, 2014

I. President Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Present
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Lamont Masser	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Ronald Neidig	Present
Marlin Yeager, Jr.	Present
Daniel Zablosky	Present
Patty Troutman, Secretary, Non-Member	Present

ADMINISTRATION

David M. Campbell	Superintendent	Present
Philip S. Rapant, Jr.	Business Administrator	Present
Jeffrey S. Roadcap	Secondary School Principal	Present
Jeanne Menko	Elementary School Principal	Present
Jeffrey Lagerman	Dean of Students/Athletic Director	Present
Sherry Thompson	Food Service Director	Absent
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Absent
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Absent
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Present
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Three members of the general public were present.

IV. Recognition of Public:

President Laudenslager recognized the public present. There were no comments from the public at this time.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, February 11, 2014 as per attached pages.

Dennis Erdman made the motion and Lawrence Neidig seconded the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

David Bartholomew made the motion and Ronald Neidig seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

Solicitor Richard Roberts announced there was an executive session prior to tonight's meeting to meet with counsel regarding personnel matters and litigation.

Craig Taxis of Cherrytown Road, Dornsife requested permission to address the Board regarding the playground equipment at the Dalmatia and Leck Kill School buildings. Craig announced he is representing the Lower Mahanoy Parks and Recreation Board and the Board is looking for a donation or an opportunity to bid on the playground equipment prior to sale of the properties. The Board briefly discussed the proper procedure to allow donation of the equipment to the facility. A motion, A7, was added to donate the equipment to the recreation facility.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr. Campbell reviewed the updated school calendar with revisions caused by the most recent snow days. A meeting will be scheduled with the senior class to review options for possible class scheduling to allow for an earlier graduation date than the scheduled date of June 11, 2014.

The Superintendent addressed the ice storm of February 19th and commended the staff and drivers for their cooperation. Mrs. Menko also praised the staff and food service employees for their efforts to ease the situation for the elementary students who were brought to the Jr/Sr High School.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Principals

No report.

D. Property Committee

Dennis Erdman requested a Property Committee Meeting in early April to meet with Tim Lagerman and review upcoming projects. A meeting was scheduled for April 1, 2014 at 6:30 in the library of the Jr/Sr High School.

E. Policy Committee

No report.

F. Fiscal Committee

No report.

- G. Personnel Committee
No report.
- H. Northumberland County Career & Technology Center Report
No report.
- I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
No report.
- J. Tax Collection Committee
No report.

President Laudenslager announced the need for the Board to meet with counsel in executive session at 7:21 PM regarding a student disciplinary matter. The meeting reconvened at 7:29 PM.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. Treasurer's Cash Reports and Accounts Payable for General Fund, Athletic Fund, Food Service Fund, Payroll, Capital Projects Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Student Activity Fund for the period ending February 20, 2014 as per attached pages.
- b. Additional checks for payment as per attached.

2. **Budget Transfers**

The administration recommends approval of the 2013-2014 budget transfers as per attached page.

3. **Delinquent Tax Exonerations**

The administration recommends approval of exonerations submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. as per attached page.

4. **Service Agreement Approval**

Be it recommended that the board approve to execute a Service Agreement with PenTeleData of Palmerton, PA for a 50Mbps Base Internet Rate for District Wide Internet Access. The pre-eRate monthly fee is \$2,889.42 which includes rental of the routing equipment and service on this hardware with a one-time fee of \$360.00 for router configuration. The base internet rate is more than double the speed of the previous 3-year agreement. The term of the agreement is 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2017 as per attached page.

5. **Study Island Subject Content Approval**
Be it recommended that the board approve the purchase of Study Island Pennsylvania Grade 2 Math and Reading from Edmentum, Minneapolis, MN at an annual cost of \$1,077.00 with the cost to be prorated for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
6. **Tax Collectors Bond Renewal for the 2014 Tax Year**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the Tax Collectors Bond Renewal through Purdy Insurance Agency, Sunbury, PA for the 4-year term expiring December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$4,032.00 based on estimated total tax duplicate amounts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of School Directors
approve the above fiscal action.

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 and A6 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

7. **Playground Equipment Donation to Lower Mahanoy Parks and Recreation.**
Motion to declare the Dalmatia Elementary and Leck Kill Elementary School playground equipment as having no value and donate the equipment to the Lower Mahanoy Parks and Recreation Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of School Directors
approve the above fiscal action.

Moved by Lauren Hackenburg and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number and A7 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Professional Personnel Approval**
The administration recommends approval for the employment of Trisha Herb as a long term substitute reading teacher at the Line Mountain Middle School at a prorated salary of \$32,838.00 (BA Step 1) effective October 16, 2013 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

2. **Work Beyond the School Day Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following personnel for work beyond the school day at the LMEA contracted rate of \$22.00 per hour:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Carol Kruskie	2
Peggy Long	2
Joanne Snyder	30 minutes

3. **After School Tutor Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following for after school tutoring. Salary is \$22.00 per hour as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for work beyond the school day:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Emily Faust	Susan Rothermel

4. **Substitute Classified Personnel Approval**

The administration recommends approval for the employment of Crystal Conrad as a substitute cafeteria worker and substitute teacher aide effective upon completion of paperwork at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour.

5. **Volunteer Approval**

The administration recommends approval for Abbey Menko along with her habilitation counselor, Veronica Neff from Living Unlimited to volunteer at the Line Mountain Elementary School cafeteria as a cafeteria worker.

6. **FMLA Leave Approval**

The administration recommends approval of Family Medical Leave for employee # 5899 commencing on January 6, 2014 and continuing through April 6, 2014 on an as needed basis.

7. **2013-2014 Support Personnel Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following support personnel for the 2013-2014 school year:

Game Manager
Jason Weller

8. **Business Administrator Agreement Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve a five year agreement with Philip S. Rapant, Jr. as Business Administrator of the Line Mountain School District commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of School Directors approve the above personnel action.

Moved by Lauren Hackenburg and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve Item Numbers B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7 and B8 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAM

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Faculty Conference Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following faculty conferences for the 2013-2014 school year as per attached page.
2. **Field Trips Approval**
 - a. The administration recommends approval of the following field trips for the 2013-2014 school year as per attached page.
 - b. Additional field trips for approval as per attached.
3. **Summer Elementary Library Program Approval**
The administration recommends approval to operate a Summer Library Program at the Line Mountain Elementary School, Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:30 PM and Thursdays 10:00 – 11:30 AM starting July 8th through July 31st pending approval of the 2014-2015 final budget. The operational cost for the three teachers at the LMEA contracted price of \$22.00 per hour and the program were included in the 2014-2015 elementary budget.
4. **Use of Facilities**
The Line Mountain Wrestling boosters request the use of the Line Mountain High School Cafeteria on Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM for their wrestling banquet.
5. **Student Disciplinary Agreement Approval**
Motion to approve an agreement pertaining to a student disciplinary matter.
6. **2013-2014 School Calendar Changes**
The administration recommends approval of the changes to the 2013-2014 school calendar as per attached.

7. **2014-2015 School Calendar Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the 2014-2015 school calendar as per attached.
8. **Grievance Motion**
Motion to approve or deny Grievance #1314-07, #1314-08 and #1314-09.

The Board opted to deny the three grievances.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of School Directors approve
the above policy and program action.

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Ronald Neidig to approve Item Numbers C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7 and C8 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment – None.

Board Comment – None.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Lawrence Neidig made the motion and Lauren Hackenburg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary