

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

May 13, 2014

I. President Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:56 PM at the Line Mountain Middle/Senior High School Library.

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 Zabolosky	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	Present
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Present
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Absent
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Absent
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Justin Strawser of "The Daily Item", Eric Scicchitano of "The News Item", approximately thirty professional staff members and approximately five 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, April 29, 2014 as per attached pages.

David Bartholomew made the motion and Marlin Yeager, Jr. seconded the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Ronald Neidig made the motion and Lauren Hackenburg seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr. Campbell asked Mrs. Kruskie to briefly report on the vehicular career day event held yesterday which was a great success. The Prom is set to be held at The Front Street Station on Saturday May 17th and all are invited to attend the Prom Walk at 4:30 PM at the Middle/Senior High School. He also reported on the Keystone exams. The superintendent reported if the budget is passed at the June 10, 2014 board meeting; the meeting scheduled for June 24, 2014 shall be cancelled.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Principals

No report.

D. Property Committee

Dennis Erdman reported the need to schedule a property committee meeting to be held on June 3, 2014 at 6:00 at the Middle /Senior High School.

E. Policy Committee

No report.

F. Fiscal Committee

No report.

G. Personnel Committee

No report.

H. Northumberland County Career & Technology Center Report

Dennis Erdman reported the next board meeting at the Career & Technology Center is scheduled for tomorrow night.

- I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
Lawrence Neidig reported the next board meeting for the CSIU is scheduled for next week.
- J. Tax Collection Committee
No report.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Forklift Purchase Approval**

Be it recommended that the board approve the purchase of a Presto Model PPS2200-125AS forklift through MidAtlantic Industrial Equipment, Ltd., York, PA at a cost of \$9,930.00. Money to be taken from Capital Projects.

2. **Pallet Rack Purchase Approval**

Be it recommended that the board approve the purchase of a 3 row pallet rack through Diversified Rack & Shelving, Inc., East Windsor, NJ at a cost of \$2,410.92. Money to be taken from Capital Projects.

3. **Line Mountain Elementary Concrete Project Approval**

Be it recommended that the board approve a concrete project at the Line Mountain Elementary School through J.H. Rissinger & Sons, Inc., Dalmatia, PA at a cost of \$1,100.00. Money to be taken from Capital Projects.

This Item was voted on separately.

4. **Pickup and Snow Plow Purchase Approval**

Be it recommended that the board approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford Super Duty F-250 pickup and Fisher 8 foot snow plow from Hondru Ford, Manheim, PA at a cost of \$29,259.40 through Costars Contract #25-006. Money to be taken from Capital Projects.

The board discussed the need to purchase the truck and snow plow at this time. After a brief discussion, the board opted to proceed with the purchase of the truck.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Ronald Neidig and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number A4 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 2 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Lamont Masser and Ronald Neidig casting the negative votes.

5. **PlanCon K Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve PlanCon K documents for reimbursement percentage for the School Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2014 and Series B of 2014 for the refinancing of new monies as per attached pages.

6. **Dental Insurance Rate Approval for 2014-15 School Year**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the composite rate for dental insurance with United Concordia Companies, Inc. and authorize Administration to execute the same as per attached pages.

This Item was voted on separately.

7. **2014-2015 Appointment of Depositories**
The district recommends the appointment of the following depositories for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

Gratz National Bank	PLGIT	Mid Penn Bank
Swineford National Bank	PLGIT / ARM	Riverview Bank

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number A7 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention on roll call vote with Marlin Yeager, Jr. abstaining.

8. **2014-2015 School Bus Contractor**
Be it recommended that the Board approve Marvin E. Klinger, Inc., Dornsife, PA as the bus contractor for the 2014-2015 school year.

9. **2014-2015 Solicitor Appointment**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Richard J. Roberts Jr., Leavens and Roberts, Shamokin, PA as Solicitor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at an hourly rate of \$120.00.

10. **2014-2015 Appointment of Treasurer**
Be it recommended that the Board approve Lawrence Neidig as the Treasurer of the Board for the 2014-2015 fiscal year at a salary of \$0.00 per year.

11. **Tax Bill Printing**

Be it recommended that the Board approve Berkheimer Outsourcing, Bangor, PA to print the Line Mountain School District Real Estate and Per Capita Bills as follows effective July 1, 2014:

Real Estate Bills	\$ 0.31/each
Per Capita Bills	\$ 0.31/each
Blank Bills	\$ 0.20/each
Tax Assessment Books	\$16.25
Tax Register RE/per page over 250	\$ 0.13
Tax Register PC/per page over 250	\$ 0.09

12. **2014 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2014 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution as per attached page.

13. **Approval of Resolution Committing Additional Funds for Medical Insurance Costs**

A Resolution directing the Administration to commit an additional \$350,000 within the current District general fund. This commitment is being made for the purpose of mitigating and financially planning for anticipated increases in the District's medical insurance costs.

RESOLVED, that Line Mountain School District hereby commits this additional \$350,000 for an aggregate amount of \$850,000 to lessen the financial impact of these projected expenditures; and be it further, that the Administration shall administer the commitment of funds in a manner that reasonably conforms with the model presented to the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each year the Administration will report to the Board the actual utilization of such funds and present additional recommendations to the Board on this issue.

14. **Approval of Resolution Committing Additional Funds for Retirement Costs**

A Resolution directing the Administration to commit an additional \$30,000 within current District general fund. This commitment is being made for the purpose of mitigating and financially planning for anticipated increases in the District's PSERS retirement contribution rate.

RESOLVED, that Line Mountain School District hereby commits an additional \$30,000 for an aggregate amount of \$330,000 to assist and lessen the financial impact of these projected expenditures, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Administration shall administer the commitment of funds in a manner that reasonably conforms with the model presented to the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each year the Administration will report to the Board the actual utilization of this fund and present additional recommendations to the Board on this issue.

15. **Delinquent Tax Exonerations**
The administration recommends approval of exonerations submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. as per attached page.
16. **Check Report Approval**
Motion to approve payment of invoices for the General Fund, Athletic Fund, Food Service Fund, Payroll Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Student Activity Fund for the period ending May 13, 2014. as per attached pages.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A5, A6, A8, A9, A10, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15 and A16 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Coaches/Advisors**

The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) of the following coaches for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Shane Kieffer	Volunteer Asst. Football Coach	\$ -0-

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Sandra Kase	1 hour	After School Detention

3. **Day to Day Substitute Teacher**

The administration recommends approval of the following day to day substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Stefanee Smith	Elementary

4. **Uncompensated Leave Approval**

The administration recommends approval of uncompensated leave for the following employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Bontenia Wilkinson	4/23/14	Personal
Nina Lenker	5/16 & 20/14	Medical
Vicki Jones	4/08, 09, 10, 11	Family Necessity
	23, 24, 25, 5/09,	Family Necessity
	5/30/14	Family Necessity

5. **Classified Personnel Approval**

Be it recommended that the board approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Bontenia Wilkinson, cafeteria worker, effective May 16, 2014.

Dennis Erdman thanked Bontenia Wilkinson for her years of service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Daniel Zablosky and seconded by Marlin Yeager, Jr. to approve Item Numbers B1, B2, B3, B4, and B5 carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAM

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Field Trips Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following field trips for the 2013-2014 school year as per attached page.

Lauren Hackenburg again expressed her thanks to the professional staff for their extra hard work in planning field trips. She is looking forward to Mr. Campbell's inclusion in planning future Middle School field trips.

2. **2014-2015 Calendar of Board Meetings Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2014-2015 Calendar of Board Meetings as per attached page.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Ronald Neidig and seconded by Marlin Yeager, Jr. to approve Item Numbers C1 and C2 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment- None.

Board Comment:

President Laudenslager reported on the current contract negotiation points the Board is looking to address. Issues presently being considered are decreasing the work year by one day, a yearly increase in salary of at least approximately two thousand dollars for those not on the top career step, an increase in the hourly rate from \$22.00 to \$25.00, immediately starting credit reimbursement payments for continued education classes, an increase in the amount of pay for accrued sick days, an increase in the number of personal days allowed to be carried over with unused personal days being transferred to their sick days records and a health savings account. Mr. Laudenslager asked to Board to consider these points and offer any suggestions for future negotiations.

President Laudenslager asked the Board to offer comments regarding the sealed bids for the District properties presented at the last board meeting. There were no comments at this time so President Laudenslager asked a Lower Mahanoy resident who had requested permission to address the Board to proceed with his comments. He reiterated his concerns with the amount of the bid for the Dalmatia property and asked that the Board again consider having public sale of the property.

Mr. Strohecker and Mr. Reed, the low bidders, also addressed the Board and asked that the Board proceed with the bid awards.

The Board discussed the cost of demolition to the Dalmatia building which would cost approximately \$150,000 for complete building and site demolition. After continued Board discussion on the cost of maintaining the vacant buildings, Lauren Hackenburg asked to proceed with a motion for the sale of the properties. Motions were added as such.

Motion To Accept Bid For Dalmatia Property

Motion to confirm that the District's Board of School Directors has determined that all those certain pieces, parcels and tracts of land, together with the former Dalmatia Elementary School Building, situate in the Township of Lower Mahanoy, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, which property is identified as Northumberland County Tax Parcel No. 029-00-100-064 and described in Deed Book 386, at Page 329; Deed Book 590, at Page 431, and as Parcel No. 1 in Record Book 2531, at Page 163, are unused and unnecessary for school purposes and to accept the bid therefor submitted by Jeremy Strohecker, et ux., in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$25,100.00).

Moved by Lauren Hackenburg and seconded by Daniel Zablosky to approve the above motion and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention on roll call vote with Dennis Erdman casting the negative vote and Lamont Masser abstaining.

Motion To Accept Bid For Leck Kill Property

Motion to confirm that the District's Board of School Directors has determined that all those certain pieces, parcels and tracts of land, together with the former Leck Kill Elementary School Building, situate in the Township of Upper Mahanoy, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, which property is identified as Northumberland County Tax Parcel Numbers 058-00-092-027 and 058-00-092-028 and described in Record Book 2267, at Page 965, and as Parcel No. 2 in Record Book 2531, at Page 163 are unused and unnecessary for school purposes and to accept the bid therefor submitted by Jamie Reed in the amount of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$50,222.00).

Moved by Lauren Hackenburg and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve the above motion and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 1 no and 0 abstention on roll call vote with Dennis Erdman casting the negative vote.

President Laudenslager announced there was an executive session prior to tonight's meeting to meet with counsel regarding personnel issues and a brief executive session was to follow immediately after tonight's meeting is adjourned.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Lauren Hackenburg made the motion and Dennis Erdman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary