

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

June 9, 2015

I. President Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at the Line Mountain Middle / Senior 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
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	Middle School Principal	Present
Bradley Skelton	Dean of Students/Athletic Director	Present
Matthew Schell	Food Service Director	Present
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Present
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Present
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Present
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Eric Scicchitano of "The News Item", Justin Strawser of "The Daily Item", Duane Good of "The Upper Dauphin Sentinel" and approximately seventy members of the general public were present.

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

Solicitor Richard Roberts announced there was an executive session prior to tonight's meeting to consult with counsel concerning litigation, the Collective Bargaining Agreement and personnel and real estate issues.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, May 26, 2015 as per attached pages.

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

VI. VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Solicitor Richard Roberts read and explained the Resolution conveying the Red Cross property to Connie Tressler for the consideration of \$1,000.00 which was added to the agenda as Agenda Item A14.

Ronald Neidig made the motion and Marlin Yeager, Jr. seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr. Campbell reminded board members graduation is scheduled for an outside event. In the occurrence of inclement weather and Alert Now message will be broadcast to inform students, parents and others.

Mr. Campbell also reported the administration has decided to proceed with an eight period day for the 2015-2016 school year.

B. Business Administrator

Mr. Rapant reviewed the 2014-2015 final budget expenses over revenue and the 2015-2016 final budget worksheet. His recommendation is for the maximum allowed 1.88 mill increase.

C. Principals

No report.

D. Property Committee

Mr. Lagerman recommended the Board proceed with the fixed price of \$1.195 for propane for the 2015-2016 school year. He also presented quotes for the construction of a salt storage building. The Board requested that he contact Glace Associates, Inc. and Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates – Architects to prepare bid specifications for the storage facility.

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.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Checks Payable Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve payment of checks for the General Fund and Student Activity Fund for the period ending June 2, 2015 as per attached pages.

2. **Budget Transfers**

The administration recommends approval of the 2014-2015 budget transfers as per attached pages.

3. **Library Software License Renewal Approval**

To renew the Destiny Library Software license for the 2015-2016 school year with Follett School Solutions of Chicago, IL at a cost of \$1,400 total for two libraries (\$700 per library); to be paid from the Technology Budget.

4. **Software Support Renewal Approval**

To renew the Vison Campus Software Support with NetOP of Portland, Oregon at a cost of \$800. Support agreement runs from July 27, 2015 through July 27, 2016 and to be paid from the Technology Budget.

5. **Elementary Guidance Subscription Renewal Approval**

To renew the Paws In Jobland subscription for the Elementary Guidance Department from Bridges Transitions Co. of Culver City, CA at a cost of \$250 and to be paid from the Technology Budget. The new expiration date will be July 30, 2016.

This Item Was Tabled.

6. **Middle School Desktop Computer Purchase Approval**

To purchase (30) Dell desktop computers with 5-year warranties for the Line Mountain Middle School Computer Lab from Dell Computer of Round Rock, Texas at a cost of \$19,224 to be paid from the 15 -16 Technology Budget and purchased off Costars Hardware Contract # 003-051.

This Item Was Tabled.

7. **Faculty Laptop Purchase Approval**

To purchase (31) Hewlett Packard laptop computers, docking stations, and 4-year warranties for Line Mountain Faculty from CDWG of Vernon Hills, IL at a cost of \$30,535. Amount to be paid from the 15-16 Technology Budget and purchased off Costars Hardware Contract #003-32.

David Bartholomew questioned if Mr. Harro had researched the option of leasing the computers for the computer lab and faculty. The two agenda items approving the purchase of sixty one computers were tabled until further information on leasing the computers is available.

8. **2015-2016 School Vehicle Contractors**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the following school vehicle contractors for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$1.60 per approved daily miles:

- Linda Derck – Shamokin, PA
- Janet Schwartz – Trevorton, PA
- Jim Schwartz – Trevorton, PA
- Gail Harris – Dornsife, PA
- Ken Harris – Dornsife, PA

9. **2015-2016 Northumberland County Career & Tech Center Budget Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2015-2016 NCCTC school budget of \$2,082,619.50 of which Line Mountain's estimated share is \$341,883.

10. **Toshiba Copier Lease Rental Agreement Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve a lease rental agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions, of Elizabethtown, PA for a Toshiba eStudio 3055c copier located at the District Office building at the following cost: 60 months @ \$153.12 as per Costars contract #001-048 and authorize the Business Administrator to execute said Agreement.

11. **Propane Gas Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2015-2016 propane pricing effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 to Kopyy's Propane, Inc., Williamstown, PA at a:

A. Fixed price of \$1.195 per gallon

OR

B. Fluctuating price of cost plus \$0.7500 per gallon (as of 5-26-15)

This Item Was Voted On Separately three times.

12. **2015-2016 General Fund Budget**

A motion to adopt a resolution adopting the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget in a stated amount of \$18,933,105.00.

RESOLVED, that the annual budget of the Line Mountain School District (the "District") for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as was proposed at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the District (the "Board") held April 14, 2015, (revised and amended as indicated), be and the same is hereby adopted as the annual budget of the Line Mountain School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriation and expenditure of funds as itemized in said budget during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2015, is hereby authorized. Necessary revenue for the same shall be provided by:

- (1) A real estate transfer tax of one percent (1%);
- (2) A five dollar (\$5.00) per capita tax;
- (3) A one percent (1%) tax on earned income;
- (4) A four hundred thirty percent (430%) occupation tax; all of which were adopted pursuant to the Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6901, et seq., and all of which, also pursuant to said Act, are continuing in nature;
- (5) A Five (\$5.00) Dollar per capita tax which is hereby levied and assessed pursuant to Section 679 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; and
- (6) A school tax on real estate which is hereby levied and assessed at the rate of 70 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, i.e., at the rate of \$7.00 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation, of all property taxable for school purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and motions inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED this 9th day of June, 2015.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number A12, with a millage rate of 71.88 and failed to carry by a vote of 4 yes, 4 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with David Bartholomew, Lauren Hackenburg, Lamont Masser and Marlin Yeager, Jr. casting the negative votes.

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve Item Number A12, with a millage rate of 71.00 and failed to carry by a vote of 4 yes, 4 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with David Bartholomew, Lauren Hackenburg, Troy Laudenslager and Marlin Yeager Jr. casting the negative votes.

Moved by Lauren Hackenburg and seconded by Marlin Yeager, Jr. to approve Item Number A12, with a millage rate of 70.00 and carried by a vote of 5 yes, 3 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Dennis Erdman, Troy Laudenslager and Ronald Neidig casting the negative votes.

13. **Fascia and Soffit Painting Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board of Directors approve the refinishing of the metal fascia and soffits at the Line Mountain Middle High School through Stahl & Sons, Inc., Mifflinburg, PA at a cost of \$8,925.00 funds to be taken from Capital Reserve as per attached page.

14. **Property Resolution**

WHEREAS, Olive E. Tressler, J. Kenneth Tressler and Bert M. Zeigler, Guardian of Isaac J. Tressler, (collectively the "Tresslers") conveyed a parcel of property (the "Property") containing approximately 4.02 acres situate in Jackson Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and described in the Deed recorded in Northumberland County Deed Book 261, at Page 396 (the "Deed") to the School District of Jackson Township for the consideration of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, Line Mountain School District (the "District") is the successor in interest to the School District of Jackson Township; and

WHEREAS, the District is no longer using the Property and wishes to dispose thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Deed provides that the District is required to offer to sell the Property to the Tresslers or their heirs for the consideration set forth therein before it may sell the Property to any third party; and

WHEREAS, the Tresslers are all deceased, and their heirs are Steven I. Tressler, Lloyd E. Tressler, Karen S. Wiestling, Keith R. Tressler and Connie L. Tressler; and

WHEREAS, Connie L. Tressler has expressed a desire to exercise her option to purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, Steven I. Tressler, Lloyd E. Tressler, Karen S. Wiestling and Keith R. Tressler have relinquished their interest in the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District convey the Property to Connie L. Tressler for the consideration of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2015.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A8, A9, A10, A11, A13 and A14 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **2014-2015 Support Personnel Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following support personnel for the 2014-2015 school year:

Statistician/Scorekeepers

Quentin Kaleta Lillia Lucas

2. **Uncompensated Leave Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following uncompensated leave days for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Debra Novinger	May 19, 2015 (1/2 day)	Family Necessity
Debra Novinger	May 28, 2014	Family Necessity

3. **Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education Personnel Approval**

A. The administration recommends the approval of the following ESY Instructors at the collective bargaining agreement rate of \$22.00 per hour not to exceed 70 hours each. Salary expenses will be paid through the IDEA grant

Heather Troutman	Lindsey McAndrew
Erin Musser	Sandra Kase

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Marlin Yeager, Jr. and seconded by Ronald Neidig to approve Item Numbers B1, B2 and B3a and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. The administration recommends approval of the following ESY classroom aides and ESY personal care aides at their regular hourly pay rates not to exceed 60 hours each. Salary expenses will be paid through the IDEA grant

Vicki Jones	\$12.74	Donna Mattern	\$12.65
Christine Leader	\$14.07	Betty Jean Reiner	\$14.07
Gertrude Masser	\$14.07	Tara Smith	\$11.42
Lisa Wren	\$10.32	Alicia Coller	\$ 8.00
Karen Erdman	\$ 8.00		

****(pending approval of the ESY program refer to Policy & Program C4)****

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Ronald Neidig to approve Item Number and B3b carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 1abstentions on roll call vote with Dennis Erdman abstaining.

This Item Was Voted On Separately.

4. **Music Position Advertisement Approval**

Approval to vote on the previously tabled item for advertising of the vacant music position.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve Item Number and B4 carried by a vote of 5 yes, 3 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with David Bartholomew, Troy Laudenslager and Marlin Yeager, Jr. casting the negative votes.

5. **Arbitrator Recommendations Approval**

Motion to accept the Act 88 Line Mountain School Board/Line Mountain Education Association Dispute Arbitrator's Report recommendations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by Lauren Hackenburg to approve Item Number B5 carried by a vote of 5 yes, 3 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with David Bartholomew, Dennis Erdman and Lawrence Neidig casting the negative votes.

President Laudenslager read the Arbitrator's Report after passage of the motion. He explained the Line Mountain Education Association has to vote on the Report prior to any further action.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAM

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Faculty Conference Approval**

The administration recommends approval for Lori Brown to attend the 2015 RtII Implementers' Forum at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA on June 29th through July 1st, 2015 at a cost of \$150.00.

2. **Field Trips Approval**

The administration recommends approval for 2 FFA members and advisor to attend the FFA State competition at PSU in State College, PA on June 16th and 17th, 2015 at no cost to the district.

3. **First Reading of Policy Approval**

Be it recommended to approve first reading of the following policy:

- 808, Food Services, as per attached pages.

4. **Extended School Year (ESY) Program Approval**

The administration recommends approval to conduct the special education Extended School Year Program (ESY) from July 7, 2015 through August 6, 2015 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am – 3:00pm at Line Mountain Elementary School and Line Mountain Middle/High School. Salary and transportation expenses will be paid through the IDEA grant.

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, C2, C3 and C4 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment:

James Brosius requested information on the legal fees incurred by Line Mountain School District.

Judith White questioned the extracurricular budget details and commented the proposed music schedules for 2015-2016 will not work and asked that the Board increase taxes to allow for the third music position. Christopher Para seconded Ms. White's opinion.

Andrew Miller suggested the Board shop around for alternative healthcare providers and asked that the Board keep music and art in the school curriculum.

Jenny Snyder questioned the need for all the secondary administrative positions.

Marilyn Kauffman commented the District is the hub of the community and a student need a well-rounded education.

Nicole Hickoff, Diane Rompallo and Valissa Masser commented on the importance of elementary music education.

Board Comment:

President Laudenslager turned his chair over to Vice President Erdman and expressed his opinion regarding the music position. With the upcoming eight period schedule and changes to the duties of the music educators Mr. Laudenslager commended the proposed schedule. Vice President Erdman called for a vote on the music position after Mr. Laudenslager voiced his opinion on the matter. The chair was returned to President Laudenslager.

Lauren Hackenburg and Dennis Erdman extended their appreciation to board members and administration on compiling information enabling an intelligent decision on the music position issue.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Lawrence Neidig made the motion and Dennis Erdman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary