

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING

January 9, 2024

I. President Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM at the Line Mountain Middle/High School Library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call:

**BOARD DIRECTORS**

Michael Bordner	Absent
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Linda Gutkowski	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Present
Dr. Richard Huskey	Present
Paul Kolody	Present
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Ronald Neidig	Present
Matthew Shaffer	Absent
Patty Troutman, Secretary, Non-Member	Present

**ADMINISTRATION**

David M. Campbell	Superintendent	Present
Kaitlin Rosselli	Business Manager	Present
Dwain Messersmith	Secondary School Principal	Present
Jeffrey Lagerman	Middle School Principal	Present
Kyrie Ciborowski	Elementary School Principal	Present
Christine Shearn	Principal/Director of Curriculum	Present
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Absent
Brad Shrum	School Psychologist	Absent
Stephen Kelley	Athletic Director	Absent
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Absent
Douglas Wolfe	Director of Plant Operations	Present
Jamie Shiko	Food Service Director	Present
Antonio Michetti	School Solicitor	Present

**OTHERS**

Larry Deklinski of "The News Item" and approximately thirteen members of the general public were present.

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

V. Motion to Approve the Minutes:

Regular and Reorganization Meetings of December 6, 2023 as per attached pages.

Ronald Neidig made the motion and Paul Kolody seconded the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Dennis Erdman 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 introduced Coach Holly Scheib of the Bocce Ball Team who spoke briefly about the LM Unified Inclusion Club. Current members of the team including Kylie Troutman, Cadence Walshaw and Karli Warfel spoke briefly regarding the positive experiences of participating in the Bocce Team events and the connection between the team and the club.

Mr. Campbell commended Max and Megan Shingara for the generous donation to the Line Mountain School District athletic programs included in the agenda tonight.

B. Business Manager

No report.

C. Principals

Ms. Ciborowski reported on the recent activities at the Line Mountain Elementary School including the donation of a box of hats and clothes from the St. Paul Church in Urban. Also the Decorate a Christmas Tree contest was a great success with \$495.00 being collected to be forwarded to the Together We Can Project. The Second Grade students collected the most donations and will be rewarded for their efforts.

Mr. Messersmith reported that Levi Ferster and Casey Keiter have completed all the requirements to receive the FFA Keystone Degree which will be presented at the 2024 Farm Show. Several students will be receiving their alumni jackets. Mr. Messersmith suggested that the board members take the time to view the tractor restoration video created by Wade Shaffer, Eli Shaffer and Sam Wetzel. The video is part of the 2024 FFA Farm Show Tractor Restoration Project. Those who view the video are encouraged to vote for the Line Mountain entry.

The Line Mountain FFA exhibit placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the competition this year with their entry "Struggles of the American Farmer.

Three students, Nola Baumert, Chandon Maurer and Max Johnson have been named to the All-State Team. In addition Max Johnson has been named to the Super 16 Dream Team.

- D. Property Committee  
No report.
- E. Policy Committee  
No report.
- F. Fiscal Committee  
No report.
- G. Personnel Committee  
No report.
- H. Northumberland County Career & Technology Center Report  
Mr. Erdman reported there is a board meeting tomorrow night.
- I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report  
Ms. Hackenburg reported there is a meeting next Wednesday night.
- J. Tax Collection Committee  
No report.

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS

### A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

**This Item Was Voted On Separately.**

#### 1. **Treasurer's Report**

A. Be it recommended the Board approve the Treasurers Cash report and all Checks from all funds within the Line Mountain School District for the period ending January 4, 2024 as per attached pages.

B. Additional checks for approval as per attached.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Pau Kolody to approve Item Number A1 and carried by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention on roll call vote with Troy Laudenslager abstaining.

2. **Exonerations/Appeals for Local Tax Collectors**  
The administration recommends approval of the Exonerations/Appeals of Local Tax Collectors for the 2023 taxes as per attached page.
3. **Delinquent Tax Exonerations Approval**  
The administration recommends approval of exonerations submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. as per attached page.
4. **2024 Mileage Reimbursement Rate Approval**  
Be it recommended that the Board approve an increase in the district mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.655 to \$0.67 per mile effective January 1, 2024.
5. **Reading Pilot Program Approval**  
Be it recommended the Board approve a pilot Reading Program for grades K – 8 through Amplify, Brooklyn, NY at a cost of \$17,165.63 with the license running July 1, 2024 through June 20, 2025 as per attached pages.
6. **eMail Manager Software Upgrade Approval**  
Be it recommended the Board approve to upgrade the eMail Signature Manager software subscription to Signature 365 through SHI, Somerset, NJ at an annual cost of \$1,007.06 with the subscription running January 10, 2024 through January 9, 2025.
7. **Donation Acceptance Approval**  
Be it recommended the Board approve a \$35,000.00 from Max and Megan Shingara to be used for the following:
  - \$15,000.00 to be used for the LM Wrestling Program
  - \$10,000.00 to be used for the LM Girls Basketball Program
  - \$10,000.00 to be used to repair or replace the Elementary Gym Scoreboard
8. **Statewide Per Capita Resolution Tax Approval**  
Be it recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 010924-1 appointing Statewide Tax Recovery as the District's delinquent tax collector for Per Capita Tax for the term of January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 and any consecutive renewal terms thereafter as per attached page.
9. **Statewide Occupational Assessment Tax Resolution Approval**  
Be it recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 010924-2 appointing Statewide Tax Recovery as the District's delinquent tax collector for Occupational Assessment Tax for the term of January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 and any consecutive renewal terms thereafter as per attached page.
10. **Statewide Tax Addendum Collection Agreement Approval**  
Be it recommended the Board approve the addendum to the Collection Agreement with Statewide Tax Recovery permitting the use of outside vendors to assist in the collection of delinquent taxes as per attached page.

11. **Bid Approval for a Food Service Management Company**

Be it recommended the Board approve to proceed with the bid process for a food service management company.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Ronald Neidig and seconded by Linda Gutkowski to approve Items Number A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10 and A11 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

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

Be it recommended the Board approve the following nurse for work beyond the school day at the LMEA contracted price of \$25.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Allison Michael	Wrestling Weight Certification	5.25

2. **Classified Personnel Approval**

Be it recommended the Board approve the employment of Jennifer Yagle as a full time custodian for the Line Mountain School District at a rate of \$16.50 per hour effective February 1, 2024.

3. **Classified Work Beyond the School Day Approval**

Be it recommended the Board approve the following classified personnel for work beyond the school day at their hourly rate for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jamie Smith	Additional Assigned Duties	20	\$14.00
Tiffany Arnold	Additional Assigned Duties	20	\$14.00
Lisa Strahan	Homeless Education Duties	60	\$16.05
Nina Lenker	Special Education Duties	20	\$19.15

4. **Uncompensated Leave Approval**

Be it recommended the Board approve the following uncompensated leave days for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Reason</u>
#2930	12/6/23 ½ day, 12/8/23 thru 12/21/23	Family Necessity

5. **Substitute Day to Day Teacher Approval**

Be it recommended the Board approve (pending all required paperwork) the following personnel as day to day substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Katelynn Michael	CSIU Guest Teacher

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenburg and seconded by Ronald Neidig to approve Items Number B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAM

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

1. **Faculty Conferences Approval**

Be it recommended the Board approve the following faculty conferences for the 2023-2024 school year as per attached page.

2. **Field Trips Approval**

A. Be it recommended the Board approve the following field trips for the 2023-2024 school year as per attached pages.

B. Additional field trips for approval as per attached.

3. **LM Unified Inclusion Club Approval**

Be it recommended the Board approve the Unified Inclusion Club be added to the co-curricular activities' clubs.

4. **Ratify Minutes Motion Approval**

Be it recommended the Board approve to ratify the minutes for Item Number C1 and C2 from the December 6, 2023 meeting minutes correcting a clerical error to the motion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenburg and seconded by Paul Kolody to approve Items Number C1, C2, C3 and C4 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment – None.

Board Comment:

Mr. Campbell introduced Dr. Huskey, the newly appointed board member, to the general public.

Solicitor Michetti announced prior to the meeting tonight there was an executive session whereby matters related to personnel were discussed from 5:30 PM to 6:40 PM.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business being brought before the Board, Dennis Erdman made the motion and Paul Kolody seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman  
Board Secretary