LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING January 25, 2011

I. Call to Order: President Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Bryan Buddock	Present
Denise Clouser	Absent
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Present
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Lamont Masser	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Charles Sample	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
Carl Krause	Assistant Secondary School Principal	Absent
Donna Politza	Interim Elementary School Principal	Absent
Lance Adams	Coordinator of Students/Athletics & Activities	Absent
Amy Jo Adams	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

Mark Gilger of "The News Item" and several 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:

Reorganization Meeting, December 8, 2010 as per attached pages.
Regular Meeting, December 8, 2010 as per attached pages.

Bryan Buddock made the motion and Lamont Masser seconded the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Dennis Erdman requested clarification on the dollar limits allowed to be spent prior to going out to bid on items and labor. Solicitor Rich Roberts explained the mandate waiver program currently in place.

Lauren Hackenberg requested an update on the search for an elementary principal. President Laudenslager commented the search is proceeding at this time and the position is still being advertised.

Lawrence Neidig made the motion and Lamont Masser seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

President Laudenslager announced at 6:59 the need for an executive session to consult with counsel regarding a personnel matter and possible litigation. The meeting reconvened at 7:47.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent
No report.

B. Business Administrator
No report.

C. Property Committee
Joshua Bower of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates – Architects presented plans and project costs associated with the proposed maintenance shed addition for the Jr/Sr High School. Discussion among board members commenced regarding the addition and the interference with the existing parking area and the amount of storage space to be provided for the materials currently at Red Cross. Lawrence Neidig requested if the current plans included a facility for salt storage. He suggested adding the salt storage facility to the current plans as an alternate. There was discussion regarding the possible use of a fork lift to unload trucks and enable maximum use of the storage facility. Mr. Campbell asked that the board members review the proposed plans and costs prior to the next meeting.

Joshua Bower also presented proposed floor plans for a two and six room addition to the Dalmatia Elementary School. Discussion proceeded about current enrollment and classroom configurations and possible changes, a possible PreK classroom addition, security issues, budget concerns and bus routes. David Bartholomew suggested rather than renovate the existing building, it may be more practical to build a new structure in front of the Jr/Sr High School. Due to the storm water system at that site, that is not possible per Joshua Bower. Construction would be possible behind the current Dalmatia building. Discussion continued regarding the options of building a new structure versus renovating the existing structure which is in poor condition. Classroom disruption during renovations, asbestos concerns,

cost of removal of the existing building, possible storage space in the existing auditorium/gymnasium, construction launch dates and energy efficiency of a new building were major topics that were addressed. Joshua Bower was asked to present at the next meeting a cost estimate based on square footage for a new building without creating extensive plans.

Motion to proceed with Jr/Sr storage facility.
Motion to proceed with the Jr/Sr High School storage/maintenance facility regardless of the Dalmatia renovations with funds from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Bryan Buddock to approve the above Item and carried by a vote of 6 yes, 2 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Lamont Masser and Charles Sample casting the negative votes.

Motion to proceed with securing costs for a new Dalmatia building.
Motion to proceed with securing costs associated with construction of a new Dalmatia Elementary School to be located on the flat area behind the existing school building.

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve the above Item and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

Joshua Bower recommended postponing the February 3, 2011 meeting with PDE until later in February at which time decisions regarding the Dalmatia Project could be in place.

D. Policy Committee
No report.

E. Fiscal Committee
Charles Sample asked that the Board consider activating the Fiscal Committee while the budget process is in progress. He also asked that the Personnel Committee be activated while the elementary principal search is ongoing. Lawrence Neidig replied that the Board has recently discussed this option at board meetings in Mr. Sample's absence and decided to move forward with the committee as a whole. The first meeting of each month will provide an opportunity for discussion of current topics relative to all committees among all board members. If additional items arise and an additional committee meeting is needed, a meeting shall be scheduled.

F. Personnel Committee
No report.

G. Northumberland County Area Vocational Technical School Report
Dennis Erdman reported on the Interim Director, Mr. John Bohn, and the significant influence expected with his past experience as the Director of The SUN Area Technical Center in New Berlin. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2011.

H. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Lawrence Neidig reported on some of the latest CSIU programs including speech therapy and the employment opportunities available in that field. He also provided a brief summary on the Brain STEPS Team program whose goal is to provide educators with an understanding of the challenges which arise when a student experiencing a traumatic brain injury re-enters the school environment.

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 January 19, 2011 as per attached pages.

b. Additional checks for approval as per attached sheets.

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

2. **2010 Bulk Exonerations for Local Tax Collectors**

The administration recommends approval of the 2010 bulk exonerations for the local tax collectors as per attached pages.

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

3. **Bankruptcy Case**

Motion to authorize the Business Administrator to execute an Amended Proof of Claim for filing in Bankruptcy Case No. 4:10-06772-JJT.

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

4. **Bankruptcy Case**

Motion to authorize the Business Administrator to execute a Proof of Claim for filing in Bankruptcy Case No. 4:10-09714-JJT.

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

5. **Professional Services Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve payment for professional services from December 1 to December 31, 2010 with Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, Mechanicsburg for the Line Mountain HS Athletic Fields in the amount of $8,514.68 as per attached page.

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

Lawrence Neidig asked if the above charges were for work that was done over the past summer. President Laudenslager confirmed.

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Bryan Buddock to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5, and carried by a vote of 8 yes, o no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Teacher Tenure**
The administration recommends approval of tenure for Heather Troutman effective January 29, 2011. She has met the requirements and will receive a Professional Employee contract.

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

2. **Coaches/Advisors**
The administration recommends approval of the resignation of Tara Werley as JV softball coach for the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School effective immediately.

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

3. **Student Teacher Approval**
Marisa Jacobs of Bloomsburg University to student teach Secondary Learning Support at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School beginning on March 14th through May 5th.

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

4. **Special Education Secretary Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve Kathy Keidel, Special Education Secretary, to be classified as a full-time employee working 7½ hours per day at a rate of $15.21 per hour with full benefits effective February 1, 2011. The School Based ACCESS Program will pay for 40% of the salary and 100% of the medical benefits.

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

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve Item Numbers B1, B2, B3, and B4 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, o no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

5. **Substitute Classified Personnel**

The administration recommends approval of Mistee Hawk as a substitute secretary at the substitute secretary rate of $7.70 per hour.

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number B5, and carried by a vote of 6 yes, 2 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Lamont Masser and Charles Sample casting the negative votes.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAM

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Faculty Conferences Approval**

The administration recommends approval of Faculty Conferences for the 2010-2011 school year as per attached page.

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

2. **Field Trip Approval**

The administration recommends approval of Field Trips for the 2010-2011 school year as per attached page.

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

3. **Use of Facilities**

The Line Mountain Wrestling Boosters request the use of the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School gym, auxiliary gym, mat room and cafeteria on Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a PJW tournament.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

4. **Homebound Instruction**

The administration recommends approval of homebound instruction for a 5th grade student for approximately two weeks as per doctor's instruction and letter from the parent.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Bryan Buddock and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Numbers C1, C2, C3 and C4, and carried by a vote of 8 yes, o 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, Dennis Erdman made the motion and Bryan Buddock seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary