LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING March 22, 2011

I. Call to Order: President Troy Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Trevorton Elementary Cafeteria.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Bryan Buddock	Absent
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Present
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Lamont Masser	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Charles Sample (Arrived at 6:35)	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	Present
Donna Politza	Interim Elementary School Principal	Absent
Lance Adams	Coordinator of Students/Athletics & Activities	Absent
Amy Jo Adams	Food Service Director	Absent
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Absent
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Present
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Present
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Absent

OTHERS

Thomas Leskin of "The News Item", Rick Dandes of "The Daily Item" and approximately fifteen 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 15, 2011 as per attached pages.

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

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda.

Mr. Sample requested discussion and the addition of motions regarding the Dalmatia Elementary building project and Jr/Sr High School maintenance facility.

Lamont Masser made the motion and David Bartholomew seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

1. Mr. Campbell provided each board member with a printout on the Community Awareness Night on Cyber bulling scheduled for March 24, 2011. Corporal Carl Finnerty from South Williamsport is scheduled as the main speaker and representatives from the District will also be in attendance. The Jr/Sr High School LINK team was very instrumental in the organization and presentation of the program.
2. Friday, March 25, 2011 is the next scheduled in service day.
3. Mr. Campbell expressed his interest in scheduling a budget specific board meeting on April 26, 2011.

B. Business Administrator

1. Mr. Rapant presented each board member with a tax collection report for the period 7/1/10 – 12/31/10 detailing real estate, occupation and per capita taxes. He reviewed the beginning, adjusted and final uncollected tax amounts detailed on the reports.

C. Property Committee

1. Mr. Lagerman presented each board member with an updated Property Committee Report listing twenty-four expected projects. An explanation and completion status was provided for each item as of todays date.
2. Lauren Hackenberg questioned the standing on the maintenance to the Memorial Garden at this time. Mr. Lagerman explained that he had a proposal from Plantscapes which included maintenance that could be, and is currently being done by his custodial staff. However, it may be necessary for a landscaping firm to proceed with the weed control and fertilization of the garden as a license is required for those applications.
3. Mr. Lagerman explained that it is not possible to hook up the HS server room to the emergency generator at this time. Upon completion of the Jr/Sr High School renovations, an additional transfer switch and circuit panel is needed to handle the additional load capacity.
4. There was a brief discussion regarding the installation of temporary or permanent speed bumps beside the new gymnasium in an effort to control traffic speed in an area of a blind spot in the driveway and foot traffic from the side parking lot.
5. Lauren Hackenberg asked if a Town Meeting has been scheduled for the new Dalmatia building. Mr. Campbell explained that PlanCon A and PlanCon B have to be scheduled prior to the Act 34 Town Meeting.

D. Policy Committee
No Report.

E. Fiscal Committee
No Report.

F. Personnel Committee
1. Mr. Campbell reported having received thirty-seven applications for the elementary principal position. The administrative team will be meeting with and interviewing sixteen of the certified applicants next week. Several board members also expressed interest in being present during the interviews. Mr. Campbell suggested that interested board members participate in the second round of interviews with the final three selected candidates. Mrs. Hackenberg suggested tape recording the interviews. Mr. Laudenslager proposed that the solicitor be approached about the legality of recording the interviews.

G. Northumberland County Area Vocational Technical School Report
1. Mr. Erdman reported the next board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2011. He presented each board member with a printout from the Culinary Arts Department featuring an Italian Night to be presented by the department on March 31, 2011 showcasing their culinary skills.

H. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
1. Mr. Neidig presented literature to each board member and reported on several of the programs currently being administered by the CSIU. He expressed the CSIU's need for substitute aides at this time. Mr. Neidig briefly reflected on the Marketplace Philosophy practiced by the CSIU allowing school districts to determine their own program participation and paying for only those applications. Mr. Neidig also affirmed his recommendation for passage of the CSIU budget agenda item. The CSIU has been documented as one of the top five intermediate units in the country as reported by a national organization.

VIII. **ACTION ITEM**

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Treasurer's Report**
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 March 16, 2011
as per attached pages.

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

3. **Budget Transfers**
The administration recommends approval of the 2010-2011 budget transfers as per attached pages.

4. **2010 Single Audit Report Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2010 Single Audit Report prepared by Jones & Co. for the 2009-2010 school year.

5. **2011-2012 CSIU Budget**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the preliminary 2011-2012 General Operating Budget for the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit in the amount of $1,500,249. Line Mountain School District's share of this budget is $58,066 as explained as per attached page, section "A".

6. **Other CSIU Programs**
Be it recommended that the Board approve other CSIU Programs in the amount of $570,783 based on estimates developed January 2011 as explained as per attached page, section "B".

7. **Dell Maintenance Service Agreement Approval**
Be it recommended to renew a Dell Maintenance Service Agreement for a Dell Server and External Storage Devise at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School for an additional three years of Next Business Day Support at a cost of $3,437.54 with Dell Corporation, Round Rock, Texas.

8. **Annual E-Rate Filing Service Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the Year 14 Annual E-rate Filing Service with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit at a price of $3,675 as per attached page.

9. **E-Mail Archiving Software Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the upgrade of Line Mountain School District Email Archiving Software with Stimulus Software, Houston, TX from a trial version to the Enterprise Edition. The one-time fee for the upgrade is $2,998.01 which includes one full year of maintenance and support. Cost to be paid from Technology Budget.

10. **Laptop Purchase Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the purchase of (4) Hewlett Packard laptop computers from CDW-Government, Vernon Hills, IL for the District and Jr/Sr High School administrators at a cost of $3,998.44. Pricing is through Costars -3 IT Hardware Contract and will be paid by the Technology Budget.

Mr. Sample requested information on the use of the laptop computers being replaced with the above purchase of new computers. Mr. Harro explained that The computers most recently having been replaced are currently being used in the district by the maintenance staff and in the Jr/Sr High School office.

11. **Software Purchase Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the Comprehensive Package (Math, Reading, and Writing) for the 9th and 10th grades from Study Island, Dallas, TX at a cost of $1,657.50 for the first year.

12. **HVAC Unit Purchase Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve replacement of the Jr/Sr High School Library HVAC Unit from LTS Plumbing and Heating, Paxinos, PA at a cost of $9,980.00. Funds allocated through Capital Projects as per attached page.

Mr. Erdman requested the possibility of the replaced HVAC unit being donated to the Northumberland County Career & Technology Center. The unit would serve as an instrument for Line Mountain students attending the center in the HVAC field to have hands on experience in that application.

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

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10, A11 and A12 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

13. **Motion to abandon the Dalmatia Elementary Building Project**
Be it recommended that the Board abandon the pursuit of the new Dalmatia Elementary building project and reconsider the renovation of the existing building.

Moved by Charles Sample and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number A13.

Mr. Sample requested that the Board reconsider the building project vote. It is his opinion that the District cannot afford any expenditures for the Dalmatia building at this time. There was considerable discussion regarding the efforts to balance the budget at this time without the additional incurred expenses of a new building.

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After discussion, it was decided to amend the above motion to read to stop pursuit of a new building. The option for renovation was removed from the motion.

This Item was voted on separately.
Motion to amend Motion A13 to read stop pursuit of a new building
Be it recommended that the Board stop pursuit of a new Dalmatia building.

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

Moved by Charles Sample and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve the above Motion and passed by a vote of 6 yes, 2 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Dennis Erdman and Lauren Hackenberg casting the negative votes.

This Item was voted on separately.
Motion to amend Motion A13 to read suspend pursuit of new building
Be it recommended that the Board amend the above Motion to read that the Board suspend the Dalmatia Elementary building project.

Mr. Bartholomew expressed his concerns about the need to balance the budget for the 2011-2012 school year. The Board discussed the current budget concerns. Mr. Rapant presented each board member with a summary of Referendum Exceptions for the budget year 2011-2012 and reviewed the report. The Board continued discussion on the building project and state budget. Mrs. Hackenberg presented the Board with several pictures she had taken at the Dalmatia Elementary School showing some of the current structural problems. She expressed her concerns of not providing a proper educational facility in which over one half of the District's elementary student body is in attendance. Mr. Neidig requested that the Board consider tabling the building project at least for a few months enabling the District to surpass the impending budget timeline. Mr. Lagerman reported on the status of the leaking roof at this time. It is his opinion that the roof could be patched and would be adequate until the new building is complete. Mr. Laudenslager reviewed the projected possible millage increases based upon renovations and new construction and expressed his desire to continue with the project at this time.

Mrs. Heather Troutman, a teacher at Dalmatia Elementary, requested information on the previously proposed renovation of the building and how the estimated cost for the project was calculated. She asked how valid the projected costs tend to be in such an extensive renovation project with the possibility of multiple unknown obstacles arising during the renovations. Mr. Laudenslager replied that the figures presented by the architectural firms tend to be fairly accurate based upon his experience. Much of the renovation expense at Dalmatia would be to relocate the central office for security purposes.

Mr. Erdman reminded the Board of Mr. Bower's comment of the negative affect upon the students should the renovation project proceed while students are in the classrooms which is inevitable. There was discussion on the benefits of possibly freezing the construction for a few months and the likely changes in construction costs. It was decided to amend the previous Motion by changing the words "stop pursuit" with "suspend". This would allow for a few months to realize the affects of the state budget cuts and finalize the 2011-2012 school budget.

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

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve the above Item and passed by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Lauren Hackenberg casting the negative vote.

This Item was voted on separately. (Final amended A13 Motion)
Motion to suspend the Dalmatia Building Project
Be it recommended that the Board suspend the Dalmatia Elementary Building Project.

There was discussion among board members in regards to the suspension of the project. Suspension of the architectural project is possible until the contracts are signed.

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

Moved by Charles Sample and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve the above Item and failed to pass by a vote of 4 yes, 4 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Denise Clouser, Dennis Erdman, Lauren Hackenberg and Troy Laudenslager casting the negative votes.

This Item was voted on separately.

14. **Motion to suspend activity on the Maintenance Shed Project**
Be it recommended that the Board suspend activity on the Jr/SR High School Maintenance Storage Shed.

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

Moved by Charles Sample and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve Item Number A14 and failed to pass by a vote of 3 yes, 5 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Denise Clouser, Dennis Erdman, Lauren Hackenberg, Troy Laudenslager and Lawrence Neidig casting the negative votes.

This Item was voted on separately.

15. **Motion to donate HVAC unit**

Be it recommended that the Board donate the HVAC unit being replaced at the Jr/Sr High School to the Northumberland County Career & Technology Center.

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

Mrs. Clouser asked if the one operational unit from the Trevorton building could not possibly be put to use somewhere in the District. Mr. Lagerman and Mr. Campbell replied that they had explored that option and decided it would not be a cost effective option. The motion originally was to donate the two HVAC units and was modified to donate only the Jr/Sr High HVAC unit at this time.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number A15 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **FMLA Approval**

The administration recommends approval to amend the dates of Family Medical leave for employee #2012 from March 16, 2011 through April 11, 2011 to March 18, 2011 through April 18, 2011.

2. **Coaches/Advisors**

The administration recommends approval of the resignation of Lon Balum as Head Varsity Wrestling Coach for the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School effective March 22, 2011.

b. The administration recommends approval of Josh Brosius as a Volunteer Baseball Coach pending clearances.

Dennis Erdman expressed his gratitude to Mr. Balum for his service as the wrestling coach this past season.

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

Moved by Denise Clouser and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Numbers B1 and B2 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

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.

b. Additional Faculty Conferences attached.

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

b. Additional Field Trips attached.

This Item was tabled.

3. **GED Equivalent Diploma Approval**
The administration recommends approval for a former Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School student to receive a GED Equivalent Diploma.

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number C3.

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

There was discussion among board members as to the possible implications that could arise in granting an individual a diploma with Line Mountain School District's name applied. The Board decided to table this Item at this time and seek further instruction from the solicitor.

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Denise Clouser to table Item Number C3 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

4. **Student Activities Manual Approval**
Be it recommended that the board approve the Student Activities Manual and Student Activities Handbook effective March 23, 2011.

Mr. Neidig announced he felt there were a few conflicts with the above manual and Board Policy 618. Board Policy Number 618 will need to be reviewed and amended to be in compliance.

5. **Use of Facilities**
The Line Mountain Wrestling Boosters request the use of the cafeteria and auditorium on Sunday, April 3, 2011, from 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM for their annual wrestling banquet.

6. **Program of Studies Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the 2011-2012 Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Program of Studies.

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

Moved by Denise Clouser and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Numbers C1, C2, C4, C5 and C6 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Campbell expressed his congratulations to the Girls Basketball team who won two rounds in state playoff games. Zain Retherford and Travis Erdman placed in state wrestling competition, and Michelle Giordanni placed in the PIAA swimming competition. Former Line Mountain graduate, John Fausey, placed in the NCAA wrestling tournament. The students and advisors did a wonderful presentation as the musical production was a great success.

Mr. Roadcap also commented on the OM teams recent competition with the elementary team advancing to the state level of competition. Ben Harner placed first in the Sun Area FFA Public Speaking Contest and will advance to the regional competition. He also reminded those in attendance of the Parent Awareness Night to be held on Thursday night.

Mr. Bartholomew asked Mr. Harro if each teacher has a computer for their own professional use. He remarked that parents have expressed situations where teachers are not responding to their calls. Mr. Roadcap requested information to enable him to follow up on the contacts.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dennis Erdman made the motion and Lawrence Neidig seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary