LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING April 12, 2011

I. President Troy Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Leck Kill Elementary Cafeteria.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Bryan Buddock	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
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	Absent

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	Present
Amy Jo Adams	Food Service Director	Absent
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

Justin Strawser of "The News Item" and approximately fifty 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, March 1, 2011 as per attached pages
Regular Meeting, March 22, 2011 as per attached pages

Dennis Erdman 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. Laudenslager reported that as per the request of the Business Admnistrator, Philip Rapant, Agenda Item Number A5 is being removed from the agenda Upon receipt of updated information the Item will be placed on a future agenda.

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 reported that an executive session was held on April 7, 2011 for the purpose of personnel issues. In addition, there will be an executive session immediately following tonight's meeting for personnel issues.
2. Mr. Campbell reported on the budget deficit at the present time at approximately $1,993,000.00 after the state announced a budget cut of roughly $936,500.00. After budget cuts were implemented, the budget deficit currently stands at $1,543,325.00. The superintendent reported on the various grant programs that have been cut as part of the state budget. Additional meetings with Representatives Linda Schlegel Culver and Kurt Masser are scheduled and the public is asked to contact them expressing their concerns over the education budget cuts. Mr. Campbell presented a Power Point presentation showing the budget increases, possible budget savings and other cost savings ideas. Possible budget balancing mechanisms such as budget cuts already implemented, freezing salaries and benefits, employee position reduction, closing Leck Kill Elementary School, school restructuring, participation fees for student activities and athletics, and community involvement were the main topics.
3. Mr. Campbell encouraged the public to research the present practice of Cyber Schools and their performance effectiveness.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Principals Report

1. Mr. Roadcap presented each board member with a printed report on current activities at the Jr/Sr High School.
2. Mr. Campbell reported that Mr. Roadcap, two class advisors, and himself will be meeting with the graduating seniors on June 4, 2011 to meet the 180 day attendance requirement prior to graduation.

D. Property Committee

1. Mr. Campbell announced there will be a Property Committee Meeting held on May 2, 2011 at 6:30 at the Jr/Sr High School Library.
2. Mr. Lagerman reported that the well pump water line filtration system is out for bid. Bids are due April 22, 2011. The warehouse addition project is out for bid and the bids are due April 27. 2011. Mr. Sample questioned the current status of the water at the Jr/Sr High School. Mr Lagerman reported that the water quality is being tested regularly and is good at this time.

E. Policy Committee

No report.

F. Fiscal Committee

No report.

G. Personnel Committee

No. report.

H. Northumberland County Area Vocational Technical School Report

1. Mr. Erdman reported the next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

1. Mr. Neidig reported the CSIU had met last week and extended a contract to Dr. Kevin Singer as the new executive director.

VIII. **ACTION ITEM**

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

This Item was voted on separately.

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 April 6, 2011 as per attached pages.

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

David Bartholomew questioned the detail for Check Number 22553 payable to Fossil Connoisseur, Inc in the amount of $1595.00. Check number 22553 was presented to the board and shown to be payment for an assembly program.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve Item Number A1 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

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 page.

4. **National School Lunch and Breakfast Program**
Be it recommended that the Board approve participation in the USDA Donated Commodity Program and National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Lauren Hackenberg to approve Item Numbers A2, A3, and A4 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was removed from the agenda.

5. **2011-2012 Food Service Management Approval**
Motion to approve the 2011-2012 contract with Nutrition, Inc. to provide food service management services at a cost of Management & Administration Fee at $_____ and a guaranteed return of _____.

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

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **FMLA Approval**
   a. The administration recommends approval of Family Medical Leave for employee #2344 commencing on a date to be determined continuing through 12 weeks.

   b. The administration recommends approval of Family Medical Leave for employee #8310 commencing on a date to be determined continuing through 6 to 8 weeks.

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

The administration requests 4 additional hours for Peg Haverovich, Megan Brubaker, and Dianne Hartman to set-up and participate in Title I Family Literacy Night on April 11, 2011 at the hourly rate as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. All expenditures to be paid from Title I.

Mr. Sample expressed his concerns regarding payments at the Collective Bargaining Agreement rate to an individual who is not certified. He further expressed his judgment that individuals who may be hired for summer programs preferably are filled with certified professional employees.

3. **Spring Sports Support Personnel**

The administration recommends approval of the following Spring Support Personnel as per the spring support personnel payment schedule for 2010-2011 with scorekeepers in a payment range of $7.00 to $15.00 per game and game managers in a payment range of $30.00 to $40.00 per game:

Scorekeepers	Game Managers
Kaytee Mattern	Sophia Molesevich
Jayci London	
Allison Wolfe	
Ciera Lahr	
Cole Rickert	
Sara Whitsel	
Kurt Mace	

Mr. Neidig questioned if the above personnel were all volunteers. He further suggested if there are payment amounts to be made, they should be included as part of the agenda item.

4. **Classified Personnel**

The administration recommends approval of the resignation of Heather Feese, personal care aide at Trevorton Elementary School effective the end of the school year.

5. **Uncompensated Leave Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following uncompensated leave for the 2010-2011 school year:

Name	Dates	Type
Debra Novinger	4/04/11	Health
Dawn Paczkowski	3/8, 9, 10, 11, 30/11	Family Necessity
Heather Slotterback	6/2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10/11	Family Necessity
Cynthia Wood	3/21, 22, 23, 24, 30, 31/11	Health

6. **School Social Worker Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the addition of the job description and position of School Social Worker as per attached page.

7. **Externship Agreement Approval**
The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) of a 40 hour externship agreement for Lainey Campbell with Susquehanna University at no cost to the district.

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Numbers B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6 and B7 and carried by a vote of 9 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.

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

3. **Reading Program Approval**
The administration seeks approval for therapy dogs from the Susquehanna Trails Dog Training Club to visit classrooms in all buildings for student to read to them as per attached page.

4. **2011-2012 School Calendar Change Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following change to the 2011-2012 school calendar as per attached page:

4th Snow make-up day changed from Monday, April 9, 2012 to Thursday, April 5, 2012.

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

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Numbers C1, C2, C3 and C4, and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment:

There were comments from the general public regarding the affect on the music program at the secondary level if the elementary music curriculum is discontinued. There was a brief discussion regarding the negative standing of the military on Cyber School educated students. Student fees for participation in athletics and music activities were also discussed, but not likely an option due to the minimal revenue that would be generated.

Francine Ferster questioned the status on the proposed Dalmatia Elementary School Building project. President Laudenslager reported that at this time the project is ongoing. Mr. Campbell presented a tax calculator spreadsheet which is available at the school website that enables each taxpayer to input their current real estate tax assessment and view the changes to the tax fees as per the various millage increases. President Laudenslager commented the average assessed value for a district property is 13,000. Mr. Campbell explained the assessed value as compared to the fair market value. Mr. Neidig commented that the assessed value is generally just over twenty percent of the fair market value.

Francine Ferster questioned the Jr/Sr High School electives that could be considered for elimination. Mr. Campbell commented that the student population enrollment would have to be measured prior to making any decisions. Possible electives that could be contemplated for elimination could be Art and German.

Kim Poltonavage commented on the possible eliminations to the elementary library program. In this geographical area, there is no public library available to our students and therefore increasing the importance of access to the school libraries for our students.

The final budget for the school district must be passed prior to June 30, 2011. The preliminary budget must be passed thirty days prior to the final budget. For this reason the District is on a timeline to make decisions and proceed with the preliminary budget. Mr. Buddock commented on the multiple positions at Upper Dauphin Area School District that are being cut. There will be a special meeting on April 26, 2011 to which the general public is invited and encouraged to participate in the budget crisis talks.

X. There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dennis Erdman made the motion and Lauren Hackenberg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary