LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING April 26, 2011

I. President Troy Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM in the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Auditorium.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Absent
Bryan Buddock	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Absent
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	Absent
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Absent
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Absent
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Present
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Absent

OTHERS

David Levan of "The Upper Dauphin Sentinel" and approximately eighty-five 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. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. Mr. Campbell reviewed the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget Crisis Power Point Presentation which had been presented at the April 12, 2011 board meeting. Currently there is a 1.9 million dollar budget deficit which is partially a result of Governor Corbett's state budget proposal showing a 14.25% decrease in state subsidies in the amount of $936,555.00.

Mr. Campbell asked the public present for their comments and suggestions. Approximately twenty community members and school district employees expressed their concerns regarding the anticipated restructuring of elementary and secondary school programs. Christine Sanders presented each board member with a music education survey as a compilation of information gathered from present elementary teachers. Larry Fisher talked about the motivational influence music has on his students. Erin Musser spoke about the opportunity her learning support students have to participate with other students in the special classes. Matthew Shaul related how his elementary music education led to his choosing a career in music education. Diane Rompallo spoke about the importance of music to the developing band program at Line Mountain. Sandra Kessler expressed her concerns regarding the importance of art in the elementary program. Kim Poltonavage voiced her concerns with elimination of the elementary library system which would restrict access to printed material for our students because there is no public library within the boundaries of the school district. Amy Young voiced her opinion regarding the importance of elementary specials being made available to children who would otherwise not be able to participate in the music, art and library programs.

Members of the general public who chose to speak regarding the upcoming decisions included Rita Gahres, Carol Hoover, Amy Wolfe, Joann Teiter, Jennifer Houseman, Regina Bortz, Carol Snyder and Judith White. Dana Brown, Faith Candelora and Kyle Houseman spoke representing the student body. These individuals commented on the importance of the music, art and library programs for the students at Line Mountain School District.

Several members of the Line Mountain Arts Council expressed their concerns regarding the significance of the music program in the district. The value of opportunities that are made available to our students who otherwise could or would not be able to participate in music education privately was presented as an important issue.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Administrative Personnel**

The administration recommends employment of Jeanne Menko as Elementary School Principal for the Line Mountain Elementary Schools effective June 14, 2011 at a salary of $72,000.00 per year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve Action Item Number B1 and carried by a vote of 6 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Charles Sample casting the negative vote.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAM

NONE

VI. Public Comment:

President Laudenslager spoke on his personal behalf regarding the imposing budget cuts and the importance of the forthcoming decisions that have to be made. He asked that everyone contact their local state representatives and voice their concerns with the state education budget cuts.

Wesley Wagner expressed the practice currently underway at another school district where the students and parents are being encouraged to hand write letters to get the message to state legislators.

Board Comment:

Mr. Campbell summarized that somehow the Board has to make decisions that will get the revenues to match the expenses. He showed the tax calculator spreadsheet on the website and explained the information available on the tax worksheet and how to use the worksheet to calculate the proposed tax increase relative to each taxpayer's real estate assessment.

Charles Sample applauded the parents, teachers and students present for their involvement in the budget crisis. He commented that art, music and library are programs that cyber schools cannot offer to their students and encouraged all to work together on the cyber school problem.

Lauren Hackenberg also thanked the public for their participation and requested that they contact their state legislators and board members and let their opinions be known.

President Laudenslager announced the executive session held prior to tonight's meeting would continue immediately following the adjournment of tonight's board meeting for personnel reasons.

VII. There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Bryan Buddock made the motion and Lauren Hackenberg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary