LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING August 9, 2011

I. President Troy Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Library.

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	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
Jeanne Menko	Elementary School Principal	Present
Jeffrey Lagerman	Dean of Students/Athletics Director	Present
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	Present

OTHERS

Justin Strawser of "The News Item", Josh Bower of Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates – Architects, Peter Fleszar of Glace Associates and approximately ten 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. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Denise Clouser made the motion and David Bartholomew seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

Kent Smeltz, representing the Baseball Boosters requested permission to address the Board regarding the purchase of a scoreboard for the baseball field. He informed the Board of ongoing improvements that are being done on the baseball infield at this time. Mr. Smeltz also commented on their unsuccessful efforts to secure funding from local banking facilities to sponsor the purchase of a scoreboard. The boosters have examined the condition of the existing scoreboard and found that its condition is beyond repair. They are currently asking the School Board to consider purchasing a replacement scoreboard for the baseball field as all the other athletic fields have functional scoreboards.

Mr. Smeltz stated the concession stand will need to be replaced and the Boosters will take full responsibility for the stand. Mr. Campbell stated that Tim Lagerman and Jeff Lagerman will look into the situation.

President Laudenslager announced the need for an executive session for the purpose of a legal matter and a personnel issue at 6:42 PM. The meeting reconvened at 7:46 PM.

VI. Reports

A. Superintendent

1. Mr. Campbell announced that he will present the PSSA Annual Report and Power Point presentation at the next board meeting.
2. The Superintendent also commented that staff is preparing for the opening of school in less than three weeks.

B. Business Administrator

No Report.

C. Principals

1. Mrs. Menko prepared, presented and reviewed survey results from the elementary professional staff regarding the options for the elementary building project. The majority of the staff responded to the survey in favor of the option to build a K-3 structure in the Red Cross area and house all grade 4-6 students at the Trevorton School. Mrs. Menko will continue researching bussing issues.
2. Mr. Roadcap reported the upcoming school year scheduling is going well. He has presented changes intended to be made to the School Handbook and asked that board members review the changes and let him know if any corrections/changes are needed.
3. Mr. Roadcap asked Mr. Fisher to speak briefly regarding the recent grant awarded to the Line Mountain Band from Pepsi-Cola. Mr. Fisher explained the Pepsi Refresh Grant program and voting system which resulted in the $50,000 grant awarded to Line Mountain Marching Band to be used for the purchase of new band uniforms. The Board commended Mr. Fisher on his efforts and commitment to the band program making the grant award possible.

D. Property

1. Mr. Tim Lagerman updated the Board on some ongoing projects and introduced Peter Fleszar of Glace Associates to address the Board on the well change order.

2. Mr. Fleszar explained the work that is required to move the Aquavar controller to the new location. The Board expressed their disappointment with the change order and suggested that it was an overlook on the part of the system designers in the initial stages of the project which is now a financial burden to the District. The Board requested clarification on the change order to include an itemized listing of work and materials. The Board also requested that the change order specifically state that heat will be included in the new controller box site.

3. Mr. Lagerman reported on the purchase of a fence for the athletic fields which is included as an agenda item tonight. The fence will serve multiple purposes once it is installed.

E. Policy

Mr. Neidig requested in the future only one copy of policy revision be generated with the material to be deleted having a strike through and the new material having an underscore. This would eliminate the need for printing two copies of the policy.

F. Fiscal

No report.

G. Personnel

No report.

H. Northumberland County Career & Technology Center

Mr. Erdman reported the new Administrative Director, James Monaghan, is on board at the Technical Center. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night with discussion on the hiring of an HVAC instructor to continue.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Neidig reported the new Executive Director, Dr. Kevin Singer, is on board and is being received in a positive manner. There is no Board Meeting this month.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **School Bus Transportation Contract Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2010-2011 finalized transportation contract #001 with Marvin E. Klinger, Inc., Dornsife, PA at a daily rate of $7,138.10.

2. **2011-2012 School Vehicle Contractors**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the following school vehicle contractors for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of $1.55 per approved daily miles:

- Marjorie Derck – Shamokin, PA
- Gail Harris – Dornsife, PA
- Janet Schwartz – Trevorton, PA
- Ken Harris – Dornsife, PA

3. **2011-2012 Private Bus Companies Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the following private bus companies to provide transportation for field trips and athletic events as requested by teachers and coaches, pending clearances and certificates of insurance for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Catawese Coach Company
- Rohrer Bus Company
- King Koal

4. **School Picture Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve (pending clearances) Overby Photography, Hershey, PA to take the 2011-2012 school pictures at no cost to the district.

5. **Appointment of Financial Auditors**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Schaeffer, Eichner & Wagner, LLP, Certified Public Accountants of Selinsgrove, PA as financial auditors with a three year contract to meet the requirements of generally accepted auditing standards of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and single Audit Act of 1982 at a fee of $15,000.00 for the 2010-2011 school year, $15,000.00 for the 2011-2012 school year, and $15,000.00 for the 2012-2013 school year. Any additional work performed will be charged at the standard hourly rate as follows:

Partner	$150
Staff Accountant	$ 90
Clerical	$ 65

This Item was voted on separately.

6. **Appeals for Local Tax Collectors**
The administration recommends approval of the Appeals of Local Tax Collectors for the 2011 taxes as per attached page.

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

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number A6, and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 1 abstentions on roll call vote with Dennis Erdman abstaining.

This Item was tabled.

7. **Change Order Approval**
Be it recommended to approve a change order for the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School well project as per attached page.

8. **Sports Officials Payment Approval**
The administration recommends the suggested payment for Sports Officials beginning with the start of the 2011 school year:

<u>Varsity Sports</u>	
Baseball (2 officials)	$70.00
Suspended Games	$10 per inning
Basketball (2 officials)	$70.00
(3 officials)	$65.00
Field Hockey (2 officials)	$100.00 JV&V
Football (6 officials)	$70.00
Soccer (2 officials)	$70.00
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Softball (2 officials)	$65.00
JV/Varsity	$90
Suspended Game	$10 per inning
Wrestling (1 official)	$80.00
<u>Junior Varsity</u>	
Baseball (2 officials)	$55.00
Basketball (2 officials)	$55.00
Field Hockey (2 officials)	$61.00
Football (5 officials)	$55.00
Soccer (2 officials)	$60.00
Softball (2 officials)	$55.00
<u>Junior High / Middle School</u>	
Basketball (2 officials)	$45.00 (1 game)
	$60.00 (2 games)
Field Hockey (2 officials)	$45.00 (1 game)
	$60.00 (2 games)
Wrestling (1 official)	$50.00

9. **Fencing Installation Approval**
Be it recommended that the board approve the installation of a 6 foot high chain link fence at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School at a cost not to exceed $8,000.00.

10. **Highmark Grant Approval**
Be it recommended to approve a grant from the Highmark Foundation in the amount of $9,999.00 for the purchase of in-school SPARK curriculum and related materials as per attached page.

Lawrence Neidig requested clarification on the SPARK program. Mrs. Menko explained it is a fitness program geared toward promoting physical fitness in elementary students.

11. **Elementary School Assembly Programs**
Be it recommended that the Board grant permission for Administration to execute contracts for the following elementary assembly programs pending clearances as per attached page:

Program	Vendor	Amount
Planetarium Dome Theater Trevorton Elementary 9/20/11	Kramer Entertainment, Grand Rapids MI	$2,025.00
Planetarium Dome Theater Dalmatia Elementary 9/21/11	Kramer Entertainment, Grand Rapids MI	$1,675.00

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

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

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Coaches/Advisors**
The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) of the following coaches/advisors for the 2011-2012 school year:

Coach	Position	Salary
Michael Carson	Head Football Coach	$4,450.00
Darwin Marquette	Assistant Football Coach	$3,610.00
Brian Wetzel	Assistant Football Coach	$2,200.00
Joshua Daniels	Assistant Football Coach	$1,930.00
Rodney Knock	Assistant Football Coach	$1,840.00
Bryan Martz	Assistant Football Coach	$1,840.00
Brandon Carson	Volunteer Asst. Football Coach	$ -0-
Mike Buriak	Volunteer Asst. Football Coach	$ -0-
Ryan Feger	Volunteer Asst. Football Coach	$ -0-
Todd Wenrich	Volunteer Asst. Football Coach	$ -0-
Jill Martz-Yisrael	Head Field Hockey Coach	$2,170.00
Meghan Daniels	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	$ -0-

Devyn Brosius	Volunteer Field Hockey Coach	$ -0-
Jill Martz-Yisrael	Head MS Field Hockey Coach	$1,460.00
Shawn Walshaw-Wertz	Head Boys Soccer Coach	$2,260.00
Kevin Bortz	Volunteer Asst. Boys Soccer Coach	$ -0-
Clayton Pollard	Volunteer Asst. Boys Soccer Coach	$ -0-
Sean Strohecker	Volunteer Asst. Boys Soccer Coach	$ -0-
Craig Taxis	Head Girls Soccer Coach	$1,990.00
Shannon Snyder	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	$1,480.00
Scott Kissinger	Volunteer Asst. Girls Soccer Coach	$ -0-
Loni Briner	Fall Head Cheerleading Advisor	$1,450.00
Lindsay Shaffer	Volunteer Cheerleading Advisor	$ -0-
Amy Shipe	MS Girls Basketball Coach	$1,100.00
Larry Fisher	Marching Band Advisor	$2,710.00
Ellen Benfer	Asst. Marching Band Advisor	$2,020.00
Heather Feese	Band Majorette Instructor	$1,425.00
Larry Fisher	Instrumental Director	$2,620.00
Francine Ferster	FFA Advisor	$2,835.00
Karrie Bowman	FBLA Advisor	$1,335.00
Chuck Johnson	Assistant Wrestling Coach	$2,110.00
Darin Keim	JH Wrestling Coach	$1,345.00
Robert Renn	JH Wrestling Coach	$2,065.00
Mike Shingara	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	$ -0-
Joshua Phillips	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	$ -0-
Jesse Reed	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	$ -0-
Lon Balum	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	$ -0-
Wolfgang Downs	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	$ -0-
Troy Laudenslager	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	$ -0-
Fred Martz	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	$ -0-
Michael Reed	Head Girls Basketball Coach	$3,190.00
Jon Raker	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	$2,200.00
Sophia Molesevich	Volunteer Asst. Girls Basketball Coach	$ -0-
Autumn Spotts	Volunteer Asst. Girls Basketball Coach	$ -0-
Tara Werley	Volunteer Asst. Girls Basketball Coach	$ -0-
Allison Reiner	Volunteer Asst. Girls Basketball Coach	$ -0-
Rodney Knock	Head Baseball Coach	$1,990.00
Mike Brosius	Assistant Baseball Coach	$1,570.00
Jordan Taraschuk	Head Softball Coach	$2,080.00
Douglas Fessler	Assistant Softball Coach	$1,570.00
Amy Shipe	Assistant Softball Coach	$1,390.00
Holly Billow	Volunteer Asst. Softball Coach	$ -0-
Vanessa Straub	Volunteer Asst. Softball Coach	$ -0-
Christine Sanders	Vocal Director	$1,450.00
Christine Sanders	Musical Director	$1,425.00
Tara Deljanovan	Drama Advisor	$1,245.00
Alwin Bethge	Volunteer Asst. Girls Soccer Coach	$ -0-
Lyndi Snyder	Volunteer Asst. Girls Soccer Coach	$ -0-
Alvin Zeiders	Volunteer Asst. Girls Soccer Coach	$ -0-
Pam Foulds	Volunteer Asst. Girls Soccer Coach	$ -0-

Mr. Sample voiced his opinion regarding the inclusion of the position of boy's basketball coach with the entire group of coaches and advisors. That position was pulled from above group and added as a separate item.

This Item was voted on separately.

b. Craig Reichard Head Boys Basketball Coach $1,810.00

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

Mr. Sample expressed his concerns regarding the hiring of this individual for the position of head boy's basketball coach. David Levan commented on his displeasure with the course that had been taken in the hiring process and the selection of an individual with no secondary coaching experience. Cheryl Marciniak questioned the hiring of an inexperienced coach. She expressed her concerns regarding the future of the basketball program. She asked that the Board consider readvertising the position. Mr. Laudenslager commented on the willingness of interested parents and other individuals that volunteer and participate in the other sports and asked that the basketball boosters attempt to generate more involvement in their sport to advance participation. He expressed his opinion that readvertising for the position was not the solution to the problem at this time. Mr. Sample commented that there is considerable interest in the elementary basketball program which does not carry on to the secondary level. Mr. Roadcap stated that he was on the interview committee and they selected the individual they felt best suited for the position. Mr. Campbell commented on the hardships involved in securing coaching applicants, especially with the cutbacks to the professional staff. He assured those in attendance that the advertise and interview process was according to District policy. Mr. Laudenslager expressed his opinion that the Athletic Director, Jeffrey Lagerman, having been the most recent basketball coach, was involved in the interview process and is following his suggestion on the applicant selection.

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number B1b, and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Charles Sample casting the negative vote.

2. **Summer School Substitute Teacher Approval**
The administration recommends approval of Margaret Mielke as a substitute teacher for the summer school program at $22.00 per hour as per the LMEA collective bargaining agreement.

3. **Classified Personnel**
The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) of the hiring of Richard Hood as custodian at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School at a rate of $10.00 per hour effective August 22, 2011.

4. **Day to Day Substitute Teacher Approval**

The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) of the following day to day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Certification	Name	Certification
Judy Brown	Elementary	Rosanne Carson	Elementary
Katie Carter	Chemistry	Sarah Degnitz	Music
David Deppen	Elementary	Mills Eure	Social Studies
Emily Faust	Elementary	Lindsay Fleming	Early Childhood
Karen Fenstermacher	Elementary	Cheryl Ibberson	Home Economics
Tonya Kehler	Elementary	Tracy Kuhns	Elementary
Larry Lenig	Elementary	Cassandra Luciano	Elementary
Michael Martz	Business	Brittany Maurer	Elementary
Timothy Mazer	Citizenship	Marie Mielke	Elementary
Juliann Mogish	Chemistry	Harold Morgan	Social Studies
Kristin Newman	Elementary	Joanne Risso	Elementary
Susan Rothermel	Accounting	Eric Segada	Biology
Diane Schreffler	Elementary	Lindsay Shaffer	Chemistry
Bonnie Snyder	Elementary	Peggy Starr	Elementary
Cheryl Strauser	Special Education	Brigette Styers	Elementary
Jane Sweppenhiser	Health & P.E.	Brooke Tressler/Carson	Elementary
Nathan Williard	Elementary	Shannon Witmer	Social Studies
Laura Michael	Spec. Ed/Elem.	Andrea Taylor	Elementary
Trisha Herb	Elementary	Bonita Campbell	Emergency
Heather Feese	Emergency	Stanley Hojnacki	Emergency
Timothy Kincaid	Emergency	Debra Leitzel	Emergency
Michelle Michaels	Emergency	Tiffany Myers	Emergency
Heaven Reinard	Emergency	Alysha Renn	Emergency
Mitchell Rife	Emergency	Tara Smith	Emergency
Stacey Snyder	Emergency	Helen Vandervoort	Emergency
Richard Vanslavie	Emergency	Erin Wetzel	Emergency
Aaron Godlewski	Health & P.E.		

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

The administration recommends approval of up to an additional 7 hours for Mary Ann Taxis at the LMEA contracted rate of $22.00 per hour for work beyond the school day.

6. **Classified Personnel**

The administration recommends approval of the resignation of Jennifer Houseman, cafeteria worker at Dalmatia Elementary effective immediately.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Numbers B1a, B2, B3, B4, B5 and B6 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAMS

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Faculty Conferences Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the faculty conferences as per attached page.

2. **First Reading of Policy Approval**
Be it recommended to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 130, Homework revised policy attached.
- 132, Alternative Education revised policy attached
- 204, Attendance revised policy attached
- 204.1, Educational Tours and Trips revised policy attached
- 208, Withdrawal from School revised policy attached
- 209, Health Examinations revised policy attached
- 231, Social Events and Class trips revised policy attached
- 237, Electronic Devices revised policy attached
- 249, Bullying revised policy attached
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RECOMMENDED ACTION
That the Board of School Directors approve
the above policy and program action.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve Item Numbers C1 and C2 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

VIII. Public Comment: None

Board Comment:
Mr. Bower presented to the Board seven sites in the Red Cross area which would be suitable building sites for a new elementary school. Mr. Campbell briefly explained the location of each site.

Roy Maurer questioned the 2006 vote to renovate the buildings rather than consolidate and build a new elementary school. He questioned the legality of the current discussion of a new building project without rescinding the 2006 vote to renovate the building. Solicitor Richard Roberts explained that as a new agenda item is created it is implied that it rescinds previous related agenda items. Mr. Laudenslager explained that currently nothing is being done in relation to the Dalmatia building project as a result of the last vote to stop all activity until further notice. Roy Maurer questioned the cost of the renovations to the Dalmatia building and asked if there was an itemized list of the costs. Mr. Bower responded there is an itemized list of the costs and has been available at past board meetings.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of an additional elementary facility being constructed at the site of the Jr/Sr High School and the possibility of additional classrooms at the Trevorton facility. These are not favorable options due to parking area, water, and sewage concerns among others.

Mr. Laudenslager asked the Board for input on the four options that were presented at the July 19th board meeting. After discussion, the Board is in agreement that it would be in the best interests of the District to have all sections of one grade in the same building if possible with a new building centrally located in the Red Cross area. Administration will continue pursuit of a centrally located property suitable for construction of an elementary facility. At this point all options are still open.

IX. Motion to Adjourn:

X. There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Charles Sample made the motion and Lamont Masser seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary