LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING August 23, 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	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Absent
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	Absent
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	Absent
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Rick Dandes of "The Daily Item", Justin Strawser of "The News Item", Josh Bower of Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates – Architects and approximately ten members of the general public were present.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, July 19, 2011 as per attached pages

Dennis Erdman made the motion and Lawrence Neidig seconded the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Charles Sample requested conversation specific to the retirement incentive for classified personnel. President Laudenslager advised that discussion would take place in executive session.

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

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

1. Mr. Campbell introduced Jenny Snyder representing the Line Mountain Arts Council. Ms. Snyder addressed the Board regarding the District's grand piano made possible by Helen Spotts many years ago. The piano is currently in need of repairs / restoration. In reply to the request for bids, Mr. Kobel has submitted a letter referencing his intentional work to be done to the piano at a cost of approximately $16,750.00. The Arts Council at this time is requesting permission to proceed with writing grants and fundraisers to obtain the finances to proceed with the preservation of the piano. Mr. Erdman thanked the Arts Council for taking the initiative to have the piano restored.
2. Mr. Campbell commented that the in-service held today went very well.
3. The superintendent mentioned that the first day of school is next Monday and kindergarten enrollment is higher than usual.
4. Mr. Roadcap also remarked that he felt today's in-service went very well and he expects the school year to be off to a really good start.
5. Ms. Menko presented the Board with statistics on the proposed bus routes indicating the number of students and the time range for the students being on the bus. The report summarized the percentages of students on the bus at the different time range intervals. She also presented Fifth and Sixth Grade Schedules indicating classes and the activity periods as currently scheduled.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Property Committee

No report.

D. Policy Committee

No report.

E. Fiscal Committee

No report.

F. Personnel Committee

No report.

G. Northumberland County Area Vocational Technical School Report
Mr. Erdman announced the NCAVTS has hired an HVAC instructor at the last meeting. The HVAC students will commence the school year in the electrical program until the transition to the new program is complete.

H. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
Mr. Neidig commented on last week's graduation of students from the CSIU nursing program. There is no board meeting this month.

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 August 17, 2011 as per attached pages..

b. Additional checks for payment as per attached page

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

3. **2011-2012 School Bus Contractor**
Be it recommended that the Board approve Marvin E. Klinger, Inc., Dornsife, PA as the bus contractor for the 2011-2012 school year and authorize the execution of Contract No. 001 for the Transportation of School Pupils at an estimated price of $1,270,307.11 as per attached pages.

Mr. Sample requested that the District consider the installation of cameras on the school buses. The Board briefly discussed that possibility and concluded the District would be responsible for the cost of the system. Mr. Masser requested information on the Schedule B which references the responsibility of the District in the event of excessive fluctuating fuel costs.

4. **2011-2012 Extra-Curricular Transportation Contract Agreement**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the extra-curricular transportation contract with Marvin E. Klinger, Inc., Dornsife PA for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at $11.45 per driver hour ($20.00 minimum per run) and $1.67 per mile ($20.00 minimum per run) under the same terms and conditions as per the 2010-2011 school year as per attached page..

5. **PlanCon K Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve PlanCon K permanent reimbursement percentage of 35.63% for the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2010 for the refinancing of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2005 as per attached pages.

6. **2011-2012 Northumberland County Career & Tech Center Budget Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2011-2012 NCCTC school budget of $2,012,827.00 of which Line Mountain's estimated share is $441,762.00.

7. **Online Software Renewal Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the Study Island Online software product from Study Island, Dallas, TX at a cost of $8,114.53.

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, and A7 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

8. **Investigation of Building Sites**
Be it recommended that the Board direct the Architects to investigate potential building sites in the Red Cross area.

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 A8 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Professional Personnel Approval**

a. The administration recommends approval of the employment of Nicole Porter, Muncy, PA as a 6th grade Science Teacher at Trevorton Elementary School at a salary of (BA Step 2) $34,426.00 effective August 23, 2011.

b. The administration recommends approval of the employment of Carl Krause, Selinsgrove, PA as Alternative Education Teacher at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School at a salary of (MA Step 17) $60,761.00 effective August 23, 2011.

There was a brief discussion among board members regarding the Alternative Education Program. Mr. Roadcap explained the current schedule of the students participating in the program.

2. **Coaches/Advisors**

The administration recommends approval of the following coaches/advisors for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Position	Salary
Tara Werley	MS Girls Basketball Coach	$1,190.00
James Leader	MS Boys Basketball Coach	$2,570.00
Chris Johnson	MS Boys Basketball Coach	$1,100.00
Michael Derck	Varsity Boys Asst. Basketball Coach	$1,390.00
Denya Stahl	MS Girls Field Hockey Coach	$1,190.00
Carol Hubler	Volunteer Musical Accompanist	$ -0-

3. **Personnel Contract Approval**

a. Motion to approve a contract with Stacy Grindstaff, Athletic Trainer.
b. Motion to approve a contract with Tracy Supsic, Social Worker.

4. **Work Beyond The School Day Approval**

a. The administration recommends approval of 2 hours for Joan Rothermel, Crystale Straub-Moyer, Beth Reed, Peggy Long, and Barbara Klebon at the LMEA contracted rate of $22.00 per hour for work beyond the school day for Kid Writing Parent Training.

b. The administration recommends approval of 1 ½ hours for Crystale Straub-Moyer at the LMEA contracted rate of $22.00 per hour for work beyond the school day for student testing.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve Item Numbers B1, B2, B3 and B4 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 Conference Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following faculty conferences for the 2011-2012 school year as per attached page:

2. **Field Trips Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following field trips for the 2011-2012 school year as per attached page.

3. **Grand Piano Restoration Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the donation of the restoration of the Grand Piano at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School with the cost to be borne by the Line Mountain Arts Council.

Mr. Buddock asked for clarification on the project if the fundraising efforts fall short of the necessary funds to proceed with the restoration. Ms. Snyder Advised that the restoration of the piano will not begin until the funds are in place.

4. **Second Reading of Policies**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the revised following policies and recommends them for second reading approval:

- 130 Homework as per attached page
- 204 Attendance as per attached pages
- 204.1 Educational Tours And Trips as per attached pages
- 208 Withdrawal From School as per attached pages
- 209 Health Examinations as per attached pages
- 231 Social Events and Class Trips as per attached pages
- 237 Electronic Devices as per attached page
- 249 Bullying/Cyberbulling as per attached pages

5. **2011-2012 Bus Schedules and Drivers Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the bus schedules and list of drivers for the 2011-2012 school year as per attached pages.

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, C2, C3, C4 and C5 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

President Laudenslager announced the need for an executive session for the purpose of several personnel matters at 7:15 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:09 PM.

Josh Bower of Crabtree, Rohrbach Associates – Architects advised that before the Firm could proceed with further plans on the Dalmatia building project the Board must decide on a site for the project. Further development of plans cannot proceed as the building plans will have to be coordinated with the building site. Conversation continued regarding the possibility of consolidation of the elementary schools in a centrally located site. Possible additions to the Trevorton School and construction at the Jr/Sr High School site were also discussed. Josh Bower explained in the experience of the architectural firm, when schools consolidate the result is a savings to the District. He also explained that not spending money (renovating the Dalmatia building rather than new construction) does not necessarily mean saving money in the long run.
Roy Maurer expressed his opinion that the District has chosen to renovate the existing buildings and should proceed with that plan.
Mr. Buddock expressed his opinion that the District should renovate the Dalmatia building spending less money.
Mr. Laudenslager expressed his opinion that the District should attempt to find centrally located property for construction of a new building and future consolidation of the elementary schools.
Mr. Erdman requested that the Board gather information on properties and move forward based on that information.
Superintendent Campbell expressed his opinion that he is concerned with expenditures and future state budget restrictions.
The Board made a motion, A8, directing the architects to proceed with investigation to possible building sites with information to be presented at the September 27, 2011 meeting.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dennis Erdman made the motion and Lamont Masser seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary