LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING October 25, 2011

I. President Troy Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM at the Trevorton Elementary School 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 (Arrived 6:34)	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Charles Sample	Absent
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	Present
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Present
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Present
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Rick Dandes of "The Daily Item", Justin Strawser of "The News Item", Joshua Bower of Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates – Architects 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. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, September 27, 2011 as per attached pages.

Lawrence Neidig made the motion and Denise Clouser seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda.

Dennis Erdman made the motion and David Bartholomew seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr. Campbell reported on the success of the work session held on Monday with principals and staff members.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Principals

Mrs. Menko reported on the Reading Intervention Program and the anticipated benefits from the software.

Mr. Roadcap reported on the recent open house, Book Fair, CSIU workshop for analyzing PSSA test results and upcoming Red Ribbon Week activities.

Mr. Lagerman reported on the success of the field hockey, boys soccer and football teams extending their seasons into playoff games. He also reported on the quotes obtained for a Fairplay Baseball Scoreboard. It is Mr. Lagerman's recommendation that the wireless feature option to the scoreboard not be included in the purchase. Mr. Lagerman will contact the boosters in an attempt to secure funds for Line Mountain signage on the scoreboard.

D. Property Committee

Mr. Lagerman provided board members with a listing of equipment from the Middle School Industrial Arts classroom requesting permission to sell the items. He also provided a listing of items to be purchased including snow removal equipment, a wheelchair lift for the Trevorton stage and permission to have the gymnasium walls at the Jr/Sr High School sealed and recaulked. There was discussion among board members regarding the used equipment, and the items in consideration to be purchased. The lift for the Trevorton stage is needed to meet ADA requirements. The Board added Agenda Items to move forward on the sale and purchase of the items with the exception of the wheelchair lift for the Trevorton stage.

E. Policy Committee

No report.

F. Fiscal Committee

No report.

G. Personnel Committee
No report.

H. Northumberland County Area Vocational Technical School Report
Mr. Erdman reported the next board meeting for the technical school will be on November 9, 2011.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
Mr. Neidig reported on the CSIU Work Foundations program.

VIII. **ACTION ITEM**

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 October 19, 2011.
as per attached pages.

b. additional checks as listed 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 pr attached page.

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

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

5. **2011-2012 Grant Approvals**
The administration recommends approval of the following Federal Programs and State Grants for the 2011-2012 school year pending final approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education:

Federal	Amounts
Title I, Improving Basic Programs	$174,644.00
Title II, Improving Teacher Quality	$ 56,101.00
State	
Accountability Block Grant (ABG) Supplemental	$ 78,245.00

6. **National Energy Foundation Grant**
The administration recommends approval of the National Energy Foundation Grant for the Class of 2018. The class has earned $600.00 and the possibility of each classroom earning an additional $100.00.

7. **Musical Agreement Approval**
The administration recommends approval to execute an agreement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc., New York, NY, 10022, to include rentals of music and royalties for the 2011-2012 musical to be presented at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School at a cost of $2,305.00.

8. **ACT 1 Application Outsourcing Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve a contract with Berkheimer OneSource, Bangor, PA for printing and mailing of Line Mountain Homestead Farmstead (ACT 1) Applications.

Cost:

Printing, mailing, forms and envelopes	$0.284 each
Current estimated postage	$0.36

This Item was voted on separately.

9. **2011-2012 High School Prom Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve holding the high school prom at the Front Street Station, Northumberland, PA on May 19, 2012 from 6:30 to 10:30PM. Cost to be determined at a later date with the funds to be taken from the junior class and students attending the prom.

There was a brief discussion regarding holding the prom at a site other than the Jr/Sr High School. David Bartholomew explained that he wanted it to be clear that with the passage of this Item, the Junior Class would still be allowed to have the prom at the Jr/Sr High School if they chose to do so. The most important reason to hold the prom off site is a cost savings measure.

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number A9 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

10. **Change Order Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the following change order:
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Change Order #	Project	Contractor	Amount
12	Trevorton Elementary	Silvertip	$31,505.00
13	Trevorton Elementary	Silvertip	$42,920.00

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

There was discussion regarding the two change orders. Joshua Bower explained the reason for the work being done in the Trevorton gymnasium. HVAC units were installed in the gym causing excessive noise which interrupted student's instruction. The duct work was to alleviate the noise problem. Additional work that was done was for installing insulation due to a condensation problem with the geothermal piping system. Discussion continued regarding the decision as to whether the District, contractor or architectural firm should be responsible for payment of the change orders. Solicitor Richard Roberts explained the work is already done and this is not the result of an error for which the architects are responsible; therefore payment is the responsibility of the District.

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number A10 and failed to carry by a vote of 4 yes, 3 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with David Bartholomew, Denise Clouser and Lamont Masser casting the negative votes.

President Laudenslager announced the need to break for an executive session at 7:35 pm to consult with counsel on a legal issue. The board meeting reconvened at 7:58 pm.

Following the executive session break, Lamont Masser made the motion and Denise Clouser seconded the motion to reconsider Agenda Item Number A10.

The motion to reconsider Item Number A10 carried by a vote of 6 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with David Bartholomew casting the negative vote. The vote on Item Number A10 passed upon reconsideration with a vote of 6 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with David Bartholomew casting the negative vote.

11. **Stenographer Services Approval**
Be it recommended to approve Line Mountain's share with District IV for stenographer services in a student case at a cost of $380.00.

12. **Purchase of Baseball Scoreboard**
Be it recommended to approve the purchase of a Fairplay Scoreboard from DeMans Team Sports in the amount of $2870.00 without Line Mountain signage.

13. **Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment and Seal / Recaulk Gymnasium**
Be it recommended to approve the purchase of the following equipment with funds coming from the Capital Projects Fund:

a. snow plow blade & A frame for Ford truck $1923.85
b. snow plow attachment for John Deere 4000 tractor $1911.00
c. seal and recaulk gymnasium walls at Jr/Sr High School $9225.00

14**.** **Permission to Sell Used Equipment**
Be it recommended to approve the advertisement of the sale of used equipment from the Middle School Industrial Arts classroom.

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

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Denise Clouser to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A11, A12, A13 and A14 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Substitute Teacher Approval**
The administration recommends (pending clearances) approval of the following day to day substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost of $80.00 per day:

Name	Certification
Lawrence Kaskie	Emergency Certified School Nurse

2. **Coaches/Advisors**
The administration recommends approval of the following coaches/advisors for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Position	Salary
Teresa York	Jr/Sr High School OM Advisor	$1,155.00
Tammy Wetzel	Musical Business Director	$ 615.00
Deborah Weiser	Musical Choreographer	$1,245.00
Harold Morgan	Musical Accompanist	$ 795.00
Larry Fisher	Musical Stage Director	$ 975.00

3. **Classified Personnel**
The administration recommends approval of the resignation of Kylene Weir, Personal Care Aide at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School effective October 19, 2011.

4. **Substitute Classified Personnel**
The administration recommends approval of Linda Rebuck as a substitute crossing guard at the Dalmatia Elementary School at a rate of $7.25 per hour.

5. **Musical Consultant Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve Aaron White (pending clearances) to provide services for the 2011-2012 musical which include technical and theatrical consultation; additional instruction for acting, singing and dancing; and serve as an acting coach for cast members at a cost of $700.00

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the addition of the acting coach to the budget of the musical production. With the reduction in the cost of the business director/manager position, it is possible to remain within the budget and include the acting coach's salary. Jeffrey Lagerman explained current expenditures are within the budget and the advisors are fully aware of the budget limitations as the musical production proceeds.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Lauren Hackenberg to approve Item Numbers B1, B2, B3, B4, and B5 and carried by a vote of 7 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. **Homebound Instruction Approval**
The administration recommends approval of homebound instruction for a 5th grade student at the Trevorton Elementary School for two months as per a letter from the parent and doctor.

4. **Use of Facility**

a. The First Baptist Church of Trevorton requests the use of the Trevorton Elementary School Gym every 4th Sunday of the month for the 2011-2012 school year starting with October 30, 2011 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at a cost of $60.00 per use.

b. The Line Mountain Arts Council requests the use of the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School auditorium, choral room, cafeteria and band room on Sunday, December 11, 2011 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM for their community Christmas concert at no charge.

This Item was removed

c. The Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Musical Production requests the use of the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School auditorium, choir room, and band room on Sunday, March 4, 2012 from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM for a performance of their musical play.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that Item Number C4c did not need board approval and was removed from the Agenda Item prior to the vote.

5. **Salvage Permit Approval**

The administration recommends approval to secure a salvage permit from the Federal Wildlife Department to utilize bird specimens for educational purposes to include science and conservation classes at no charge to the district as per attached pages.

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Denise Clouser to approve Item Numbers C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment – None.

Board Comment:

Mr. Roadcap acknowledged three Scouts from Troop 311 in attendance who are working on their communications badge. Mr. Campbell offered congratulations on their continuing endeavors towards earning their Eagle Scout Awards.

President Laudenslager announced at 8:15 pm the need to break for an executive session to meet with counsel to discuss a legal issue and the purchase of property. The board meeting reconvened at 9:00 pm.

Joshua Bower presented each board member with a project plan showing construction of an elementary school building at the present Jr/Sr High School site. The building would be located to the North of the front parking lot. Mr. Campbell presented each board member with a printout of the five properties under consideration listing location, cost if available, pro's and con's relative to each property. Discussion among board members regarding the five properties and the option to build at the Jr/Sr High School site continued. Cost per acre, water, sewage, access rights, centrality, bussing, shared services were all topics being discussed. There was conversation regarding obtaining the fair market value on the Kauffman property. Of the seven board members present, five of the members were in agreement to continue with the Jr/Sr High School as their first choice for continuation of the elementary building project at this time. As the Jr/Sr High School being the primary site under consideration, the Board opted to not proceed in securing the fair market value of the Kauffman property at either parties expense. Keith Harro offered there would be considerable savings to the District in the technology budget with the new facility located at the Jr/Sr High School through the monthly cost of technological services.

President Laudenslager announced there would be an executive session held immediately following tonight's meeting for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

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 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary