LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING November 15, 2011

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Bryan Buddock (Departed 8:55)	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Present
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Lamont Masser	Absent
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Charles Sample (Arrived 6:34 – Departed 8:00)	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	Absent
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

Eric Scicchitano of "The News Item", Duane Good of "The Upper Dauphin Sentinel", and Josh Bower of Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates – Architects and approximately three 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, October 11, 2011 as per attached pages
Regular Meeting, October 25, 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:

David Bartholomew made the motion and Lauren Hackenberg seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VII. Administrative Reports:

A. Superintendent

1. Mr. Campbell reported the Board of Directors Reorganization Meeting will be held at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School on December 6, 2011 rather than at the NCCTC this year as a cost saving measure. The reorganization meeting will be held, adjourned and followed by a regular board meeting.
2. The superintendent thanked all personnel and students for their cooperation and understanding during last week's evacuation after the hazardous material spill in the science laboratory closet. He also thanked the media for their excellent job reporting on the incident. Possible alternative evacuation plans are being considered in the event of an emergency in inclement weather.
3. Mr. Campbell presented a 2011-2012 Tentative Timeline of relevant deadline dates for the 2012-2013 Budget Preparation Process. He also presented a 2012-2013 Budget Timeline, Process & Considerations report. The Board elected to not be locked into the resolution setting the budget index at an increase of less than 1.7 property tax mills. The proposed budget must be available for public inspection by January 5, 2012.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Principals

Ms. Menko presented Ms. Clouser with holiday cards created by elementary students to be forwarded to active military personnel.
A Trevorton Elementary student has been selected as the Grand Prize Winner in the Mutt-i-grees "America Adopts" PSA Contest sponsored by North Shore Animal League America and The PetSavers Foundation, Inc. As the prize winner, Line Mountain School District/Trevorton Elementary School will be awarded a grant in the amount of $10,000 to be used to support school programs. A trip to New York to accept the award, a visit from Cesar Millan, host of Dog Whisperer, and 100 T-shirts are also part of the award. An Agenda Item was added for acceptance of the award.

Mr. Roadcap reported on the upcoming drama production, A Christmas Story, participants in the PMEA Chorus Festival, conclusion of the fall sports season and opening of the winter season. He also commended Cynthia Fessler for her work in making the Technology Tuesday Program a success assisting professional staff in the technology area. Warren Hassinger recently addressed the student body in a Veteran's Day Program.

Friday night's playoff football game will be broadcast on radio station 92.3.

D. Property Committee
No report.

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 on the success of the HVAC program and the School is currently advertising for an instructor for evening adult education classes. The Board of Directors is experiencing a sixty percent turnover this year.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
Mr. Neidig reported the next board meeting is tomorrow night. The CSIU Board of Directors is experiencing a fifty percent turnover this year.

Kent Smeltz requested permission to address the Board regarding the baseball concession stand. Kent thanked the Board for the recent purchase of the baseball scoreboard and updated the Board on the progress of the ongoing work being done to the baseball infield in the conversion from a dirt to grass infield. Mr. Smeltz announced the boosters received a donation from a local business making construction of a concession stand/equipment storage facility a reality. The Boosters will be responsible for any building permits, associated fees and production costs for construction of the building. Kent presented the Board with a drawing of the proposed building.

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 November 9, 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 per attached page.

3. **Budget Transfers**
The administration recommends approval of the 2011-2012 budget transfers as per attached page.

4. **2010-11 Food Service Exonerations**
Be it recommended to approve the exoneration of outstanding student food service balances in the amount of $41.90 by students who left the district.

This Item was voted on separately.

5. **Tax Collection Committee Delegate Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve Philip Rapant as the primary voting delegate, Patty Troutman as the first alternate voting delegate, and Joanna Hovenstine as the second alternate voting delegate for the Tax Collection Committee for a term of one (1) year starting January 1, 2012.

Lauren Hackenberg requested that an additional report be added to the agenda allowing for an update each month on the Tax Collection Committee activity. Lawrence Neidig commented he did not see the need for an additional report. The Board's consensus was to include the additional report. Mr. Rapant reported a hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2011 for Judge Wiest to make a ruling on the appointment of a Tax Officer.

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

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Lauren Hackenberg to approve Item Number A5 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Lawrence Neidig casting the negative vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

6. **Software Program Renewal Approval**
Be it recommended to renew the annual reading eggs software program for Kindergarten through 2nd grade from Study Island, Dallas TX at a cost of $2,137.00 effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

Lauren Hackenberg questioned why the above program is only being recommended for the Kindergarten through Second Grade students. Ms. Menko explained that this particular program is geared specifically for this age group.

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number A6 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

7. **Internet/Web Filter Renewal Approval**
Be it recommended to renew the Internet/Web filter and Report Academic bundle 1-year subscription starting November 15, 2011from Micro Technology, Bristol, PA at a cost of $2,427.65 as per Costars #003-122.

8. **Accept North Shore Animal League America Grant**
Be it recommended to approve accepting a grant in the amount of $10,000 from North Shore Animal League America and authorize Elementary Principal, Jeanne Menko to oversee the document.

9. **Baseball Boosters Proceed with Concession Stand**
Be it recommended to approve the Line Mountain Baseball Boosters proceed with the concession stand project.

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 A1, A2, A3, A4, A7, A8 and A9 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

10. **Consolidation of K-3 and 4-6 Grades**
Be it recommended to approve the consolidation of Grades K-3 and Grades 4-6.

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 Number A10 and carried by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

11. **Jr/Sr High School as Construction Site**
Be it recommended to approve the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School as the construction site for an additional school building or addition.

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

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number A11 and carried by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

This Item was voted on separately.

1. **Superintendent's Contract Approval**

Motion to elect David M. Campbell to the position of District Superintendent for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017, at an initial annual salary of $103,000 and to approve a contract with him for such position.

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

Charles Sample requested a copy of the superintendent's contract. He questioned the salary increase for the initial year of the contract as representing inclusion of an increase for the year of the salary freeze. Mr. Sample offered this was setting a poor example for the balance of the Line Mountain staff who in turn could request increases to make amends for the past year's salary freeze. He also commented that the state was not encouraging the acceptance of any contracts beyond a three year term. The third concern was the increase in the amount of term life insurance to one million dollars of coverage from $250,000. Professional staff currently have $50,000 life insurance coverage.

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number B1and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Charles Sample casting the negative vote.

2. **Coaches/Advisors**

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

Name	Position	Salary
Doreen Giordani	Volunteer Head Swim Coach	$ -0-

Mr. Erdman requested clarification of the swim coach position. Doreen Giordani is the parent of a student participating in swimming events outside the District and she will supervise the athletic activity of the student.

3. **Externship Approval**

The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) for Whitney Jones to complete a 40 hour externship with Mr. Zelnick at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School.

4. **After School Tutor Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following teachers as tutors for the After School Tutoring program at the Jr/Sr High School. Salaries are $22.00 per hour as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement for work beyond the school day:

Heather Kieffer	Lori Brown	Sarah Lenig
Mike Hayner	Cindy Fessler	

5. **2011-2012 Support Personnel Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the following support personnel for the 2011-2012 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Clock Operators & Statisticians
Randy Schaffner
Darrell Byerly
Deb Shaffer
Bill Maurer
Lisa Wren
Samantha Strohecker
Meadow Walshaw-Wertz
Seth Lansberry
Tim Marciniak
Nathan Levan
Courtney Bonawitz
Michelle Menko
Jade London
Lynn Fremlin
Mary Erdman
Amanda Klinger
Cody Spade
Courtney Klinger
Lindi Snyder
Christine Leader

Game Managers
Jon Raker
Mike Reed
Shelley Herb-Fausey
Sophia Molesevich
Jordan Taraschuk
Shawn Walshaw-Wertz
Craig Taxis
Doug Fessler

MSBB Ticker Seller
Madeline Reed

Chain Gang
Jim Walshaw
Brent Adams
Tim Snyder
Doug Grove

Football Announcer
Rob Kaleta

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Denise Clouser and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve Item Numbers B2, B3, B4 and B5 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. **Use Of Facility**
The Line Mountain Football Boosters request the use of the cafeteria and auditorium on Sunday, January 15, 2012 from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM for their football banquet.

4. **2011-2012 School Calendar Change Approval**
The administration recommends the following changes to the 2011-2012 school calendar for the flood make-up days as per attached page:

a. Add ½ day Act 80 day on Wednesday, November 23, 2011
b. Add ½ day Act 80 day on Friday, December 23, 2011
c. Move the Teacher In-Service day scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 2011 to Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

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

Lauren Hackenberg questioned if the changes to the school calendar will have an affect on the established graduation dates. Mr. Campbell reported at this time the set dates for graduation are not affected by the changes. The two in-service days affected by the change have been added to the end of the school year.

Moved by Dennis Erdmann and seconded by Bryan Buddock to approve Item Numbers C1, C2, C3 and C4 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment - None

Board Comment

Joshua Bower addressed the Board regarding the construction project. He commented the discussions to date have been very useful and productive. Discussion among board members followed regarding the possibility of an addition versus construction of a separate building at the existing Jr/Sr High School. Making use of the existing gymnasium, auditorium and cafeteria by building an addition with access to these facilities at the Jr/Sr High School would minimize construction costs. Also consideration for maximum use of the facilities at the renovated Trevorton School are points for consideration. Grades 4 through 6 would experience more of a benefit from the use of the gymnasium and auditorium at Trevorton as compared to Kindergarten through third grade students.

Mr. Campbell offered the placement of grades 4 through 6 at the Jr/Sr High School would possibly keep students in the same family in the same building. Discussion continued among board members on the building alternatives at the Jr/Sr High School site.

The Board was in agreement to proceed with consolidation of grade levels K-3 and 4-6 with construction of either a new building or an addition to the existing building and Agenda Items were added as such.

X. There being no further business to be brought before the Board, David Bartholomew made the motion and Lawrence Neidig seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary