LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING January 10, 2012

I. President Troy Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High 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	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Marlin Yeager, Jr.	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/Athletic Director	Present
Sarah Biegert	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

Rick Dandes of ñThe Daily Itemò, Justin Strawser of ñThe News Itemò, Duane Good of ñThe Upper Dauphin Sentinelò, Joshua Bower of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh Associates ï Architects and approximately fifty 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:

Lawrence Neidig stated an individual who was unfamiliar to the area had recently approached him stating his inability to locate the driveway entrance to the Jr/Sr High School building during the evening hours. Mr. Neidig also advised the sound system at the Jr/Sr High School is still in need of attention. He also requested that the Board open discussion regarding the occupation assessment tax in the near future.

Dennis Erdman made the motion and Lamont Masser seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VI. Reports

A. Superintendent
David Campbell reported there will be a building project discussion after the Action Items.

B. Business Administrator
No report.

C. Principals
No report.

D. Property
No report.

E. Policy
No report.

F. Fiscal
No report.

G. Personnel
No report.

H. Northumberland County Career & Technology Center
David Bartholomew announced a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night and the adult education classes are scheduled to begin in February.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
Lawrence Neidig presented a Program Profile on the CSIU Work Attributes Towards Careers in Health, or WATCH Project, which assists residents in attaining a PA approved nursing degree.

J. Tax Collection Committee
No report.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Treasurer's Report**
Treasurerõs 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 January 4, 2012 as per attached pages

Lawrence Neidig requested the reason for various official checks in the amount of $108.00. Jeffrey Lagerman explained the checks were for tournament officials.

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

3. **2012-2013 Preliminary Budget Adoption**
Motion to adopt the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget in the amount of $17,896,339.00.

4. **Referendum Exceptions Applications Approval**
Motion to authorize the filing of applications with the Pennsylvania Department of Education for referendum exceptions for the budget year 2012-2013 pursuant to Act 1.

5. **Elementary School Picture Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve (pending clearances) Lifetouch National School Studios Inc., Harrisburg, PA to take Spring 2012 individual pictures and yearbook pictures for the elementary schools at no cost to the district and authorize the school principal to execute the agreements.

6. **School Picture Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve (pending clearances) Lifetouch National School Studios Inc., Harrisburg, PA to take 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school pictures at no cost to the district and authorize the school principals to execute the agreements.

7. **Tuition Agreement Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve entering into an agreement with New Story located at 218 W. 6th Street, Berwick, PA, for educational services to children with special education requirements at the rate of $75 per half day and

$145 per full day, plus applicable additional rates per (page 17) for the 2011-2012 school year and authorize Administration to execute said agreement.

8. **2012 Mileage Rate Reimbursement Rate Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the district mileage reimbursement rate of $0.555 per mile effective January 1, 2012.

9. **457(b) Plan Document Amendment Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve and adopt the Amendment to the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Public Education Employers as per attached page.

10. **Equipment Purchase Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a Vertical Platform Lift at $4,049 and an Ameriglide Atlas Portable Package at $1,450 from Ameriglide Inc., Raleigh, NC.

11. **Phone System Maintenance Approval**
Be it recommended to approve the maintenance renewal of the district wide Shoretel phone system through June 30, 2012 with Sage Technologies, Mount Joy, PA at a cost of $3,580.00 and authorize Administration to execute said agreement.

12. **Professional Service Approval**
Motion to retain the firm of McNees, Wallace & Nurick, LLC pursuant to the terms of its engagement letter dated October 25, 2011 as per attached pages.

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10, A11 and A12 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

1. **FMLA Approval**
a. The administration recommends approval of Family Medical Leave for employee #2484 commencing on a date to be determined continuing through 6 weeks.

b. The administration recommends approval of Family Medical Leave for

employee #9545 that commenced on November 18, 2011 through January 6, 2012.

c. The administration recommends approval of Family Medical Leave for employee #6769 commencing on a date to be determined continuing through six weeks.

2. **Day to Day Substitute Teacher Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following day to day substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at the substitute rate of $80.00 per day:

Name	Certification
Brittney Rhine	Health and Physical Education
Chelsea Daycock	Emergency Certificate

3. **Substitute Classified Approval**
The administration recommends approval of Teresa Hughes (pending clearances) as a substitute teacher aide for the 2011-2012 school year at the substitute rate of $7.25 per hour.

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

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Marlin Yeager Jr. to approve Item Numbers B1, B2 and B3 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 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. **First Reading of Policy Approval**
Be it recommended to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 347, WorkersôCompensation Transitional Return-To-Work Program as per attached pages
- 447, WorkersôCompensation Transitional Return-To-Work Program as per attached pages
- 547, WorkersôCompensation Transitional Return-To-Work Program as per attached pages

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

Moved by Denise Clouser and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Numbers C1, C2 and C3 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

VIII. Public Comment:

Members of the audience voiced their opinions regarding the elementary consolidation/construction/renovation building project. Katya Phillips, Laurie Johnson, Michael Branswich, Theresa Whittaker and Melissa Wynn voiced their concerns regarding the bus runs associated with transporting the K-3 elementary students to Trevorton. Amy Michael, Crystal Gonse and Roy Maurer voiced their opinions regarding the current elementary buildings not being renovated and used. Sidney Phillips announced he would prefer to see a one campus system as the best alternative. Heather Schaffner expressed her opinion that she does not see a disciplinary problem with elementary and secondary students riding on the same bus. Jason Yeager questioned the recess facilities available for the K-3 grades at the Trevorton Elementary Building.

IX. Board Comment:

Superintendent Campbell presented a Power Point Presentation regarding the Elementary Building Project. He reviewed the project from the renovate all existing building stage to the present new construction stage. He reviewed the goals of the District as continuing to provide a quality education, save programs, cut costs, maintain class size and centralize grade levels. He also reviewed the 2012-2013 budget deficit of over $1,100,00.00 created in large part by salaries, retirement and medical insurance costs. David Campbell reviewed the costs associated with a K-4 Building/5-6 Grade addition at the Jr/Sr High School, a 4-6 Grade addition at the Jr/Sr High School and a new K-6 Building at the Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Campbell proposes a personnel and operational savings of approximately $505,000.00 through consolidation.

Lauren Hackenberg voiced her opinion that she opposes the consolidation, and is in favor of a split District with East and West Elementary Buildings or a more centrally located new elementary building. Her concerns are centered around the closure of the two elementary buildings and bussing of students to the extreme outskirts of the District.

Dennis Erdman expressed his opinion that he is greatful the Board is moving ahead in the right direction with consolidating. Having been on the Board six years ago when the renovation process was begun, the focus at that time was Save our Schools. Consolidation would mean cost savings to the District and the District has to move in that direction at this time.

Troy Laudenslager announced he is in favor of the K-3 grades at the Trevorton Building and an addition at the Jr/Sr High School for the 4-6 grade students. In his opinion, this is the option realizing the most monetary gain and education value for our students. A bussing study with current bussing statistics is needed for review.

Mr. Campbell announced the bussing report would not be complete in time for the next board meeting on January 24, 2012. The Board opted to cancel the scheduled meeting for January 24, 2012 and review the bussing study at the February 14, 2012 meeting.

President Laudenslager announced the need for an executive session immediately following tonightôs meeting to for a personnel matter and to consult with counsel on a potential litigation matter.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Lamont Masser made the motion and Lawrence Neidig seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary