LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING February 28, 2012

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Absent
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	Present
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", Rick Dandes of "The Daily Item" 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. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, February 14, 2012 as per attached pages.

David Bartholomew made the motion and Marlin Yeager, Jr. seconded the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VI. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Lauren Hackenberg questioned the absence of a Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee report on the Agenda and asked that it be included on future Agendas.

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

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

No report.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Principals

Jeanne Menko reported on the current activities at the Elementary Schools including Prime Time Reading, Valentine's Day Activities, Activity Period, Author Kathy Miller's visit to the School and Ian Snyder's Class participation and success in an internet Math Contest.

Jeffrey Roadcap reported on the current activities at the JR/SR High School including extracurricular activities, PSSA Testing, student competitions educationally, athletically and musically, and the FFA Agriculture small engine competition. The musical production is scheduled for this weekend and he encouraged all to visit the website calendar for additional information.

D. Property Committee

President Laudenslager reported the Line Mountain Soccer Boosters have approached Jeffrey Lagerman with a request to have lights installed on the soccer field. Their request includes the Boosters raising funds to purchase the lights and the District being responsible for the cost of the operation of the utilities once installed. Troy Laudenslager suggested that additional information be secured and at that time board members have further discussion regarding the installation of the lights.

E. Policy Committee

No report.

F. Fiscal Committee

No report.

G. Personnel Committee

No report.

H. Northumberland County Area Vocational Technical School Report

No report.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Lawrence Neidig presented a handout on the CSIU February 2012 Highlights. Also the CSIU Board will be voting on the CSIU General Fund Budget in the amount of $1.2 million dollars.

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 February 22, 2012 as per attached pages.

2. **Delinquent Tax Exonerations**

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

3. **Budget Transfers**

The administration recommends approval of the 2011-2012 budget transfers as per attached pages.

4. **Software Service Agreement**

Be it recommended to approve the renewal of the Destiny Software service agreement for the 4 district libraries with Follett Software Company, Chicago, IL at an annual cost of $2,800.00 effective March 24, 2012 through March 24, 2013.

5. **Adoption of Resolution Pertaining to Collection of Earned Income Tax**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the Delinquent Cost Resolution and Schedule of Collection Costs as per attached pages.

Lauren Hackenberg questioned responsible parties regarding the costs associated with the Schedule of Collection Costs. Philip Rapant explained the District is not responsible for collection costs.

6. **2011 Single Audit Report Approval**

Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2011 Single Audit Report prepared by Schaeffer, Eichner & Wagner LLP for the 2010-11 school year

7. **Dental Screening Agreement**

Be it recommended that the Board approve entering into an agreement with Dr. John Horn of Hegins, PA to provide dental screenings for students in Kindergarten or First Grade, as well as Third and Seventh grades for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost of $2.00 per student.

8. **2012-2013 Business Administrator Bond Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2012-2013 Business Administrator Bond for Philip S. Rapant, Jr. at a cost of $105.00 with the Snyder-Eyster Agency, Inc., Herndon, PA as agent.

9. **Agent Authorization Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board authorize BSI Corporate Benefits, L.L.C. of Bethlehem, PA to solicit proposals for group healthcare benefits (medical, pharmacy, vision, life and dental) on behalf of Line Mountain School District.

10. **Miscellaneous Equipment Bid Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board award the advertised sealed bid for equipment as follows:

To Marvin Gessner:

1a) Single Light Poles	$151.00
1b) Double Light Poles	$181.00
6) Concrete Block	$105.00

To Ron Hines:

2) Generac Gen Set	$501.90
3) Onan Gen Set	$803.70

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Lauren Hackenberg to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, and A10 and carried by a vote of 7 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:

Name	Position	Salary
Adrian Bordner	Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach	$ -0-
Sam Strause	Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach	$ -0-
Rodney Knock	Head Varsity Football Coach	$3,070.00

2. **Substitute Classified Personnel Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following substitute classified personnel:

Name	Position	Salary
Susan Rothermel	Substitute Teacher Aide	$7.25 per hour

3. **2011-2012 Support Personnel Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following support personnel for the 2011-2012 school year:

Clock Operators & Scorekeepers	Scorekeepers
Candis Mattern-MS Field Hockey	Alexis Glosek-Varsity Baseball
Olivia Kleman-MS Field Hockey	Kurt Mace-JV Baseball
	Cindy Fessler-Varsity Softball

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

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Denise Clouser to approve Item Numbers B1, B2 and B3 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.

b. Line Mountain Wrestlers and Managers to attend state wrestling competition at the cost of the Wrestling Boosters.

3. **Band Uniform Donation Acceptance**
Be it recommended that the Line Mountain Board of School Directors accept the donation of 100 marching band uniforms for the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School from the Line Mountain Band Boosters at no cost to the district.

4. **Second Reading of Policy Approval**
Be it recommended to approval second reading of the following policies
- 113, Special Education as per attached pages.
- 113.2, Behavior Support as per attached pages.
- 216.2, Special Education Student Records as per attached pages.

5. **Use of Facility**

The Line Mountain Wrestling Boosters request the use of the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School auxiliary gym, wrestling room, and cafeteria on Sunday, June 17, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM through Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to host the Granby Wrestling Camp.

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

Moved by Marlin Yeager, Jr. and seconded by Lamont Masser 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:

Allen and Sarah Retherford voiced their concerns regarding the Superintendent's inappropriate use of the District's Internet facilities for his own personal use to visit the Penn State Wrestling internet site during working hours. Solicitor Rich Roberts requested that they submit their concerns in writing to the Board President as a personnel matter.

Board Comment:

President Laudenslager reviewed the last board meeting's 6 -2 action to secure detailed plans to consolidate grades K-4 at Trevorton Elementary School and 5-12 at the Jr/Sr High School. Jason Cinqmars, Brian Gallante, Jennifer Derck, Katya Phillips, Charles Sample and Amy Wendt voiced their concerns regarding bussing runs, PTO activities, student bullying issues on busses, cameras on busses, playground capacities, plans for vacant buildings, water and sewer concerns and building options. Superintendent Campbell reviewed the past discussions regarding these issues which have led to the current position of the School Board to consolidate grades K-4 and 5-12.

Lawrence Neidig commented the Board has discussed these issues in detail over the past several years. Under current government controls the District is obligated to remain within the preliminary budget guidelines to avoid the need for a referendum.

Lamont Masser agreed that the public concerns are legitimate. With the School's costs rising exponentially and revenues decreasing it is imperative that the District reduce operating costs. Although he is in opposition to close the small schools, with revenues being cut over a million dollars and expenses rising over a million dollars, it may be a necessary move to operate fiscally.

Lauren Hackenberg voiced she has concerns with grades 5 and 6 at the Jr/Sr High School but as a cost saving measure it is necessary. She announced that she is in opposition to an addition to the Trevorton Elementary School at this time and asked that administration look at possibly structuring grades K-4 at Trevorton without an addition at this time. Her desire would be to close all three elementary schools and build a centrally located elementary school at some point. She also asked that members of the public contact her to voice their concerns.

Marlin Yeager, Jr. voiced his opinion that he is looking forward to reviewing the information that will be presented and the District must move forward with consolidation for educational benefit and financial responsibility.

Troy Laudenslager announced his concerns of current classroom sizes not being evenly configured. He would rather see a few more minutes on a school bus ride for a more evenly distributed classroom configuration among all students. He also reported on the Title I benefits only available to the Trevorton students. Concerns with discipline problems can be dealt with more easily than financial problems. He also commented on the negative aspects of parents electing to send their elementary students to Cyber School. Line Mountain Elementary teachers provide an excellent classroom education opportunity as compared to Cyber School options especially for the K-3 age students who might not have the self-motivation of a secondary student.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of having the Trevorton Elementary School accommodating grades K-4 without an addition to the building. David Campbell provided that he will make available the current classroom floor plans of the Trevorton Elementary Building at the next board meeting. Discussion regarding the current building accommodating K-4 will continue at future board meetings before further expenses are incurred on an addition to the building.

President Laudenslager announced there would be an executive session immediately following tonight's Board Meeting to meet with counsel on a possible personnel litigation matter.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Lamont Masser made the motion and Marlin Yeager, Jr. seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary