LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING April 24, 2012

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg (Arrived at 7:10)	Absent
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Lamont Masser	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Ronald Neidig	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	Absent
Sarah Biegert	Food Service Director	Absent
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Present
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Present
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Absent
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Justin Strawser of "The News Item", Patty Baresse of The Nutrition Group, Jamie Doyle of Public Financial Management, Nathan Troutman of Deibler, Straub & Troutman, Inc. and approximately thirty-five 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, April 10, 2012 as per attached pages.

David Bartholomew 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:

Denise Clouser made the motion and Dennis Erdman seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

VII. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Patty Baresse of Food Nutrition, Inc. addressed the Board reviewing the regulations that must be implemented in the 2012-2013 school year relevant to the meal price increase of Agenda Item A6. She reviewed increased portion regulations, increase in cost of food, reimbursable meal regulations and finally a recommendation for a ten percent increase in the meal price to offset the increase in the regulated portions of fruits and vegetables. Dennis Erdman requested that Food Nutrition Inc. does not include the USDA Food Seal on future printed material that is presented to Line Mountain School District as he finds the logo offensive.

Jamie Doyle of Public Financial Management presented each board member with a Series of 2007 Refunding Analysis & New Money Options packet which explained the benefits of refunding the Series of 2007 bond issue. Ms. Doyle reviewed the District savings to be experienced by refunding the Series of 2007 bond. She also reviewed three options for new money funds, the millage impact to the District and the wrap around concept.

B. Business Administrator

No report.

C. Principals

Mr. Roadcap stated the Jr/Sr High School is in the PSSA testing cycle and briefly spoke of the PSSA testing possibly being replaced by the Keystone Exams in the future.

Ms. Menko announced that Trevorton Elementary School participated in Pennsylvania's Sumdog Spring Contest and did very well having been awarded a software license for their efforts. Mrs. Vuchinich had grades 5 and 6 participate in a basketball competition between students and staff which was a great experience for all.

D. Property Committee

Mr. Campbell announced the listing of summer projects will be addressed at the May 8, 2012 board meeting.

E. Policy Committee

No report.

F. Fiscal Committee
No report.

G. Personnel Committee
No report.

H. Northumberland County Career & Technology Center Report
Mr. Erdman reported the Technology Center will begin the senior year only program next year like the Sun Area Career and Technology Center. The NCCTC is moving forward with a 20% budget cut across the board.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
Mr. Neidig presented an April 2012 Highlights sheet covering current CSIU activities.

J. Tax Collection Committee
No report.

President Laudenslager announced the need to break for an executive session for the purpose of meeting with counsel on a potential litigation and a personnel matter at 7:05 PM. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

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 April 18, 2012 as per attached pages.
b. Additional checks for approval.

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 page.

4. **Chain Link Fence Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board of School Directors approve installation of chain link fence at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School at a cost of $6,695.00 through Apollo Fence Co, Richfield, PA with funds from the Capital Reserve Fund as per attached pages.

5. **2012-2013 Food Service Management Approval**
Motion to approve the 2012-2013 contract with Nutrition, Inc. to provide food service management services at a cost of Management & Administration Fee at $22,560.00 and a guaranteed return of breaking even.

6. **2012-2013 Food Service Prices**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2012-2013 breakfast and lunch prices as follows and Ala Carte prices as per attached page.

Elementary Breakfast	$0.95
Jr/Sr High School	$1.00
Elementary Lunch	$1.65
Jr/Sr High School	$1.90
Adult Lunch	$2.90
Milk	$0.55

7. **Agreement with CSIU Pertaining to IDEA-Section 619 and Early Intervention**
Be it recommended that the Board approve an agreement with CSIU pertaining to IDEA-Section 619 and Early Intervention funds for the fiscal year 2011-12 at an estimated amount of $4,590.57 as per attached pages and authorize the superintendent to execute the agreement.

8. **Change Order Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the following change order as per attached page:

Change Order #	Project	Contractor	Amount
22	Jr/Sr High School	J.C. Orr & Son	$4,187.61

Lamont Masser questioned the cost of the signs in the change order. The cost of the change order includes various interior and exterior signs that were installed at the Jr/Sr High School.

9. **Support Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the PSBA resolution supporting prevailing wage reform as per attached pages.

10. **Employee Benefits Consulting Firm Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve (pending approval by the Solicitor) the contract with BSI Corporate Benefits, LLC, at a cost of three (3%) percent of the total monthly premiums for health, dental, and vision insurance and appoint BSI Corporate Benefits, LLC, agent of record as per attached page.

This Item was voted on separately.

11. **Broker of Record Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve Deibler, Straub, & Troutman, Inc., Elizabethville, PA as our exclusive broker of record for all lines of Property & Casualty insurance.

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

David Bartholomew questioned the reason for hiring a firm that is located outside the District area. Nathan Troutman representing Deibler, Straub & Troutman, Inc., reviewed the intricacies of insuring a school district and named various schools in the immediate area that are covered by their firm.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Marlin Yeager, Jr. to approve Item Number A11 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

12. **Refunding Series of 2007 Bond**
Be it recommended that the Board of School Directors of the Line Mountain School District (the "School District") does hereby authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Rhoads & Sinon, as Bond Counsel and their Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligations Bonds, Series of 2012 via a competitive internet auction for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007 at a minimum net savings target of 2.00% = $191,400.

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, A7, A8, A9, A10 and A12 carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Coaches/Advisors**
The administration recommends the following coaches/advisors for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name	Position	Salary
Chris Johnson	JV Boys Basketball Coach	$1,570.00

2. **Student Observation Approval**
The administration recommends approval for Lindi Snyder of Bloomsburg University to complete an observation as a guidance counselor with Jennifer Heitzman, Jr/Sr high school guidance counselor and Carol Kruskie, elementary guidance counselor from May 14, 2012 to the end of the school year.

3. **Uncompensated Leave Approval**
The administration recommends approval of uncompensated leave for Diane Kieffer, teacher aide on 3/21, 3/27, 4/02, 4/03, and 4/04/12 for family necessity.

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

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by Denise Clouser to approve Item Numbers B1, B2 and B3 and carried by a vote of 9 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. **Second Reading of Policy Approval**
Be it recommended to approval second reading of the following policies:
- 335, Family and Medical Leaves as per attached pages
- 435, Family and Medical Leaves as per attached pages
- 535, Family and Medical Leaves as per attached pages

4. **Video Podcast Approval**

Be it recommended that the board approve Black Diamond Sports Network to video podcast athletic events for the district.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Lamont Masser questioned the need for the athletic events being video podcast. David Campbell offered that the podcast makes the athletic events available to District residents that are not able to attend events. Black Diamond Sports Network currently is advertising in the school's football programs.

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve Item Numbers C1, C2, C3 and C4 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

IX. Public Comment – None

Board Comment:

Philip Rapant presented each board member with Proposed Final Budget information. Mr. Rapant reviewed the proposed budget expenditures and revenues explaining the end result of expenditures outweighing revenues by $130,854.00. He also reviewed spreadsheets detailing the fund balance outcome reflecting various millage increases.

David Campbell reported on concerns arising relevant to the Leck Kill Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. Kindergarten enrollment for the Leck Kill School currently stands at four students and the third grade will have eleven students. Mr. Campbell discussed the options of relocating the Kindergarten and Third Grade students to Trevorton and/or Dalmatia Elementary Schools. The other option would be to close Leck Kill Elementary School entirely for the 2012-2013 school year as expected enrollment for the entire school is under sixty students in three grades at this time. Solicitor, Richard Roberts explained the procedure to be followed for a school closure as advertising for a hearing, holding the hearing and finally the Board voting on the issue.

David Campbell presented a spreadsheet regarding the projected ten year outlook of employer retirement rates showing significant increases. He further explained the possibility of utilizing the funds set aside for rate stabilization to offset the increased retirement expenditures.

Discussion continued regarding the possibility of closing Leck Kill Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. Bussing students to other buildings, staffing and operational cost savings, future Kindergarten enrollment, and future use of the vacant building were topics that were discussed.

The Board opted to add a Motion to approve the Proposed Final Budget.

Motion to Approve Proposed Final Budget.
Be it recommended that the Board approve the Proposed Final Budget in the amount of $16,946,822.00. A copy of the Proposed Final Budget will be available for inspection on April 30, 2012 at the District Office for 30 days.

Moved by David Bartholomew and seconded by Lawrence Neidig to approve the above Item and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

Motion to Advertise for a Public Hearing.
Be it recommended that the Board approve a Motion directing Administration to advertise for a public hearing concerning the possible closing of Leck Kill Elementary and/or Dalmatia Elementary Schools on May 22, 2012 at the Jr/Sr High School auditorium at 6:30 PM.

Marvin Lesher, Mallory Wiest and Crystal Conrad addressed the Board regarding closing the Leck Kill Elementary School. Marvin asked that the board members come together as a school board and make a unanimous decision on the closure. He asked that the Board reconsider closing the school. Mallory requested that the Board consider closing Trevorton or Dalmatia and allow Leck Kill to remain open. Mr. Campbell responded explaining the reasoning of the Board that has brought them to this point. Crystal Conrad remarked that she is concerned about class size, bussing and the specialized instruction available to her child at Leck Kill Elementary School which may not be available at Trevorton Elementary School.

President Laudenslager explained the monetary and educational reasoning of the Board which has led to their current position.

Marlin Kieffer advised the Board that Upper Mahanoy Township would possibly be interested in utilizing the Leck Kill School should the Board opt to close the School.

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by Ronald Neidig to approve the above Item and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

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 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary