LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING May 22, 2012

I. Vice President Dennis Erdman called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Present
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Lamont Masser	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Ronald Neidig	Present
Marlin Yeager, Jr.	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/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	Present
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Justin Strawser of “The News Item”, Rick Dandes of “The Daily Item” and approximately one hundred and fifty members of the general public were present.

IV. Recognition of Public:

Vice President Erdman recognized the public present. There were no comments from the public at this time.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, May 8, 2012 as per attached pages.

Lamont Masser made the motion and Denise Clouser 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 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
Jeffrey Roadcap reported on Haillie Brownawell placing first in the Pennsylvania State Graphics Art Fair competition at Dickinson University.

D. Property Committee
No report.

E. Policy Committee
No report.

F. Fiscal Committee
No report.

G. Personnel Committee
No report.

H. Northumberland County Career & Technology Center Report
No report.

I. Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report
No report.

J. Tax Collection Committee
No report.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

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 May 16, 2012 as per attached pages.

2. **2012-2013 Northumberland County Career & Tech Center Budget Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2012-2013 NCCTC school budget of $1,530,153.00 of which Line Mountain's estimated share is $320,080.00.

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 Numbers A1, and A2 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **Uncompensated Leave Approval**
The administration recommends approval of uncompensated leave for Michelle Riehl on May 10, 11 and 14, 2012 for family necessity.

2. **Work Beyond the School Day Approval**
The administration recommends approval of Angela Long and Michelle McRae for work beyond the school day at the rate of $8.37 per hour as personal care aides not to exceed 5 hours each.

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

Moved by Denise Clouser and seconded by Ronald Neidig to approve Item Numbers B1, and B2 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. **Field Trips Approval**
The administration recommends approval for 3 FFA students and Francine Ferster to attend the FFA State Convention on June 12, 13, and 14, 2012 at Penn State University in State College, PA at a cost of $560.00 to be paid out of the general fund.

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number C1 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

Solicitor Richard Roberts explained the procedure to be followed for those in attendance who would like to address the Board regarding the school closures. As per Board Policy 903 each individual will be entitled to a three minute period to address the Board with their comments.

President Laudenslager addressed the public explaining his recent surgery being the reason Vice President Erdman is running the meeting.

Superintendent Campbell presented a "Planning for the Future" Power Point Presentation detailing the past discussions, goals, enrollment figures, centralization data, operational savings based on the closure of Leck Kill and Dalmatia Elementary Schools, busing information, 5th and 6th grade concept information and the cost of a new K-6 building vs. the cost of a new K-4 and 5-6 addition.

Vice President Erdman reassured the public that the Board has been working on this project for many years and decisions have been a long time in the making.

IX. Public Comment:

Brooke Tressler of Jackson Township expressed her concerns of 5th and 6th grade students attending the Jr/Sr High School and her opposition to an addition to the Trevorton Elementary School.

Eugene Witmer of Lower Mahanoy Township asked that the Board spend the minimal amount now and move towards an eventual centralization of the elementary schools.

Marlin Lesher of Upper Mahanoy Township asked that the Board move ahead doing the least amount possible right now. He expressed his concerns about a declining school ranking and the practice of the Board hiring athletically oriented staff. Dennis Erdman addressed his comment regarding the commitment of a coaching staff member as compared to a staff member not participating in sporting activities. He expressed there are valuable lessons to be learned outside the classroom. In addition, staff members committed to athletic activities with the students typically spend additional valuable time with students outside the classroom. Students participating in sporting activities benefit from the recreational activities in numerous ways. David Campbell reviewed the most recent PSSA scores showing improvement in most areas.

Sid Phillips of Lower Mahanoy Township expressed his concerns about an addition to the Trevorton Elementary School and asked that the Board consider a central location for an Elementary School.

Steve Paul of Upper Mahanoy Township expressed to the Board that the children are the most important issue at hand. Originally being against the closure of the Leck Kill School, he now is asking that the Board consider a centralized school.

Cheryl Lesher of Upper Mahanoy Township expressed her opinion that athletic activities are a necessary positive experience for students. She also voiced her concerns regarding long bus runs and 5th and 6th grade students attending the Jr/Sr High School. She asked that the Board move forward with a centralized school building.

Eugene Hepner of Little Mahanoy Township expressed his concerns about the increasing cost of real estate taxes in the District which is a financial burden especially for the elderly residents of the District.

Denise Madison of Zerbe Township expressed her concerns about the negative experiences to occur with the 5th and 6th grade students attending the Jr/ Sr High School.

James Brosius of Washington Township asked the Board to consider the best scenario for an educational facility to educate our students.

Melissa Wynn of Lower Mahanoy Township expressed her concerns about the Board's making various cuts to the elementary program while spending money on the irrigation system for the athletic fields.

Christy Derck of Lower Mahanoy Township asked that more students in the Jordan Township area be reassigned to attend the Leck Kill School and raise enrollment figures at the school.

Nolan Masser of Upper Mahanoy Township expressed his concerns with the proposed building plans and stated his concerns regarding the materialization of the anticipated operational cost savings. He asked that the Board spend the minimum to overhaul the Dalmatia Elementary School and rethink the situation in ten to fifteen years.

William Howerter of Upper Mahanoy Township addressed the Board asking the reason for the purchase of the Brown residence at the Leck Kill Elementary School which was eventually razed.

Jennifer Derck of Jordan Township asked that the Board consider a short term fix to Dalmatia Elementary School with a long term goal of a centralized school.

Joseph Carta of Upper Mahanoy Township expressed his reluctance to see the closure of the Leck Kill Elementary School and asked that the Board reconsider closing the school.

Jared Moore of Lower Mahanoy Township asked those in attendance if they were aware of the current house bill to eliminate property taxes and asked that they contact their legislators. He also expressed his concerns of parents probable withdrawing their students from the school system and transferring them to cyber schools as a result of consolidation.

Board Comment:

Lamont Masser presented a petition with 415 signatures to keep the Leck Kill Elementary School open.

Lauren Hackenberg reminded the Board that a petition with 80 signatures in favor of a main campus concept was presented to the Board at the January board meeting.

Vice President Erdman thanked the public for their attendance and participation in tonight's meeting.

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 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary