LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING January 22, 2013

I. President Laudenslager called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Absent
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.	Present
Daniel Zablosky	Present
Patty Troutman, Secretary, Non-Member	Present

ADMINISTRATION

David M. Campbell	Superintendent	Present
Philip S. Rapant, Jr.	Business Administrator	Absent
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	Absent
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Present
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Justin Strawser of “The News Item”, Hallie Enterline of “The Sentinel” and approximately four 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.

President Laudenslager announced there was an executive session prior to tonight’s meeting to meet with counsel regarding a personnel issue and legal discussions.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - January 8, 2013 as per attached pages.

Lamont Masser 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:

Mr. Campbell explained several changes to the Agenda including the deletion of Item Number A4, Tax Penalty Refund Approval, and the deletion of Policies #409 and #411 from the listing of Second Reading of Policy Approvals.

Dennis Erdman 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
Mrs. Menko reported Kindergarten registration is scheduled for March 18 at Trevorton Elementary and March 19 at Dalmatia Elementary. She also reported the Transition Committee Meetings are going well and Zartman Construction has moved a job trailer on site. Mr. Campbell expressed his thanks to Zartman Construction for their cooperation, thoughtfulness and thoroughness in their actions to date.

D. Property Committee
Tim Lagerman reported on various property issues. The house trailer located adjacent to the Dalmatia Elementary School was advertised for bid acceptance and no bids have been received as this time. He suggested the Board give consideration to the future plans for the vacant Leck Kill and Dalmatia Elementary Schools. Novinger Welding has completed the installation of a protective enclosure in the auditorium for the sound equipment. Continuing efforts are being made to solve the sound system issues in the main gymnasium. The WeatherBug camera at Trevorton Elementary is not working and may need to be replaced as well as the rain gauge. Mr. Lagerman also reported on the possibility of installing additional cameras at the Trevorton Elementary School. He is also seeking quotes on security upgrades to the Jr/Sr High School vestibule area.

Mr. Erdman requested that the Board consider scheduling a Property Committee Meeting to discuss multiple property concerns needing attention. Mr. Neidig commented that the Board had opted to have such discussions with the entire Board in attendance meeting as a Committee as a Whole. After discussion, the Board opted to continue the discussion of property issues at the first meeting of the month allowing for the possibility of a lengthier meeting rather than scheduling additional meetings.

Ms. Hackenberg requested the Board begin to consider the future of the Dalmatia and Leck Kill properties. Upper Mahanoy Township has already expressed interest in the Leck Kill facility.

Mr. Campbell conveyed a request to establish the School names specifically as Line Mountain High School, Line Mountain Middle School and renaming the Trevorton Elementary School as Line Mountain Elementary School. Mrs. Menko affirmed the concept. Solicitor, Richard Roberts will research the name change issue for any legal concerns.

Ms. Hackenberg requested an update on the DEP module approval for the septic system at the Jr/Sr High School. Tim Lagerman reported Michael Brown, the Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Justin Kuhn made minor changes to the module and approval should be forthcoming shortly.

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 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 January 17, 2013 as per attached pages.

2. **Budget Transfers**
The administration recommends approval of the 2012-2013 budget transfers as per attached pages.

3. **2012 Bulk Exonerations for Local Tax Collectors**
The administration recommends approval of the 2012 bulk exonerations for the local tax collectors as per attached pages.

This Item was deleted from the agenda prior to approval of the agenda.

4. **Tax Penalty Refund Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve a refund in the amount of $84.70 representing reimbursement of the penalty tax amount to a taxpayer due to a unique hardship.

5. **Tax Collector Resolution**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the following Local Tax Collection Law Resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 36.1 of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. §5511.36a, authorizes a taxing authority to either raise or reduce the compensation for the office of an elected tax collector by adopting a resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Line Mountain School District (the "School District") that, effective January 1, 2014, the compensation rate for elected tax collectors shall be $2.60 per bill collected and remitted to the School District for real estate, per capita and occupation tax bills; provided, however, that such rate shall be $1.20 per installment real estate bill collected and remitted to the School District where the taxpayer has elected to pay the real estate tax in installments; and, provided further, however, that such rate shall be $5.00 per bill collected and remitted to the School District for new taxables (i.e., additions to the tax duplicate) if and only if the new taxables are identified by the tax collector, submitted to the proper tax assessor and subsequently collected and remitted to the School District. New taxables added to the tax duplicate which are not a direct result of action by the tax collector do not qualify for this higher rate of compensation.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2013.

6. **2012 Single Audit Report Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the 2012 Single Audit Report prepared by Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, PC for the 2011-12 school year.

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

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Numbers A1, A2, A3, A5, and A6 and carried by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

7. **Reimbursement Resolution Approval**
Be it recommended that the Board approve the attached reimbursement resolution.

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

Solicitor Richard Roberts explained the above resolution as memorializing the usage of a maximum of 1.5 million dollars of current Capital Reserve funds for the construction project. These funds could be refunded to the Capital Reserve Fund once the loan funds are available.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number A7 and carried by a vote of 6 yes, 2 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Lauren Hackenberg and Lamont Masser casting the negative votes.

B. PERSONNEL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

1. **FMLA Leave Approval**
a. The administration recommends approval of Family Medical Leave for employee #0025 commencing on a date to be determined continuing through till May 31, 2013.

b. The administration recommends approval of Family Medical leave for employee #9553 commencing on April 15, 2013 through May 28, 2013.

2. **Day to Day Substitute Teacher Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following day to day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name	Certification
Shari Malehorn	Business Education

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

Name	Position	Salary
Dee Erdman	Volunteer FBLA Advisor	$ -0-
Larry Fisher	Volunteer OM Coach	$ -0-

4. **Substitute Classified Personnel Approval**
The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) of the employment of Debra Bordner as a day to day substitute teacher aide and cafeteria worker at the substitute rate of $7.25 per hour.

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

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by Daniel Zablosky to approve Item Numbers B1, B2, B3 and B4 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 2012-2013 school year as per attached page.

2. **Field Trips Approval**
a. The administration recommends approval of the following field trips for the 2012-2013 school year as per attached page.
b. The administration recommends approval for the FFA students and advisor to attend the Sun Area Small Gas Engines, AG Mechanics and Food Science competitions in Selinsgrove, PA on February 12, 2013 at a cost of $236.00 with the funds to be taken out of the FFA student activity account.

Policy Numbers 409 and 411 were removed from the Agenda Item.

3. **Second Reading of Policy Approval**

Be it recommended to approve second reading of the following policies:

- 318, Penalties for Tardiness as per attached page.
- 408, Employment Contract as per attached pages.
- 409, Assignment and Transfer as per attached pages.
- 410, Abolishing A Position as per attached page.
- 411, Suspensions and Furloughs as per attached pages.
- 418, Penalties for Tardiness as per attached page.
- 504, Employment of Classified Personnel as per attached pages.
- 509, Assignment and Transfer as per attached pages.
- 511, Suspensions and Furloughs as per attached pages.
- 512, Evaluation of Classified Employees as per attached pages.
- 517, Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures as per attached pages.

4. **Program of Studies Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the updated Program of Studies for the 2013-2014 school year as reviewed by the Curriculum Council and Professional Development Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Moved by Marlin Yeager, Jr. and seconded by Lauren Hackenberg 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:

Solicitor Richard Roberts explained the legal issues regarding possession of firearms in schools after having discussions with the District Attorney and the School's insurance carrier. The District Attorney advises schools to make use of a school resource officer or a school police officer approved by the courts. The School could incur additional insurance costs as a rider to the policy would be necessary to cover firearms in the school should the Board opt to allow staff to carry firearms. The Board continued discussion on options to be considered regarding who should be trained, the cost of the training, consequences and complications for firearms in the classrooms or concealed locations.

Mr. Campbell explained the Safety Committee has been meeting regularly looking at secure measures to be considered as possibilities for implementation. Mr. Erdman requested board members meet with the Safety Committee after tonight's board meeting to discuss options being considered.

Lauren Hackenberg requested a motion be brought to the floor authorizing Administration to proceed with information gathering measures regarding the security issue.

This Item was voted on separately.
Motion Authorizing Administration to Proceed with Security Measures.
Be it recommended to authorize administration to take whatever actions necessary to investigate supplying safety means in the classrooms, security resources to ensure safety, bringing back proposals for any and all safety items in the classrooms, and investigate the cost of trainings and inquire the staff as to voluntary participation in such trainings.

Moved by Lauren Hackenberg and seconded by Lamont Masser to approve the above motion and passed with a vote of 8 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 Lauren Hackenberg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary