

Lehigh Area School District
1000 Union Street
Lehigh, PA 18235
Monday, January 24, 2022 7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING - MINUTES



1. Opening Exercises

A. Opening Exercises

Please rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and observe a moment of silence

B. Call to Order

Board President J. Beers called the Board Meeting to order at 7:12 PM

C. Meeting Announcements

An Executive Session was held prior to this Meeting at 6:00 PM for personnel and legal discussions.

An Executive Session will be held after this Meeting for personnel discussions.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

J. Beers read the following statement:

"As I'm sure everyone knows, The Lehigh Area School District appointed Mr. John W. Corby to the position of Acting Superintendent of Schools during the Board's December 20, 2021 Special Board Meeting. In the last month, Jack has brought his experience and professionalism to our district. Everyone is appreciative of what he brings to the District and for his dedication.

Mr. Corby will continue to serve as Acting Superintendent of Schools until a permanent superintendent During that time, the Board will conduct a thorough search for the new superintendent and will post regular updates as it goes through the selection process.

Mr. Tim Tkach, a valued and respected long-time member of our school district, retired from the position of Assistant to the Superintendent the end of December. Understanding the importance of this position, the board intends to appoint Dr. Keith "Jake" Boyer as Acting Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools effective Tuesday, January 25th and he will continue in that position until June 30, 2022 or until a new Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools is appointed. During that time, the Board will conduct a thorough search for a new Assistant to the Superintendent,

Dr. Boyer is a District resident, is an award winning administrator, and is the former Superintendent of Schools in the Jim Thorpe Area School District. Dr. Boyer has long been known as a student advocate and will lead the District's TITLE IX initiative. He will also assist Mr. Corby in addressing the day-to-day operations of the District. The Lehigh Area School District is very fortunate to have Jake join our district and we sincerely welcome him.

Finally, Ms. Suzanne Howland will continue in her current position as High School Principal. Suzanne has, and continues to be a very valued member of our administrative team. The high school and more specifically, our students have enjoyed many successes under Suzanne's leadership and we look forward to many more."

D. Roll Call
PR/AB

PR	Ms. Joy Beers	PR	Mr. Nathan Foeller	PR	Mrs. Kerry Sittler
PR	Mr. Richard R. Beltz	PR	Mr. Jeremy Glaush	PR	Mrs. April Walker
PR	Ms. Barbara Bowes	PR	Mr. Brian Shaner	PR	Mr. Walter Zlomsowitch

Also Present:

Mr. John W. Corby, Acting Superintendent
Mr. Edward Rarick, Business Administrator
Ms. Janine Partenio, Recording Secretary

Bill Oosteram via Zoom, Dache Zelrick, Autumn Abelovsky, Christina Haupt, Lauren Cortright, Lori Mele, Janice Collins, Keith Boyer, Suzanne Howland, and Samantha Kistler

E. Presentations/Recognition***PJM Demand Response Presentation was given by B. Oosteram via Zoom.***

B. Oosteram discussed the PJM Demand Response and how the annual program runs June through May. He said the summer program would run June through October from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM and the Winter program would run November through April from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. He said there would be a 30-minute notice on an emergency notice. He explained it would be a one hour test and typically one month. He reviewed the history and the program revenue for annual participation. He mentioned that very few participants lose on the program and most over-achieve. He stated that there was a huge list of K-12 Districts involved and could send a list to the Board with references.

F. Public Comment

D. Zelrick asked about new positions and how much it would cost the District. J. Corby said the District needed to institute a Title IX Investigator and that the contract would be with that individual on an as-needed basis. He said no compensation would go to the solicitor for those services.

C. Haupt asked for more information on the Wellness Committee. E. Rarick said this was an advisory board requirement from PDE. He mentioned that a committee was held prior to COVID and would need to be reinstated. He said the object was to assist kids to be healthier and set up events to get kids interacting for health and wellness. He said it also included the School Menu review. C. Haupt asked if there was flexibility with the time. E. Rarick said the time was open. He stated they were considering times that would be available for student participation. B. Bowes asked if the Wellness Committee was a Board Committee. E. Rarick said no.

L. Mele reminded the Board that there was a request to use the facilities at the High School Gym on the Agenda this evening. She said the dates are March 25th and 26th for her son's memorial basketball tournament. She spoke about her son Damien and how he loved basketball. She said her son was killed in a car accident and his friends and family wanted to memorialize him so they had created a \$1,000.00 per year scholarship for up to four years. She mentioned how COVID kept her from having the tournament and was hoping to have it reinstated this year. She explained how the proceeds from the tournament go to the scholarship fund.

J. Collins stated how she wanted the medical community out of the schools. She felt the vaccines were doing harm to people. She said over 20,000 people died. B. Shaner asked J. Collins to please share the data on that with him. She said it was a heading on the news screen she had seen.

J. Collins wanted the District to stop taking the ESSER grant funds because of the plans on indoctrinating 3-year olds. She asked the Board to read everything before they take the money from ESSERS.

J. Collins discussed the federal obscenity law and felt it was being violated by the books in the school district libraries. She mentioned how the DA should come to the District to remove the books from the libraries.

G. Reports***Superintendent***

J. Corby read the following report:

"If someone asked you to volunteer for an organization....automatically what comes to mind, maybe a church, civic or charity organization, one of which maybe you control the hours of work or many times, the conditions.

January is "School Director Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania, a time to spotlight the contributions of these valuable citizen-volunteers. Those who serve as school directors truly are public service volunteers. Now, let's look at the position of a school board member, as I said, this is a volunteer, non-paid position where these members get to many times pass multi-million dollar budgets that on a positive note, meets the needs of our students, but, at the same time may raise the taxes of their constituents and also their own. They get to fight with the state and federal governments when unfunded mandates are handed down, they get to negotiate labor contracts which by their very nature is always a give and take situation. I could keep going but, with that said, why in the world would one want to become a School Board Member? They are here to inspire dreams and create opportunities for each and every one of our students. That in itself is a very powerful statement, allowing students to dream of succeeding in anything and everything they want to do or become. Then, they provide the road and resources to help our students get there. Bottom line, these 9 individuals make a positive difference in the lives of the students of the Lehigh Area School District.

As elected volunteers they are the communities voice in our school district and they make sure that the communities concerns are heard and the unique challenges, values, culture and circumstances of our community are reflected in how our students are educated.

Our board members contribute and volunteer many, many hours each year leading our school district. They ask for nothing in return except, just as they have made a commitment to uphold the responsibilities of their position, that each one of us, as stakeholders in our school district, do the same. Board members spend countless hours becoming educated in the ever changing world of education, they attend monthly formal board and workshop/committee meetings, they attend special meetings dealing with budget, taxation and funding issues, construction issues, negotiation issues and the like. They serve on the boards of our partner institutions such as LCCC, CCTI, and the IU to name just a few. They also serve as liaisons to our local, state, and federal affiliates. But most of all, and I know they all agree with me in this area, what gives them the most satisfaction is when they are present for the day-to-day activities in our district. They are here supporting our students in the academics, arts, and athletic arenas. Think about it, these nine board members have, and will continue to influence many years of each graduating senior's school years and experiences. But the funny part of that is no one up here is patting themselves on the back for that, they recognize the achievements of each student and honor them for their accomplishments.

In closing, summing it up...."thank you for serving the students, staff, parents and community of the Lehigh Area School District."

H. Minutes

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to approve the Minutes of the November 22, 2021 Board Meeting, December 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting, December 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting, December 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting and the December 20, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

2. Financial Matters

A. Act 1 Resolution

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by N. Foeller, to approve the Act 1 resolution certifying that the 2022-2023 school year tax increase will be less than or equal to the 4.7% index calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

B. Traffic Signal Agreement

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by A. Walker, to approve the Traffic Signal Installation and Maintenance Agreement between the Lehigh Area School District and the Borough of Lehigh effective January 24, 2022.

J. Glaush discussed why this item was back on the agenda. J. Corby said this and the next item are from the same subject. He explained that 9th and Bridge Street requires a stop light to be installed which would be the responsibility of the School District. He stated how this agreement would finalize the responsibility and the occupancy permit would then be issued by the Lehigh Borough. He mentioned that the plans were originally from 2016 and the cost was at \$183,000 and was not sure of the current price.

B. Bowes mentioned that the District was obligated to install a light, if needed, due to the original agreement. J. Beers stated how in the meantime the District could finally receive an occupancy permit. She mentioned how the light would be at an escalating cost. E. Rarick stated there were funds in Capital Expenditures. He said PennDOT was completing a project and did not want to be responsible for anything other than what was determined by the original contract. He said the original had a left turn lane but would not know the final details until the project is completed.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

C. Land Development Improvement

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by R. Beltz, to approve the Addendum to Land Development Improvement Agreement between the Lehigh Area School District and the Borough of Lehigh

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

D. PennTeleData

MOTION by N. Foeller, SECONDED by B. Bowes, to accept the agreement between the Lehigh Area School District and PennTeleData (PTD) for the consolidation of phone services, providing an estimated monthly savings of \$499.77. Total contractual savings from consolidation are \$29,986.20 for a 5-year period.

W. Zlomsowitch asked if this was for a bid. E. Rarick said this was discussed in Finance that this was a project from over 7 months ago. He said he reached out to PTD to try and consolidate. He stated that J. Glaush had questions and he went back to PTD and received answers to satisfaction. He mentioned that this was not done with an RFP since they were already providing services with the CLIU consortium. J. Glaush asked about a hosted solution. E. Rarick stated the District would have a need to move to a hosted solution at some point but not at this time.

J. Glaush and W. Zlomsowitch expressed their disagreement with this item.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 2 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

E. CCTI Budget

MOTION by N. Foeller, SECONDED by B. Bowes, to approve the 2022-2023 Proposed Secondary Budget for Carbon Career & Technical Institute.

J. Corby mentioned there was no increase for this next year. N. Foeller said it had been flat for the last 7 years.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

F. Food Service Transfers

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by W. Zlomsowitch, to make the following transfers from the General Fund To Food Service Fund Per commonwealth deposit information:

November State Reimbursement \$3,558.80

November Federal Reimbursement \$109,787.64

November After School Reimbursement \$1,419.04

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

G. Budget Transfers

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by A. Walker, to create a budget transfer from Regular Transportation to Non Public Transportation in the amount of \$18,000.00.

B. Shaner questioned what this item was. E. Rarick explained that the District was responsible for transporting Non-Public Students. He explained the funds were originally coded under regular transportation instead of non-public transportation. He said this transfer would be coming from regular transportation.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

H. Per Capita/Occupational Tax Exemptions

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by N. Foeller, to approve the attached exemptions from Per Capita and/or Occupational Tax.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

I. Homestead Refunds

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by B. Bowes, to refund the following:

1. Homestead, approved by the County in the amount of \$267.42 for property record 71-9-A18.02

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

J. Real Estate Tax Refunds

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to approve partial refunds of the Real Estate Tax for year 2021 to the following property owners:

1. Refund \$76.46 to Wallace H. Jr & Patricia Berger as per letter from Carbon County Board of Assessment & Revision of Taxes;
2. Refund \$267.42 to Cory A. & Donna R. Miller as per letter from Carbon County Board of Assessment & Revision of Taxes.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

K. Carbon County Tax Collection Committee

MOTION by N. Foeller, SECONDED by W. Zlomsowitch, to appoint the following delegates to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee:

1. **Edward Rarick**, Delegate
2. **Rebecca Karpowicz**, Alternate Delegate

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

L. Activities Funds

MOTION by B. Shaner, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to approve the Lehigh Area High School and Lehigh Area Middle School Activities Funds for 2021

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

M. Reports

MOTION by W. Zlomsowitch, SECONDED by A. Walker, to approve the following Reports:

January 2022

1. Condensed Board Summary
2. Expenditure Report
3. Revenue Report
4. Treasurer's Report

B. Bowes mentioned how the Condensed Summary Report had items with more than 68% used and some items were even over-budget. She said she would like to see corrections made prior to going over-budget, whenever possible, by moving the funds with Board action in advance. E. Rarick reviewed the report items in questions. B. Bowes asked E. Rarick to keep an eye on the items that are over 68%.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

N. Payment of Bills

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by N. Foeller, to approve the following Payment of Bills, with the exception of the invoice from KingSpry:

January 2022:

General Fund:

--Non-Negotiable \$ 0.00
--Regular Checks \$1,564,353.34
--Credit Card \$ 0.00

Manual Checks: \$1,008,053.19

Debit Card: \$ 1,914.28

Payroll (Dec): \$1,346,163.17

Food Service Fund: \$ 83,206.03

Total: \$4,003,690.01

B. Bowes said she reviewed questions with E. Rarick this afternoon. She mentioned there was one invoice from KingSpry that she wished to table. E. Rarick said he did not have an issue with that. The Board agreed.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

3. Personnel

A. Rescind Assistant Superintendent Contract

MOTION by W. Zlomsowitch, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to rescind the August 23, 2021, contract between the Lehigh Area School District and Suzanne Howland as Assistant Superintendent and to continue Suzanne Howland's appointment as school principal in accordance with the District's Act 93 Compensation Plan benefits and her designated principal's salary retroactive to August 23, 2021.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

B. Acting Assistant to the Superintendent Agreement

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by R. Beltz, to approve the following Revised Agreement between the Board of School Directors of the Lehigh Area School District and Keith M. Boyer to assist the District as Acting Assistant to the Superintendent, from January 24, 2022 and ending no later than June 30, 2022, at a cost of \$65.00 per hour. W. Zlomsowitch did not agree with this item.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - 1 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

C. Investigative Services Agreement

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by B. Bowes, to appoint Mark Klein and School Investigation Services LLC to provide services as a special investigator to the Lehigh Area School District.

B. Bowes made a motion to table this item until the Board receives more information. W. Zlomsowitch seconded. They opened the floor for public comment.

D. Zelrick said the District needed more information about this. W. Zlomsowitch wanted to find more information about this person and the company. J. Beers said this person would be a back-up to the solicitor as a 3rd party investigator. N. Foeller felt there were benefits to having a 3rd party investigator.

S. Howland asked if Special Education issues were still going to KingSpry. J. Beers said yes at this time.

J. Corby said they could table this to get more information and is nothing against Mr. Mark Klein.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

D. Candidates for Employment

MOTION by W. Zlomsowitch, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to approve the following candidates for employment in accordance with the respective contracts:

1. **Benjamin Tkach** – Business/Computer/Information Technology– Date effective January 25, 2022 with emergency certification.
2. **JoLynn Gazo** – Homebound Instruction for High School Student - Date effective January 25, 2022, at the contracted hourly rate of \$31.00 per hour.
3. **Jennifer Kunkle** – 6th Sense Advisor at Middle School - Date effective January 25, 2022, at a stipend of \$1,124.55.
4. **Kim Lusch** – 6th Sense Advisor at Middle School - Date effective January 25, 2022, at a stipend of \$1,124.55.
5. **Stephanie Gustafson** – Long Term Remediation Substitute for Middle School - Date effective January 25, 2022, at a Bachelor's Step 3 with an annual salary of \$45,000, prorated for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. **Lori Hoppes** – Long Term Remediation Substitute for Elementary Center - Date effective January 25, 2022, at a Bachelor's Step 1 with an annual salary of \$43,000, prorated for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. **Kacie Rankovich** – Long Term Remediation Substitute for Elementary Center - Date effective January 25, 2022, at a Bachelor's Step 1 with an annual salary of \$43,000, prorated for the 2021-2022 school year.

K. Sittler asked what a 6th Sense advisor was. S. Kistler stated 6th sense was an academic competition, similar to scholastic scrimmage, for 6th grade only.

B. Bowes asked about the emergency certification. J. Corby explained that the individual had the education but did not take the praxis test yet. He said the emergency certification would be granted by PDE to allow him to work in that capacity. S. Kistler said Benjamin Tkach was currently a Career Education and Gifted teacher in the District. J. Corby said they would evaluate what is needed and will post positions as will be needed for students and credits.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

E. Candidates for the Substitute List

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to approve the following list of requested candidates for the 2021-2022 Substitute List, pending any necessary paperwork:

1. **Jada Whiteman** - Substitute Teacher
2. **Shirley Rodgers** - Substitute Teacher

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

F. Candidates for Athletic Coaching/Manager or Extracurricular Activities

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to approve the following requests for Athletic Coaching/Manager Candidates, as per contracted rates, pending any necessary paperwork:

Michelle Rohrbach & Gretchen Laviolette - National Honor Society Co-Advisors

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

G. George's Transportation Driver

MOTION by W. Zlomsowitch, SECONDED by N. Foeller, to approve Faro Hager as George's Transportation Company, Inc. additional school bus driver for the 2021-2022 school year.

B. Bowes asked if he had all of his clearances. J. Corby said he had everything and did not want to lose a good driver. B. Shaner asked why the District would approve a driver for another company. E. Rarick stated it was required by PDE for all drivers to be Board approved.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

H. Pre-Approval of Courses/Programs of Study

MOTION by N. Foeller, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to approve the following requests for pre-approval of courses/Programs of Study for continuing education:

1. **Employee #1036** – February 28 - April 17, 2022/Educational Technology Leadership (up to \$1,677.00)

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

I. Acknowledgment of FMLA Leave

MOTION by B. Shaner, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to acknowledge FMLA leave for the following employees, not to exceed 12 weeks:

1. **Employee #955**– effective January 3, 2022 until February 14, 2022

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

J. Resignations

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by K. Sittler, to approve the following Resignations:

Emma Sawyer - Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher effective January 21, 2022

Heather Fiorentino-Rex - Cheerleading Coach effective January 11, 2022

Jonathan Blackwell-Rodgers - Middle School Drama Director effective October 11, 2021.

Melissa Clark - Mathematics Teacher amended from January 20, 2021 to January 21, 2022.

B. Bowes asked if exit interviews were performed. J. Corby said yes and some were included at Executive Session. B. Shaner asked why the Board was approving a resignation from October. J. Partenio mentioned that it was for "housekeeping." She said the person never started in the position and this was to just make it official that the position is open. She mentioned that the position continues to remain unfilled.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

K. Resignation for Retirement

MOTION by B. Shaner, SECONDED by B. Bowes, to approve the following resignations for retirement:

Michael Snyder - Elementary Center Guidance Counselor after over 24 years of service at the District

B. Bowes asked for the date. J. Corby said the effective date would be the end of the school year, which he believed was currently set at June 9, 2022.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

4. Programs

A. Second Reading and Final Approval of Policies

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by A. Walker, to waive the First Reading and to approve the following policies for Second Reading and Final Approval:

The majority of the Board can waive the first reading and treat it as a second, if six members vote on to adopt it this month, without violating District policy.

005 - Organization

006 - Meetings

006.1 - Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications

009 - School Board Policy Process

N. Foeller asked if there was a reason that these policies were being moved faster than normal. J. Beers explained how the Board had been working in committees and would be looking to move toward a Workshop Meeting format instead. She said the Workshop Meeting would include all 9 Board Members and would be held 2-weeks prior to the Board Meeting, in hopes to be more efficient. B. Bowes mentioned that items from the Workshop Meeting could be discussed in full and then moved to the Board Meeting for action. J. Corby stated that a Workshop Meeting could be utilized as an emergency Board Meeting with proper advanced advertisement since all members would be included. W. Zlomsowitch felt it was more convenient to have all committee info discussed in one evening. A Member of the community questioned the Workshop dates being advertised and the format. A. Abelovsky had a concern about throwing action items into a Workshop Meeting for transparency purposes. J. Beers explained that it would have to be fully advertised as an action meeting, by law.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

B. Health and Safety Plan Revisions

MOTION by A. Walker, SECONDED by B. Bowes, to approve the revised District Health and Safety Plan.

J. Beers explained how she had met with the District nurses to review their concerns about the District's Health and Safety Plan and the need for updates to coincide with the procedures they were following based on previous Board Actions. The Board discussed the amendments to the plan. B. Bowes mentioned that the Department of Health should be doing the contact tracing and not the District nurses. J. Corby thanked the nurses for all they do. He said any future amendments to the Health and Safety Plan could be brought back to the Board for review and updates. The Board discussed the new CDC recommendations released for January. N. Foeller questioned the treatment of vaccinated versus unvaccinated people with the CDC recommended guidelines. A. Abelovsky questioned the contact tracing procedures for notifying parents of positive cases. K. Sittler abstained for lack of information.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 2 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 1

C. High School Program of Studies

MOTION by B. Shaner, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to approve the Lehigh Area High School 2022-2023 Program of Studies.

A. Walker questioned the block scheduling. S. Howland mentioned how the descriptions, credits of courses and traditional schedule were discussed at the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting. She said there would be increased opportunities by changing the schedule and the teachers supported the decision. B. Shaner mentioned that he was impressed with the document. He asked if personal finance was a requirement. S. Howland said it counted as a math but was not a required course.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

D. School Enrichment Journeys

MOTION by J. Glaush, SECONDED by N. Foeller, to approve the following School Enrichment Journey requests, observing all necessary COVID-19 mitigation precautions:

1. LAHS Science Olympiad Team (Doug Bowman) - March 4, 2022 - 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM - Northampton Community College - Science Olympiad Competition.

2. LAHS Science Olympiad Team (Doug Bowman) - March 9, 2022 - 6:15 AM - 7:00 PM - Penn State Wilkes - Science Olympiad Competition.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

E. Use of School Property

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by B. Shaner, to approve Use of School Property for the following requests:

- 1. LAHS Drama Club (Laurel Zimmerman)** - February 2, 2022 - 2:30-5:30 PM - HS Lobby Outside Auditorium - Sort and distribute fundraiser.
- 2. LAHS Chorus (Lydia DeLong)** - January-May 2022 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) - 3:30-4:30 PM -HS Classroom - After School Chorus Rehearsal
- 3. LAHS Chorus (Lydia DeLong)** - May 17, 2022 - 6:00-8:00 PM and May 16, 2022 - 4:30-6:30 PM - HS Classroom, Auditorium & Foyer- Concert & Dress Rehearsal
- 4. LAHS (Suzanne Howland)** - April 27, 2022 - 6:00-9:00 PM - HS Auditorium - Academic Scholarship Awards Program
- 5. Damian C. Mele Memorial Tournament Committee (Lori Mele)** - March 25, 2022 - 5:00-8:00 PM - March 26, 2022 - 7:00 AM-6:00 PM - HS Gym, Foyer & Food Stand - Damien C. Mele Memorial Basketball Tournament & Basket Raffle

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

5. Miscellaneous

A. Authorized Signatory/Electronic Signature

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by J. Glaush, to approve and adopt the attached Resolution authorizing John W. Corby, Acting Superintendent, to sign electronic agreements with the PA Department of Education.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

6. Old Business

None at the time

7. New Business

A. Board Workshop Versus Committee Discussion

J. Beers explained this was discussed under policies with item 4A.

B. Community Workshop

J. Beers discussed having a workshop to hear from the community in February to discuss a vision statement for the District. J. Glaush agreed. B. Bowes liked the idea of having the Community get involved.

L. Cortright explained the importance of having a vision statement for the Board, District and individual schools. J. Beers wanted to be more proactive and was hoping it would help through the vision statement.

W. Zlomsowitch wanted to use Old Business to discuss items like the Elementary Center Valves, Occupancy Permit and the Final Punchlist of construction items from the Elementary Center. J. Corby discussed how he would be giving the updates to the Board regarding those items that needed updates.

C. Student Board Representative Discussion

J. Beers explained that suggestions came from administration to have students choose a student board representative or to have the President/Vice President of the senior or junior classes. W. Zlomsowitch wanted to see a letter of interest and have students picked by other students. S. Howland explained the changes with student council members and that the junior and senior class officers were voted in. B. Bowes wanted to have a representative and an alternate. N. Foeller wanted to make sure the information would be clear to students on how to apply.

8. Communications

A. Directors' Concerns

None at the time

B. Public Comment

K. Boyer thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and looked forward to sharing his experience with the District to move forward, doing their best.

C. Adjournment

MOTION by B. Bowes, SECONDED by B. Shaner, to adjourn the Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - 0 ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 0

The January 24, 2022 Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Rarick, Board Secretary
by Janine Partenio, Recording Secretary