

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, September 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Executive Session @ 6:15 PM for Contract Negotiations and Personnel.

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Lehigh Area School Board was held in the Administration Building, Conference Room A, on the above date and called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Ms. Joy Beers, Treasurer	☐	X
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	☐
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)	X	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	☐
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	X	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	X	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Member	X	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	☐
Ms. Patricia Denicola, Business Administrator	X	☐
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent	X	☐
Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor (Atty. Eric Filer)	X	☐
Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Recording Secretary	X	☐

**** Notice of Executive Session as posted on the agenda at 6:15 p.m. concerning negotiations and personnel.**

Presentations/Recognition

1. Jacob's Kits – Tanner Eckman & Larry Diehl

Larry Diehl, representing Franklin Township Emergency Management Agency, introduced Tanner Eckman, representing the Lehigh Emergency Management Agency, along with members from the social quarters. Discussed the implementation of the Stop the Bleed Jacob's Kit program for the district to deal with emergency medical issues caused by violent predators and active shooter situations. Stop the Bleed program puts a small Jacob's Kit in specified areas for easy access. Kits are intended to stop traumatic hemorrhaging. Victims need to be treated immediately. Met with Mr. Cleaver several times to discuss this program. This program may become mandatory for school districts in the near future. Discussed the number of kits needed and the cost. Went to the Lehigh Fire Co. #1 Social Quarters with a request to buy the kits. They decided to fund the full project.

Tanner Eckman explained the kits and distributed a kit to the board to view. The kits are named for a 6-year old child, Jacob Hall, in Townville, South Carolina who was injured by an active shooter. He survived for 3 days and passed away because of the massive blood loss. Burton County & Burton Fire Company came up with, along with Jacob's parents, these kits. Staff at the school has received training from St. Luke's and Lehighton Ambulance.

Larry Diehl stated that in addition there will be 5 large trauma kits donated. One in each building and for the stadium. Larry Diehl introduced Lonny Armbruster, President, Ren Wentz, and Kevin O'Donnell from the Social Quarters. The Social Quarters donated \$11,500 to the Lehighton Area School District to purchase the Jacob's Kits.

Mr. Cleaver thanked all the individuals responsible for this donation. Mr. Cleaver donated 2 Jacob's Kits back to be used at the Social Quarters and the Fire Company.

Public Comment on Agenda

1. David Bradley – Schwab/Franklin/PSBA – Item A.

- Items on the agenda without the proper information review or documentation. Another ill-fated vote of five rubber stampers giving their blind trust to an administration that's making self-serving recommendations as a lobbyist that benefits from the district's consumption.

2. Barbara Bowes – Item VII – Motions B. & M.

- In the payment of bills, All State Septic Systems \$240. There aren't any septic systems which is why there is a question on that.

Ms. Denicola answered that we would need to pull the bills.

- It says 3 at \$80 each.

Mr. Cleaver stated that he believed that it was for the portable toilets we use.

Mr. Bradley could not get access to this document. Mr. Bradley called All-State. There are three invoices, one of which is not paid, it is behind.

- The reappointment of the Schwab firm for remaining school year. Has some concerns because the district decided to do an RFP and also with Mr. Schwab's health, not sure how well-versed Mr. Filer is on education law.

Communications

1. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Cleaver

- The week of October 16th is National STEM/STEAM Awareness Week. Our students will be working on several STEAM related projects this week. There are also programs being offered throughout the county.
- Cyber/Charter School funding continues to be a debate within legislature. Currently PDE is soliciting public comment on current law and regulations. There is an open portal on PDE's website to comment.
- Vaping controversy has been a hot topic within the school and medical environment. The district continues to educate our students on the dangers of not only e-cigarettes but tobacco in general.

2. Finance Report – *Ms. Denicola*
 - The state auditors have been out doing their field work and testing. It will be an ongoing process over the next few months.
 - Once an auditor firm is appointed for our financial statement audit, we'll begin that process immediately.
3. Board President's Report – *Mr. Stern*
 - Thanked all staff for the start of the school year.
4. Lehigh Memorial Library Report – *Mrs. Maholick*
 - No report.
5. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – *Mrs. Spinelli*
 - Discussed slate of candidates for upcoming year.
 - We supposedly spend \$19,000/student and according to PDE it is \$15,149 and according to The Morning Call it's \$15,704. No source to verify the \$19,000. We are one of the lowest in the immediate area except for Panther Valley.
6. Title I Advisory Committee Report – *Mrs. Bowman*
 - Met on September 12th.
 - Discussion of LETRS and parent involvement.
 - Final stages of consolidated application.
 - Software programs being used.
 - Benchmark testing in Reading and Math.
 - Summer camps were well attended. Better results with the longer sessions for reading.
 - Fall Parent Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, from 6-8 p.m.
 - Mr. Sebelin will reach out to parents regarding the Teach Me to Read program.
 - Next meeting is November 15 at 7:45 a.m.
7. CCTI Report – *Mr. Yenser*
 - CCTI is well on its way with the new school year.
 - Career Technical organizations have been reorganizing planning for the new school year.
 - Freshman presentations to school districts are well on their way. Lehigh has had their freshman presentation.
 - The open house will occur on the evening of October 16th.
8. CLIU Report – *Mr. Wentz*
 - Unable to attend the meeting on September 16th. The next scheduled meeting is October 21, at 6:30 p.m.
9. Building/Grounds Report – *Mr. Holland*
 - Met in beginning of September.
 - Need an updated punch list for Elementary Center.
 - Sensors in the lights in the parking lots have been replaced.
 - HS replaced batteries for emergency lighting.
 - MS did not have a report.
 - MS had a cracked window in a classroom and it has been repaired under warranty work.
 - Only one water fountain was working at the stadium other three have been checked and all are working at this time.
 - Asked about repairing potholes on our streets. They have been repaired by the grounds crew.
 - Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 8:00 a.m. No meeting in October.

10. Academic Affairs Committee Report – *Mr. Stern*
 - Scheduled to meet on Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at administration building.
11. LCCC Report – *Mr. Krause*
 - No report.
12. Policy Committee Report – *Mr. Stern*
 - Met in September. Nothing was brought forward from the committee due to the lack of consensus.
13. Athletic Committee Report – *Mr. Wentz*
 - All sports are in full-swing with the majority of sports holding their own in league and independent play.
 - Congratulations to Jack Lorenz who placed second in Schuylkill League Championship in golf. The golf team, overall, qualified for team championship.
 - Next scheduled meeting is set for November 12th at 9:00 a.m.
14. Wellness Committee Report – *Mrs. Maholick*
 - New cafeteria manager, Dave Kubisek, reported that applications for reduced and free lunches have increased. Numbers also increased for students buying breakfast and lunch. There were 4,787 lunches served in 4 days and 1,803 for breakfast. He also noted that the new bistro box will be offered to adults and high school students in October.
 - 8th grade students went to Blue Mountain Ski Area on September 24th and 25th. In October the students will learn how to dress for ski trips.
 - Discussion to host a wellness fair possibly in the spring.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Minutes of the August 26, 2019, regular meeting.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Financial Matter

Activities Funds MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve the Lehigh Area High School and Lehigh Area Middle School Activities Fund for August 2019.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Payment of Bills MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Payment of Bills for September 2019:

General Fund	\$ 2,576,798.65
--Benefits	\$ 44,273.45
--Payroll	\$ 1,774,320.46
--Debit Card	\$ 157.76
Food Service Fund	\$ 131,773.64
	<u>\$ 4,527,323.96</u>

Note: Members with questions or requesting a copy of any payment, please contact the Business Office prior to the scheduled meeting.

Board members discussed the motion.

Table Payment of Bills Denied MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mr. Beltz to table the Payment of Bills motion, for at least a week, so the board has the full opportunity to review all the financial records of the district prior to making payments.

Audience members commented on the motion.

Board members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	☐	X	☐	☐
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 3 NO - 5 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion denied.

Mr. Bradley MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Maholick to authorize Mr. Bradley to Review to look at these bills tomorrow so that we can still meet the requirement.
Bills Denied

No discussion from the audience or board.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	☐	X	☐	☐
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 3 NO - 5 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion denied.

Payment of Bills Motion continued.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 3 (R.B., D.B., G.M.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Reports MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve the following reports:

- a. Budget/Revenue Report
- b. Expenditure by Object Report
- c. Revenue Report
- d. Treasurer's Reports
 1. General Fund
 2. Capital Reserve Fund
 3. Capital Projects Fund
 4. Food Service Fund

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Project Payments MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve payment on the following projects from the General Fund for a total of **\$51,641.00**:

1. Elementary Center

CSI- Inv. #20192793P	\$ 1,284.00
CSI- Inv. #20192792P	\$ 3,104.00
Lobar, Inc. – App. #26	\$ 47,253.00
	<u>\$ 51,641.00</u>

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 2 (D.B., G.M.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Per Capita/ Occ. Tax Exemptions MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Maholick to approve exemptions from Per Capita and/or Occupational Tax per the attached list.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Refunds MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland, to refund the following:

1. Occupational Tax for year 2018 in the amount of \$122.50 to Christine Feller;
2. Occupational Tax for year 2019 in the amount of \$122.50 to Christine Feller;
3. Occupational Tax for year 2018 in the amount of \$122.50 to Brian Fritzges;
4. Occupational & Per Capita Taxes for year 2018 in the amount of \$135.00 to Wanda Green-Ballas;
5. Occupational Tax for year 2018 in the amount of \$122.50 to Delores Kintz;
6. Occupational Tax for year 2018 in the amount of \$245.00 to James Kunkle;
7. Occupational Tax for year 2018 in the amount of \$245.00 to Roger Wentz;
8. Occupational Tax for year 2019 in the amount of \$245.00 to Robert Zellner.

Board members discussed the motion.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

TD Bank Rescinded MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to rescind the motion to open new accounts at TD Bank.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Board members discussed the motion.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 2 (D.B., R.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

CSI Agreement MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Communication Systems, Inc. (CSI) Service Support agreement with Lehigh Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$18,240.00 funded through Building and Grounds and Technology, upon recommendation by the Building & Grounds Committee.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 2 (D.B., G.M.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Schindler Agreement MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Schindler Maintenance Agreement with Lehigh Area School District for the district's elevator preventative maintenance for the High School, Middle School, and Elementary Center. This agreement commences on August 22, 2019, and continues until August 21, 2029, in annual installments of \$11,940.00, upon recommendation by the Building & Grounds Committee.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Assessment Settlement MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve and authorize the District's attorney to sign the attached Stipulation of Counsel for the settlement of the assessment appeal filed by Pencor Services in the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County, Pennsylvania, Docket No. 18-3513; the Stipulation provides that the fair market value for property known as Parcel No 98-35-A12 (594 Blakeslee Blvd Drive West located in Mahoning Township shall be \$1,886,577 and that the assessed value shall be \$862,166 for purposes of the assessment of real estate taxes for tax years commencing on or after July 1, 2019. The Stipulation is effective for school district taxes on July 1, 2019.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Board members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	X	☐	☐	☐
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	☐	☐	☐	X
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	☐	☐	☐

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

Motion carried.

BHA Submissions MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the agreement between Lehigh Area School District and Behavioral Health Associates for the submission of information for the National Food Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

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

Motion carried.

Audit Firm MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve Barbacane, Thornton, & Co, LLP as the District's audit firm, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the fiscal years 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21; at a cost to complete the annual audit reporting packages of \$36,000 for each fiscal year. Any additional agreed upon procedures or forensic audit services approved by the board will be billed at hourly rates as per the attached proposal.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Board members discussed the motion.

Table Audit Firm Selection Denied MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Maholick to table the selection of an auditor until which time we have three bidders of qualified capabilities reviewed by the board not the finance committee.

Audience member discussed the motion.

Board members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 1 NO - 7 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion denied.

Audit Firm motion continued.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Reappoint Solicitor MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the reappointment of William G. Schwab & Associates as the District Solicitor for the entire 2019-2020 school year at a rate of \$165.00 per hour with additional support from KingSpry at \$175.00 per hour.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Board members discussed the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	X	☐	☐	☐
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 3 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Personnel

Substitutes MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve the attached list of candidates for the **2019-2020 Substitute List** pending clearances.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Mr. Cleaver discussed the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Athletic Hires MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the **Athletic** hires as recommended by the Athletic Committee and **Extra-Curricular** hires for the **2019-2020** school year.

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

Motion carried.

Course Approvals MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve the following requests for pre-approval of courses/Programs of Study for continuing education:

- Employee #39**–November 9, 2019/Effective Interpersonal Communication
- Employee #39**–October 16-December 4, 2019/Leadership for Student Achievement
- Employee #39**–October 16-December 4, 2019/Effective School Principalship
- Employee #1434**–October 15-November 13, 2019/ Autism: An Educator’s Guide
- Employee #1434**–October 15-November 13, 2019/The History of Law in Public Education

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

Motion carried.

FMLA MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Bradley to acknowledge FMLA leaves for the following employees, not to exceed 12 weeks:

1. **Employee #253** – effective August 20, 2019
2. **Employee #558** – effective September 3, 2019
3. **Employee #911** – effective September 9, 2019
4. **Employee #295** – effective September 12, 2019
5. **Employee #747** – effective September 15, 2019

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Tenure MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the following professional employee for tenure:

1. **Sarah Simon** – Elementary/Reading Specialist Teacher – hired August 17, 2016
2. **Rachel Klotz** – Elementary/Art Teacher – hired August 17, 2016
3. **Cristina Buetti** – Spanish Teacher – hired August 17, 2016
4. **Sydney Schafer** – Elementary/Special Education Teacher – hired August 17, 2016
5. **Tammy Tilley** – School Psychologist – hired August 17, 2016

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Resigns MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to accept the resignation of the following employees:

1. **Karen Geiger** – Lunch-Time Aide – effective August 26, 2019
2. **Christina Brong** – Paraprofessional – effective August 26, 2019
3. **Bryan Buffington** – High School Stage Manager – effective immediately
4. **Mark McIntyre** – Director of Special Services – effective date October 31, 2019
5. **David Citro** – Volunteer Football Coach – effective August 24, 2019
6. **Michelle Mertz** – Part-Time Cleaner – effective August 23, 2019
7. **Candace Zona-Slaw** – School Psychologist – effective date TBD
8. **David Kasperski** – Part-Time Cleaner – effective date of September 18, 2019

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Mentors MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the recommendation to hire the following mentors for the appropriate teachers (listed to the left of the mentor's name) for the **2019-2020** school year:

Christina Brong/Patricia Ebbert
Kelly Fritz/Hallie Seiwel
Vicky Meyer/Tara Derr

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

- School Journeys** MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the following School Enrichment Journey requests:
1. **Environmental Science (B. Daubert)** – October 11, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – to travel to Lehighton Gap Nature Center (Grant from LGNC)
 2. **LAHS Class of 2020 (D. Hartney)** – December 14, 2019 – 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. – to travel to New York City – Fundraiser (No cost)
 3. **LAMS 7/8 Band (B. Hudlow)** – April 15, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – to travel to Freedom High School – District 10 Intermediate Bandfest (LAMS Budget)
 4. **LAMS 5-8 Band (B. Hudlow)** – May 29, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. – to travel to Reading Phillies baseball game (Student Cost)
 5. **LAHS FCCLA (J. McHugh, K. Bond)** – October 25, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. – to travel to Reading Community College for Regional Meeting (School Van)
 6. **LAMS Running Club (E. Pagotto, J. Kunkel)** – 9/20, 10/14, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 2/28, 3/13, 3/27, 4/3, 5/1 & 5/15 – 1:25 p.m.-2:15 p.m. – to travel to The Grove Park for Running club (No Cost)
 7. **LAHS Senior Class (D. Hartney)** – May 22, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – to travel to Six Flags Great Adventure – Senior Outing (Activities Budget)
 8. **LAHS FBLA (T. Miller)** – October 10, 2019 – 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – to travel to East Stroudsburg University – Regional Leadership Workshop (Activities Budget)
 9. **EnviroSci & Creative Foods (B. Daubert, J. McHugh)** – January 7, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – to travel to PA Farm Show, Harrisburg (Student Cost)
 10. **LAMS 7th Grade (J. Yescavage, Y. Sharrow)** – February 25, 2020 (Snow/Rain Date: 2/26/20 & 2/27/20) – 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – to travel to Blue Mountain Ski Area (PTO Budget)
 11. **LAMS Selected Students (K. Miller)** – October 10, 2019 – 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. – to travel to Apollo Farms, Palmerton – Equine Therapy (School Van)
 12. **LEAP (T. McCarroll)** – October 1, 2019 – 8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – to travel to CCTI – Career Exploration (School Van)

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Homebound MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mr. Beltz to approve homebound instruction for the following students:

1. **Student #59466**
2. **Student #54891**

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Mr. Cleaver discussed the motion.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Additional Bus Driver MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve George's Transportation Company, Inc. list of additional school bus drivers for the school year 2019 – 2020.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Mr. Cleaver discussed the motion.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Programs

Use of School Property MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve Use of School Property for:

1. **CCTI-GED Classes (Tonia Schaeffer)** – October 2, 2019 through May 27, 2020 (Mondays & Wednesdays) – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – LAHS Classrooms – GED Instruction
2. **LAHS Student Council (Dorothy Hartney)** – October 6, 2019 (11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), October 11, 2019 (7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.), October 12, 2019 (9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.), October 13, 2019 (11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) – LAHS Gymnasium & Halls – Homecoming Dance and Decorating
3. **Saturday A.M. Detention** – 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 12/14, 1/25, 2/29, 3/28, 4/25, 5/30 – 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – LAMS Cafeteria – Detention
4. **LAEC PTO (Erica Mesaros)** – October 8, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – LAEC Cafeteria – Race Meeting
5. **LAEC PTO (Erica Mesaros)** – 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12 – 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – LAEC Cafeteria – PTO Meetings
6. **LAMS Music Department (Laura Welkey)** – October 22 & 23, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – LAHS Auditorium & Classrooms – 6th Grade Band and 6-8 Chorus Concert and Rehearsal
7. **LAHS FCCLA (Julie McHugh)** – October 27, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – LAHS Cafeteria – Bingo Fundraiser
8. **LAHS Class of 2020 (Dorothy Hartney)** – December 14, 2019 – 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – LAHS Student Parking Lot – Parking for NYC Trip
9. **Lehighon Wrestling Booster Club/570 Sports Camp** (George Ebbert) – November 24, 2019 – 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – LAHS Gymnasium – Wrestling Tournament
10. **LVHN – Bill McQuilken (Cristina Bueti)** – October 23, 2019 & April 20, 2020 – 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – LAHS Auditorium – Distracted Driving Simulator
11. **Lehighon Area Band Boosters Association (Angela Christman)** – October 5, 2019 (Rain date: 10/6/19) – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Old Stadium & Practice Field – Fall Festival/Meadow Muffin Bingo
12. **Class of 2020 Senior Class (Heather Tompkins)** – 10/1/19, 11/4/19, 12/3/19, 1/7/20, 2/4/20, 3/3/20, 4/7/20, 5/5/20 – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – LAHS Classroom – Senior All-Night Party Monthly Meetings
13. **Lehigh Valley Bucks (John Dowbachuk, Laura Moyer)** – October 2, 2019 – October 30, 2019 (Wednesdays) – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – LAMS Field – Field Hockey Practice

14. **LAHS Student Council (Angela Harris)** – September 30, 2019 - October 12, 2019
– LAHS Stage – Decorations for Homecoming
15. **Good News Club (Martha Cox)** – October 22, 2019 – April 30, 2020 (Tuesdays & Thursdays) – 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. – LAEC Classroom – Good News Club
16. **Good News Club (Erica Pagotto)** – October 24, 2019 – April 30, 2020
(Thursdays) – LAMS Classroom – Good News Club
17. **5th Grade Band (Beth Hudlow)** – October 1, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – LAEC Classroom – Parent Meeting
18. **LAMS PTO (Laura Foeller)** – December 4, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – LAMS Old Cafeteria – Gertrude Hawk Delivery
19. **LAMS PTO (Laura Foeller)** – October 9, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. – LAMS Gymnasium – Gertrude Hawk Kick-Off
20. **Lehigh Area Band Booster Association (Brenda Buffington)** – November 22 & 23, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. & 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. – LAHS Classroom & Foyer Area – Jazz Band Spaghetti Dinner
21. **Lehigh Ambulance (Suzanne Howland)** – October 25, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – LAHS Gymnasium & Auditorium – CPR Education & Outreach
22. **LAEC PTO (Nicole Collier-Dick)** – December 9-13, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – December 13, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. – LAEC Gymnasium, Cafeteria & Classrooms – Santa's Workshop & Holiday Event
23. **LAHS Band (Bryan Buffington)** – October 25, 2019 – 11:00 p.m.-LAHS Gymnasium, Auditorium & Classroom – All-Night Party
24. **Total Control Training/PA Motorcycle Safety Program (Cynthia Markle)** – June 13-August 14, 2019 – 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – LAMS Lower Parking Lot – Motorcycle Safety Training & Education
25. **Title I (Timothy Tkach)** – October 9, 2019 – 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – LAEC Gymnasium – Title I Family Night
26. **LABC Wrestling (Mike Gornick)** – December 22, 2019 & January 16, 2020 – 6:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – LAHS Gymnasium – Wrestling Event
27. **Lehigh Fire Department (Tanner Eckman)** – October 11, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – LAEC Outside Fields and Parking Lot – Fire Prevention Week Activities
28. **LAEC (Aaron Sebelin)** – November 1, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Multi-Purpose Stadium and Outside Fields – Halloween Parade
29. **Lehigh Field Hockey Parents' Club (Cale Kresge)** – December 7 & 8, 2019 (Snow Date: 12/15/19) – 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – LAEC Cafeteria – Field Hockey Banquet
30. **Tumble With Denise, Inc. (Denise Maradeo)** – June 13 & 14, 2020 (Alternate of 6/6/20 & 6/7/20) – 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. & 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – LAEC Gymnasium & Cafeteria – Annual Gymnastics Recital
31. **LAHS Girls' Basketball Parents Club (Paula Fisher)** – October 29, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – LAHS Classroom – Parent Meeting

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

Motion carried.

Red Cross Agreement MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli that the Lehigh Area School District enter into a shelter agreement with the American Red Cross that would allow the use of the Lehigh Area High School, Lehigh Area Middle School, and Lehigh Area Elementary Center in the case emergency sheltering is needed as a result of a disaster.

Mr. Bradley commented on the motion.

Mr. Cleaver discussed the motion.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Old Business for Discussion

Mr. Bradley questioned not having anything under Old Business.

Mrs. Maholick asked about the update on Right-To-Know redaction software. It was discussed several months ago.

Mr. Cleaver will get the information.

Mr. Bradley questioned the training of OOR, TD Bank reprimand to Mr. Yenser, Raptor Security, Redaction Software, Red's O'Donnell naming of stadium, access to stadium and track. Please review these items and provide a timeline to make sure that we can hold the administration accountable.

Barbara Bowes questioned the motion regarding the money from sales of the assets would be placed in an interest-bearing bond reduction account.

Board members discussed the motion regarding debt service.

Gloria Bowman asked about the climate survey.

Mr. Cleaver explained it will be ready from PDE November 18th.

Mr. Bradley questioned having notification of personnel committee meetings to meet the Sunshine Act.

Mr. Bradley questioned the negotiations committee members.

New Business for Discussion

Sale of Franklin to BWC MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland that Franklin Elementary School is hereby sold to Bethany Wesleyan Church for the sum of **\$415,000.00** subject to the terms and conditions in the agreement of sale.

Board members discussed the motion.

Barbara Bowes commented on the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	X	☐	☐	☐
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Dispense w/ PSBA Motions MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mr. Beltz to dispense with motions A. through F. under New Business since it is not the board's business to nominate private corporation's staff.

Tom Wertman commented on the motion.

Gloria Bowman commented on the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Vice President	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	☐	X	☐	☐
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 3 NO - 5 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion denied.

**PSBA
President**

President calls for nominations for **PSBA President** for 2020 per the PSBA policy #108.

Mr. Bradley nominates Mr. Yenser for **PSBA President**. Mr. Yenser declined nomination.

Mr. Stern nominates Art Levinowitz for **PSBA President**.

President calls for other nominations.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to close nominations.

VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to elect Art Levinowitz, as **PSBA President**.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 2 (D.B., G.M.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (R.B.)
Motion carried.

**PSBA Vice-
President**

President calls for nominations for **PSBA Vice-President** for 2020 per the PSBA policy #108.

Mr. Stern nominates David Hein for **PSBA Vice-President**

President calls for other nominations.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to close nominations.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to elect David Hein, as **PSBA Vice-President**.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (R.B.)
Motion carried.

PSBA Central At Large President calls for nominations for **PSBA Central at Large** for 2020 per the PSBA policy #108.

Mr. Stern nominates Julie Preston for **PSBA Central at Large**.

President calls for other nominations.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to close nominations.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to elect Julie Preston, as **PSBA Central at Large**.

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 2 (D.B., G.M.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (R.B.)
Motion carried.

PSBA Advisors President calls for nominations for **PSBA Advisors** for 2020 per the PSBA policy #108.

Mr. Stern nominates Sabrina Backer, Ron Cole, Marsha Pleta, and Tricia Steiner for **PSBA Advisors**.

President calls for other nominations.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to close nominations.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to elect Sabrina Backer, Ron Cole, Marsha Pleta, and Tricia Steiner, as **PSBA Advisors**.

Board members discussed the motion.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (R.B.)
Motion carried.

PSBA Ins. Trust President calls for nominations for **PSBA Insurance Trust Candidates (2 seats)** for 2020 per the PSBA policy #108.

Mr. Stern nominates Kathy Swope for **PSBA Insurance Trust Candidate**

President calls for other nominations.

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to close nominations.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to elect Kathy Swope, as **PSBA Insurance Trust Candidate**.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (R.B.)
Motion carried.

PSBA Sch. Bd. Sec. President calls for nominations for **PSBA School Board Secretaries Forum (2-year term – 3 seats)** for 2020 per the PSBA policy #108.

Mr. Stern nominates Bethanne Zeigler, Jamie Lynn Zimerofsky, and Jennifer Davidson for **PSBA School Board Secretaries Forum (2-year term)**.

President calls for other nominations.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to close nominations.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinneli, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to elect Bethanne Zeigler, Jamie Lynn Zimerofsky, and Jennifer Davidson, as **PSBA School Board Secretaries Forum (2-year term)**.

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 1 (D.B.) ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (R.B.)
Motion carried.

Directors' Concerns

MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to have the resignations of David Bradley and Gail Maholick tonight.

MOTION by Mr. Bradley that Andy Yenser, Rita Spinelli, Larry Stern, Wayne Wentz and Steve Holland to also offer their resignation. Failed for lack of a second.

Board members discussed the motions.

Barbara Bowes commented on the motions.

Gloria Bowman commented on the motions.

Mr. Holland and Mr. Wentz agreed to rescind their motion.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment

1. Barbara Bowes

- *Explained to Ms. Denicola that she feels for her because there may be a lot she doesn't know that got passed and now she needs to get up to speed. Doesn't understand why (Ms. Denicola) would be afraid of Dave. Joy has asked to review things and has been denied. You're not afraid of her, are you? If sitting on the board, would want to see the information too. Would like to verify, doesn't have to be every single bill. We need to come together and at least verify some of it. Everybody makes mistakes, everybody has issues but if we don't look at them and correct them and keep making them, it doesn't do any good. We need common sense, adult decisions. We need people who will verify and take the time. A lot of money spent on things that shouldn't have been spent on. As a taxpayer, has the right to see it, according to the law. Will ask specific questions regarding documents. Need to agree to give access and be transparent. Need to come to a consensus on getting more information out. Was asked to have the budgets for the last 4 years and have a 2019-2020 budget summary on the website. It's important for the community to see this.*

Mr. Bradley commented on the Courtesy of the Floor.

Ms. Denicola commented on Mr. Bradley's question.

Adjournment

Next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, October 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Stern announced an Executive Session after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Denicola

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Board Secretary

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