

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 PM
**Executive Session Immediately
Following Meeting for 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 7:00 p.m.

*** Moment of silence for the victims of the Sante Fe High School shooting.*

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
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	☐
Mr. Brian Feick, Business Manager	X	☐
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent	X	☐
Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor (Atty. Eric Filer)	X	☐
Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Recording Secretary	X	☐

Presentations

1. Lions International - Mr. David Leon

- Sue Anthony, from Lehigh Lioness/Lions Club introduced Dave Leon from the Stroudsburg Lions. Dave is trained in the Kids Sight vision screening for children 6 months to older.
- Dave Leon
 - District Coordinator for Kids Sight Program
 - Covers the counties of Carbon, Schuylkill, Pike and Monroe.

- It's a program to safeguard the vision of children. Focused on kids from 6 months to 6 years because that's a group that nobody's paying attention to. Once they get into school, the nurse does the screening.
- Free services to the community.
- 80% of learning is visual.
- Have four (4) cameras to use with a portable printer. Printout can be taken to the doctor.
- Not eye professionals – the camera is a screening device. It gives a pre-warning. The printout is given to parents.
- Simple test – no contact with the students. Have done preschools, daycares, elementary schools, health fairs and Lions Club events.
- Have been asked to participate in surrounding counties.
- A lot of issues can be corrected if caught early.
- Can provide a brochure to distribute to parents.
- Every person involved in the program has their clearances.

The camera was demonstrated to the audience.

- Asking for the opportunity to serve the district.

Mr. Cleaver – For permission slips for the parents, to send home, did most of the school district's send home a permission slip?

Mr. Leon – No. One of the reasons for that is Pennsylvania requires a school to do this anyway. We are basically providing that service for the school. We would like to do pre-registration screening. We do need parental consent for that. We do have that paperwork.

Mr. Bradley – Outside of the school district, how do other people in the community get access to your services?

Mr. Leon – All they have to do is ask. We try to advertise through our website, our Facebook® pages, and we have been reaching out to daycares, county fairs. We are only in our second year of doing this so we are trying to get some energy into the Lions and communities to reach out.

Mr. Stern – One other follow-up, does the organization then if a financial need exists can a family get support to get some eyewear for them?

Mr. Leon – Yes. Lions, today, have a corporate charter to help with eye exams and with eyeglasses for those who need it. We do know that there's a CHIP program and people are aware of the CHIP program out there because it does cover eyeglass. Two things we try to do, if a family cannot afford, we will provide names of doctors, pediatric doctors, and we will help out with whatever the expenses of the eye exams and glasses if needed.

Mr. Stern – We'll move on to the...thank you very much Lions Club International and the local branch of the organization for bringing that program, not only to us, but to other school districts to support our young children and to make sure that their eyesight is what it needs to be moving forward in the educational process.

Public Comment on Agenda

Mr. Bradley – Larry, before you do public comment. Our board packet that we received is supposed to be given to people prior to them making a public comment so that they would have all the pertinent information available to them so that they can make a comment. Did we get, I asked Melissa to get a couple copies of it and somehow it was restricted in the administration part of our procedure. But, as a board, we have that responsibility. What's our plan there?

Mr. Cleaver – Yes, we did get your request. However, that's not a legal issue. So at this point, I'm not going to honor a request of one board member. If the entire board wishes to that as part of our operating procedures, that's something we could check with our school solicitor as well to make sure. But, again, that's not a legal issue and a request from one board member.

Mr. Bradley – How is it not a legal issue to you, Mr. Cleaver? It's right inside the Sunshine Act, Section G and I on page 14.

Mr. Cleaver – We must be reading it in different ways then.

Mr. Bradley – What part of this do you not read properly then? Presented to a quorum. Anything that's presented to the quorum in a meeting, which is this packet, for deliberation by us in accordance with our school code in an open meeting and Sunshine Act shall be a public record. How can you miss that?

Mr. Cleaver – Again...

Mr. Bradley – Let's ask Mr. Filer.

Mr. Cleaver – Again, we read it two different ways. So, we'll have to agree to disagree.

Mr. Bradley – No, we'll not agree to disagree. There's a law that says you have to give this to people.

Mr. Cleaver – It is your reading of the law different than mine. So, we had a school solicitor who we could...

Mr. Bradley – Let's ask him. Mr. Solicitor?

Atty. Filer – Aren't you referring to the Right-to-Know Law?

Mr. Bradley – I'm referring to the Right-to-Know Law.

Atty. Filer – So that's different from the Sunshine Act?

Mr. Bradley – Correct. It's the Right-to Know Law...

Atty. Filer – According to the Sunshine Act, they have to have the agenda available and I believe the agenda is available.

Mr. Bradley – But there's still a Right-to-Know Law as part of the Sunshine Act.

Atty. Filer – The Right-to-Know Law is a separate act from the Sunshine Act.

Mr. Bradley – Okay.

Atty. Filer – Under the Right-to-Know Law, individuals can request documents. Under the Sunshine Act, we have to provide the agenda item.

Mr. Bradley – Okay. So, if they request it, I have to give it to them, correct?

Atty. Filer – No.

Mr. Bradley – Or, someone has to give it to them.

Atty. Filer – The Right-to-Know Officer has to give it to them.

Mr. Bradley – Has to give it to them?

Atty. Filer – Yes.

Mr. Bradley – Okay. And, it's a requirement?

Atty. Filer – Yes.

Mr. Bradley – And, it's for all this information that was given to us for deliberation?

Atty. Filer – Again, without going through all that information, I don't know if there's stuff within there that is exempt.

Mr. Bradley – Okay, but we looked at it together, prior to the meeting...

Atty. Filer – Yes, you paged through the packet. I mean, I spent two seconds looking at it.

Mr. Bradley – I agree. But, they have a right to see it.

Atty. Filer – I told you before then, without reading through it, item by item, I can't say whether or not they have a right to read it right now. If you'd like me to, I will go through that line item by line item for any future Right-to-Know requests.

Mr. Bradley – I would like to make sure that the people have a right to this information because it is part of the public record and how can they show up and make a comment without the information. And, if this is the information we're discussing, they should have a right to see it prior to making their comment.

Atty. Filer – Well, then I suggest you take that up with the legislature and have them amend the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Bradley – It says right here that they have a right to see...

Atty. Filer – That's the Right-to-Know Act, Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley – They have a right to see it.

Atty. Filer - I'm not disagreeing with you...

Mr. Bradley - Thank you.

Atty. Filer - that the people have a right to see it...

Mr. Bradley - The question is whether or not this board....

Atty. Filer - ...if they ask for it.

Mr. Bradley - Correct. So now the question is, we have an opportunity that we can give it them without them even asking for it, correct?

Atty. Filer - That's something for the board...

Mr. Bradley - Why not? I have a right to give it to them. I can walk this right over to the table and hand it to them so that they can make educated information and discussion at this board meeting, correct?

Atty. Filer - Again, without going through all of that information, I can't tell you that, Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley - Okay, I'll do it for you.

Board members speaking.

Atty. Filer - He could be violating several state and federal laws for all I know.

Mr. Bradley - Find something in there and then charge me, thank you. Until then, I think that we, as a board, should allow the people to have the information presented in a quorum for deliberation in accordance with Pennsylvania 65, Chapter 7 cause it shall be a public record.

Mr. Stern - Okay, thank you for that input Mr. Bradley. Barbara Bowes?

Mr. Bradley - Well, it's a violation to not provide these people this information.

Mr. Stern - Not according to Mr. Filer. So, we're going to move on with the Courtesy to the Floor, thank you.

1. Barbara Bowes - Section VIII, Item I

- My name is Barbara Bowes and I'm a taxpayer in Lehigh, I reside in Lehigh. What I'm speaking about tonight is the agenda Item I under Section 8 the Financial Matter. At the board meeting held on April 23, 2018, a motion was made to subdivide the fields from the Franklin Elementary school and give them to Franklin Township via inter-municipal transfer. During the board discussion, on the motion, it came to light that it was not just Christman Field that would be subdivided off, but the track and soccer field would be included. In the original motion made to subdivide off Christman Field on November 20, 2017, Attorney Schwab specifically excluded the track in his comments on the motion. The exclusion was stated before the vote was taken. Motion by seconded by that the school district authorizes Franklin Township to survey

Franklin Elementary school for possible subdivision and then yes, no. That was on the agenda. Then the motion was, motion by Mr. Wentz, seconded by Mr. Stern that the school district authorizes Franklin Township to survey Franklin Elementary school for possible subdivision of Christman Field. Then Attorney Schwab states, for at least 40 years the school district has been renting Christman's Field for a dollar a year to Franklin Township. The supervisors have indicated that they might like to own it and extend the sewer line up to Christman Field. The board would have to come back after the survey. It should not include the track and will not include the building. So it was specifically excluded. In the letter dated March 23, 2018, sent from the Franklin Township Supervisors addressed to the Lehigh Area School Board they reiterate the Christman Field property is to be subdivided from the track and elementary school property. Since the aforementioned and excluded track runs around the outside of the soccer field, we'd like to know at what public meeting was the motion made and passed to include the track and therefore the soccer field in the subdivision. And, that's all I have. I just feel that there should be, since it was specifically excluded in the original motion, and then in the letter sent by Franklin Township Supervisors, and I can read that. If the Board of Supervisors decided to continue the process of subdividing the Christman Field Property from the track and elementary school's property, they would like to know if the school board will consider, etc., etc. So what I'd like to see done, is do it right, make a motion to include the extra property in the subdivision and the only reason being it was specifically excluded in the original motion passed on November 20, 2017. Thank you for listening.

Mr. Bradley - How as that added? When was the track added or how was it added?

Mr. Stern - You received the document before last meeting that included the map that had the proposed subdivision on it.

Mr. Cleaver - My recommendation came to the board and added that lower field.

Mr. Bradley - But why was it added or how was it added?

Mr. Cleaver - We had the discussion last, do we have to go...

Mr. Bradley - I'm just asking a question. Why was it added?

Mr. Cleaver - Because I felt that they deserved that as well.

Mr. Bradley - So, it's a gift to the...

Mr. Cleaver - Sure.

Mr. Bradley - Okay.

2. Ronald Steigerwalt - Christman Field

- Good evening, my name is Ronald Steigerwalt, I've been with the Franklin Township for over 30 years. I started out helping my dad coach and took on my own teams for many years before coaching, at least one of my kids, since 2003. I've volunteered countless hours of coaching, field maintenance and upkeep. I've made many great friendships over the years, I've had several officer positions, division leadership and currently the league President. I do this because I enjoy the game and what it stands for

to me. Being able to teach these kids and watch them grow into confident player, on and off the field, is very rewarding. Christman Field holds a special meaning to me, not only have I spent a good part of my life here, but it's named after my uncle, Ronald Christman, who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. This field is home to T-ball, Coach Pitch, Softball, and Babe Ruth teams but also holds Babe Ruth, district and state tournaments. Our organization welcomes teams from across the state which also helps our local businesses. A small group of volunteers put in many hours during the 7-10 day tournaments and always receive compliments and positive comments about our fields, our volunteers and organization. Our relationship with Franklin Township has worked so well for many years. They have helped maintain the fields, upgrade and add fields, work with us with lights and scoreboards, just to name a few. Some of you may know, it is very difficult to get consistent volunteers and commitments for all the behind-the-scene needs of running our organization, the 400 kids, which is why I'd like to see the township continue to hold the inter-municipal agreement to Christman Field. To me, youth baseball and softball is not a business, I would like to FTAA as a volunteer organization with the help of the township and/or the school. I challenge anyone of you to stop at Christman Field on where there can be 4 games going on at one time, look at these kid's faces as they hit the ball, score a run, eat a hot dog and make new friends. That's how I feel FTAA is all about. It's not always about the wins or the losses, it's about baseball and life experiences learned. Thank you.

Mr. Stern – Linda Steigerwalt, please. Just to let everybody know, we're extending a courtesy to Ms. Steigerwalt, she is not a resident of the district.

Mr. Cleaver – This address is correct?

Ms. Steigerwalt – Yes.

3. Linda Steigerwalt – Christman Field

- Good evening, my name is Linda Steigerwalt. I am here tonight to represent the family of Ronald Christman. The field was built, named and dedicated to the memory of my brother who died in Vietnam through the love, friendship and kindness of Wayne Wentz. My brother was a Marine, but he loved baseball. He would be proud of what Franklin Township has done for these children. These children need these fields, they're molding their lives and their character. The play for the love of the game and they learn so much more besides playing ball. They learn sportsmanship, confidence in themselves, friendships and the love and support of their families. For some, this will be only time they will ever play organized sports. Don't take the field away from them. This field has touched and impacted countless lives over the years in so many ways. We don't see what goes on behind the scenes, the coaches, the organizing, food stands, and the list can go on and on. Don't take the love of the game away from them. Don't take away dreams they have. Don't take away the ballfields from Franklin Township. Thank you.

4. Troy Ahner – FTAA

- Good evening everybody, thank you for the opportunity. I call my segment memories because I don't have it written down. But, it started back in the day with Wayne and my uncle Larry paving the way and a few other coaches, Layne Ziegenfuss, helping us become the men we are today. Helped us learn the game of baseball and it was a lot of fun. Dave Yeakel, Ronnie, Jeff Leslie, Cory Reph and a couple of the other boys, we enjoyed hitting them, I especially enjoyed hitting homeruns, I know Dave did too cause

he was on the receiving end of some of my pitches. I then left for a couple of years and had my first son and coached him through that, coached my oldest daughter through it, left again and came back to coach my daughter today. In my 9th year of coaching her, and I can tell you the memories we have for doing this. I ask when you vote tonight, vote with your hearts and keep the memories going. Because at FTAA, we just don't coach softball and baseball, we build family tradition and family values and I hope you don't put a monetary reason on that cause you cannot put a price on the future of these kids. Please keep the memories going. Thank you.

5. Kevin O'Donnell – Christman Field

- Good evening, my name is Kevin O'Donnell, information officers for the Franklin Township Little League. I, along with others, spoke at the April school board meeting on behalf of FTAA and you heard our position. Our volunteers are very passionate about the youth of this school district along with baseball, teaching those that opt to play for our organization, not only the game, but many life lessons as well. A lot has happened in a month's time. Not only have we been busy at the fields playing ball in between the raindrops, cramming in games where we can as a result from the rain, but also have done our due diligence in evaluating the options for Christman Field. FTAA met an additional 3 times since last month's school board meeting along with having representation at the Franklin Township Supervisors' meeting. At our 29th of April meeting, we extended an invitation to Mr. David Bradley to attend and listen to his presentation. He accepted and brought along fellow board member, Mrs. Gail Maholick. He presented his proposal as FTAA listened. Most of this presentation was geared to FTAA purchasing the property and taking over ownership. Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Maholick abstained from last month's vote to transfer Christman Field as part of an inter-municipal transfer since they felt FTAA was not given all the information. Mr. Bradley handed us that information, some of which we did not have, and we immediately went to work evaluating that data. FTAA continued to meet several times which included consulting with legal counsel, as this has not been an easy decision. After carefully evaluating all the options and doing extensive research, FTAA feels it would be in the association's best interest to have Christman Field remain within the jurisdiction of Franklin Township. FTAA feels that purchasing the property is not the best option at this time due to the added liability costs, the added expenditures of buying additional equipment, and the biggest one being Christman Field becoming privatized along with being consumed by a mortgage. We pride ourselves in having one of the lowest registration fees in the area and purchasing this property would drive up the cost to play ball. 49.89% of the student body that currently attends Lehigh Area School District are considered economically disadvantaged. We have anonymous donators now, whom we are very grateful for, that donate towards registration fees so that all youth within the school district have the opportunity to play ball if they desire to do so. We have found that a vast majority of athletic fields are owned by municipalities. Franklin Township Little League completes in Pennsylvania District 18 which covers all of Carbon County, Eastern Schuylkill County and Southern Luzerne County. FTAA fields excluded, there are 17 fields within District 18 of which 11 are owned by the municipality, 2 are owned by school districts, 2 are owned privately, and 2 are owned by the association. I expanded this search to Lehigh, Monroe and Northampton Counties and found that even more of them are owned by the municipality. Last, I looked at the bigger stage. Coca-Cola Park, home of the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, County of Lehigh. Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies, City of Philadelphia. I do understand at the bigger venues, the municipality gets a kickback. However, there's a definite pattern. As a side note, I found that Deep

Run Valley Sports Association, located in the Perkasio Hilltown Area, owned there 17 plus acres, however, they charge a \$100 annual club registration membership as they host 3 other sports and additional registration fees of \$60-\$210 depending on the baseball or softball division. As I previously mentioned, FTAA had representation at the Franklin Township Supervisors' meeting. Franklin Township is willing to support us as they have done the past 39 years and for that, we thank them. FTAA has learned that it cost Franklin Township approximately \$10,750 for electric, grass cutting, wages and insurance for the 2017 season. The association reimbursed the township \$3,000 for the electric. The approximate cost per resident to have Christman Field, less than \$4 per household. The Supervisors are waiting for this board to move before they take on the expense associated with the subdivision. In closing, FTAA is well aware how valuable of an asset the property is to the school district and what the property adds to the value of selling Franklin Elementary. FTAA is also very appreciative to the school district for allowing us to house 4 of our fields on that said property. This property was originally purchased by the school district from the Township of Franklin and the Franklin Joint School Authority. This is a valuable asset as well and while I don't know all the particulars with the transfer to the Lehigh Area School District, I would have to think the cost was very minimal. The association would appreciate if the 9 board members here tonight would cast an affirmative vote to reconsider a motion to transfer Christman Field as inter-municipal transfer to Franklin Township with right of reverter at no cost contingent on a subdivision plan acceptable to the school district, etc. FTAA had the support of 5 board members at the April meeting. Mr. Bradley, Mrs. Maholick, you gave us the impression that you would support FTAA no matter what direction the association decided to pursue when leaving our meeting on 29th of April. This is very much appreciated. Thank you for your time.

6. Robert Dwojewski - Christman Field

- I just want to say that a vote against or an abstained vote in regards to subdividing the Christman Baseball Fields and transferring it to Franklin Township via a municipal transfer is a vote against the children of Lehigh Area. It does not matter if your personal opinion differs from those who volunteer for FTAA. If the volunteers of FTAA feel that a municipal transfer to Franklin Township and leases the fields is what is in the best interest of the organization, then you should respect that decision, even if you disagree with it. You can't make the volunteers of FTAA agree with you, but you do hold the votes to allow FTAA to continue to serve the children of the Lehigh Area for another 40 years. You can show that you support the children who participate in Franklin Township Athletic Association by voting yes to the subdivision and municipal transfer of Christman Fields to Franklin Township. Thank you.

7. Stacey Duerst - Christman Field

- I'm actually reading Bruce Hawk's thoughts. To Lehigh Area School Board Members concerning Christman Field. At this time, if you are not going to vote to donate the land to Franklin Township, you should step down. You are here for the children; this is a win-win for everyone. The past 30 years Franklin Township has taken care of that land and has put money into supporting that land. With this, the children in our district have a great joy and memories of playing there. Let's keep it going. Thank you, Bruce Hawk.

8. Mark Maholick – FTAA

- Hello everyone. Just talking about, and I know some of things that everybody are saying are well thought out and well prepared. I guess, you know, something I was thinking about I know I kind of advocated for while I attending the meetings at Franklin Township, the athletic association and just seeing how it all going to unfold, I think it's safe to assume that probably the greatest thing, and all of us could agree upon in this small town, democracy, having choices is the most important thing that we could have. And when we were presented with some choices by Mr. Bradley, I think right away, a lot of us looked at it and said, well, you know, they're trying to take fields away from our kids and I think, as the alternatives were presented to us, and we we're given the alternatives, and we looked at them and with a fine-tooth comb, obviously, Kevin did a lot of work there to figure out exactly what we should do and we all agreed upon what we should do. And, we think that Franklin Township, if they're willing to take over the fields, and we thought about maybe we should buy them. How much money do we have? Is it a viable alternative? It was an alternative and I appreciate the offer as an alternative but we know what our organization is decided is probably what's gonna be best for us. Everybody in here could probably talk about a memory they've had at the field and all of that and I think we all can agree on, and no one would want to make an experience that any kid in this whole district would have to be less of an experience. No one's looking to do anything like that. And, if you are, I'd sure hope that that would be something you reconsider as well. But, looking at things with an open mind, as I know I try to push all of us when we were in meetings talking about, I hope everyone sitting and standing, sitting in front of us right now, would look at this in an open mind and say if people have decided, the people that have given all their time, their lives to this organization, hopefully they would be willing to look at it and say, they probably are making the best decision or deciding with the best thought in their minds. The best, you know, did their homework and know what they're supposed to do. I can't follow with statistics of who's doing what or how these things go but I do know that the athletic association and the baseball and the little league has been a part of my life for 50 years and I can't imagine if it would be anything different if kids around here didn't have the opportunity to be able to take advantage of playing baseball throughout their childhood. Thank you very much and hopefully when you're making your decisions, that you're going to consider that all of these things that everybody's presenting to you. Thank you.

Mr. Stern – With respect to all the individuals who are attending this meeting tonight, and I'm going to pull agenda Item I. to right as this minute, prior to communications. I don't know if I need a motion, but I'm going to make a motion that we move agenda Item I. prior to communication.

Mrs. Spinelli – Second.

Mr. Stern – Any deliberation on that? All those in favor...

Ms. Beers – I would like to make a comment. Last time I voted no and I was contacted by some people that asked me a lot of questions about my no vote and I would like to qualify why I voted that way. This time, and last time, we heard from a lot of people talk about the great work that FTAA has done and to me this motion is not about how great FTAA is. I think everybody agrees that it's a deserving and awesome organization that does great work for the community. For me, when I think about voting on this motion, I ask myself if I, as a public elected official, can ethically vote to give away assets which belong to the school. For me, I don't look at this land, I know some

people have talked about how some folks think that maybe this land has great value and that we could try to gather a couple \$100,000 and that's not what I'm thinking. What I am thinking is that I'm really glad that in the last month, FTAA has made some moves to talk to some folks and gather information and do some thinking. Here, within the district, I attended the policy meeting and I tried to have some conversations with other board member and they were not interested in having discussions internally, they had kind of made their minds up and for me, I have a problem with that. I would like there to be more thought given within district and if there were a motion on the agenda for example to subdivide the land and have Lehigh Area School District continue to own the land and continue the relationship with FTAA that would be something I would be in favor of. But, the very least, I would like there to be internal discussions for what makes sense with the district interfacing with the community.

Mr. Stern – Any other discussion?

Mr. Bradley – Your motion's just to move the agenda item to up front though? So are we gonna take a vote on that first and then we'll have discussion on this actual motion or which one do you want to do?

Mr. Stern – I want to, of course, the motion is open so I would like to move the Item I. up in the agenda.

Mr. Bradley – Correct, so take a vote on that first, right?

Mr. Stern – Yes.

Move Item I. MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to move Agenda Item I. before communications.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Inter-Municipal Transfer Denied	MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to reconsider motion to transfer Christman Field as inter-municipal transfer to Franklin Township with right of reverter at no cost, contingent on a subdivision plan acceptable to the school district. This is per Franklin Township's letter requesting two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote. Once subdivision plan developed, matter will still have to come before Board again for final approval and actual transfer.
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Mr. Feick – To get two-thirds, I think you're going to need to do a roll call on this.

Mr. Stern – Okay.

Mr. Bradley – And, prior to that, let's have a short discussion about some of the comments that were made and also about what we're actually talking about. So, one of things was cost and it was talked about that individual taxpayers, couple dollars, not that big of deal. We also did the math that they wanted to own the fields, that the parents can pay less than 50 cents a month and they could own the field forever and nobody could take it from them and nobody could stop them from ever having those fields be questioned again, ever. There's also a comment that was made about win-win. We all agree that the kids need these fields. We all agree that the kids should have access to fields. And, there's plenty of people in the community that can afford to help make that

happen. But, as far as a win-win, to ask somebody and compel somebody to pay a tax so that baseball can go forward is not ethical by any means. So, the win-win, is only for those in the community that support baseball, like ourselves, that paid towards the GoFundMe or whatever else you guys wanted to use, but not those people that are suffering to lose their house over paying taxes. This is just one more tax being added to the backs of the people because they haven't taken the time to recognize an answer to this that doesn't require taxing people. Now, they mentioned about giving the choice and the best decision. I agree, the best decision is always free, right, how could you not make a decision to say, give it to me free, that's a good decision. Anybody given that opportunity would take that decision. In my opinion, to compel people to pay a tax is not an ethical responsibility of this board by any means. It's not the way it's supposed to work. We also don't want government controlling our baseball and the disadvantage is, if this district runs into financial situation, which looks like according to the paperwork that I'm reading, we definitely could be and the state comes in, we're gonna lose those ball fields. And, that scares the living heck out of me, okay. That's what I'm afraid of and I know that there's people sitting in this room that are in complete support of that field like myself. But, to risk that and have an opportunity, at this juncture, doesn't make sense to me. I don't see how you would take a tax over just letting the people that can afford it, pay for it, so they can give it to these kids and let them have it. He even mentioned, the cost is negligible, they're doing most of the work anyway. I didn't understand the financial. So, if anyone, from the FTAA can explain the financial burden if a GoFundMe account pays for these fields. How's that burden changed? And, why wouldn't you want to keep it?

Audience Member – You got \$360 from 10 people in how many days?

Mr. Bradley – Did you ask people to contribute or did you tell people not to?

Audience Member – The ball field supporters had it posted all over the place and it's been shared multiple times.

Mr. Bradley – Stacey Duerst herself said that, don't contribute to it. So....

Stacey Duerst – I don't think you should quote me.

Mr. Bradley – Okay. Well, what did you say then? I'm sorry, what was your comment about supporting the FTAA GoFundMe account by the citizens that could afford to help baseball.

Mr. Cleaver – Mr. Bradley, just, there's no having discussion with the audience. But, I think that the...

Mr. Bradley – I think we gotta collect information, Mr. Cleaver, before you deliberate. That's part of the deliberation process.

Mr. Cleaver – Yes, I know. You tell us 20 times a night. We understand that. I think the important thing is, is the FTAA is here, and I appreciate all of you being here in your support. They are making a recommendation to the supervisors, which are in turn are making a recommendation to us, that this is the avenue they want to take. If you don't agree with it, that's fine. That's totally your decisions, that's why we're here to vote. But, at this point, I don't think we need to continue to have this discussion. Let's move forward. Let's take the vote. The people, your people that you point to all the time, have spoke and on several occasions said this is the way they want to go. If you don't agree with them, that's fine. However, there's probably several people here that do. But, at this point I think it's time we move forward. These poor kids have been here long enough.

This poor situation has been going on long enough and I don't know what other information you expect other than the fact that FTAA wants the township to have ownership of these buildings.

Mr. Bradley - They're lobbying the school board, Mr. Cleaver. The FTAA non-profit organization is acting as a lobbyist to get the Leighton School District to give fields to the Franklin Township Authority, right, Franklin Township Supervisors, so in essence, the FTAA is mooching these fields for the benefit of the Franklin Township and by such, and that's what's happening as a lobbyist...

Audience reacted.

Mr. Cleaver - Excuse me, we need to keep order.

Mr. Bradley - As a lobbyists and that's what's happening. And, to do that, to the taxpayers of Franklin, part of our district, is unethical. It's just unethical.

Mr. Cleaver - And, again, that is your opinion.

Mrs. Spinelli - Call the vote please, Mr. President.

Mr. Stern - Roll call vote, Mrs. Wagner.

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 - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion denied.

Audience reacted.

Mr. Bradley - If you'd like me to answer, take the opportunity, we have it, let's take it and own it forever. Try it.

Audience reacted.

Mr. Cleaver - Excuse me. Order please.

Mr. Bradley - My dollars are in the GoFundMe, are yours?

Mr. Stern - Order please.

Mr. Cleaver - Order, please. Order, please. Again, everyone has an opinion and again please be respectful. The vote has been taken. Everyone sees where people stand, it's obvious. Again, I want to thank the FTAA people for your support. I will continue to do what I have to, what I can

do in my power to see that these field still stay there and that these kids, as we say, will continue to play ball and you have my full respect, and you have my full support in this no matter what 4 of the 9 board members say. Thank you.

Mr. Bradley – And all 9 board members want these kids to have these fields, Mr. Cleaver, all 9 members do.

Mr. Stern – Why can't you not comment? Your comments are over Mr. Bradley, thank you very much.

Mr. Bradley – I'll make a motion that we poll the board to see who thinks these kids should have those fields. Can I get a second on that motion?

Mr. Beltz – I second that motion.

Mr. Bradley – Roll call vote please, Mr. Stern.

Mr. Stern – What's the motion?

Mr. Bradley – The motion on the table is to poll the Lehigh School Board Members to see who wants these kids to own or have, sorry, keep, have, own, those fields. Thank you.

Audience Member – Why don't we just settle it right now. Let the district pay to subdivide, district keeps the field and continues to lease it to Franklin Township for a dollar and everything goes the way it has for the last 39 years.

Mr. Bradley – Let's take this motion first because we have it on the table, but not a bad choice.

Audience Member – Come on, it's worked for 39 years, it can work for another 39.

Mr. Stern – That would be under new business.

Mr. Cleaver – Just to comment on that, cause we are in this motion, the concern is with that then this board every year would have to approve that and we can't guarantee that that would happen. So, with the township having it and owning it, then the township would be responsible to continue that, not the school district.

Mr. Bradley – But they had to vote on it every year as well, Mr. Cleaver.

Mr. Stern – And, I believe that in support of what you stated earlier, Mr. Bradley, should the district retain ownership of the property and some financial crisis occur as you are speculating, that then we would be forced to sell the property and then it would no longer be for the kids.

Mr. Bradley – Mr. Stern, I respect, you have a vote, let's take that vote first that says let's find a way to get these kids those field. Now, after that, we can have a discussion about what she mentioned and as where I agree with you, that risks exists, that's why purchase is my prerogative.

Audience Member – Does the reverter clause not do the same thing?

Mr. Stern – Should it not be used...

Mr. Bradley – The risk of leaving it within the district, is if the district runs into financial issue, that reverter will take it.

Audience Member – The reverter, it's the same thing, so let just subdivide, reclaim the land, lease it to the township for a dollar.

Mr. Stern – Give it to the township.

Audience members speaking.

Mr. Stern – And, the reverter is part of the initial agreement, sir. That if it's no longer used. If it goes to the township and it's no longer used for recreational by the Franklin Township Athletic Association, then it does revert to the district.

Audience Member – Okay, so why can't we just subdivide it and retain it?

Mr. Stern – I would believe that if we would subdivide and retain, then if we get into financial hardship as Mr. Bradley is suggesting, then that could be asset that could be sold off from the district and then the fields would be gone.

Audience Member – Well, they could do the same under a reverter clause then.

Mr. Stern – No.

Mr. Bradley – Correct.

Mr. Stern – I don't think so.

Mr. Bradley – You have a district buried in debt. I would take these fields in a second. Can we take that vote on all the people that want these kids to have that field please, Mr. Stern? I call the vote. Can we take the vote please?

Mr. Stern – Can you restate the motion please?

Mrs. Wagner – To poll the board members to see if these kids want to have or own the fields. That's what I have.

Mr. Bradley – That who on the board wants these kids to have or own the fields.

Mrs. Wagner – To poll the board members to see if the board members....

Mr. Bradley – Want these kids to have these fields.

Mrs. Wagner – We do have a second, Mr. Beltz seconded it.

Mr. Cleaver – Do we have any information to exactly how this will look? Like exactly what this motion is, just to repeat, because I'm confused.

Mrs. Wagner – To poll board members to see if the board members want these kids to have or own the fields.

Mr. Cleaver – So the kids to own the fields your saying or have?

Mr. Bradley – The kids to have the fields. We want the kids to have the fields. We all respect that. There's a lot of ways to skin the cat that doesn't harm other people.

Audience Member – When I was at the meeting, you said to listen to work this out, you would support the kids. When you left the meeting, you gave us the impression that you were going to do that. We come in here tonight, that's not what happened.

Mr. Bradley – I can support the kids....

Audience reacted.

Mr. Cleaver – Okay, again, again, we need order. Listen again, please be respectful so we can hear exactly because there's confusion on exactly what this motion is saying already and it's very difficult with the voices over it. So, again, Missy please read the motion.

Mrs. Wagner - To poll the board members to see if the board members want these kids to have the fields.

Mr. Cleaver – Okay, thank you. And that want you seconded, correct Mr. Beltz?

Poll Board Members MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mr. Beltz to poll board members to see if the board members want these kids to have or own the fields.

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
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 - 4 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS - 5

Motion denied.

Mr. Yenser – I'll abstain because I don't understand the motion.

Mr. Beltz – I played little league at Christman Field, my kids played little league there and I want that to stay in the community and to stay under the control of the Franklin Township Athletic Association. I think there's a better way to approach it then the inter-municipal transfer. If that's what your hell-bent on, I think we're probably gonna, it's probably gonna happen at some point but I thank you for listening to Dave and exploring the options but I would like you to reconsider them again. I can't vote for this right now. I do want the kids to remain at the fields there.

Audience Member – You played there, right?

Mr. Beltz – I played there. Yeah, I was no good.

Audience Member – How can you say no? For 30 years in the township. How can you say no?

Mr. Beltz – At this point, I have to say no.

Audience Member – We listened to your discussion. At the association meeting...

Mr. Beltz – I said yes to it because I played there and my kids played there and I'd like it to stay in the community. I kind of ramble on, I'm nervous and that's what happens when I'm nervous.

Mr. Bradley – Like Richard, my kids played there, I think the kids should have these fields. I think the method in which to get them should not involve compelling people that can't afford them to be forced to pay for them. I think we should go back to the community and recognize that we can ask and cooperate in the asking at which point I think that you'll have more than enough money for this process, including the money I provided and more can be asked for and more can be gained by those that have it. So, I vote, yes, these kids should have these fields. Thank you.

Mr. Holland – I'm going to abstain and my reasoning is, I'm sorry, but I cannot listen to Mr. Bradley anymore. He likes to play the game of twist and I'm sorry, I've gotta abstain now.

Mrs. Spinelli – I'm abstaining because of semantics. The children should have the fields sounds to me like he wants the association to own it and I don't agree with that so I'm abstaining of ambiguity.

Communications

1. Superintendent's Report – *Mr. Cleaver*
 - The spring programs are continuing to be held throughout the district. I'd like to encourage everyone to visit the district website and, if possible, take advantage of attending some of the year end activities.
 - District was awarded a school breakfast grant in the amount of \$3,500. This an effort to encourage students to take part in school breakfast programs. Only 50% of students that are receiving free and reduced lunches are also receiving the breakfast. Pennsylvania ranks 41st in the country for the number of breakfast meals served compared to lunches. A large majority of schools offer the breakfast program. So, the challenge is for schools to offer the program where it is more accessible to the students. With the additional funding, we will not be able to add grab-and-go options for our students at the breakfast.
 - Today was Humphrey Day and the students had a great time enjoying the program and spending time with Humphrey. I would like to thank the staff for the time and effort they spent promoting this program and administering today's program for our students. It is obvious, the students enjoyed all the activities and spending time with Humphrey, their peers and the staff today.
 - We have been working with the 911 Center to establish addresses for the field house and elementary center. The current address for the high school is One Indian Lane. The field house will now be considered Two Indian Lane and the elementary center will be number Three Indian Lane. So these will be the permanent address for those facilities.

2. Finance Report - *Mr. Feick*
 - The Finance Committee met the beginning of the month. The Finance Committee meeting minutes were handed out with the board packets and they're also on the website if you want to read them.
3. Board President's Report - *Mr. Stern*
 - We've all received the information from each of the buildings, high school, middle school, elementary schools on all the activities that are going on including the year ending concerts, the choral concerts and year ending sports activities.
4. Lehigh Memorial Library Report - *Mrs. Maholick*
 - I attended my first meeting as a member of the Lehigh Memorial Library Board on April 24th and was warmly received by other members.
 - The Library will be holding registration for its Summer Reading program beginning at 10:00 a.m. on June 1st.
 - The Library had an article in the Spring/Summer Lehigh Borough Newsletter.
 - Fund drive letters were sent out and the Library received 180 response totaling over \$9,000.
 - The Library intends to stay open on Mondays by staffing with volunteers.
 - There are plans to launch a capital campaign for fall.
 - 2700 people used the Library in March 2018 with a total of 1,493 item circulated.
 - The Library board will meet again next week.
5. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report - *Mrs. Spinelli*
 - I put something in front of everyone's seat here. It's PSBA Facts and Figures. It's basically PSBA's assessment of 2017 averages. How many schools there are, what the average teacher salary is, enrollment, pupil size, some other things, career and technical education programs. 25 years ago, I did a study on where the district stood as far as numbers and we are very average. We are in the middle for number of students, were in the middle for average home price, and 25 years later, we still are. I found one school that has one less student than we do. Their average home price is \$1,000 more than ours, but their average tax is minimally less and their percentage debt service to their budget is 8% and our is 8.64%. And, I'm telling you this to let you know that we're not on this cliff that Mr. Bradley thinks we are. Besides researching some districts myself, I also called PSBA and asked for an assessment of our financial, general overall and it was favorable. We're not doing anything wrong. We are not heading for a cliff at this point, hey, anybody could head for a cliff at any time, but we are not heading in that direction. I really would like if you would tell me who you speak to sometimes that gives you this information because everybody I reached out to did not tell me that.

Mr. Bradley - Did you want me to answer that?

Mrs. Spinelli - No, I'd prefer you let me speak.

- Along those lines, during our policy meeting, as Ms. Beers eluded to before, I was dealing with a personal issue and let myself, let it affect my mood and my behavior and for that I apologize. But, I've done a lot of soul-searching since then and I am going to continue to do what I testified in court that I would do and that is to keep this district going on the path it is, the way it is for the best

interest of anyone until someone convinces me otherwise. I swore to that in a court of law before a judge and that's what intend to do. So, if someone wants to change my mind, you certainly have every right. I expect it to pass through administration. I expect it to come with facts and figures that I can verify and I will be more than happy to consider anyone's idea or anyone's suggestion but not until it goes through proper channels and gives me something I can sink my teeth into. Because, my research did not give what yours did.

6. Title I Advisory Committee Report – *Mrs. Bowman*

- The Parent Advisory Council has been very busy this past month. We've met twice, April 25th and May 16th. Topics covered include the School-Wide District Title Plan going from Targeted-Assisted to School-Wide. We're going to start planning at the end of May.
- We talked about the summer programs for students entering grades 1-4. Various materials and summer packets and our library summer program which will be held at Shull-David beginning June 27th through August 15th from 9-11:30 and 5:30-8.
- At one of our meeting, we did brainstorm—how can we get more students involved in the summer program. We felt transportation was possibly a problem. So we had some lengthy discussion about possibly looking at a district employee to drive the van and designating a spot for pick up if we have a group from like the 1st Street area that would come to Dollar General and we would take them and return them. So far, I think there was about 25 students signed up for Reading and about 20 for Math at this point.
- As Mr. Cleaver eluded, the One Book school project ended with culminating activities today and everybody had a good time. I had a chance to talk to some students and some staff and everybody was having a lot of fun with some of the activities.
- Just a reminder, the Pool Event is June 13th from 5:00-8:00 and the rain date is June 14 and at this time we have 41 vendors unless this has changed, Mrs. Ebbert will tell us that.
- And, finally, the Title Staff met on May 17th and they talked about finalizing the summer programs and talked about now planning for the School-Wide which will become the entire school instead Target-Assisted and they have some work to do before the next meeting which is May 30th and June 12th.
- Our Fall Parent Night will be October 10th and we're going to do Seussapalooza with activities and stations involving Dr. Seuss.
- And, last but not least, we're taking a look at inviting parents to teach your child to reach through step-by-step learning which will be facilitated by Carol Geary, Superintendent from Pleasant Valley instead of sending parents to SPAC.
- And, I'd like to give a kudos to the 3 parents who came back with the idea, from the state conference last year, it's Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Bravo and Mrs. Hansler, who came with the idea for the One Book, One Project and of course the students took home new books today, Summer with Humphrey.

7. CCTI Report – *Mr. Yenser*

- NOCTI written exams have ended. The school had completed—all that had tested were 100% advanced or competent with their written tests.
- The school had their prom on May 18th.
- Awards ceremony is taking place Wednesday, May 23.
- The graduation ceremony for CCTI will take place on June 8th.
- Last day of school for students will be June 12th.

- The last but very not least, we talked about the SKILS USA competition with great success. Overall the kids had placed higher than they ever had in school history before. Special congratulations goes out to the Lehighton student who finished 1st place in States and that was Lynzi Binder in the Collision/ Auto Collision Repair in Estimating Competition. It's a non-traditional student, finishing first in the state is phenomenal. So, congratulations to her and she will continue on to Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. I believe it's the beginning of June. Best of luck to her.
- 8. CLIU Report – *Mr. Wentz*
 - The CLIU 21 is actually meeting tonight as we speak. I'll have a full report for the June meeting.
- 9. Building/Grounds Report – *Mr. Holland*
 - Building & Grounds, you have our report and I'll leave it at that.
- 10. Academic Affairs Committee Report – *Mr. Stern*
 - Academic Affairs did not meet. They will meet on June 6.
- 11. Policy Committee Report – *Mr. Stern*
 - There are 3 policies that were moved through Policy Committee for your consideration on the first reading.
- 12. Athletic Committee Report – *Mr. Wentz*
 - The Athletic meeting report, this is very hard after what just happened here.
 - The Athletic Committee met on May 9th. Unfortunately, I was away on that date but I do have information on our track teams. Three school records were broken this season as Isabelle Meckes set the record in discus, Kaia Slaw the school record in the triple jump, and Isabella Baka in the pole vault. The following student-athletes also qualified for States: Isabelle Meckes, AAA district champion in the discus, Thamir Spencer, District XI champion in the 100 and 200, Shae Blasiak in the high jump and Kaia Slaw in the triple jump.
 - The next scheduled Athletic meeting is set for August 8, prior to Meet the Tribe Night.
 - And, it's a sad night, a very sad night here that we have 4 people against kids. This is a feeder program for this school, the softball and baseball. It's a sad night when 4 people against kids playing sports, very sad night. That's all I've got to say.

Ms. Beers – I'm not voting against kids playing sport, it's not what's happening.

Mr. Bradley – No one said that. We're against taking money from seniors that don't have it.

Audience Member – I'm a senior.

Mr. Bradley – Then donate.

Mr. Cleaver – Again, let's, again, again, please we need to limit the remarks, thank you.

Audience Member – Once again, I want to challenge one of you to make a motion to subdivide and retain the field in the district, I'm gonna take Rita at her word, that we're not heading for financial trouble, because that was one of the excuses Larry.

Mr. Cleaver – Again...

Mr. Bradley – Check with Brian on that first though.

Mr. Cleaver – We’re going through reports now. There’s nothing on the agenda for comment from public.

Mr. Stern – It’ll have to be under new business.

Mr. Cleaver – Again, I’m going to ask you to stop. I’m politely asking you to sit down and let us run the meeting and follow the procedure, at the end of the meeting you’ll have a time to talk.

13. Wellness Committee Report – *Mrs. Maholick*

- The Wellness Committee accepted the report from Lauren Williams who updated the committee on the upcoming menu selections for the elementary, middle school, and high school students for May. According to Ms. Williams the menu selections are well received by students. She did have concerns that some students have high balances on their accounts. She said that employees are not allowed to tell students that their balances are low. She said several balances are negative in hundreds of dollars.
- Mr. Tim Tkach said that some students with high balances likely qualify for free or reduced lunches, but the parents must fill out paperwork. He suggested that a workshop be conducted to help parents fill out applications.
- The last day for student meals will be June 13. Mr. Tkach noted that free lunches will be offered to students from June through September from 11:00-12:30 at Zion Church for children within the district.
- There will be no Wellness Committee meetings until August.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mrs. Holland, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2018, regular meeting.

Mr. Bradley – I make a motion that this gets changed just a little bit, if you don’t mind. I’ll move that approve the minutes pending review of the audio tape for the August 23, 2018, regular meeting, April 23, 2018, as written here. Just add in per review of the audio.

Mrs. Spinelli – How could we vote on the minutes if until we review the audio?

Mr. Bradley – It’s pending a review. So, you’re approving the minutes, the way they’re written, pending review of the audio tape because you did not get a chance to review that audio tape, correct?

Mrs. Spinelli – No, I did not, but I have a pretty good memory yet, despite my age, Mr. Bradley. I still don’t understand. If we vote to approve the minutes but they’re subject to review, we still can’t post the minutes and they’re still not legal. Am I correct?

Mr. Cleaver – Eric?

Atty. Filer – I’m sorry.

Mr. Feick – Correct.

Mr. Bradley – Let Mr. Filer answer.

Atty. Filer – Can you repeat the question?

Mrs. Spinelli – If we approve minutes based, contingent upon reviewing the audio tape then the minutes are not really approved, can't be put on the website, and they're basically nothing if we haven't reviewed the tape yet, correct?

Atty. Filer – Yeah, if we're not approving them. If we're approving them with contingencies, then they're not being approved.

Mrs. Spinelli – They're not being, that's what I thought. Okay, thank you.

Mr. Bradley – Other than your perfect memory, which is wonderful, has anyone else reviewed the audio tape or what was said in the last meeting in comparison to the dictation that Melissa has done.

Mrs. Spinelli – Did you find something out of line? If you found, the procedure is if you see something was not right, please say so.

Mr. Bradley – We agree, Rita, the question is that the audio tape was not made available to us in enough time to get that review done, thank you.

Mr. Stern – I read the 81 pages of the minutes.

Mrs. Spinelli – Yes, so did I.

Mr. Yenser – Correct. The 81 pages were transcribed off of the audio tape. I believe Mrs. Wagner's procedure of how she transcribes the notes, as I read the 81 pages, they were my recollection of the meeting as it happened.

Mr. Stern – I need a motion and a second to approve.

Mrs. Wagner – Who made the motion?

Mr. Stern – Steve, thank you Steve.

Mrs. Spinelli – I'll second.

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

Mr. Bradley – I'd like to make a motion that we add the audio recordings to the minutes.

Mr. Stern – You'll have to make that motion at new business.

Mr. Bradley – We're in the same section.

Mr. Stern – Make the motion at new business, please. We're following the rules.

Mr. Bradley – Any board member can make a motion at any time, Mr. Stern.

Mr. Stern – Make a motion during new business, sir.

Mr. Bradley – Okay, I'll be glad to.

Financial Matter

Activities Fund MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Lehigh Area High School and Lehigh Area Middle School Activities Fund for April 2018.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Payment of Bills MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Bradley to approve the Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 1,528,760.86
--Benefits	\$ 520,808.51
--Payroll (April)	\$ 1,362,385.69
--Debit Card	\$ 1,938.70
Capital Projects	\$ 2,281,625.78
Food Service Fund	\$ 72,114.95
	\$ 5,767,634.49

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

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Construction Accounts MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve payment on the following projects from the corresponding construction accounts for a total of **\$1,496,359.69**.

1. High School

EI Associates - Inv. #14034	\$ 129.42
	\$ 129.42

2. Elementary Center

Barry Isett & Associates- Inv. #0121743	\$ 306.20
CSI- Inv. #20181973P & 20181974P	\$ 183,000.00
EI Associates - Inv. #14031, 14032 & 14033	\$ 32,422.37
Jay R. Reynolds – App. #14	\$ 68,481.32
JBM Mechanical- App. #12	\$ 68,886.86
Lobar, Inc. – App. #18	\$ 808,255.40
Phillips Brothers – App. #15	\$ 286,402.70
Quandel- Inv. #38 & 39	\$ 48,475.42
	\$ 1,496,230.27

Mr. Bradley – Andy, did you get a chance to review all these prior to, as our board, well you’re the treasurer, right? So as board treasurer, did you get a chance to review all these.

Mr. Yenser – Yeah, as a board member, citizen, board treasurer, I reviewed what was provided to me, yes.

Mr. Bradley – Okay, thank you.

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

Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Reports MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve the following reports:

- a. Budget/Revenue Report
- b. Treasurer’s Reports
 - 1. General Fund
 - 2. Capital Reserve Fund
 - 3. Capital Projects Fund
 - 4. Food Service Fund

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

Motion carried.

Per Capita/ Occ. Tax MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Ms. Beers to approve exemptions from Per Capita and/or Occupational Tax per the attached list.

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

Motion carried.

Summer Reading Program MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Bradley to approve the proposed Summer Reading program and posting for the position. This program will be for students in grades 1-4. The program will be held on Wednesdays, June 27-August 15, 2018, from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The program will be held in the Shull-David Library at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. Funding provided through the 2017-2018 Curriculum Budget.

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

Motion carried.

Retain MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to recommend the District
Solicitor appoint and retain William G. Schwab as the Solicitor for the 2018-2019 school year
Schwab Solicitor at an hourly rate of \$165.00 per hour.

Mr. Bradley – I have a couple of things to review. I left a packet on the table and also for everybody to review the questionable solicitor activity. I'd like to review that at this time. Has everybody got a chance to look at that? So, we have a solicitor that's the solicitor of Lehighton and the solicitor of Franklin and he's in the middle of a real estate transaction. Has anyone on this board every had, without a conflict of interest being written, the same attorney on both sides of a real estate transaction?

Mrs. Maholick – It's not allowed.

Mrs. Spinelli – Well, it is. Yeah, an attorney can do, can prepare a deed for the seller and also be the attorney for the buyer. Yeah, but that's, I mean it's residential, I'm not going to speak to commercial.

Mr. Bradley – But it's very rare for the same attorney to be both...

Mrs. Spinelli – No, it not rare at all. No, no, it's not rare at all. It's pretty common, actually.

Mr. Bradley – Typically, a solicitor would either choose a side, have a conflict of interest, I mean in that situation they have to have a conflict of interest written, correct?

Mrs. Spinelli – No, because one's preparing the deed and that's just preparing the deed and the other one is the attorney for the buyer.

Mr. Bradley – But that's separate from negotiating the contract for the agreement of sale. That's just preparing a deed.

Mrs. Spinelli – But the attorneys don't usually do that, but continue on, Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley – But, you're saying that it's preparing a deed. That's not part of that, Mr. Filer, that's separate from the agreement of sale, is that correct?

Atty. Filer – Mr. Bradley, there's not conflict of interest with our office and Franklin Township and Lehighton Area School District. You guys aren't selling, you're not negotiating.

Mr. Bradley – Actually, we are doing exactly those two things. They're negotiating, Franklin Township suggested or had interest in purchasing the Franklin Elementary school and the Lehighton School District has interest in selling the Franklin Elementary school.

Atty. Filer – I'm not aware of any currently pending motions from the school district to sell the property to Franklin Township.

Mr. Bradley – Not to sell it to Franklin Township, but we're trying to sell it.

Atty. Filer – So, if you're trying to sell it, but you're not trying to sell it to Franklin Township, how do I have a conflict?

Mr. Bradley - We're trying to sell it to anybody that wants to buy it, we agree with that, correct?

Mr. Wentz - Mrs. Spinelli, how many years have you been a real estate agent?

Mrs. Spinelli - I'm retired now, but I was an agent for 10 years. But, residential, I need to clarify that.

Mr. Bradley - So what we're looking at is, the Lehigh School District wants to sell a property to any buyer that wants to buy it. Franklin Township had interest and written interest in purchasing it. So once that happened, the solicitor of those two entities, typically would either have chosen a side, got a conflict of interest signed by both parties, or walked away and let this transaction get taken place between two other attorneys cause you can pick any attorney.

Mr. Stern - Okay, that could be your interpretation of it, Mr. Bradley. Let's move on to questionable number two, how's that.

Mr. Bradley - There's no haste here Mr. Stern. Am I correct that normally is a conflict of interest?

Atty. Filer - There's not transaction currently pending to be a conflict.

Mr. Bradley - But, if one occurs, the negotiation part, that's not a conflict? You're allowed to negotiate as solicitors in between two parties?

Atty. Filer - There's no negotiation going on that I'm aware of.

Mr. Bradley - There is. It comes up in the next pages but if there was a negotiation is that a conflict?

Atty. Filer - Depends.

Mr. Bradley - Okay. Again, this is just questionable activity.

Mr. Cleaver - Could we call to question to avoid all this?

Mr. Bradley - If the district gives the property to the Franklin Township municipality, would that lower the price of that Franklin Township's purchase of that building? Mr. Stern, you look questioned.

Mr. Stern - You continue with...

Mr. Bradley - I'm asking a question.

Mr. Stern - It would be a dollar, okay, it would be a dollar, right. It's a municipal transfer so wouldn't even be...

Mr. Bradley - So it would lower the price by a dollar? Come on, you know better than that. He offered...

Mr. Stern - If you sell it on the open market? Yeah, you can get more than you could get from the Franklin Township.

Mr. Bradley – Correct. And, the second....

Mr. Stern – And, if you're interested in do that, I don't want to discuss the law, I don't know it. You may think you know the law.

Mr. Bradley – I'm discussing our solicitor and the questions and actions of our solicitor to see if we have good one or we want to review...

Mr. Stern – Okay, let's move on to the next questionable.

Mr. Bradley – So the next questionable is the use of the Right-to-Know or Sunshine Act to prevent or obstruct district transparency and adding a financial burden to the district. I reviewed Mr. Schwab's bills, we all remember the \$100,000 request that they made, they're gonna have. And, I believe that the solicitor is using the authority and naivety of our district people to leverage them to being in fear of responding to a Right-to-Know request. For instance, Mr. Cleaver...

Mr. Stern – That's your interpretation.

Mr. Bradley – I know.

Mr. Stern – My interpretation is you have submitted 8-10 Right-to-Knows and not paid for any of them. So, I think you're wasting the district's money.

Mr. Bradley – I think you're lying.

Mr. Stern – Number 2, you filed a lawsuit against myself...

Mr. Bradley – Correct.

Mr. Stern – ...which has consumed district funds as well which will prove to be not myself being liable.

Mr. Bradley – Okay.

Mr. Stern – So, you're wasting district funds.

Mr. Bradley – For a discussion, to be fair, to be fair, to be fair, hold on, to be fair I did pay for Right-to-Knows and we can confirm that, correct Melissa?

Mr. Cleaver – The confirmation is yes, you paid for several of them but there is a number of them that you did not pay for that no matter what, even taking Attorney Schwab out of the picture, the fact and the time that we waste in our administration office to deal with these Right-to-Knows to get information together and then it sits there because you don't decide to pay for the information. That's a fee that's not even shown here. However, the fee of reviewing bills and everything else that I collected was several hundred dollars. I did share that information with the board as well. So there is a number of them. Yes, Mr. Bradley, that you requested and you have not paid for that even though they may not seem that it took money, it took a lot of time, it took a lot of effort, and I'll turn to Mr. Feick, to make sure I'm not speaking out of turn, in the fact that he has someone in his office who is almost strictly limited now to Right-to-Know request on your behalf.

Mr. Bradley – And, that information, as a board member, elected board member, should not even require a Right-to-Know request. Is that correct? According to George Spies, it's not required.

Mr. Cleaver – And, again...

Mr. Stern – We weren't even talking about Mr. Schwab's part of it.

Mr. Bradley – We're talking about our solicitor...

Mr. Stern – No, we're not talking about that.

Mr. Bradley – We are talking about our solicitor.

Mr. Cleaver – No, you brought it up.

Mr. Bradley – I'm not switching topics. I want to stick with our solicitor. I believe...

Mr. Stern – Changing from Right-to-Know, so we switched?

Mr. Bradley – ...the questionable activity that we have is that our solicitor...

Mr. Cleaver – We could call to question.

Mr. Stern – In your opinion, in your humble opinion.

Mr. Bradley – In my humble opinion, I believe our solicitor is using the Right-to-Know law to the district's disadvantage.

Mrs. Spinelli – Can we call the question?

Mr. Bradley – I'm not done, please, thank you. The next one, he continually leverages attorney/client privilege and there is no client/attorney privilege and that has been leveraged. He disclosed information to a perspective buyer, of a real estate transaction, information that was protected under the Sunshine Law. Was asked for, by another interested party, was not given to them, but was given to Franklin Township. Now, if that's not questionable ethics, I don't what is on a solicitor. And then you have the solicitor, himself, has a contract that he helped write for the Superintendent that talks about investigations by the board. And he mentioned that that contract would be, that clause would be required to get a Superintendent so I checked and I pulled 15 district's Superintendent contracts, no such clause requiring the suspect of an investigation be notified prior to the investigation or share the findings of an investigation prior to the conclusion which found in any of those documents. So, my question is, before we rehire this guy and recognize that changing solicitors adds a benefit to a district because you get whole new set of ideas in comparison to someone who's been doing it for 30 years. This man does it as a discount, a significant discount, and still he is higher than many of the other solicitors in our region. So, I would like to not only recognize that this motion should not be on the table, but as I suggested, and I don't know if it's later on in this thing. Did we get it on the minutes, Melissa, or not?

Mrs. Wagner – The agenda was on Thursday.

Mr. Bradley – So, I put in a motion to remove Schwab as our solicitor in lieu of finding a new one.

Mrs. Spinelli – We have a motion here. I would like to, did we have a first on the motion?

Mr. Stern – Yes, we had a first by Mr. Wentz and a second by yourself.

Mrs. Spinelli – And a second. Then let's call it first and then you can give us your dissertation.

Mr. Stern – But we had his dissertation already.

Mrs. Maholick – Well, I have something to add on to this. Back at the November 20th meeting, Mr. Schwab asked to have a motion put on the board and at the end of it he's trying to say, if this happens, even the new board can't authorize for me to get the court to appoint a fifth. He wasn't looking for a ninth member; he was looking for a fifth board member. I mean that's just wrong.

Mr. Stern – Okay, call the question.

Mrs. Spinelli – Yes, call the question

Mr. Bradley – Hold on. Does anyone else have any other information that they might have in pertaining. Because I mean, just last minutes, he said abstentions go towards the vote. I mean, you can't be any. Yeah, the abstention goes to the majority. You can't be any further from the truth at a meeting. I understand he's human but I think there's a time and a place...

Mrs. Spinelli – I have information.

Mr. Bradley – Okay.

Mrs. Spinelli – I recently did all of my online study with PSBA and the most important factor in picking a solicitor is experience and Mr. Schwab has that. I see no reason to change that. As I said before, if you give me data, you want to take this year to find every possible attorney you can and come up with a better idea, not just a list of names, give me something I can check on. You have a whole year to do that. We hire a solicitor every year at this time. Tonight is the night we're gonna do it, a solicitor and a treasurer. I'm going to vote for Mr. Schwab. You have all year to come up with someone else.

Mr. Bradley – There are plenty within the area, in the district, including King Spry and there's dozens of them that we already use or have used that have a significant amount of experience. The changing of the guard is valuable.

Mr. Stern – Roll call vote. You called the question. May we have roll call vote please.

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 - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Mr. Stern – I have an addendum to the next motion. There’s an item number 5 to be added to the list.

Inter-municipal Transfers

MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mr. Beltz that the following inter-municipal transfers are approved to be effective upon close of the four elementary school buildings in furtherance of Board’s prior motion of August 14, 2017:

1. Transfer to the Borough of Lehighton the surplus steel beams from the new elementary center/high school for use as temporary bridge at the Pine Run Reservoir for the Lehighton Water Authority.
2. Transfer to the Township of Mahoning the pavilion located at Mahoning Elementary School for use at their park (excepted from the agreement of sale with BHA)
3. Transfer to the Township of East Penn all metal benches for use at the outdoor classroom at Riverview Park from all four elementary buildings and concrete benches at East Penn Elementary in honor of deceased teacher to be relocated to Veterans Memorial area at Marvin Gardens Park (excepted from all agreements of sale with Duane Schleicher and BHA)
4. Transfer to the Township of Franklin playground equipment located at Shull David or Franklin Elementary in the sole discretion of the administration.
5. Transfer to Mahoning Township the Mahoning Civil War Plaque.

Costs of all relocations shall be borne by the municipality at no cost to the school district.

Mr. Bradley – I gotta ask two questions for you. One is, do you have a, do you want to separate these so that number one can allow you. Aren’t you on the Lehighton Water Authority?

Mr. Stern – No.

Mr. Bradley – You’re not?

Mr. Stern – I am not.

Mr. Feick – I do have one to add. The steel was actually high school/elementary, the surplus. It's sitting across the street, but I think you should put it in the high school there.

Mr. Stern – You accept that change. All those in favor.

Mr. Bradley – Wait, wait, stop, sorry. It's a new motion, new business, new things. Ask Mr. Filer, I believe you have to open up the floor.

Mr. Stern – Okay, okay.

Mr. Bradley – Right? I'm just checking. I mean that's your job.

Mr. Stern – I had discussion earlier, sir.

Mr. Bradley – But, you have to ask them.

Mr. Stern – Anybody like to discuss the topic.

VOTE: YES - 2 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Proposed MOTION by Mr. Beltz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the proposed final
Final budget, as recommended by the finance committee, for the 2018-2019 General Fund
Budget Budget (no real estate tax increase proposed).

Mr. Feick – Yes, this basically allows us to post it for public inspection for 20 days. You'll be doing the final vote next month.

Mr. Stern – Thank you, Mr. Feick. Any further discussion?

Mr. Bradley – Mr. Feick, how much of this budget is for debt service, interest and PSERS? What's the percentage, roughly?

Mr. Feick – Debt service is a little bit less than 9%, PSERS is, this coming year, about 4 million, so about 10%.

Mr. Bradley – How about interest?

Mr. Feick – That's included in the debt service, yes.

Mr. Bradley – 19% is used towards paying for the schools and the PSERS.

Mr. Feick – Correct.

Mr. Bradley – Thank you.

Mr. Feick – PSERS is the Pennsylvania State Employees Retirement fund in case anyone doesn't know what that is.

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 - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Treasurer Comp. Waived MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz that the Treasurer be authorized to have his compensation waived for the 2017-18 school year.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - 1 (A.Y.)

Motion carried.

Transfer Treasurer Comp. MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli that the line item budgeted as compensation for Treasurer be transferred to community library support line item and the additional sum paid to the Lehigh Area Memorial Library.

Mr. Bradley – So what are these amounts? The one is to transfer the community library support line item and the additional sum. The first one the treasurer's couple bucks, right?

Mr. Cleaver - \$800

Mr. Bradley – And what's the additional sum?

Mr. Stern – It's referencing that sum from the first line.

Mr. Feick – Actually, that additional sum, you can strikethrough because the transfer was made in fall of the \$20,000.

Mr. Bradley – Yeah, exactly right. So we usually give 20 grand. So that doesn't belong on this motion.

Mr. Feick – Correct.

Mr. Stern – So the additional sum, strike that from the motion. Thank you, Brian. It just should be that the line item, line support item, transferred to community library support line item and be paid to the Lehigh Area Memorial Library.

Mr. Bradley – And then ask the public if they have anything...

Mr. Stern – First I have to ask ones who first and seconded the motion if they approve that addendum. Mr. Wentz, Mrs. Spinelli? Any comment from the public?

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**A. Yenser
Elected
Treasurer** President calls for nominations for School Board Treasurer per policy #005 for a one (1) year term, effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, at an annual rate of \$800.00.

Mr. Wentz nominates Mr. Yenser for Treasurer.

President calls for other nominations.

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

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to elect Mr. Andrew Yenser as Treasurer.

Mr. Bradley – Wait, you can't take a vote yet, sorry. Once again, whenever you have a blank inside the agenda, you have to ask the public if they have a comment on that. Because they couldn't comment on it not knowing who it was. Now that you know who it was, they have a right to speak. To not do so would be in error.

Mr. Stern – Thank you, sir.

Mr. Bradley – Just checking, relax.

Mr. Stern – Any comment from the public?

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**Fall Game
Workers &
Ticket Sales** MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the 2018-2019 Game Worker Pay Scale and Fall Ticket Sales for athletic events.

Mr. Bradley – There was some discussion at one of the committee meetings that we're having trouble finding people. Is that still the case or has the roster been full?

Mr. Cleaver – We do have at times that we have events that it is tough to fill them for different activities especially when events are cancelled and rescheduled. Sometimes the people that have agreed to work at them have another commitment. So, it's still, it's not out of the ordinary every year for us to run into some difficulty.

Mr. Bradley – But, it's more scheduling than financial.

Mr. Stern – Correct

Mr. Cleaver – Yes.

Mr. Bradley – It's worth it to them, okay.

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

Motion carried.

AP Courses MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve **Employees #437, #1436, and #1367** to attend the 2018 Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institute for training in AP Biology, AP English and AP Spanish at a cost not to exceed **\$6,000.00**.

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

Motion carried.

Personnel

Ath./Ex. Curr. Hires MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the **Athletic hires**, as recommend by the Athletic Committee, **Extra-Curricular, Team Leader, Department Head and Grade Level Leader** hires for the **2018-2019** school year.

Mr. Bradley – Are any of these new employees? Are they all just contract renewals?

Mr. Cleaver – They're all, well, some of them. There's a process that we go through if more than one person did apply for them we have interview and everything that we do.

Mr. Bradley – So how many of these are new employees?

Mr. Cleaver – They're all in-house employees.

Mr. Bradley – How many are new positions within the district?

Mr. Cleaver – No, they're all the same positions. They're all contracted positions.

Mr. Bradley – Okay.

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

Motion carried.

**Hires
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Beltz to approve the recommendation to hire the following employees in accordance with the respective contracts, pending clearances:

1. **Mark McIntyre** – Director of Special Services – **\$92,000.00** (prorated), effective June 18, 2018
2. **Ryan Wentz** – Secondary Math Teacher – Step 1, Bachelors **\$43,000.00** for the 2018-19 school year
3. **Ronald Kazakavage** - Part-Time School Police Officer - **\$30.00/hour**, pending Carbon County Court approval
4. **Peter Salerno** – Part-Time School Police Officer - **\$30.00/hour**, pending Carbon County Court approval
5. **Judy Paterson** – Part-Time Paraprofessional - **\$11.00/hour**, effective May 22, 2018.
6. **Richard Everett** – Part-Time Cleaner and Summer Cleaner - **\$8.66/hour**, effective date May 22, 2018
7. **Todd Christman** – Part-Time Cleaner and Summer Cleaner - **\$8.66/hour**, effective date May 22, 2018
8. **Ricky Kistler** – Part-Time Cleaner and Summer Cleaner - **\$8.66/hour**, effective date May 22, 2018

Mr. Bradley – Can I ask the same question? How many, so Mark is new?

Mr. Cleaver – Replacement.

Mr. Bradley – And the rest of them?

Mr. Cleaver – Ryan’s replacement, Mr. Kazakavage and Mr. Salerno are the new school police officers and that is pending. We will take their name now to the court, if it is approved, and then the court has to ultimately give them the blessings.

Mr. Feick – But they are new positions under the state grant.

Mr. Cleaver – Judy Paterson, then the rest of them are all replacements.

Mr. Bradley – Replacing someone else?

Mr. Cleaver – Yep or resigned.

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

Motion carried.

**Mentor
Hired**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the recommendation to hire the following mentor for the appropriate teacher (listed to the left of the mentor’s name) for the **2018-2019** school year:

Ryan Wentz/Gretchen Laviolette

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

Motion carried.

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

1. **Kevin Kotch** – June 29-July 22, 2018/Classroom Instruction that Works
2. **Kevin Kotch** – June 29-July 22, 2018/ Multiple Intelligence in the Classroom
3. **Kevin Kotch** – July 2-August 2, 2018/How to Moodle: Take Your Classroom Online
4. **Kevin Kotch** – July 24-August 17, 2018/ An Educator’s Guide to Managing & Solving Discipline Problems.
5. **Trevor Miller** – July 16-August 2, 2018/Curriculum and Instruction
6. **Allison Rheinhart** – June 11-August 5, 2018/Reflective Practice in Teaching
7. **Allison Rheinhart** – June 25-June 29, 2018 – The Culturally Distinctive Classroom

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

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

1. **Jennifer Evans** – Middle School Principal – effective date TBD
2. **Kristina Scott** – Part-Time Paraprofessional – effective date May 4, 2018
3. **Trevor Miller** – Head Golf Coach – effective immediately.
4. **Jennifer Potts** – Assistant Cross Country Coach – effective immediately
5. **Matt Kosciolk** – Assistant Football Coach – effective immediately
6. **Cristi Marchetti** – ELA Teacher – effective date end of 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Bradley – Did we do an exit interview with any of these individuals?

Mr. Cleaver – No, I haven’t. I have not.

Mr. Bradley – Has it ever been done, to do exit interviews with individuals that leave, our employees?

Mr. Cleaver – In the past we have, but I have not.

Mr. Bradley – Is there any plans to do it for these people?

Mr. Cleaver – If the board wishes for me to do that, I sure can.

Mr. Bradley – Did thee, who motioned and seconded this? Can we add that to this motion? Accept the resignations pending an exit interview?

Mrs. Spinelli – I don’t know how we can make it pending if they’re leaving tomorrow. I don’t know what we could do about that.

Mr. Bradley – They’re all effective immediately, one’s May 4th which is a back date, the other one’s to be determined. We are the board, you can do what we need if you want to make it tomorrow or the next day, that’s fine. Do you have an opportunity to have an exit interview?

Mr. Cleaver – I don't have anything created that the board would approve. I'd rather have the complete exit interview formula board approved. Because I'm sure if I did something, someone would come back and say I didn't ask the right questions.

Mr. Bradley – There you go, okay. I'll conceded that addendum to this, or modification to this motion at this time and we'll add it in new business.

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

Motion carried.

**FMLA
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Ms. Beers to acknowledge FMLA leave for the following employees, not to exceed 12 weeks:

1. **Employee #553** – effective April 27, 2018
2. **Employee #1084** – effective September 11, 2018

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

Motion carried.

**Retirements
Accepted**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Bradley to accept the intent to retire for the following support employees under terms of their respective contract with eligibility of all retirement benefits:

1. **Brenda Eckley** – Paraprofessional – Hired September 26, 1995 – effective date of August 17, 2018 – 22 years of service
2. **Ann Kulp** – Cafeteria – Hired October 14, 1991 – effective date of August 9, 2018 – 23.74 years of service
3. **Jane Yenser** – 10-Month Secretary – Hired August 31, 1998 – effective date of August 20, 2018 – 20 years of service

Mr. Cleaver – Just would like to thank the 3 individuals here for their years of service. You can see over 60 plus years of services between the 3 of them, so I'd like to thank them for their time and their effort that they put in here at the Lehigh Area School District.

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

Motion carried.

Summer Hires MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the recommendation to hire the following summer positions as per hourly rate in Collective Bargaining Agreement:

1. **Laura Cressley** – Summer Band – Grades 5/6 – 85 Hours
2. **Beth Hudlow** – Summer Band – Grades 7/8 – 85 Hours
3. **Bryan Buffington** – Band Camp (HS) –100 Hours
4. **Michael Lusch** – HS Summer Physical Education Classes – 45 Hours
5. **June Potts** – HS Summer School Teacher

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

K. Spotts Sup. Of Plant Operations MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve **Kyle Spotts, Director of Activities and Athletics** to assume the additional responsibilities of Supervisor of Plant Operations. This would be under the terms and conditions as outlined in the MOU. The salary for the position would be **\$74,839.00** for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Bradley – Does Mr. Spotts have any background in Plant Operations or experience in such?

Mr. Cleaver – Just from what he’s been here in the district is an experience, yes.

Mr. Bradley – But no formal experience in running, let’s say, everything from HVAC equipment to this new building to, right?

Mr. Cleaver – Well, he’s been in the planning and the preparation for the buildings and the renovation projects.

Mr. Bradley – We’re talking about maintenance here and operations.

Mr. Stern – No, we’re not.

Mr. Bradley – Does he have any experience in this venue?

Mr. Cleaver – Sure he does because I just said he has been around when we, you know, as part of the planning and preparation for these buildings, so I would consider that experiences. Maybe, you would not but I would.

Mr. Bradley – So, there’s no formal experience, just, okay. Does he have any formal experience in his resume that says Supervisor of Plant Operations?

Mr. Cleaver – Again, I just explained his experience he has.

Mr. Bradley – Any, I’m asking a very specific question. Does he have any formal experience to do this job?

Mr. Cleaver – Your formal and my formal, I’m sure, are two different types of formal.

Mr. Bradley – So, what was his formal experience other than hanging around with Mr. Hauser. Seriously, did we look at other people that has experience to do this job?

Mr. Cleaver – Mr. Bradley, I don't have a comment for you, thank you.

Mr. Bradley – Did the district look at any other individuals that have experience in running this new equipment that we just purchased for millions of dollars?

Mr. Cleaver – No, we looked into the opportunity of having services where people would come in and contracted services where they would be able to operate and if we need issues. For example, we use HT Lyons now as one of those services.

Mr. Bradley – So this guy is more of a contract administrator than a Supervisor of Plant Operations, is that correct?

Mr. Cleaver – If you say so.

Mrs. Spinelli – Mr. Cleaver, did Mr. Hauser actually maintain anything or he basically just kept everybody where they should be?

Mr. Cleaver – Again, he put the information in order and everything else, but we had contracted services with HT Lyons for our HVAC. Our main electrical stuff, again depending on the severity of what we need, we would contact them. If we would get, you know, a clog and one of our maintenance people couldn't get it freed, we would contact a sewer and drain service to come in.

Mrs. Spinelli – So basically, you're looking for a manager, correct?

Mr. Cleaver – Yes.

Mrs. Spinelli – Okay, and Mr., he has management?

Mr. Cleaver – Yes.

Mr. Bradley – So, if we're hiring a manager, why are we paying for a Plant Supervisor of Plant Operations? What is the financial differential between his current duties and responsibilities and this new process?

Mr. Cleaver – For someone who says they read all their packet, it's pretty well spelled out in the MOU.

Mr. Bradley – So, I ask the question, what was the difference?

Mr. Cleaver – Again, I think you could read the MOU, it's \$15,000 this year. It's plain in there. It's in there exactly what it is in the MOU.

Mr. Bradley – I gave mine to them. And, part of this is to make sure it gets written into the public record, Mr. Cleaver.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - 1(D.B.) ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

School Journeys

MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the following School Enrichment Journey requests:

1. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** – May 25, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – to travel to Franklin & East Penn Elementary to participate in Memorial Day Programs (School Van)
2. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** – May 30, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – to travel to Knoebels to perform (Activities Fund)
3. **6 White Team (T. Serfass)** – May 31, 2018 – 7:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. – to travel to Crystal Cave in Kutztown (LAMS PTO)
4. **LAHS S.T.E.A.M. (G. Potts)** – June 1, 2018 – 7:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – to travel to Pocono Raceway for S.T.E.A.M. Activities (HS Budget)
5. **Shull-David K-4 (A. Sebelin)** – June 1, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. – to travel to Palmerton Pool for End-of-Year Celebration (SD PTO)
6. **PTO Reward (B. Eckley)** – June 5, 2018 (Rain dates: 6/6/18 or 6/7/18) – 9:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. – to travel to Phifer's Playground (No Cost)
7. **Mahoning K-4 (A. Sebelin)** – June 6, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. – to travel to Palmerton Pool for End-of-Year Celebration (MA PTO)
8. **East Penn K-4 (A. Lichtenwalner)** – June 5, 2018 – 8:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – to travel to Knoebel's for End-of Year Celebration (EP PTO)
9. **East Penn K-4 (A. Lichtenwalner)** – Week of June 4, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – to travel to Heisler's Dairy Bar for End-of-Year Celebration (EP PTO)
10. **6th-8th Grade Student Council (K. Eck)** – June 9, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – to travel to Knoebels (Activities Fund)
11. **Tech Wizards, Jr. (D. Brownmiller)** – Date TBD – 1:00 p.m.-2:40 p.m. – to travel to Lehighton Elementary Center to tour and photograph (No Cost)
12. **Franklin K-4 (Mindy Scheirer)** – June 12, 2018 – 8:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. – to travel to Palmerton Pool for End-of-year Celebration (FR PTO)
13. **LAHS Summer Fitness (M. Lusch)** – June 20-29, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – to travel to Lehigh Canal, West Penn Gove, Archery Addictions, Fritz's Lanes, Bake Oven Knob, Orefield, PA for fitness (School Van)

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

Motion carried.

Programs

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

1. **EF Tours (Mike Reenock)** – May 23, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. – LAHS Classroom – Final Group Meeting
2. **Army (SFC Richard Reed)** – May 24, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Multi-Purpose Stadium – Army Physical Fitness Test
3. **LAMS (Tami Cunfer)** – May 25, 2018 – 7:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. – LAMS Auditorium & Classrooms – Career Day & Memorial Day Program
4. **EF Tours (Cristina Bueti)** – May 31, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. – LAHS Classroom – Spain Trip Departure Meeting

5. **Senior Assembly (Lisa Failla)** – June 5 & 7, 2018 – During School Hours – LAHS Auditorium – Rehearsal and Show
6. **Bethany Wesleyan Church (Rev. Mike Saunder)** – June 10, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – LAMS Auditorium & Concession Stand – Movie Night for church
7. **LAMS PTO (Nicole Baker)** – June 11, 2018 (Rain date: 6/12/18) – 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. – LAMS Outside Fields – Reward Water Activity
8. **LAHS Volleyball Boosters (Timothy O'Connor)** – June 12-August 18, 2018 (Wednesdays) – 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – LAHS Gym – Volleyball League
9. **LAMS (Tami Cunfer)** – June 14, 15, & 18, 2018 – 6:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – LAMS Gym and Auditorium – LAMS End-of-Year Awards Programs
10. **Lehighon Wrestling (Floyd Brown)** – 6/24, 7/15, 7/29, 8/5 & 8/12/18 (Sundays) – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – LAHS Wrestling Room – Wrestling
11. **LAHS Cheering (Rebecca Schaeffer)** – August 13 & 14, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – LAHS Gym & Wrestling Room – Cheer Camp for JV/MS
12. **Carbon County Shriners (Chris Rodrigues)** – August 25, 2018 – 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – LAMS Cafeteria, Bathroom, Upper & Lower Parking Lots – Car Show
13. **Lehighon Athletic Booster Club (Cale Kresge)** – June 9, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Old Stadium, Bathrooms & Food Stand – End of the Season Track Party.
14. **LAHS Chorus (Jessica Schafer)** – June 7, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – LAHS Cafeteria – Chorus Banquet

VOTE: YES - 2 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

**BHA
Contract**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Bradley to approve the contract with Behavioral Health Associates (BHA) for the 2018-2019 school year and to participate in the "Cost Savings Program".

VOTE: YES - 2 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

**1st Readings
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to approve the 1st Reading of the following Lehighon Area School District Policies:

1. **#138** – Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
2. **#311** – Suspensions/Furloughs
3. **#707** – Use of School Facilities

VOTE: YES - 2 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Ath./Ex. Curr. Code of Conduct MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Lehigh Area School District Athletic/Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

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

Motion carried.

Old Business for Discussion

1. Sale of Franklin and Shull-David

Mr. Cleaver – I have no information.

Mr. Stern – Okay, no comment.

New Business for Discussion

Mr. Bradley – I move that prior to employees leaving the district that they receive an exit interview.

Mr. Stern – Would you like the personnel committee to come up with that exit interview or do you just say, what would you like it to be, why you leaving? Is that good enough? Just asking the question, Mr. Bradley, just for clarification, sir.

Mr. Bradley – Standard HR procedure, exit interview, professionally done by anyone on our staff that is so inclined and qualified to do such a thing, thank you. Historically, it would be two different individuals within the district, there's a list of questions you ask them, all this can be brought to the board's attention or you can abdicate to those individuals if you so desire. You said you use to do them.

Mr. Cleaver – Correct.

Mr. Bradley – Is there just a standard form from back then? I'm just trying to be helpful.

Mr. Cleaver – No, we had a form that we used. But, again, with individuals here I would make sure that we are asking the questions they wanted us to ask. I don't want to waste anybody's time.

Mr. Stern – If you can find it, send it out, okay? And, we'll start there, thank you.

Mr. Bradley – Can I get a second for exit interview, please?

Mrs. Maholick – I'll second it.

Mr. Stern – Can we define the document first?

Mr. Bradley – As we have done in the past.

Mr. Stern – So, you just want to blanket it?

Mr. Bradley – I want to have exit interviews as we have done in the past as a requirement prior to someone leaving the district's employ.

Mr. Stern – So there's a motion and a second. Motion by David, seconded by Gail, to perform exit interviews when folks leave the district if the employee chooses to participate.

Mr. Cleaver – By administration.

Mr. Stern – By administration. Is that okay, Mr. Bradley?

Mr. Bradley – Historically, it's two people within the administration, but sure.

Exit Interview MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Maholick that prior to employees leaving the district, they receive an exit interview, if the employee chooses to participate, by an administrator.

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

Mr. Stern – Public?

Audience Member – Excuse me, Mr. Stern, does that need to be part of the Collective Bargaining Unit?

Mr. Stern – Mr. Filer would have to...I mean they can volunteer to participate or not, I guess that would be the answer.

Audience Member – It sounds like a requirement.

Mr. Feick – No, I think it's a requirement for us to ask. We can't make people.

Audience Member – You didn't say required to ask, you say require.

Mr. Feick – That's what I assumed. I'm sorry.

Mr. Bradley – You're required to have an exit interview.

Audience Member – No you're not.

Mr. Bradley – And the exit, hold on, the exit interview can be would you like to have an interview? And, the answer is no and then the guy leaves, no problem. It's required to ask the question, sir. What part of this or why are you guys making it so difficult? Why are you making it so difficult?

Mr. Cleaver – So, what am I just asking if they'd like to participate.

Mr. Stern – Yeah.

Mr. Cleaver - Just for clarification with this motion, I'm just asking them if they want to participate. Is that okay?

Mrs. Spinelli - Yes.

Mr. Bradley - The motion passed with it's a requirement to do an exit interview prior to someone leaving.

Mr. Stern - And the first one is, do you want to do it, correct? Anything else under new business?

Mr. Beltz - I make a motion about the Lions Club, but the eyeglass, should we make a motion about that?

Mr. Stern - Sure.

Mr. Beltz - Or is that gonna be on for next month?

Mr. Cleaver - Yes, thank you. Regarding this, I did ask them to send me some more information on the screening. I still would like to see that we get parent permission. I understand that we're required by law for us, but we're bringing something in totally different that I think I would respectfully ask for parent permission before any students would partake in it. And, the other part of it, I did, because it's six months to six years old, I thought an ideal spot would probably be our Pre-K program, to start there. So, I did ask them to send me information. So, if the board is okay with it, we'll maybe, I want to say, I don't know, maybe pilot it at the Pre-K program. We already have 40 students that are signed up for that program and again, in addition to that Pre-K, our school nurses' will also do their requirements as well.

Mr. Beltz - I think that's a good program. I think we should incorporate it if we can.

Mr. Stern - Absolutely.

Mr. Cleaver - And, I did ask for more information to, they'll email me, about the possibility of helping fund the cost to of eyeglasses as well so that we can share that information with the parents as well.

Mr. Bradley - Okay, I'd like to make motion that we keep the audio file from the district board meetings as public record.

Mrs. Maholick - I'll second it.

Mr. Stern - We didn't...

Mr. Beltz - I'm just asking if we should.

Mr. Stern - Should we do that.

Mr. Cleaver - I'm fine, I just wanted to make sure.

Mr. Beltz - Do we need a motion for that or should we put it on the agenda for next month?

Mr. Cleaver - We can wait till next month.

Mr. Beltz – If we put it on the agenda for next month, I think it'll be till end of summer before we can implement probably?

Mr. Cleaver – Well, either that or we can even do it in the summer when we'd like them to come in at the beginning of the school year. We'll have flexibility.

Mr. Beltz – Okay, next month's fine then.

Mr. Cleaver – And, when they send me more information I'll also share that with the board as well when they send me additional information.

Mrs. Maholick – Do we have permission slips for the children now when they get eye exams?

Mr. Cleaver – No, because it's part of their physical. So, it's required. We do that for every student.

Mrs. Maholick – Okay. Do you have any kind of permission slips for anything that we could just adapt it for this?

Mr. Cleaver – Oh, yeah, absolutely, yep and then we would probably include some, that one-page flyer he discussed. I would include that as part of the permission slip so they knew, knew what it was. I think the other part of it too, is to get the information out to the community.

Mrs. Maholick – I mean, you could see it was really fast and you don't touch the children in any way.

Mr. Cleaver – I was ready to point which direction the E was gonna face, but that was part of the requirement.

Mr. Bradley – Now do you want to do this audio thing?

Mr. Stern – Sure.

Mr. Bradley – Okay. So, I make a motion, I got two for you and that's it and we can go to executive session if you'd like or whatever we need. But, the first one is that we maintain, I move that the district maintain the audio file as part of the public record as defined by the Office of Open Records in Harrisburg, but we can skip that part, just that it maintains that file, thank you.

Mr. Stern – Well I think it's probably pertinent to have as the Office of Open Records defines.

Mrs. Maholick – I'll second that.

MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Maholick the district maintains the audio file from the district board meetings as public record.

Mr. Stern – First by David, I guess, and Seconded by Gail, so discussion?

Mr. Yenser – Is there any reason, we had a policy committee meeting last month, is there any reason that it didn't go to policy committee to change? Normally when we change.

Mr. Bradley – This isn't a function of policy, this is state law that if you have a public meeting and you have a recording of the public meeting, it's part of the public record.

Mr. Yenser – Our job as a school director is to follow policy. Again, we set policy and...

Mr. Bradley – But, our policies all say that you gotta follow state law first. And, state law supersedes our school policy.

Mr. Cleaver – There's a motion and a second, so we'll have to vote.

Mr. Stern – I want to ask Mr. Filer if you have any input on that or is that type of issues required further research for possibly for next month's meeting and discussion?

Atty. Filer – My understanding of the law right now is that the minutes that are prepared, the actual transcribed minutes, are the official minutes of the meeting. The audio tape is just used to prepare those. So, if we have it and somebody makes a Right-to-Know request for it, then yes, Mr. Bradley, it's public record that somebody can obtain. However, our policy is that we destroy that once the records, once the minutes are completed. So, if you would get a request in, in that window between us completing the record and then us destroying the tape, we'd have to give you that audio tape. If you want to change it so that our policy is that we maintain the record, I think we have to change our policy. So, that's what my position on that would be.

Mr. Stern – Thank you.

Mr. Bradley – Then I'll abdicate to the committee to change the policy, thank you.

Mr. Stern – So, we'll put it on the next policy meeting for review.

Mr. Yenser – Put it on the policy committee and we'll follow process.

Mr. Stern – Thank you, Mr. Yenser. Thank you, Mr. Bradley. Your next concern?

Mrs. Maholick – I have a question. I been asked to sign a policy for the Acceptable Use of Communications and Information Systems. And, my daughter was in the military and she did I.T. for 11 years and I asked her to review the policy for me to see whether she saw any red flags and she said it clearly has some problems. The policy, as written, she instructed me that it would be not in my best interest to sign it.

Mr. Stern – That is, and Mr. Cleaver...

Mr. Cleaver – That is up to you if you do not want to sign it, we will remove your request for having a school district email as per our policy.

Mrs. Maholick – Well, the policy. Do you make the kids sign this thing?

Mr. Cleaver – All our staff members, everyone signs it.

Mrs. Maholick – Well, you're actually signing away some of your rights here and...

Mr. Stern - You gotta remember, you're a public entity and someone could do a Right-to-Know on it anyway. Any employer, many employers make you sign documents that they can review your emails if so warranted.

Mrs. Maholick - Well, I don't really think that it's being followed anyone, at this point.

Mr. Stern - Pardon?

Mrs. Maholick - I don't think some of the things in this thing are being followed.

Mr. Stern - They may be, they may not be. It's just the ability to. So as Mr...

Mrs. Maholick - There's descriptions in here of computer that include a laser pointer but there's not description for CSI and she just pointed those things out and would be willing to share them with the policy committee.

Mr. Cleaver - We could look at that at policy too.

Mrs. Maholick - Yeah, it just needs updating. That's my opinion. I don't know how long it's been written.

Mr. Stern - Okay, so another one for policy.

Mr. Bradley - I move that the board instructs Mr. Feick to create a list of available solicitors with their resume.

Mr. Stern - So that would be a motion, Mr. Bradley?

Mr. Bradley - If I didn't say it right, I make a motion that we recommend, or we instruct Mr. Feick to create a list of perspective solicitors with their experience listed.

Ms. Beers - I second that.

List of	MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Ms. Beers that the board instructs Mr.
Solicitors	Feick to create a list ten (10) local solicitors within 35 miles with their experience
Denied	listed.

Mr. Feick - It's pretty general, I mean there's solicitors throughout the state, through the county. How far out?

Mr. Bradley - I'll refine it and say 10 local within, pick 35 miles.

Mr. Stern - You're just at a list.

Mr. Bradley - Yeah, just make a list.

Mr. Stern - A list for what? Just so were...you could go in the phone book and get a list of ten solicitors.

Mr. Bradley - Correct, but we asked for a list by Mr. Feick, our Business Manager, to pull up.

Mr. Stern – You don't have to patronize me, sir. Just explain what you want the list of solicitors for. Is that to become a school solicitor for Lehigh Area School District. Is that the end to your means?

Mr. Bradley – We were discussing it earlier, that we didn't have a list, right Rita? And she wanted to know who else was available. I say we create the list.

Mr. Stern – No, we never said that.

Mrs. Spinelli – I told you, you had a year to come up with a proposal.

Mr. Bradley – So, we're starting now. We're gonna get a list, using our Business Manager, to collect ten people and then we can move forward from there.

Mr. Stern – Okay, there's a motion on the floor.

Mrs. Wagner – You want a roll call?

Mr. Stern – Yes, please.

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
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 - 4 NO - 5 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion denied.

Mr. Stern – Any other concerns? Is there any public comment on that activity? Any other items for new business?

Directors' Concerns - None

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment

Mr. Stern – And, there are no Courtesy of the Floors for public comment. Anybody like to say anything?

Robert Dwojewski – I'd like to remind the board members where Franklin Township school and the land originally came from. That originally came from the Franklin Township Area School District and Lehigh took it over for a dollar. So, just remember where that came from.

Mr. Bradley – And, we actually added some information of that. It actually came from the Boyer Farm. It might have been taken as eminent domain and I believe that Franklin Township Supervisors, to my recommendation is looking at, we should be able to take that back. So, you got two parts to that. One is that there's four members of this board that are on, that live in Franklin Township, that really believe, Mr. Filer, we responsible for abstaining to that vote, is that correct or not? To give property to ourselves. We don't have to abstain? I believe we have an out here. I'm a big supporter of FTAA., whatever you guys think. For someone who is hated as much as you guys hate me, how much support can you get here, right? So the question is, can we take it back as eminent domain? I think so.

Robert Dwojewski – That's not what I was thinking.

Mr. Bradley – Alright, what are you thinking?

Robert Dwojewski – I'm reminding you where it originally came from.

Mr. Bradley – Completely agree.

Robert Dwojewski – What you should do is figure out a way we could do that.

Mr. Bradley – I'm trying, I'm trying. You just need time. You need time and you need a person that cares about it.

Robert Dwojewski – That's not what we're looking for. I'm not speaking as that organization; I'm meeting as Citizen Bob.

Mr. Bradley – Correct, and I'm Citizen Dave.

Robert Dwojewski – That's what their looking for.

Mr. Bradley – I agree.

Robert Dwojewski – I originally came from there and the only problem was they didn't know to get a...

Mr. Bradley – To get a revert clause.

Robert Dwojewski – Right.

Mr. Bradley – Which was a requirement in 1979.

Robert Dwojewski – That was the problem.

Mr. Bradley – Right. I think so too. I think 1979.

Robert Dwojewski - Transfer it over and be done with it.

Mr. Bradley – I agree, but years ago in 1970, they changed the law in Pennsylvania code that says if your gonna give a school away, it requires a revert clause. So, when the joint, Franklin Township Joint Authority gave that school to Lehigh, it should have had a revert clause because the law was written in '70 and the transfer was done in '79. However, it, to my understanding, until we get Schwab on our team to help, which he's not, so this is one of the reasons we should maybe look at a different solicitor, that revert clause was supposed to be put in place in '79, it wasn't. The fact that it wasn't was malpractice by that guy back then. And, what they did is they sold it for a dollar using the same Mickey setup that we're, that these guys, prior to our getting on the board got rid of Mahoning and East Penn, right? Same Mickey setup. Rush it through, get it done, whatever. That process is missing and we need that and that's why I want to find a new solicitor. That's why I want to make sure these fields are kept for those kids and I think, not only can you take them for free, but I do know that if you just ask the community, that \$55,000 will show up tomorrow. I can almost guarantee it.

Audience reacted.

Mr. Bradley – So, control, it's control. If you want to have control of baseball, you buy it and that's the way to do it.

Audience Member – You're talking about giving it to them and then you're talking about \$55,000.

Mr. Bradley – Two things. You can't, they have to...they can't give, they have to take. The Franklin Township Supervisors have to get a solicitor, that doesn't happen to be the same one here for Lehigh, and I think they can take it, not give it. So, the school district itself has four ways to give away property. You can't violate those four and like Joy said, when the district has property, you have to do it in the best interest of the community as a whole, not just the 600 or 300 that are part of the athletic association, which we do agree with. I know it's an issues, but you gotta look at it from a bigger picture. Government compels people.

Robert Dwojewski – You're not giving it to Franklin Township Athletic Association, you're giving it to...

Mr. Bradley – You could. Hold on. They didn't even ask them for it. They didn't want it.

Audience reacted.

Mr. Bradley – Hold on, the Franklin Township Athletic Association is a non-profit. The district can give it directly to them, they didn't want it. They wouldn't take it from Lehigh.

Audience Member – The liability insurance the township is paying.

Mr. Bradley – So what you're doing pays for all that.

Audience Member – Our township...

Mr. Bradley – Right, those taxpayers pay for it. You're correct. If you can get it free.

Audience Member – 99% of the township people, we want it.

Mr. Bradley – I gave a thousand dollars to you and so did others. So did others, we gave a thousand dollars to you. It's not about the money. It's about owning the fields and controlling your destiny.

Audience Member – They didn't want it.

Mr. Bradley – We mentioned about.

Mr. Cleaver – Should I let them continue?

Mr. Bradley – You mentioned about.

Audience Member – *Inaudible.*

Mr. Bradley – No problem. But, there's a certain amount of information that's missing, it's still missing. Did the Franklin Township Athletic Association pull its members together and give them all the information we gave them so that they could vote as a community, as a group, and then come to us with the best option for them or once again, like this board does, to a whole bunch of people in the community, that don't provide the transparency, that don't provide that information. They think they got a backdoor plan, they think they gotta fed up and their gonna ram this...

Mrs. Spinelli – Mr. Bradley, I resent the insinuation that we have a backdoor plan. You need to think before you open your mouth.

Mr. Bradley – I'm sorry, Ms. Rita, but there is a backdoor plan...

Audience reacted.

Mr. Bradley – Ms. Spinelli, there has been a backdoor plan, it's been in existence for a long time and that's what they're trying to push through.

Audience Member – There are only two board members that have a backdoor plan here and it wasn't any of the one's you're talking about.

Mr. Bradley – But it still was a backdoor plan, I agree.

Audience Members – It's you.

Mr. Bradley – Correct, because as a citizen, as a citizen, I had an opportunity to help the Franklin Township Athletic Association with information that valued them, that is public and available to them that is a coup, if they could do it.

Audience Member – And then you went back on your word.

Mr. Bradley – And, not only that, I also found, because we're still looking at this. I found that there's another property that was sold in Franklin Township that's a comparable for exactly \$5,000 an acre and it was done with an appraisal. So, now you have two appraisals and an opportunity so that the FTAA, we can own this thing and be good.

Audience reacted.

Mr. Bradley – Whatever you guys think, that's up to you.

Mr. Stern – Okay, we can pick this up next month.

Mrs. Spinelli – Sir, sir. Is it okay with you if we push the motion to adjourn? Thank you.

Mr. Stern – I need a motion and a second to adjourn.

Mr. Bradley – I'd rather let people speak.

Adjournment

Next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, June 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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

*** Notice of Executive Session immediately following the meeting for personnel.*

Respectfully submitted



Brian Feick
Board Secretary

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