

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00PM
Executive Session @ 6:00 PM

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.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Mr. Byron Arner, Member	X	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Vice-President	X	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, Member	X	☐
Mrs. Marianne Dwyer, Member	X	☐
Vacant	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen L. Holland, Member	X	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	X	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, President	X	☐
Mr. Brian Feick, Business Manager	X	☐
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent	X	☐
Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor	X	☐
Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Recording Secretary	X	☐

(Arrived at 7:18 p.m.)

****Notice of Executive Session for personnel.**

Public Comment on Agenda

1. **Wilmer Everetts – School Board Position**

Why can't we have the next person who was closest in votes fill the position – Frank Tamburri.

Hal Resh – We discussed how the board would proceed.

Why doesn't democracy prevail?

Hal Resh – We need 5 votes to seat a school board member. There is nothing in law that says a person who received the votes (in the elections) is the next person.

Jonathan Cleaver – The motion was passed 8-0 that this is the process the board elected.

2. **David Bradley – Item D**

Attended last finance meeting, don't remember any of these recommendations being discussed at the meeting. There is a credibility issue. The bond issue was approved by the finance committee. Do you have recording of these meetings? The cost to build versus the cost to repair is not the same.

Brian Feick – About a year ago the board wanted the construction bills listed separately on the agenda.

Gloria Bowman – This was the motion a year ago and we have followed this protocol.

3. **Frank Tamburri – Item D**

Regarding PSERS – How much money are we looking at? The state was behind by 50 million dollars in 2001. The school districts paid a 25% increase last year to the state. This past year is 30%, next year 31% and so on. We can't control this. I'm not against the schools, I'm against the money spent. Tax increase will occur. Add up all of the money. Project our taxes in 5 years.

Gloria Bowman – The reason the budget is not passed is because they are looking at pension reform. Look at the whole picture. Yes, it is a 53 billion unfunded liability.

Presentations

Veteran Diplomas – Mr. Jonathan Cleaver

Mr. Cleaver presented Lehigh Area High School diplomas to the following veterans:

1. Herbert Zimmerman – Entered the Navy in June 1950
2. David Bryfogle – Entered the Navy in January 1970
3. Carl Haydt – Entered the Marines on April 19, 1969

Agricultural Lab at Middle School - Mrs. Buffington

Dr. McGalla – Mrs. Buffington and Mrs. Nothstein were able to bring the Ag. Lab to the middle school for 8 days. Thank you to both for doing this.

Mrs. Buffington presented a PowerPoint showing all classes using the Ag. Lab. It was very beneficial to all the students. Agriculture and science interlock in many career choices. The Ag. Lab is presented by the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture and the PA Farm Bureau. There is also an elementary program for grades 3 & 4. The total cost was \$4,000.00. We received sponsorships and the PTO paid \$2,600.00. A huge thank you to the PTO.

Holiday Educare 2015 - Mrs. Cressley

This is the 27th year for Educare. The gifts are given by Santa on Christmas Eve. We spent \$75 per student. Donors are faculty, staff, administrators, outside groups, etc. We served 43 families, 117 students. It is a wonderful program and a joint effort by all. Thank you to all.

Communications

1. Superintendent's Report - Mr. Cleaver
 - *Middle School is in process of moving into temporary classrooms with completed code requirements before moving in. Thank you to the middle school for cooperation.*
 - *Continue to monitor state budget approval. May have a 2016-17 proposal before the 2015-16 is approved.*
 - *Thank you to new school board members for attending a workshop for new school board members presented by PSBA.*
 - *Review attendance rates at each building. On average 96% for attendance. Thank you to administrators, counselors, and attendance officer.*
2. Finance Report - Mr. Feick
 - *Finished first year in CAFRA program. Feeds students after-school that are here for tutoring, academics, or athletes before a match. Total reimbursed by the state. The PDE reviewer stated that this is the first time they have not had any findings. Thank you to Connie Ahner for all her help.*
3. Board President's Report - Mr. Resh
 - *Thanks to all involved in getting us to school today. Thank you Mr. Hauser and staff.*
4. Leighton Memorial Library Report - Open
5. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report - Open
6. Title I Advisory Committee Report - Mrs. Bowman
 - *Met on January 15, 2016. Shull-David recognized as distinguished school - no extra monies given.*
 - *Thank you to anonymous donor at Shull-David who gave \$332 to Title program.*
 - *L.E.A.F. will be working on more scholarships to be offered to the staff.*
 - *Spring Nights - EP/FR - March 4th at the HS, MA - March 16th, SD - March 9th.*
 - *Looking to extend Title summer programs from 2 weeks to 3 weeks.*
 - *Pool Event will be held Wednesday, June 8th.*
 - *Parents met on January 19, 2016.*
 - *Next Title meeting is March 18, 2016, at 7:45 a.m. Next Parent meeting is April 26, 2016.*
7. CCTI Report - Mr. Yenser
 - *Holding steady at 405 students.*
 - *Moving into competition season and field trips.*
 - *LAHS Freshman tour is January 28, 2016.*
8. CLIU Report - Mr. Wentz
 - *Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016. Will have full report at February meeting.*
9. Solicitor's Report - Attorney William Schwab
 - *Written report*
10. Building/Grounds Report - Mr. Beltz
 - *Toured Shull-David and the Middle School.*
11. LCCC - Mr. Krause
 - *Spring enrollment is down by 3%.*
 - *Aggressive enrollment plan and retention of students.*

- LCCC commercials on YouTube.
 - Nice 50th Anniversary LCCC article in Lehigh Valley Business publication.
12. Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
- Congratulate and commend all the administrators who stayed Thursday night to present K-12 curriculum. Handouts are available for board members.
 - Next meeting is February 3, 2016, at 5:15 p.m.
 - Data report for graduating class 2015:
 - 42% - 4 year college
 - 35% - 2 year college
 - 10% - trade school
 - 9% - employed
 - 4% - military
13. Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
- Met on January 6, 2016.
 - Three readings on agenda this evening.
 - Next meeting is March 2, 2016.
14. Athletic Committee Report – Mr. Wentz
- Student athletes doing an excellent job.
 - Wrestling – Connor Frey has broken school records for career wins.
 - Connor Frey and Tegan Durishin both won in Schuylkill League championship in weight classes.
 - Scholar Athletes:
 - Girls' Soccer – Susan Cook
 - Boys' Soccer – Daniel Baka
 - Football – Tegan Durishin
 - Next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7:30 a.m.
15. Wellness Committee Report – Open
- Mr. Beltz is interested in chairing the committee. Will check with Mr. Ahner.
 - Mr. Tkach will forward wellness committee minutes to Mr. Beltz.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2015, regular meeting.

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

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2016, workshop meeting.

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

Financial Matter

Activities Funds Approved MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Bowman to approve the Lehigh Area High School and Lehigh Area Middle School Activities Fund for December 2015.

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

Payment of Bills MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 1,667,369.39
--Benefits	\$ 560,996.29
--Payroll (December)	\$ 1,939,809.11
--Debit Card	\$ 3,000.79
Food Service Fund	\$ 62,157.66
Capital Reserve	\$ 921.50
Athletic Fund	\$ _____
Athletic Proj. Fund	\$ <u>12,239.66</u>
Total	\$ 4,246,494.40

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

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

Un-Restrict. Fund Payments MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve payment of the following projects from the Un-Restricted Fund Balance:

1. Recommended by Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for payment of Application #5 to Pagoda Electric, Inc. pending verified payroll and solicitor review

Stadium (December 8-31, 2015)	\$ 38,700.00
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VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

2. Recommended by Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for payment of Application #6 to Pagoda Electric, Inc. pending verified payroll and solicitor review

Stadium (December 9-31, 2015) \$ 19,700.00

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

3. Recommended by Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for payment of Application #7 CMG of Easton, Inc. pending verification of certified payroll and solicitor review

Stadium (December 1-31, 2015) \$301,404.60

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

4. Recommended by Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for payment of Application #4 Master Mechanical Corp. pending verification of certified payroll and solicitor review

Stadium (December 1-31, 2015) \$ 53,733.78

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

5. Barry Isset & Associate, Inc.

Stadium
(October 1-31, 2015) \$ 6,846.14

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

6. Barry Isset & Associate, Inc.

Stadium Design
(October 1-31, 2015) \$ 34,304.51

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

7. Barry Isset & Associate, Inc.

Stadium Design
(November 1-30, 2015) \$ 21,145.26

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

8. **Barry Isset & Associate, Inc.**

Stadium

(November 1-30, 2015)

\$ 2,114.79

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

Motion carried.

9. **Barry Isset & Associate, Inc.**

Stadium

(December 1-31, 2015)

\$ 9,896.78

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

Motion carried.

Constr.
Accts.
Approved

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve payment on the following projects from the corresponding construction accounts:

1. **Quandel:**

MS & HS Additions & Renovations

(November 1-30, 2015)

\$ 33,091.00

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

Motion carried.

2. **Earth Engineering, Inc.**

New Elementary Center - LV Geotech

\$ 19,180.00

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

Motion carried.

3. **EI Associates**

LEED Services-Middle School

(October 1-31, 2015)

\$ 6,673.08

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

Motion carried.

4. **EI Associates**

LEED Services-Middle School

(November 1-30, 2015)

\$ 6,673.07

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

Motion carried.

5. EI Associates

Design and Construction of Middle School \$ 105.23
(October 1-31, 2015)

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

6. EI Associates

Printing for HVAC re-design \$ 492.75
(October 1-31, 2015)

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

7. EI Associates

LEED Service - High School \$ 6,483.87
(October 1-31, 2015)

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

8. EI Associates

LEED Services - High School \$ 6,483.87
(November 1-30, 2015)

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

9. EI Associates

New Elementary School Design \$ 110,718.17
(September 1-30, 2015)

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

10. EI Associates

New Elementary School Design \$ 110,718.17
(October 1-31, 2015)

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

11. El Associates

New Elementary School Design
(November 1-30, 2015)

\$ 110,718.17

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

Motion carried.

**Treasurer's
Report**

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Dwyer to approve the following reports:

- a. Revenue Report
- b. Budget Report
- c. Treasurer's Reports
 1. General Fund
 2. Capital Reserve Fund
 3. Food Service Fund

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

Motion carried.

**Per Capita/
Occ. Tax**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Arner to approve exemptions from Per Capita and/or Occupational Tax per the attached list.

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

Motion carried.

**Occ. Tax
Assessment
Changes**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve Occupational Tax Assessment Changes as per the attached list.

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

Motion carried.

**Occ. Tax
Refund**

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to refund Occupation Tax for year 2015 in the amount of \$137.50 to Melinda Young.

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

Motion carried.

Unsold Properties MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve the bid of \$1,301.55 on property: Map Number 83G-35-A8, that is in the County's Repository for Unsold Properties.

Hal Resh - Mr. Schwab please explain this to the new board members.

Atty. Schwab - Property goes to tax sale, then to judicial sale and then to repository. It has been exposed to a tax sale for 3 years and has not been sold. Very few of these will come to you in the future because they go to Portnoff.

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

Unsold Properties MOTION by Mrs. Dwyer, SECONDED by Mrs. Bowman to approve the bid of \$1,301.55 on property: Map Number 83G-35-A9, that is in the County's Repository for Unsold Properties.

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

Unsold Properties MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Arner to approve the bid of \$700.00 on property: Map Number 71-37-B9 Lot 95, that is in the County's Repository for Unsold Properties.

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

Unsold Properties MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve the bid of \$737.50 on property: Map Number 83B-38-A64, that is in the County's Repository for Unsold Properties.

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

Unsold Properties MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Arner to approve the bid of \$2,051.00 on property: Map Number 70B-62-B12, that is in the County's Repository for Unsold Properties.

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

K. Kotch
Conf. App. MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve **Kevin Kotch** to attend the National Business Education Association Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV, March 22-26, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. Funding provided through the High School Budget.

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

C. Zona/ W.
Rousenberger
Conf. App. MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve **Wanda Rousenberger** and **Candace Zona-Slaw** to attend the PDE Annual Conference "Making a Difference: Educational Practices That Work!" in Hershey, PA, February 10-12, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. Funding provided through the Special Education Department Budget.

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

K. Nenscel
Conf. App. MOTION by Mrs. Dwyer, SECONDED by Mrs. Bowman to approve **Kimberly Nenscel** to attend Guided Math: Practical Strategies to Differentiate Your Math Instruction Using Small Groups and Math Learning Centers for Grades 3-6 in Bethlehem, PA, March 15, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. Funding provided through the Title I Grant.

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

J. Schafer/B.
Buffington
Conf. App. MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve **Bryan Buffington** and **Jessica Schafer** to attend 2016 PMEA Annual In-Service Conference in Hershey, PA, March 31, 2016 – April 2, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$1,050.00. Funding provided through the High School Budget.

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

Personnel

2015-2016
Substitutes MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve the attached list of candidates for the **2015-2016 Substitute** list pending clearances.

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

**Athletic
Hires**

MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Athletic hires for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year (per attachment).

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

**Course
Approvals**

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

1. **Adrienne Fedor** – January 19 – May 5, 2016/Studio Thinking
2. **Jessica McCarroll** – March 7 – April 25, 2016/Social and Ethical Issues in Distance Learning
3. **Allison Rheinhart** – February 12 – February 28, 2016/Differentiated Instruction
4. **Allison Rheinhart** – February 5 – February 21, 2016/The Bully Proof Classroom

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

**FMLA
Approvals**

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to acknowledge FMLA leaves for the following employees, not to exceed 12 weeks:

1. **Employee #283** – effective January 5, 2016
2. **Employee #135** – effective January 28, 2016
3. **Employee #1084** – effective April 15, 2016

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

**Hires
Approved**

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the following hires for the 2015-2016 School Year per the professional contract:

1. **Rick Bennett** – Winter School Credit Recovery/ \$29.00 per hour for no more than 30 total hours
2. **James Gurka** – Winter School Credit Recovery/ \$29.00 per hour for no more than 30 total hours
3. **Jessica Habas, Todd Serfass, and John Stemler** – After-School Student Supervision Program at the Middle School 1-hour daily / \$29.00 per hour (shared duty)

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

**Intent to
Retire
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Bowman , SECONDED by Mr. Holland to accept the intent to retire for the following professional employees, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year (unless otherwise noted):

1. **Holly Frantz** – HS Spanish, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year – Hired August 26, 1991
2. **Lynn Kirsch** – HS Special Education, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year – Hired September 13, 1993
3. **Peggy Lampman** – MS Reading, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year – Hired September 28, 1992
4. **Wayne Schickram** – MS Mathematics, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year – Hired September 1, 1984
5. **Debra Turner** – MS Language Arts, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year – Hired December 13, 1982

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

Jonathan Cleaver – Lots of years of experience here. Great people.

Gloria Bowman – Congratulations and best of luck to all.

Hal Resh– Congratulations and thank you for service to Lehigh Area School District.

**Hires
Approved**

MOTION by Mrs. Dwyer, SECONDED by Mrs. Bowman to approve the recommendation to hire the following employee in accordance with the respective contracts, pending clearances:

1. **Lauren Lesko** - Part-Time Cleaner (\$7.47/hour)

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

Miscellaneous

**School
Journeys**

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

1. **LAHS Selected Staff and Students** – February 10, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – to travel to Upper Darby High School
2. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** – March 1-4, 2016 – 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – to travel to Palmerton Area High School (Carbon County Band)
3. **7/8 Band (B. Hudlow)** – April 15, 2016 – 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. – to travel to PMEA Intermediate BandFest
4. **5/6 Chorus (T. Weidner)** – April 14, 2016 – 2:30 p.m-6:45 p.m. – to travel to Rascal's in Allentown
5. **3rd Grade Mahoning (C. Kresge, K. Blisard)** – April 26, 2016 – 8:50 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – to travel to National Canal Museum in Easton

6. **3rd & 4th Grades Franklin (D. Gerber)** – April 28, 2016 (Rain date: May 4, 2016) – 8:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – to travel to Philadelphia Zoo
7. **Envirothon – 3rd Grade Team (J. Boyle, C. Kresge)** – May 9, 2016 (Rain date: May 13, 2016) – 8:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – to travel to CCEEC/Mauch Chuck Lake
8. **LAHS Student Council (L. Schiffer)** – March 11, 2016 – 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – to travel to Whitehall High School
9. **K, 1st, 2nd Grades Franklin (D. Gerber)** – April 27, 2016 (Rain date: May 2, 2016) – 8:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – to travel to Philadelphia Zoo
10. **K – Shull David (D. Rakos, C. Gandy, M. Kirsch, J. Smith)** – April 21, 2016 – 8:40 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – to travel to Hershey Story Museum

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

Motion carried.

Marywood Affiliation

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman , SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve an Affiliation Agreement between Lehigh Area School District and **Marywood University** for the purpose of providing experiential learning for Education students for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Motion carried.

Expulsion Approved

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Holland that the student with the identification number of #54020 shall be expelled pursuant to the terms and conditions as stated in the "Lehigh Area School District Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Admission of Facts" (hereinafter "agreement"). The length and placement of said suspension are also pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

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

Motion carried.

Programs

Use of Sch. Property

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve Use of School Property for:

1. **LAHS Girls' Soccer Parent Group (Rich Emmert)** – May 1, 2016 – 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. – Soccer Fields for Soccer Tournament
2. **Mahoning PTO (Karen Shaffer)** – January 28, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Mahoning Multi-Purpose Room for Fundraiser Pick-up
3. **Shull David PTO (Mary Lichtenwalner)** – February 19, 2016 (Snow date: February 26, 2016) – 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Shull David Multi-Purpose Room for Science Fair Family Night

4. Shull David PTO (Mary Lichtenwalner) – January 28, 2016 (Snow date: January 29, 2016) – 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Shull David Multi-Purpose Room for Fundraiser Pick-up
5. East Penn PTO (Tammy Steele) – January 29, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. – East Penn Multi-Purpose Room for Fundraiser Pick-up
6. East Penn PTO (Tammy Steele) – March 11, 2016 (6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.) and March 12, 2016 (8:00a.m.-6:00 p.m.) – East Penn Multi-Purpose Room, Outside Fields, Various Rooms for Spring Fling and Egg Hunt Event
7. Mahoning & Shull David PTO's (Karen Shaffer) – April 26, 2016 (Rain date: May 2, 2016) – 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Middle School Stadium for Race for Brilliance
8. Mahoning PTO (Karen Shaffer) – February 26, 2016 (Snow date: March 4, 2016) – 3:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Mahoning Multi-Purpose Room , Various Rooms for Father/Daughter Dance
9. Lehighon Cheerleaders Parents Club (Melissa Hunsicker) – March 6, 2016 – 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. – High School Gym for Zumbathon
10. Lehighon Boys' Basketball Parents Club (Corey Schaeffer) – February 28, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – High School Cafeteria for Banquet
11. Lehighon Athletic Booster Club (Cale Kresge) – June 4, 2016 (Rain date: June 5, 2016) – 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – New Stadium for Track and Field Meet
12. Franklin Township Athletic Association – January 28, 2016 (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.), February 20, 2016, February 27, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.-12:00 (noon) – Sign-Ups – Middle School

Stephen Holland – The new track?

Jonathan Cleaver – The track will be re-surfaced after the youth track meet.

Stephen Holland – Do we have any rules and regulations set for the new track?

Jonathan Cleaver – We have signs recommended from the turf company that will be posted around the complex.

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

**Summer
Wellness
Program**

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to approve the Lehighon Area School District-run Lehighon Middle School Summer Wellness Program to be held July 5 – August 5, 2016, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. based at the Shull David Elementary School.

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

1st Reading of Policies MOTION by Mrs. Bowman , SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the 1st reading of the Revisions/additions of the following Lehigh Area School District Policies:
 1. #815 – Acceptable Use of Communications and Information Systems
 2. #823 – Administering Naloxone
 3. #916 – School Volunteers

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTION

Motion carried.

Old Business for Discussion - None

New Business for Discussion

Board Vac. F. Tamburri Denied MOTION by Mr. Arner, SECONDED by Mr. Beltz to appoint Frank Tamburri for the remaining term of the current vacancy on the Lehigh School Board.

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Mr. Byron J. Arner, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Vice-President	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, Member	☐	X	☐	☐

Gloria Bowman – I'd like to precede my no. I respect Mr. Tamburri's construction background but when he has made comments to the school board regarding threats about wearing flak jackets if the center goes through, that we are deceiving, as well as lack of respect for administration and the facts, that's my no.

Mrs. Marianne Dwyer, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 4 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion denied.

Board Vac.
L. Stern
Denied

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to appoint Larry Stern for the remaining term of the current vacancy on the Lehigh School Board.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Vice-President	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Marianne Dwyer, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Byron J. Arner, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 4 ABSENT - ____ ABSTENTIONS - ____

Motion denied.

Byron Arner – I'm surprised that the board members did not vote for Mr. Tamburri. It's what the taxpayers wanted.

Atty. Schwab – If the board does not fill the position by Sunday, then the court has the right to fill the position. You can do it by Sunday by a special meeting.

Gloria Bowman – Mr. Arner, I can respect your comments. But when Mr. Tamburri has stood up here for a year and a half and made derogatory remarks to the board I would expect you to take it into consideration.

Board Vac.
T. Long
Denied

MOTION by Mrs. Bowman, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to appoint Terry Long for the remaining term of the current vacancy on the Lehigh School Board.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Marianne Dwyer, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Byron J. Arner, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Vice-President	☐	X	☐	☐

Richard Beltz – Once again Frank Tamburri is the logical choice.

Marianne Dwyer – He's what the people of this town want.

Mr. Hal Resh, President ☐ X ☐ ☐

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 4 ABSENT - ____ ABSTENTIONS - ____

Motion denied.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment

1. **Daniel Williams – Comment on Elementary Decisions**

- Vice-President of Lehigh Area Education Association
- Educators believe that what has been lost is the board's responsibility to best serve the students of this district.
- The previous board and current administration has a vision to move this district forward and to be the best it can possibly be.
- How is the class size differentiation fair to the students? Special education needs should have more services than less. 5th grade going back to elementary – how do you plan to accommodate these extra students at the current buildings?
- One central location will solve the current issues.

2. **Tom Wertman – New Buildings**

- East Penn Township resident.
- What was your first priority to be on the board? Students first?
- Frank Tamburri in May 2015 Gazette made a comment when he said he does not care about the kids and told Mr. Schwab he didn't care if the buildings blew up. Why does he deserve to be on the board?
- Are you all puppets on a string? What are you on the school board for?

3. **Wayne Wentz – Election Numbers**

- Talk about numbers in the elections.
- In Primary – Justin Wehr – total 933 votes, Larry Stern – total 921 votes, Frank Tamburri – total 921 votes. These numbers are pretty equal.
- Very harassing notes were put in Franklin Township community member's mailboxes for the board vacancy. This note is a federal offense.

4. **David Bradley**

- Had a teacher talk about smaller classes. If students go to an elementary center there will be consolidation of teachers. This means more children per teacher.
- Consolidation of all students into "one basket". Students should have options.
- Met with Brian Feick today. After reviewing bond document, the board is consuming the savings and the ESCO saving to make the elementary center more solvent. It's still a negative loss every year for the 30 years of the bond--20 million dollar financial loss. Need to repair these buildings. Not a single code violation in any of the buildings.

5. **Frank Tamburri**

- I did say that about the flak jacket. Do you remember Bill Hill saying about wearing flak jackets? I reiterated his word. I'm listed in the minutes that I created a problem. It was never a threat. You had a fellow board member use the same words. Explain the difference to my attorney.

Adjournment

Next workshop meeting is scheduled on Monday, February 8, 2016, and the next regular scheduled meeting is on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mrs. Dwyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted



Brian Feick
Board Secretary

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