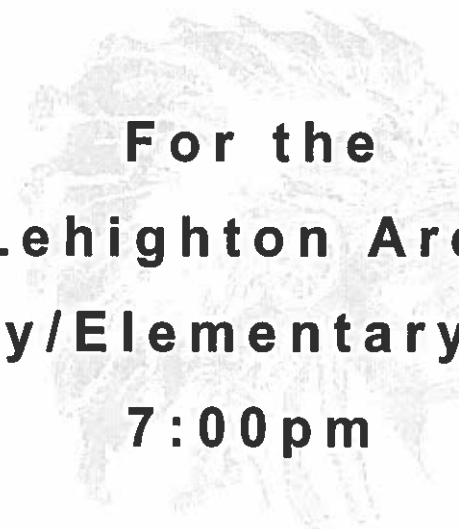


LEHIGHTON AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACT 34
PUBLIC HEARING



**For the
Lehigh Area
Primary/Elementary Center
7:00pm**

District Administration Office
Board Room

March 17, 2015

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**LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
1000 UNION STREET
LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18235-1700**

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HEARING, DULY CONSTITUTED

In 1973, the General Assembly amended the Public School Code with the passage of Act 34 (24 P.S. 7-701.1). The major purpose of the Act was informational - to ensure that no major school construction is undertaken without making certain facts and details of a project known to the public.

To this end, when a School District plans to build a new school building, or to expand an existing building by more than 20% of its architectural space, the School District must approve and publish maximum building construction and project costs, conduct a public hearing in the format of a legislative hearing upon twenty days notice, and provide a printed informational booklet detailing the need, plan, costs, and other features of the project at least twenty (20) days in advance of the hearing.

Included within this information booklet, at page three (3) is the form of public notice, which appeared in the newspaper on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, as demonstrated by proof of publication returned to me. This booklet was released to the news media and made available for inspection at the District Administration Office of the Lehigh Area School District beginning Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Accordingly, upon review of the School Code and applicable regulations of the State Board of Education, I find this public hearing to be duly constituted and properly conducted pursuant to law.

William G. Schwab, Esquire
Solicitor for
Lehigh Area School District

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE
LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ACT 34 OF 1973**

TO: ALL RESIDENTS OF THE LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please take notice that a public hearing will be held in the Board Room of the District Administration Office, 1000 Union Street, Lehigh, PA 18235-1700, on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, relating to the planning, designing, constructing, and furnishing of the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center, in accordance with Act 34 of 1973 and Part D: Project Accounting Based on Estimates, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

A description of the Project, including facts with respect to education, physical, administrative, budgetary, and fiscal matters relating to the project, and certain other information will be presented and will be available for consideration at such public hearing, and from Wednesday, February 25, 2015, through Monday, March 16, 2015, during regular hours (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at (610) 377-4490, located in the District Administration Office, 1000 Union Street, Lehigh, PA 18235-1700.

The Board of School Directors of the Lehigh Area School District, by Resolution duly adopted, has authorized the following:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Maximum Project Cost</u>	<u>Maximum Building Construction Cost</u>
Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center	\$35,092,817	\$29,466,800

This public hearing is being held with respect to the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended and supplemented, including amendments made pursuant to Act 34 of 1973.

Any and all interested persons may contact Bonnie Cortese at the District Administration Office during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at (610) 377-4490, on the following dates: February 25, 2015 through and until 12:00 noon on March 17, 2015, for the express purpose of being placed on the agenda for the hearing in question. Oral presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes. If a person desires to speak longer than three minutes, he or she will be given the chance to return to the podium after all others who wish to speak have had one chance. Additional sign-in sheets will be available at the time of the hearing. The Board will call upon individuals signing such sign-in sheets in the order in which they appear. Interested persons may submit letters of written testimony to the Secretary of the Board of School Directors at the School District's administrative offices, until 12:00 noon, March 17, 2015.

Interested persons also may submit letters of written testimony to the Secretary of the Board of School Directors at the School District's administrative offices, until 12:00 noon, Friday, April 24, 2015. The written testimony shall include the name and address of the person submitting the request, identification of the sender as a Lehigh Area School District resident or Lehigh Area School District employee, and a description of the support or objection to the Project.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA**

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

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| I. | OPENING REMARKS | Jonathan J. Cleaver
Superintendent of Schools
Lehigh Area School District

Gloria Bowman
President, Board of School Directors
Lehigh Area School District |
| II. | HEARING, DULY CONSTITUTED | William G. Schwab, Esquire
Solicitor for Lehigh Area School District
William G. Schwab & Associates |
| III. | PROJECT HISTORY AND NEED
FOR CONSTRUCTION | Jonathan J. Cleaver
Superintendent of Schools
Lehigh Area School District |
| IV. | PROJECT DESCRIPTION
A. Project Review
B. Cost Estimates | Mark S. Barnhardt, AIA
Project Architect
EI Associates |
| V. | COST ANALYSIS AND
BUDGET IMPACT
A. Alternate Methods of Financing
B. Budget Impact | Zachary Willard
Public Financial Management, Inc. |
| VI. | QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | William G. Schwab, Esquire
Solicitor for Lehigh Area School District
William G. Schwab & Associates

Jonathan J. Cleaver
Superintendent of Schools
Lehigh Area School District

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| VII. | COMMENTS | |
| VIII. | ADJOURNMENT | William G. Schwab, Esquire
Solicitor for Lehigh Area School District
William G. Schwab & Associates |

RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The purpose of this hearing is twofold. The Superintendent, Architect, Solicitor, and Financial Advisor will explain the project, and residents and Lehigh Area School District taxpayers will have an opportunity to ask questions about the presentation. In addition, the Board wishes to receive public comment. This hearing will be a forum for those persons residing in the Lehigh Area School District, owning real estate in the Lehigh Area School District, or employed by the Lehigh Area School District, who are affected by the Project, to express their opinions. The Board will be interested in listening to people who concur with the Project, as well as those who wish to identify problems, express concerns, or recommend viable alternative solutions.

In order that the hearing be of greatest value and use to the Board, the following format and procedures have been established for presentations:

1. Oral presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes. If a person desires to speak longer than three minutes, he or she will be given the chance to return to the podium after all others who wish to speak have had one chance. To insure that a presentation will be heard, any person wishing to speak shall sign-in prior to start of the meeting. Persons who have registered will be called upon to testify in the order in which their requests were received.
 2. The testimony should cover the following:
 - a. Identification of the presenter (i.e., name, address, and whether the person is a resident, parent, staff member, or taxpayer of the Lehigh Area School District);
 - b. Description of the particular aspect of the Project to be discussed; and
 - c. As detailed a description as possible of your support or objection*. (Each presenter or representative presenter is strongly encouraged, but not required, to submit a more detailed and/or lengthy presentation in written form for the record and further analysis/consideration by the Board.)
- * In case of an objection, a specific statement of what could be done to change the "area" (aspect) being addressed, and how the Board might accomplish the suggested change, should be stated.

PROJECT BACKGROUND/NEEDS

District Mission Statement

"It is the mission of the Lehigh Area School District, in partnership with family and community, to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment that gives all students the opportunity to achieve their fullest personal and academic potential for lifelong learning in order to become productive and responsible citizens."

Vision Statement

"Educating together to prepare our students for life's journey."

BELIEFS

We believe:

- Every student has the right to learn in a safe, supportive environment.
- All students, regardless of diverse backgrounds and needs are capable for learning and must be respected as individual learners developing skills appropriate to their fullest potential
- Learning is a life-long process that begins within the family and is encouraged through the partnership of all shareholders.
- High standards and expectations, incorporated with varied extra-curricular programs, provide for a well-rounded education.
- Excellence in education requires time, effort, effective communication, and cooperation by the educational community as well as the community at large.
- To make responsible career and life choices, all students must learn to communicate, collaborate, problem solve, develop higher level thinking skills and use technology efficiently.
- The development of a strong work ethic is necessary to enable student to become self-directed and life-long learners.
- Students learn best from highly qualified, caring and well-trained educators.
- Through a positive work environment and focused efforts, our employees will make strong contributions to the District's operational success.
- The educational system must continuously re-examine its purpose, financial commitment, programs, curriculum, and direction in order for a democratic society to flourish.

The Lehigh Area School District has been investigating educational programs in response to changing educational needs as well as to accommodate an increase in student population and student population projections. Specifically the need to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that enable them to reach their full potential as productive and responsible citizens, and to provide diverse educational opportunities.

The Lehigh Area Board of School Directors commissioned a District-Wide Feasibility Study of school facilities in January 2011 that was prepared by EI Associates and updated in July 2014. The study was intended to be used as a tool in evaluating the Lehigh Area School District's current and future facility needs and expenditures. The 2011 District-Wide Feasibility Study included five (5) options for the Lehigh Area School District's K-12 educational program.

PROJECT BACKGROUND/NEEDS (con't)

Within the last year, the Lehigh Area School District has been investigating other educational programs as well as re-evaluating and expanding the original 2011 feasibility study options. The elementary school's projected enrollments are reaching maximum building capacity standards and the existing schools would not have the adequate classroom and support space for additional population growth. The Lehigh Area School District has determined that the existing grade alignment should be re-aligned to a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade structure, thus removing fifth grade from the middle school educational program and relocating it to the elementary school educational program.

The Lehigh Area School District evaluated two (2) scenarios in consideration of the new K-5 grade alignment. One scenario included alterations and additions to all four existing elementary schools. This scenario was compared to the second scenario of constructing a Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center for the K-5 student population.

The existing elementary schools are approximately 60 years old and are in need of renovations as a result of having not received significant renovation in over a 20-year time period. The existing elementary schools were originally designed with small multi-purpose rooms that serve for both student dining and physical education. The Lehigh Area School District evaluated upgrading the existing elementary schools with required additions and alterations in order to provide educational space for the revised educational program and future enrollment growth.

In comparison, the education program of one primary/elementary center would provide parity of learning potentials and resources available to all students. One Primary/Elementary Center would provide less duplication of core and support areas as well as more efficient and less duplication of support staff while promoting team teaching and unity for students and teachers.

While both scenarios would incur similar upfront project costs, the scenario that consolidates the four existing elementary schools to one primary/elementary center would provide the Lehigh Area School District with substantial continued operational cost savings into the future. The one primary/elementary center would also save the Lehigh Area School District time and expenses for teachers/administration/staff that travel between the four existing elementary schools. The scenario of one primary/elementary center was included in the updated 2014 District-wide Feasibility Study as Option 6.

The Lehigh Area School District has determined that constructing the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center for the K-5 student population would provide the better option for the elementary program and would consolidate all grade levels onto the same campus into three school facilities rather than the existing six school facilities. The existing Lehigh Area Middle School would be re-aligned to a 6-8 grade structure, thus alleviating the overcrowding of the existing school and allowing the core areas to remain without the need for major expansion of these areas.

Based on these decisions, the Board of School Directors has begun the initial steps to construct the necessary space to house and educate the students of the Lehigh Area School District. The Board determined that a K-2 primary / 3-5 elementary center for the K-5 student population would be constructed as the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center.

PROJECT OPTIONS

- Option 1 New Middle School**
K-2 Alterations to existing elementary schools.
3-4 Alterations to convert existing middle school to an elementary school.
5-8 New middle school.
9-12 Alterations to existing high school.
DAO Maintain existing District Administration Office.
- Option 2 New Middle School**
K-2 New elementary school.
3-4 Alterations to convert existing middle school to an elementary school.
5-8 New middle school (5-8 or 6-8).
9-12 Alterations to existing high school.
 Close existing elementary schools.
DAO Maintain existing District Administration Office.
- Option 3 New Middle School**
K-4 Alterations & additions to existing elementary schools.
5-8 New middle school.
9-12 Alterations to existing high school.
 Close existing middle school.
DAO Maintain existing District Administration Office.
- Option 4 Additions and Alterations**
K-4 Alterations and additions to existing elementary schools.
5-8 Alterations and additions to existing middle school.
9-12 Alterations to existing high school.
DAO Maintain existing District Administration Office.
- Option 5 Middle School Addition to the High School**
K-4 Alterations and additions to existing elementary schools.
5-8, 9-12 Alterations and middle school addition to existing high school.
 Close existing middle school.
DAO Maintain existing District Administration Office.
- Option 6 Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center**
K-5 New Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center.
6-8 Alterations and additions to middle school.
9-12 Alterations to existing high school.
 Close existing elementary schools.
DAO Maintain existing District Administration Office.

CHOSEN OPTION ☐ Option 6

The Board of School Directors determined that the chosen option would best address the Lehigh Area School District's educational program and budgetary needs.

SUMMARY OF OWNED BUILDINGS AND LAND										
DISTRICT NAME: Lehigh Area School District					PROJECT NAME: New Primary / Elementary Center				PAGE: K - 5	
PRESENT										
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6					
NAME OF BUILDING OR SITE (INCLUDING ADD AND VACANT LAND) OWNED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT/ETC	CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RENOVATION DATE (BID OPENING DATES)	SITE SIZE (ACRES)	GRADE LEVELS	BUILDING FTE	CONVERSION / DISPOSITION AND PLANNED COMPLETION DATE BASED ON OPTION CHOSEN	SITE SIZE (ACRES)	GRADE LEVELS	PLANNED BUILDING FTE	FTE PROJECTED GRADE LEVEL ENROLLMENT 10 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE	FTE MINUS ENROLLMENT (45 - 610)
East Penn Elementary	1954, 1991	12.7	K-4	175	Close 8/2017				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Franklin Elementary	1954, 1992	25.5	K-4	375	Close 8/2017				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Mahoning Elementary	1954, 1991	7.13	K-4	275	Close 8/2017				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Shull-David Elementary	1959, 1993	3.63	K-4	350	Close 8/2017				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
New Primary/Elementary Center					New Construction 6/2017	91.5	K-5	1,400	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Subtotal	XXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	1,175	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	1,400	1,120	280
Lehigh Area Middle School	1954, 1993	17	5-8	917	Alts & Additions 8/2016 Convert to 6-8 8/2017	17	6-8	868	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
* Shared site									XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Subtotal	XXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	917	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	868	615	253
Lehigh Area High School	1992	91.5	9-12	937	Alterations 8/2016	91.5	9-12	937	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
** Shared site									XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Subtotal	XXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	937	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	937	885	72
District Administration Building	1995	91.5	N/A	N/A	Maintain	91.5	N/A	N/A	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
** Shared site									XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Stadium / Field House	1940's +/-	17	N/A	N/A	Maintain	17	N/A	N/A	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
* Shared site									XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Subtotal	XXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX			
TOTAL	XXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	3,029	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXX	3,205	2,600	605

**ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE FUTURE IF PROJECTIONS COME TRUE
AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPERIENCES EXCESS OR INSUFFICIENT CAPACITY
(FTE MINUS PROJECTED ENROLLMENT (Col. 11) > or = 300)**

CHECK IF APPLICABLE:

☒ EXPAND PROGRAMS OR COURSE OFFERINGS

☐ PROVIDE SPACE FOR USE BY COMMUNITY GROUPS OR SERVICE AGENCIES

☐ OFFER FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN OR PRE-SCHOOL

☒ REDUCE CLASS SIZE

☐ CLOSE SCHOOL(S)

☐ OTHER (DESCRIBE): _____

REVISED JULY 1, 2010

FORM EXPIRES 6-30-12

PLANCON A09

LEHIGHTON AREA PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY CENTER
SITE DESCRIPTION

The Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center will be constructed in the Borough of Lehigh, Carbon County, Pennsylvania. The project site is currently part of a 91.52 acre campus that houses the Lehigh Area High School and District Administration Office located at 1000 Union Street, Lehigh, Pennsylvania. The building site is 91.52 acres of gently rolling lawn with several athletic playfields and paved parking lots and drives. The site is bordered by residential property with several undeveloped open and wooded areas. Site work includes accommodation of the proposed Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center with paved areas and walkways, as well as playfields for the proposed project. The athletic and recreational facilities will be community-use areas. No additional site acquisition is required for this project.

Construction of the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center will incorporate elements sensitive to the site's current architecture and the site's existing contours. The facility will be a combination of one-story and two-story design to conform to the existing slope of the land. This will reduce the impact and disturbance to the site, and comply with the municipal land development ordinance. Site improvements will include a separate bus loop and parent drop-off areas along with appropriate parking and delivery areas. A community-use bike path is planned to traverse the site. Site features include vegetative bioswales and rain gardens, also the restoration of the natural habitat. Signage will be located on the site that describes specific green building/site features that will be utilized in the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center design for educational purposes of students and visitors.

The proposed design will construct "two schools within a school" as a K-2 primary and 3-5 elementary center with shared core facilities. The facility's exterior will incorporate brick and metal elements sympathetic to the Lehigh Area High School's proposed renovated building façade and will lend a cohesive comprehensive presence on the site. The facade of the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center will reflect the building's character in materiality and fenestration composition while incorporating a green building design to meet LEED® Gold Certification.

LEHIGHTON AREA PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY CENTER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is new construction for a K-2 primary / 3-5 elementary center housing kindergarten through fifth grade. The Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center will be built to meet the Lehigh Area School District's new and expanded educational program needs and to accommodate the projected increase in student enrollment. The Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center would provide less duplication of core and support areas as well as more efficient and less duplication of support staff while promoting team teaching and unity for students and teachers. The facility also will save the Lehigh Area School District time and expenses for teachers/administration/staff that travel between the four existing elementary schools.

The proposed design will construct "two schools within a school" as a K-2 primary and 3-5 elementary center with shared core facilities. The new facility will be designed to house: K-2 instructional kindergarten, first grade and second grade classrooms as well as K-2 support instructional areas including pre-kindergarten, special education and small group instruction spaces; 3-5 instructional third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade classrooms as well as 3-5 support instructional areas including special education and small group instruction spaces; K-2 / 3-5 shared instructional areas including a media center, art and music education spaces, stage, gymnasium and physical education spaces, student dining and food service spaces; and K-2 / 3-5 support areas including administration / guidance and health suite, as well as faculty and building services areas. All areas will meet current educational standards.

The gymnasium, student dining and stage will be designed for community-use. The community-use areas will be designed to function independently as needed and provide a secure separation from the instructional classroom areas. The Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center will provide a venue for local youth groups to meet. Currently, these groups use the Lehigh Area Middle School, which is also occupied with junior and senior high groups throughout the evenings and summers. Youth basketball, baseball and other sports groups will have access to the gymnasium and sports fields during playing seasons. The facility will promote lifelong fitness for the entire community, and will serve as a recruiting tool for organizations and families that are considering relocating to the area.

LEHIGHTON AREA PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY CENTER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION (con't)

This facility will include a high performance HVAC system for heating and cooling, energy efficient lighting, natural daylight opportunities, as well as a thermal envelope that meets or exceeds building code requirements. These efficiencies contribute to energy savings for heating and cooling and are expected to reduce energy use in the facility by over 40% annually, compared to ASHRAE baseline standards. Fixtures that exceed building code requirements relative to water-flow restrictions will be employed and are expected to reduce water use in the facility by over 30% annually, compared to ASHRAE baseline standards.

All classrooms will receive automated light fixtures and controls, including occupant and daylight sensors that automatically adjust the level of light. Project building materials and components will be selected to attain 30% or more recycled content, and 30% or more regional content that has been extracted, harvested or recovered and manufactured within 500 miles of the project site. During construction of the building, over 75% of nonhazardous waste will be recycled or salvaged, and will be diverted from landfills and incinerators.

The Lehigh Area School District plans to use the facility as an educational tool to demonstrate the environmental and energy benefits of building sustainably. Signage will be placed throughout the facility that describes specific green building features that will be utilized in the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center design for educational purposes of students and visitors. Project attainment of USGBC LEED® Gold Certification will ensure performance goals are achieved.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) provides an additional 10% in state reimbursement for schools that achieve LEED® certification at the Silver Level or above. This project also was awarded a \$2,000,000 Alternative and Clean Energy (A.C.E.) Grant to achieve LEED® certification at the Gold Level or above. These financial incentives, as well as traditional state reimbursement for schools, and the anticipated operational cost savings will be utilized to offset the overall Total Project Cost.

PROJECT ACCOUNTING BASED ON ESTIMATES (1 of 2)			
District/CTC: Lehigh Area School District	Project Name: New Primary / Elementary Center	Project #: 3789	
ROUND FIGURES TO NEAREST DOLLAR			
PROJECT COSTS	NEW	EXISTING	TOTAL
A. STRUCTURE COSTS (include site development)			
1. General (Report costs for sanitary sewage disposal on line E-1.)	18,176,000		18,176,000
2. Heating and Ventilating	4,260,000		4,260,000
3. Plumbing (Report costs for sanitary sewage disposal on line E-1.)	1,988,000		1,988,000
4. Electrical	3,976,000		3,976,000
5. Asbestos Abatement (D04, line C-3)	X X X X X X		
6. Building Purchase Amount	X X X X X X		
7. Other ² (Exclude test borings and site survey)			
a. _____			
b. _____			
c. _____			
d. _____			
e. PlanCon-D-Add't Costs, Total			
A-1 to A-7 - Subtotal	28,400,000		28,400,000
8. Construction Insurance			
a. Owner Controlled Insurance Program on Structure Costs (Exclude asbestos abatement, building purchase and other structure costs not covered by the program)			
b. Builder's Risk Insurance (if not included in primes)	30,000		30,000
c. Construction Insurance - Total	30,000		30,000
9. TOTAL-Structure Costs (A-1 to A-7-Subtotal plus A-8-c)	28,430,000		28,430,000
B. ARCHITECT'S FEE			
1. Architect's/Engineer's Fee on Structure	1,739,000		1,739,000
2. EPA-Certified Project Designer's Fee on Asbestos Abatement	X X X X X X X X X X X X		
3. TOTAL - Architect's Fee	1,739,000		1,739,000
C. MOVABLE FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT			
1. Movable Fixtures and Equipment	1,420,000		1,420,000
2. Architect's Fee			
3. TOTAL - Movable Fixtures & Equipment	1,420,000		1,420,000
D. STRUCTURE COSTS, ARCHITECT'S FEE, MOVABLE FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT - TOTAL (A-9 plus B-3 and C-3)	31,589,000		31,589,000
E. SITE COSTS			
1. Sanitary Sewage Disposal			
2. Sanitary Sewage Disposal Tap-In Fee and/or Capacity Charges	250,000		250,000
3. Owner Controlled Insurance Program/Builder's Risk Insurance on Sanitary Sewage Disposal			
4. Architect's/Engineer's Fee for Sanitary Sewage Disposal			
5. Site Acquisition Costs		X X X X X X	
a. Gross Amount Due from Settlement Statement or Estimated Just Compensation		X X X X X X X X X X X X	
b. Real Estate Appraisal Fees		X X X X X X	
c. Other Related Site Acquisition Costs		X X X X X X	
d. Site Acquisition Costs - Total		X X X X X X	
6. TOTAL - Site Costs	250,000		250,000
F. STRUCTURE COSTS, ARCHITECT'S FEE, MOVABLE FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT, AND SITE COSTS - TOTAL (D plus E-6)	31,839,000		31,839,000
² Type "No Fee" beside each item for which no design fee is charged.			

PROJECT ACCOUNTING BASED ON ESTIMATES (2 of 2)				
District/CTC: Lehigh Area School District	Project Name: New Primary / Elementary Center		Project #: 3789	
ROUND FIGURES TO NEAREST DOLLAR				
PROJECT COSTS (CONT.)				TOTAL
G. ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION-RELATED COSTS				
1. Project Supervision (inc. Asbestos Abatement Project Supervision)				
2. Construction Manager Fee and Related Costs				500,000
3. Total Demolition of Entire Existing Structures and Related Asbestos Removal to Prepare Project Site for Construction of New School Building and Related AHERA Clearance Air Monitoring and EPA-Certified Project Designer's Fee on Asbestos Abatement (Exclude costs for partial demolition.)				
4. Architectural Printing				7,500
5. Test Borings				21,645
6. Site Survey				
7. Other (attach schedule if needed)				
a. <u>Permits, Special testing & Inspections</u>				285,000
b. <u>PlanCon-D-Add't Costs, Total</u>				689,855
8. Contingency				1,207,000
9. TOTAL - Additional Construction-Related Costs				2,711,000
H. FINANCING COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT ONLY	BOND ISSUE/NOTE SERIES OF 2015	BOND ISSUE/NOTE SERIES OF Cash	BOND ISSUE/NOTE SERIES OF _____	X X X X X X X X X X X X
1. Underwriter Fees	162,750			162,750
2. Legal Fees	62,500			62,500
3. Financial Advisor	54,250			54,250
4. Bond Insurance	221,587			221,587
5. Paying Agent/Trustee Fees and Expenses	2,000			2,000
6. Capitalized Interest				
7. Printing	9,750			9,750
8. CUSIP & Rating Fees	25,000			25,000
9. Other				
a. <u>Advertising, Phone & Fed-Ex</u>	5,000			5,000
b. _____				
10. TOTAL-Financing Costs	542,817			542,817
I. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (F plus G-9 plus H-10)				35,092,817
REVENUE SOURCES	BOND ISSUE/NOTE SERIES OF 2015	BOND ISSUE/NOTE SERIES OF Cash	BOND ISSUE/NOTE SERIES OF _____	TOTAL
J. AMOUNT FINANCED FOR THIS PROJECT ONLY	32,550,000	542,817		33,092,817
K. ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT/ PREMIUM FOR THIS PROJECT ONLY	-16,275			(16,275)
L. INTEREST EARNINGS FOR THIS PROJECT ONLY	16,275			16,275
M. BUILDING INSURANCE RECEIVED				
N. PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BUILDING OR LAND				
O. LOCAL FUNDS - CASH (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)				
P. OTHER FUNDS (ATTACH SCHEDULE)				2,000,000
Q. TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES				35,092,817

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PLANCON-D03

PLANCON-D-ADD'T COSTS

DETAILED COSTS			
District/CDC:	Project Name:	Project #:	
Lehigh Area School District	New Primary / Elementary Center	3789	
	NEW	EXISTING	TOTAL
A. SITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS (exclude Sanitary Sewage Disposal)			
1. General (include Rough Grading to Receive Building)	1,400,000		1,400,000
2. Heating and Ventilating	500,000		500,000
3. Plumbing			
4. Electrical	100,000		100,000
5. Other: _____			
6. Other: _____			
7. A-1 thru A-6 - Subtotal	2,000,000		2,000,000
B. Construction Insurance			
a. Owner Controlled Insurance Program on Site Development Costs			
b. Builder's Risk Insurance (if not included in primes)	2,100		2,100
c. Construction Insurance - Subtotal	2,100		2,100
9. Site Development Costs - Total	2,002,100		2,002,100
B. ARCHITECT'S FEE ON SITE DEVELOPMENT	120,100		120,100
			EXISTING
C. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT			
1. Asbestos Abatement			
2. AHERA Clearance Air Monitoring			
3. Asbestos Abatement - Total (D02, line A-5)			
D. EPA-CERTIFIED PROJECT DESIGNER'S FEE ON ASBESTOS ABATEMENT (D02, LINE B-2)			
E. ROOF REPLACEMENT/REPAIR			
1. Roof Replacement/Repair			
2. Owner Controlled Insurance Program on Roof Replacement/Repair			
3. Builder's Risk Insurance (if not included in primes)			
4. Roof Replacement/Repair - Total			
F. ARCHITECT'S FEE ON ROOF REPLACEMENT/REPAIR			

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PLANCON-D04

ACT 34 OF 1973: MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST FOR NEW BUILDING OR SUBSTANTIAL ADDITION ONLY		
District/CTC: Lehighton Area School District	Project Name: New Primary / Elementary Center	Project #: 3789
Act 34 applies only to costs for new construction. The legal requirements do not address the costs for alterations to existing structures. For this reason, costs associated with the existing structure and other related costs should <u>not</u> be included in the following calculations.		
A. STRUCTURE COST, ARCHITECT'S FEE, MOVABLE FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT (D02, line D-NEW)		\$ 31,589,000
B. EXCLUDABLE COSTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION		THE FIGURE ON LINE A SHOULD <u>NOT</u> BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.
1. Site Development Costs (D04, line A-7-NEW)	\$ 2,002,100	
2. Architect's Fees on the above excludable costs	\$ 120,100	
3. Vocational Projects Only - Movable Fixtures & Equipment (D02, line C-3-NEW)	\$	
4. Total Excludable Costs (B-1 plus B-2 and B-3)	\$ 2,122,200	
C. ACT 34 MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST (A minus B-4)		\$ 29,466,800
THE BOARD MUST ADOPT THE FIGURE ON LINE C BEFORE SCHEDULING THE FIRST ACT 34 HEARING.		
<u>IF THE MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST BASED ON BIDS IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST BASED ON ESTIMATES PLUS EIGHT PERCENT (LINE D), A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS AND STARTING CONSTRUCTION ON ANY PLANNED WORK.</u>		
D. ACT 34 MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST TIMES 1.08 (C times 1.08)		\$ 31,824,144
THE FIGURE ON LINE D SHOULD <u>NOT</u> BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.		

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PLANCON-D20

ANALYSIS OF FINANCING ALTERNATIVES

We have analyzed four (4) alternative methods of financing the proposed designing, constructing, furnishing, and equipping of the New Primary/Elementary Center project (the "Project"). We also estimated the direct costs of financing as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education regulations issued November 4, 1978.

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

The four alternatives of financing that we examined are:

1. Cash or a short-term loan.
2. General obligation bond issue.
3. A local authority issue.
4. A financing through the State Public School Building Authority (SPSBA).

Analysis of the Lehigh Area School District's financial statements for recent years, and of the financing projections prepared in connection with this Project, and discussions with the School District's Administration indicated that financing the entire project with cash is not feasible. The Lehigh Area School District does not have the funds necessary to pay cash for its share of the Project, nor does it appear that the Lehigh Area School District would be able to raise the required amounts from its anticipated cash flow to meet the proposed construction schedule.

We then analyzed in detail the three (3) alternatives, which would require the Lehigh Area School District to incur long-term debt. For each alternative, we estimated a bond issue size and calculated the average annual debt service requirements. We then constructed a repayment schedule assuming equal annual payments over 20 years at current interest rate levels for the General Obligation, Local Authority, and SPSBA Bond Issues. Financing costs for the local authority and SPSBA were slightly higher, which resulted in a larger bond issue and higher average annual payments. Bonds issued through either a local authority or the SPSBA would be classified as revenue bonds instead of general obligation bonds. Interest rates on revenue bonds are slightly higher than interest rates that would be received on general obligation bonds. This would result in higher annual debt service payments for the Lehigh Area School District. The General Obligation alternative offers the Lehigh Area School District the advantage of lower interest rates, more favorable refunding provisions and keeps more control with the local school board. Based on these analyses and past performance, the least costly alternative for financing the Project is the General Obligation Issue.

COMPARISON OF LONG TERM FINANCING METHODS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>GENERAL OBLIGATION</u>	<u>LOCAL AUTHORITY*</u>	<u>SPSBA</u>
Construction & Related Costs	\$32,843,000	\$32,843,000	\$32,843,000
Contingency & Supervision	1,707,000	1,707,000	1,707,000
Bond Insurance	221,567	232,000	227,000
Costs of Issuance	321,250	332,500	328,250
Total Costs	<u>35,092,817</u>	<u>35,114,500</u>	<u>35,105,250</u>
Less: Interest Earned	16,275	18,500	18,000
Less: Cash Contribution	542,817	542,817	542,817
Less: ACE Grant	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Plus: Original Issue Discount	<u>16,275</u>	<u>16,817</u>	<u>15,567</u>
 BOND ISSUE	 32,550,000	 32,570,000	 32,560,000
 Average Annual Payment at 3.80%** for 20 years	 \$2,325,998	 \$2,358,998	 \$2,357,405

* A Local Authority would have annual administrative expenses, which have not been included in these calculations.

** Local Authority and SPSBA Annual Payments are calculated assuming 3.95% as a result of higher interest costs associated with selling revenue bonds.

The Lehigh Area School District is considering other ways to reduce the debt service and local effort needed to fund the Project.

1. The Lehigh Area School District will consider the use of bond insurance to improve the credit rating and marketability of the 2015 Bonds. The cost of such insurance may increase the size of the Bonds issued but reduce the interest rate the Lehigh Area School District must pay on the Bonds, and result in lower debt service.
2. The Lehigh Area School District will consider the use of a wrap around debt service structure to minimize the upfront millage impact required for the Project.
3. The Lehigh Area School District will contribute approximately \$542,817 of cash toward the Project which will reduce the amount of debt needed to fund the Project.
4. The Lehigh Area School District has been awarded an ACE grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 which will reduce the amount of debt needed to fund the Project.
5. For discussion purposes only, we have provided on Table 1, a wrap around amortization schedule to reflect the General Obligation issue which may be used to fund the Project.

Table 1 = G.O. Bonds, Series of 2015 \$32,550,000

STATE REIMBURSEMENT

The State will reimburse the Lehigh Area School District for a portion of the principal and interest which the Lehigh Area School District pays each year on the bonds. The amount of the reimbursement is determined by two factors, the percentage of the Project determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to be reimbursable and the Lehigh Area School District's Capital Account Reimbursement Fraction ("CARF"). It is estimated that the Project may be assigned \$9,534,856 in reimbursement. Based on a pro-forma calculation of reimbursement for a bond issue sized for this Project, the reimbursement percentage may be 27.17%. The Lehigh Area School District's CARF percentage is 60.11%. When these two percentages are multiplied, the result is an "effective" reimbursable percentage of 16.33%. Therefore, for each dollar paid by the Lehigh Area School District toward principal and interest, the state may reimburse the Lehigh Area School District 16.33 cents for the Project.

INDIRECT COST SAVINGS

As a result of the completion of this proposed Project, it is only reasonable to assume that there will be additional indirect cost savings associated with services to be provided to accomplish long range objectives of the Lehigh Area School District. It is reasonable to assume that they will be recognized at a savings of approximately \$1,206,200.

Lehigh Area School District officials have estimated the additional annual indirect cost savings associated with the Project to be as follows:

Energy Operational Savings (Fuel)	\$83,000
Staff *	\$850,000
Staff Travel	\$25,000
Books & Media Supplies	\$20,000
Building & Gen Maintenance Supplies	\$50,000
Water Testing	\$8,000
Water	\$2,000
Sewer	\$6,700
Phone Service	\$2,500
Building Internet Charge	\$25,000
Building Tech Upgrades	\$30,000
Technology / Curriculum Contracts	\$20,000
Tyco Security Charge	\$6,000
Sewer Service Charge	\$3,500
Fire Inspection	\$2,000
HT Lyons Main. Agreement	\$30,000
Pest Control	\$2,500
Mowing Service	\$30,000
Food Service Supplies	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total Savings	\$1,206,200

Assuming a collected mill currently provides \$361,711, the net indirect cost savings will have a millage decrease of 3.33 mills annually.

*Staff savings will occur through attrition

TOTAL MILLAGE EQUIVALENT

The total millage equivalent of the Project assuming wrap around payments:
\$32,550,000 G.O. Bonds on Table 1 = 3.33 mills
Less: Indirect Cost Savings -3.33 mills
Total Net Millage Equivalent 0.00 mills

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SERIES OF 2015
 TOTAL ISSUE = \$32,500,000

TABLE 1

SETTLE 10/1/2015
 DATED 10/1/2015

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
DATE	PRINCIPAL	RATE	INTEREST	SEMI-ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR DEBT SERVICE	LESS: STATE AID	PROPOSED LOCAL EFFORT	EXISTING LOCAL EFFORT	TOTAL LOCAL EFFORT	MILLAGE EQUIVALENT
Existing Local Effort 2014/15 Budget = 1,441,698										
11/15/2015			160,112.76	160,112.76						
5/15/2016			655,006.75	655,006.75	815,119.51	(133,124.40)	681,995.11	1,522,787.81	2,204,782.93	2.11
11/15/2016	5,000	1.800	655,006.75	660,006.75						
5/15/2017			654,961.75	654,961.75	1,314,968.50	(214,759.17)	1,100,209.33	1,010,116.79	2,110,326.12	-0.26
11/15/2017	655,000	2.090	654,961.75	1,309,961.75						
5/15/2018			648,117.00	648,117.00	1,958,078.75	(319,791.21)	1,638,287.54	1,008,415.63	2,646,703.17	1.48
11/15/2018	675,000	2.370	648,117.00	1,323,117.00						
5/15/2019			640,118.25	640,118.25	1,963,235.25	(320,633.36)	1,642,601.89	1,007,033.22	2,649,635.11	
11/15/2019	695,000	2.570	640,118.25	1,335,118.25						
5/15/2020			631,187.50	631,187.50	1,968,305.75	(321,134.83)	1,645,170.92	1,005,370.56	2,650,541.48	
11/15/2020	715,000	2.790	631,187.50	1,346,187.50						
5/15/2021			621,213.25	621,213.25	1,967,400.75	(321,313.67)	1,646,087.08	1,003,428.97	2,649,516.06	
11/15/2021	735,000	2.990	621,213.25	1,356,213.25						
5/15/2022			610,225.00	610,225.00	1,968,438.25	(321,156.47)	1,645,281.78	1,001,796.59	2,647,078.37	
11/15/2022	760,000	3.240	610,225.00	1,370,225.00						
5/15/2023			597,913.00	597,913.00	1,968,138.00	(321,434.07)	1,646,703.93	999,871.77	2,646,575.70	
11/15/2023	790,000	3.420	597,913.00	1,387,913.00						
5/15/2024			584,404.00	584,404.00	1,972,317.00	(322,116.59)	1,650,200.42	997,654.96	2,647,855.38	
11/15/2024	820,000	3.580	584,404.00	1,404,404.00						
5/15/2025			569,726.00	569,726.00	1,974,130.00	(322,412.68)	1,651,717.32	995,736.27	2,647,453.59	
11/15/2025	850,000	3.710	569,726.00	1,419,726.00						
5/15/2026			553,958.50	553,958.50	1,973,684.50	(322,339.92)	1,651,344.58	994,103.97	2,645,448.54	
11/15/2026	1,045,000	3.830	553,958.50	1,598,958.50						
5/15/2027			533,946.75	533,946.75	2,132,905.25	(348,343.68)	1,784,561.57	859,267.78	2,643,829.35	
11/15/2027	1,095,000	3.940	533,946.75	1,628,946.75						
5/15/2028			512,375.25	512,375.25	2,141,322.00	(349,718.29)	1,791,603.71	854,597.63	2,646,201.34	
11/15/2028	1,155,000	4.030	512,375.25	1,667,375.25						
5/15/2029			489,102.00	489,102.00	2,156,477.25	(352,193.43)	1,804,283.82	842,078.73	2,646,362.55	
11/15/2029	1,210,000	4.090	489,102.00	1,699,102.00						
5/15/2030			464,357.50	464,357.50	2,163,459.50	(353,333.76)	1,810,125.74	836,624.39	2,646,750.12	
11/15/2030	1,265,000	4.140	464,357.50	1,729,357.50						
5/15/2031			438,172.00	438,172.00	2,167,529.50	(353,908.47)	1,813,531.03	830,748.32	2,644,279.35	
11/15/2031	1,330,000	4.190	438,172.00	1,768,172.00						
5/15/2032			410,308.50	410,308.50	2,178,480.50	(355,786.97)	1,822,693.53	824,453.84	2,647,147.37	
11/15/2032	1,395,000	4.240	410,308.50	1,805,308.50						
5/15/2033			380,734.50	380,734.50	2,188,043.00	(357,022.07)	1,829,020.93	817,732.13	2,646,753.06	
11/15/2033	1,465,000	4.280	380,734.50	1,845,734.50						
5/15/2034			349,383.50	349,383.50	2,195,118.00	(358,504.19)	1,836,613.81	810,588.71	2,647,202.52	
11/15/2034	1,520,000	4.320	349,383.50	1,869,383.50						
5/15/2035			316,551.50	316,551.50	2,185,935.00	(357,004.43)	1,828,930.57	822,789.31	2,651,719.88	
11/15/2035	2,130,000	4.360	316,551.50	2,448,551.50						
5/15/2036			270,117.50	270,117.50	2,716,669.00	(443,683.31)	2,272,985.69	373,870.07	2,646,855.75	
11/15/2036	2,225,000	4.390	270,117.50	2,495,117.50						
5/15/2037			221,278.75	221,278.75	2,716,396.25	(443,638.77)	2,272,757.48	371,688.64	2,644,446.13	
11/15/2037	2,325,000	4.410	221,278.75	2,546,278.75						
5/15/2038			170,012.50	170,012.50	2,716,291.25	(443,621.62)	2,272,669.63	373,439.54	2,646,109.18	
11/15/2038	2,435,000	4.430	170,012.50	2,605,012.50						
5/15/2039			116,077.25	116,077.25	2,721,089.75	(444,405.30)	2,276,684.45	370,334.60	2,647,019.05	
11/15/2039	2,545,000	4.450	116,077.25	2,681,077.25						
5/15/2040			59,451.00	59,451.00	2,720,528.25	(444,313.60)	2,276,214.65	366,847.76	2,643,062.41	
11/15/2040	2,660,000	4.470	59,451.00	2,719,451.00						
5/15/2041			0.00	0.00	2,719,451.00	(444,137.00)	2,275,313.34	367,295.88	2,642,609.22	
TOTALS	32,500,000		23,157,511.76	55,657,511.76	55,657,511.76	(9,089,921.93)	46,567,589.83	21,268,673.90	67,836,263.73	3.33
PE%	27.17% Estimated per PlanCon D									
CARF%	60.11%									
1 MILL =	361.711 (Per District)									

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Carbon County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A MAXIMUM PROJECT COST AND A MAXIMUM BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEHIGHTON AREA PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY CENTER, DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION DESCRIPTION, PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROPER NOTICE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Area School District (the "District") is a school district created and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the District has determined that certain new and expanded school facilities may be required for use of the pupils of this School District, and has authorized certain preliminary steps to be taken with regard to a school project, consisting of planning, designing, constructing, and furnishing the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended (the "School Code"), including amendments made pursuant to Act 34 of the 1973 ("Act 34"), requires that a public hearing be held prior to the construction, the entering into a contract to construct, or the entering into a contract to lease a new school building or a substantial addition to an existing school building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors desires to authorize its Solicitor, Architect, Financial Consultant, and others to take certain actions with respect to this Project; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to take certain action with respect to this Project, and to comply with Act 34 and the School Code; and

WHEREAS, the District has received from the Architect the estimated costs of this Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Lehigh Area School District, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves a maximum project cost for the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center Project of \$35,092,817 and a maximum building construction cost for the Lehigh Area Primary/Elementary Center Project of \$29,466,800.

2. A public hearing for the purpose of informing the public generally of the Project and to receive public comment shall be held in the Board Room of the District Administration Office, 1000 Union Street, Lehigh, PA 18235-1700 on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time.

3. A description of the Project shall be made available to the public at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing.

4. The description shall be mailed to the news media in sufficient time for release not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.

5. A notice of hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing. The notice is attached hereto and made a part hereof as if set forth in its entirety.

6. The notice of hearing shall advise residents how they may gain agenda time, submit written testimony, or both.

7. This School District hereby authorizes William G. Schwab, Solicitor of this School District, to perform such acts on behalf of this School District as may be necessary in connection with this Project.

8. This School District hereby authorizes the firm known as EI Associates, Architect for this Project; to perform such acts on behalf of the School District as may be necessary in connection with this Project.

9. This School District hereby authorizes the firm of Public Financial Management, Inc., as Financial Consultant, to perform such acts on behalf of the School District as may be necessary in connection with this Project.

10. This School District further authorizes the engagement of a court stenographer to transcribe the Act 34 Public Hearing proceedings, consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

11. The Superintendent, the proper officers of the Board of School Directors, the Solicitor, the Project Architect, and the Financial Consultant are authorized and directed to take such other actions, obtain such approvals, and execute such documents as may be necessary, desired, or required to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District, this 23th day of February, 2015.

ATTEST:

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT


Secretary

By: 
President, Board of Education

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of School Directors of the Lehigh Area School District, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, (the "School District"), certify: that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which was duly adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board of School Directors of the School District, duly convened and held according to law on February 23, 2015, at which meeting a quorum was present; that said Resolution duly has been recorded in the minutes of the Board of School Directors of the School District; and that said Resolution is in full force and effect, without amendment, alteration, or repeal as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Board of School Directors of the School District met the advance notice requirements of the Sunshine Act, Act No. 1998-93 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved October 15, 1998, by advertising said meeting and posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the School District or at the public building in which said meeting was held, all in accordance with such Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the School District this 23th day of February, 2015.



Brian D. Feick, Board Secretary

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