

Lehighton Area School District

Lehighton, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00PM
Executive Session @ 5:45 PM

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

***Moment of silence for Shirley Wentz ***

Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Lehighton 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. Rocky Ahner, Member	X	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	X	☐
Mr. Stephen L. Holland, Member	X	☐
Mrs. Lori Nothstein, Member	X	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, Member	X	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Vice-President	X	☐ - needs to leave by 8:40 pm
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	X	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐
Mr. Brian Feick, Business Manager	X	☐
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent	X	☐
Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor	☐	X
Ms. Bonnie Cortese, Recording / Asst. Bd. Sec.	X	☐

**Notice of Executive Session - personnel and legal matters

Public Comment on Agenda -

1. David Bradley - Item C (Finance)

- *Motion under Finance regarding money to be spent on stadium from the unstricted fund balance - Before you spend money what about the Feasibility study that was done and the safety items not done.*
- *Taskforce running around the school - the way the Feasibility study was written did a hatchet job on Middle School - \$23M*
- *Use the same logic for the Elementary schools that Hal / Bill / Rocky mentioned. Renovate the elementary buildings and save the neighborhood elementary schools*

- 2/3 of the task force wanted to save the elementary schools
- Have you done anything mentioned in the Feasibility Study about the safety of the children (walkways / sidewalks).

Gloria Bowman - Time is up, but I personally know that the Franklin sidewalks have been done.

Presentations -

- 1. Bowmanstown Rod and Gun Club (Kevin Strohl - Pres.) - Presentation**
 - \$5,000 given for outdoor sports / conservation programs within K-12

Communications -

- 1. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Cleaver**
 - Governor presented his preliminary budget with some increases to public education. However, districts have received conflicting communications from legislators to be careful when planning their budgets.
 - Thanks to all who attended the Act 34 hearing on 3-17-15. Thanks to Atty. Schwab for deliberating the hearing.
 - I apologize for not saying the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the start of the meeting.
- 2. Finance Report - Mr. Feick**
 - Regarding the budget, consensus is that we will get something. Will know more by May.
 - If we get more we will need to use less of the fund balance.
- 3. Board President's Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - Kindergarten registration went well on-line. 167 presently enrolled. Enrollment is up.
 - New iPads were received for the MS music department.
 - Elementary schools having parent luncheons.
 - 4/2 - Mahoning's Annual "Who Wants to be a Millionaire"
 - 3/28 - Staff will be attending a writing workshop at Columbia University
 - 3/28 - EP - Egg Hunt
 - HS - A new scholarship will be created in honor of Matthew DePue
 - 4/29 - Awards Assembly - HS
 - Brandon Williams, alumnus, spoke to HS students - motivational
 - HS - Gold Award - Fit & Friendly - added Yoga
 - HS Science Olympiads - qualified for States - 5th out of 25
 - MS earned \$1,715 toward the Environmental Center through Boxtops
 - Tech wizards (3 students - 7th grade)
- 4. Leighton Memorial Library Report – Mrs. Nothstein**
 - 3/31 - Next Meeting
- 5. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – Mr. Ahner**
 - Wednesday (3/25) - going to Harrisburg regarding the budget
 - The Leighton Library Director has had her hours cut in half and is contemplating leaving.

6. Title I Advisory Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - 3/9 - Meeting
 - Summer picnics planned
 - 6/18 - Community Pool Event
 - SD - held an art show / Dr. Seuss Title I Event
 - EP / FR - held Pi Day on 3/14 at the HS
 - 5/1 - Next meeting
7. CCTI Report - Mr. Yenser
 - Enrollment - 380
 - LASD students - 96
 - Following in full swing or completed: NOCTI exams, AP tests, Decca Competitions
 - Skills USA - in April
 - NHS students were inducted
8. CLIU Report – Mr. Wentz
 - 3/16 - Meeting - Presentation by Youth Forestry Camp
 - 60 LASD students serviced by the IU
 - 4/20 - Next meeting
9. Student Representative Report – Britani Graver
 - 4/13-15 - FBLA attending States in Hershey (15 students)
 - Natl. Art Honor Society - Collage to raise money for Carbon County Friends of Animals. Also planning a surprise for Teacher Appreciation Day.
 - Red Cross Club - wear yellow for 3/27 to support a 5 yr. old child having bone marrow transplant.
 - FCCLA - annual bake sale 3/28 at the Carbon Plaza Mall.
 - 4/17-18 - Drama Club Spring Musical - Spamalot @ 7:30 p.m.
 - Prom Ticket Raffle sponsored by Sr. Class
 - 5/8 - Prom @ Blue Mtn. Ski Lodge 5-10 p.m. Tickets - \$64. Theme - "Night at the Oscars"
 - 3/27 - 11th Annual Book Swap at the MS
 - 3/30 - SAT Prep class informational session in Mrs. Rohrbach's room
 - 4/8 - GED orientation 5-8 p.m.
10. Solicitor's Report – Attorney William Schwab - written
11. Building/Grounds Report - Mr. Wentz
 - 3/10 - Meeting
 - Discussed replacing a 20-year-old van
 - Discussed replacing Score Board covers in the gym
 - Posting for summer utility workers
12. LCCC – Mr. Stern - None
13. Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - 4/1 - Next meeting
 - HS grading / weighted scores
 - Stem (MS) / Dual Enrollment / Successmaker
14. Policy Committee Report - Mrs. Bowman
 - Had a meeting the beginning of March
 - Will be working of policies: 304 & 317 to add Act 24 per the auditor general, Volunteer Policy, Facilities, and Surplus Disposal (706.1)
15. Athletic Committee Report - Mr. Wentz
 - 3/10 meeting - Student Survey
 - Fall/Winter coaches will be voted on tonight
 - Mr. Spotts has a conference on the agenda for tonight

- Carbon County Band Concert - 120 musicians - 6 schools
 - Kacy Andrews - New Berry College - Player of the Week
16. Wellness Committee Report - Mr. Ahner
- 4/16 - Wellness Fair (6-8 p.m.)
 - There will be 27 presenters
 - The Game Commission will be there to discuss what to do when you encounter animals when on walks.

Approval of Minutes -

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2015, regular meeting with corrections requested by Mrs. Nothstein.

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

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2015, workshop meeting.

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

Financial Matter -

Activities Report MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Lehigh Area High School Activities Fund for February 2015.

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

**Payment
Of Bills**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 750,237.01
--Benefits	\$ 547,339.26
--Debit Card	\$ 2,699.74
Food Service Fund	\$ 52,237.91
Capital Reserve	\$ 15,389.25
Athletic Fund	\$ 14,855.27
Capital Proj. Fund	<u>\$ 56,127.84</u>
Total	\$ 1,438,886.28

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

**Unrestricted
Fund Balance
Payments**

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

1. BARRY ISETT & ASSOCIATES, INC. -
Stadium (see attachment)

\$10,793.29

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

**Construc.
Accounts
Payments**

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

1. EI ASSOCIATES -

Middle School Renovation Project \$29,166.55
(see attachment)

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

2. EI ASSOCIATES -

High School Renovation Project \$26,120.50
(see attachment)

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

3. BARRY ISSETT & ASSOCIATES, INC. -

Pump Station improvements \$53.99

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

Motion carried.

5. QUANDEL -

Middle School, High School and \$11,000.00
All construction projects

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

Motion carried.

**Treasurer's
Reports**

MOTION by Mr. Resh, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the following reports:

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

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

Motion carried.

**J. Szozda
Occ. Tax
Refund**

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to refund Occupational Tax payment for year 2014 in the amount of \$137.50 to Jamie Szozda.

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

Motion carried.

**E. Leiby
RE Tax
Refund**

MOTION by Mr. Resh, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to refund Real Estate Tax for year 2014 in the amount of \$1,395.10 to Edwin F. Leiby.

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

Motion carried.

**Property
Bid
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the bid of \$768.00 on property: Map Number 70A10-29-T7, that is in the County's Repository for Unsold Properties..

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

Motion carried.

**Ed. First
Financial
403(b)
Company**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, to approve Educators' First Financial of PA to be added to the list of authorized investment providers for Leighton Area School District 403(b) companies.

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

Motion carried.

**Change
Orders
Authority
Granted**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland that the Superintendent and/or Business Manager shall have the authority to approve changed orders in building projects an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per line item contingent on said change being recommended by construction management firm (Quandel). Said change order shall appear on next board meeting for ratification.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Lori Nothstein, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Vice-President	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - ____ ABSTENTIONS - ____

Motion carried.

**Stadium/
Elem. Ctr.
Soft Costs**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz upon recommendation of the finance Committee, to appropriate the Un-Restricted Fund Balance for payment of the soft costs on the Stadium and Elementary Center from January 2014 to present.

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

Motion carried.

**M. Scimeca
S. Maloney
Conference
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to approve **Megan Scimeca and Susan Maloney** to attend the workshop "Increase Student Learning by Using iPads and Other Mobile Devices in your Pre-K or Kindergarten Classroom" in Allentown, PA on May 20, 2015, at a cost not to exceed **\$486.00**. Funding through the Ready-to-Learn Grant 2014-2015.

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

Motion carried.

**D. Perkins
NAFME
Ensemble
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve **David Perkins** to attend the NAFME All-Eastern State Honors Ensembles in Providence, RI, April 8 - 12, 2015 at a cost not to exceed **\$1,226.68** to include registration, room, meals and parking.

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

Motion carried.

**Supplem.
Funding
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve supplemental funding to the LHS Chorus in the amount not to exceed **\$306.50** (half of the total cost) for the purpose of attending the NAFME All Eastern Chorus in Providence, RI, April 8-12, 2015.

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

Motion carried.

**T. Tkach
PAFPC
Conference
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve **Timothy Tkach** to attend the PAFPC Conference in Seven Springs, PA, May 3-6, 2015, at a cost not to exceed **\$1,700.00**, funding through the Title I Grant 2014-2015.

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

Motion carried.

**J. Matika
M. Petit-Clair
M. Kirsch
Conference
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to approve **Janine Matika, Marijane Petit-Clair, and Michele Kirsch** to attend the workshop "Best iPad Strategies to Increase Student Learning" in Bethlehem, PA on May 7, 2015, at a cost not to exceed **\$775.00**. Funding through the Ready-to-Learn Grant 2014-2015.

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

Motion carried.

TABLED To approve Eric **Gidney**, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, to attend the Nike
E. Gidney Championship Basketball Clinic at Robert Morris University, April 17 - 19, 2015, at a
Clinic budgeted cost not to exceed \$275.00.

Motion Tabled.

Personnel -

Substitutes MOTION by Mr. Stern, **SECONDED** by Mr. Ahner to approve the attached list of
Hired candidates for the **2014-2015 Substitute** list pending clearances.

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

Motion carried.

TABLED To approve the **Athletic** hires for the **2015-2016** school years per enclosure.
Athletic
Hires

Motion Tabled.

Coursework MOTION by Mr. Ahner, **SECONDED** by Mr. Resh to approve the following
Approved requests for pre-approval of courses/Programs of Study for continuing education:

1. **Jessica Bruch** - May 18 - June 12, 2015 / Reading Clinical Practicum
2. **Tavia Cardell** - June 15 - July 24, 2015 / Practicum in Reading Instruction
3. **Sarah Devitt** - June 29 - July 16, 2015 / Cognition
4. **Sarah Devitt** - July 1 - August 9, 2015 / Print Media - Digital Classroom
5. **Sarah Devitt** - July 20 - August 6, 2015 / Multimedia Design/Digital Learning
6. **Jennifer Evans** - Summer 2015 / Technology and Facilities Development
7. **Angela Tobash** - Program of Study / Wilkes Univ. / MS Instructional Technology
8. **Angela Tobash** - 5/4 - 6/21/2015 / Operating Systems & Networking
9. **Angela Tobash** - 5/11 - 8/2/2015 / Technology to Support All Learners
10. **Drewann Troutman** - 5/12 - 6/24/2015 / Issues, Laws, and Trends in Ed.
11. **Drewann Troutman** - 6/29 - 7/16/2015 / Cognition
12. **Drewann Troutman** - 7/20 - 8/6/2015 / Authoring Systems / Instructional Design

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

Motion carried.

A. Bisbing Retirement MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to accept the intent to retire for **Arlene Bisbing**, Lunch Aide assigned to Mahoning Elementary, effective March 5, 2015.

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

Post-Grad. Summer Utility Helpers Hired MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve hiring the following Post-Graduate Summer Utility Helpers, pending clearances, at an hourly rate of \$7.25:

Michael Perkins - Starting date May 11, 2015

Jena Smith - Starting date May 11, 2015

Emily Lauer - Starting date May 4, 2015

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

Miscellaneous -

School Journey Requests MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to approve the following School Enrichment Journey requests:

- 1. HS Creative Writing Class (J. Kovach)** - March 30, 2015 (10:15 - 11 a.m.) - to Travel to Shull-David Elementary as guest readers.
- 2. HS Student - Ellen Perkins (D. Perkins)** - April 8 - 12, 2015 - to travel to Providence, RI, for the NAFME All-Eastern Chorus.
- 3. FR - Kdg. (M. Scimeca / S. Maloney)** - April 10, 2015 (8:40 - 10:50 a.m.) - to travel the Lehigh Recreation Center to attend the Children's Health Fair.
- 4. SD Grade 2 (L. Barth)** - April 10, 2015 (12:30 - 2:04 p.m.) - to travel to the Lehigh Recreation Center to attend the Children's Health Fair.
- 5. SD Kindergarten (D. Rakos)** - April 10, 2015 (8:45 - 11 a.m.) - to travel to Lehigh Recreation Center to attend the Children's Health Fair.
- 6. SD Grade 1 (M. Petit-Clair)** - April 10, 2015 (8:45 - 10:45 a.m.) - to travel to The Lehigh Recreation Center to attend the Children's Health Fair.
- 7. HS - SADD (M. Volcskai)** - April 15, 2015 (9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) - to travel to The Coca-Cola Park in Allentown to attend the LV Health Network Ed. Day
- 8. HS Shakespeare Class (D. Hauser)** - April 26, 2015 (12:30 - 5:30 p.m.) - to travel To the ESU Theatre for a performance of "Midsummer Night's Dream".

9. **SD Grade 2 (B. Crosley / L. Barth / D. Herman / K. Decker)** - April 28, 2015 (8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.) to travel to the Kutztown Planetarium and Crystal Cave for a field trip.
10. **HS Economics Honor Students (L. Brong / S. Tkach)** - April 30, 2015 (7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.) to travel to Tannersville, PA to participate in Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Day.
11. **HS - FCCLA (J. McHugh)** - April 30, 2015 (7 a.m. - 9 p.m.) to travel to the National Aquarium in Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD.
12. **SD Kindergarten (D. Rakos)** - May 1, 2015 (9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) - to travel to the Lehigh Valley Zoo for a field trip.
13. **MA/SD - Grade 3 Teams (J. Boyle / C. Kresge)** - May 4, 2015 (8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.) - to travel to Mauch Chunk Lake Park for the Envirothon.
14. **MA Grade 4 (R. Rupell / A. Swanson)** - May 14, 2015 (8:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to travel to Quiet Valley Farms for a field trip.
15. **SD Grade 3 (J. Boyle / J. Wentz)** - May 19, 2015 (8:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) to travel to the Lehigh Valley Zoo for a field trip.
16. **MA Grade 4 (A. Swanson / R. Rupell)** - May 20, 2015 (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) to travel to the State Museum of PA to experience a planetarium show, artifacts, and PA history.
17. **SD Grade 4 (B. Cressley / M. Dillman / C. Hoppes)** - May 21, 2015 (7:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.) to travel to Lancaster County to visit the Amish Farm.
18. **MA Grade 1 (S. Rodgers / N. Hydro)** - May 22, 2015 (8:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.) to travel to Bear Mtn. Butterfly Museum for a field trip.
19. **FR Grade 1 and Grade 2 (J. Fritz / M. Cox / R. Roberts / W. Bussey-Williams / P. Bonser)** - May 28, 2015 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.) to travel to Crystal Cave and Roadside America for a PTO sponsored field trip.
20. **SD Grade 1 (M. Petit-Clair, M. Schaeffer / J. Matika)** - May 29, 2015 (8:40 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.) to travel to Crayola Factory in Easton, PA for a field trip.
21. **MS - Grade 5M (J. Solt)** - June 2, 2015 (7:40 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to travel to the Poole Wildlife Sanctuary for a field trip.
22. **HS Band Seniors (B. Buffington)** - June 10, 2015 (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.) to travel to New York City to attend a Broadway play.
23. **MS - FCCLA (M. Slaby)** - Dates TBA for the remainder of the school year (1:32 - 2:10 p.m.) to travel to the Lehigh Valley Nursing Home to deliver Spring cards to residents.
24. **MA Grade 3 (C. Kresge / K. Blisard)** - April 30, 2015 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) to travel to an Iron Pigs game at Coca Cola Park for a PTO field trip.
25. **EP & FR Grade 4 (D. Gerber / t. Strausberger / A. Hedash / B. Breiner / C. Haupt)** - May 12, 2015 (8:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to travel to the Middle School for a Spelling Bee and Orientation.
26. **MS 7th & 8th Grade Band (B. Hudlow)** - April 30, 2015 (7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) - to travel to the elementary schools and lunch at Pizza Hut.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Programs -

Use of School Property

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve Use of School Property for:

1. **Franklin Twp. Athletic Association (K. Brinker)** - April 1 - June 30, 2015 - (6-8 p.m.) to use the JV Softball Field for softball practice
2. **Lehighton Soccer (C. Stein)** - March 23 - June 8, 2015 (Weekdays 6 - 8 p.m. / Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to use Franklin Elementary outside fields for soccer practice and games.
3. **HS Student Council** - May 26, 2015 (Rain date May 27, 2015) to use the Football Stadium to host a Powder Puff Football Tournament to benefit the Dylan and Gavin Rainbow Fund.

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

Senior Outing Approved

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Senior Outing to be held on May 18, 2015. The students will travel to Ocean City, NJ on Catawese charter busses leaving the high school at 7 a.m. and returning approximately 9:30 p.m. Rain dates: May 19, 2015 and May 26, 2015.

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

Sp. Ed. ESY Program Approved

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Lehighton Area School District-run Special Education Extended School-Year Program to be held July 6 - July 30, 2015, (Monday-Thursday), from 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. The program will be held at Lehighton Area High School for all grades.

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

2015 Grad. Date Set

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve 2015 Commencement to take place on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 7 p.m.

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

Old Business for Discussion -

1. Rocky Ahner -

- *We need a motion. I need figures.*
- *Appearing at Act 34 Hearing*
- *Problem - whose losing their job?*
- *Not itemized*
- *We can only cut so much*
- *Not in favor of loaning more money, but losing jobs*
- *Loans total up to \$23M but we show \$21M*

Brian Feick -

- *Because of State reimbursement*
- *Debt service getting too deep*
- *Other districts give money and we don't*

Rocky Ahner - Discussion ensued..... Question regarding going to bid in May

Brian Feick -

- *I'm lost.... Don't know what he is saying*

Jonathan Cleaver -

- *Issue with Act 34 -- a lot of unknowns*

Rocky Ahner -

- *Would we go out on bid in May?*

Brian Feick -

- *No, construction documents go out in May and back in June*
- *Bids would be July or August*

Rocky Ahner -

- *Who determines how much money we are spending?*
- *We are over the limit we are allowed to loan - Total \$85M*

Jonathan Cleaver -

- *Explain \$85M.*

Rocky Ahner -

- *Add \$3-4M to each school, plus interest*
- *Close to our limit of \$76M*

Jonathan Cleaver -

- *Please clarify \$85M*

Larry Stern explained the figures from the Act 34 Hearing Booklet.

Rocky Ahner -

- *That's 20 years, not 25 years*

Larry Stern -

- This is the same booklet that was given out at the Act 34 meeting.*

Rocky Ahner -

- No, this is different than JJ gave to me.*
- Oh yea, that's the one.*
- I still don't see the interest.*

Brian Feick -

- QZAB 0 interest*
- Saved \$3.5M*
- Maximum 25.5M including ACE grants*

2. Steve Holland -

- Are the adult classes scheduled to begin?*

Tim Tkach -

- Will begin in April*
- Classes will be Mondays & Wednesdays and Tuesdays & Thursdays*
- Positions will be posted*

New Business for Discussion -

1. Addendum -

School Journey Request	MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the following School Enrichment Journey request: 1. HS - Government Students (L. Brong) - April 23, 2015 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to travel to the Carbon County Courthouse in Jim Thorpe to attend Government Day.
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VOTE: YES - 2 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment -

1. Frank Tamburri - Referendum

- 2005 Real Estate Act*
- By redoing bond - paid off in August*
- Don't want to pay off bond because of a referendum*
- Against total deception to community*

2. David Solt - Where does Lehighton rank with other PA schools?

- *How does the Senior class rank?*

Jonathan Cleaver -

- *We can't break out just the senior class*
- *You can look up the school performance profile*

David Solt -

- *When the HS was built, Lehighton's rank was low. It was said that the new school would increase the ranking. So I'm asking, are you saying the same thing about a new elementary center?*

Hal Resh -

- *PA ranks 50 in 50 states in disparity in funding*

Gloria Bowman -

- *I gave a report last year.*

Bill Hill -

- *I asked that the guidance department send a survey to those who graduated to find out what they are doing (working, grad school).*
- *Another motion in April or May - clear and distinct*
- *Falls on deaf ears.*

Tim Tkach -

- *I can assure you that it did not fall on deaf ears.*
- *When the Board talks we take it seriously.*
- *Will compare anyone in Lehighton to any other district*
- *Facilities will make a difference when all are under one roof.*
- *Academics continue to improve.*

Gloria Bowman -

- *The school professional profile from last year to this year has increased.*

David Solt -

- *So where do we stand?*

Brian Feick -

- *The 80th percentile.*

David Solt -

- *The building doesn't teach.*
- *I grew up in Lehighton. Houses that were there years ago are still here. They are not torn down.*

3. Michael Lusch - Conduct During Meetings

- *We all serve as role models*
- *Statements made have not been quite true.*
- *Respect other's opinions - some adults in this room forget this.*
- *ALL of us are role models*
- *Emotions are dictating actions*
- *In this room / on the outside / on the web show dignity & respect*

4. David Krause -

- *Thanks to Gloria Bowman and Jonathan Cleaver for their respectful demeanor.*
- *There is a proper decorum*
- *Bullying tactics have taken place*
- *I support the suggested upgrades and building project*
- *I was involved in these projects for 7-8 years*
- *I endorse the Elementary Center*

Adjournment -

**Next regular scheduled meeting is the regular meeting on
Monday, April 27, 2015. Workshop meeting on April 13, 2015 (phasing plan).**

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted



Brian Feick
Board Secretary

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