

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00PM

Executive Session @ 5:45 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. 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	☐
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	☐
Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Recording / Asst. Bd. Sec.	X	☐

Mrs. Bowman - Notified the public of an Executive Session for personnel matters.

Public Comment on Agenda

1. David Bradley - Item D & I

- *Questioned EI Associates payments for March & April*
- *Questioned the re-hiring of Attorney Schwab as solicitor*

2. Gerald Strubinger - Item O

- *President of Lehigh Touchdown Club*
- *Lehigh Touchdown Club supports the new multi-purpose stadium*
- *Extra-curricular activities provide a well-rounded student*

3. Tom Wertman – Item O

- *Supports Multi-Purpose Stadium*
- *No ADA facilities at current stadium*

4. James Blakeslee – Item O

- *Lehighton students went to State Track Meet – Students have “Lehighton Passion”*
- *Supports the Multi-Purpose Stadium*
- *Coming together as a community*

Presentations

1. Mr. Buffington – Nashville Trip

- *PowerPoint presentation of pictures from the trip.*
- *Students were able to record 3 songs with recording engineers (engineers were very impressed with our students)*
- *Students were well-behaved, professional and respectful.*
- *Thanked the board for the opportunity.*

2. Lehighton Rotary – Mrs. Kovach

- *Three (3) winners from Lehighton. 1st – Christina Drofich, 2nd Abby Bartron, and 3rd – Susan Cook.*
- *Susan Cook spoke about the great opportunity with Rotary.*

3. Student Achievements – Mr. Wentz/Mr. Spotts

- *Presented certificates to students for various achievements for the 2014-15 school year.*

Communications

1. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Cleaver

- ♦ *SuccessMaker presentation next month.*
- ♦ *Presented award to Mr. Brian Feick from the National Education Foundation for bridging the gap/leadership with our students with our STEM program.*
- ♦ *Mr. Feick – still shocked about award, got STEM up-and-running by February (2 months after approval).*
- ♦ *School year winding down – HS Graduation will be held on 6/5/15 at 7:00 p.m.*
- ♦ *A lot of end of the year programs and concerts.*

2. Finance Report – Mr. Feick

- ♦ *Finance minutes provided to board*
- ♦ *Budget in Harrisburg is ongoing*

3. Board President’s Report – Mrs. Bowman

- ♦ *Congratulations to students in all programs.*
- ♦ *MS – Operation Never Forget – honored 2 people and veterans – sent flowers to 2 veteran graves (1 in England, 1 in Nebraska) – kudos to MS and Mr. Rabenold*
- ♦ *MS Envirothon placed 2nd and 3rd*
- ♦ *Hoops for Hearts raised \$4,100, Legion Awards, and Backpacks for Family Promise*
- ♦ *HS Envirothon went on to state level*
- ♦ *2015 Scholarships – \$161,000 to 71 students (last year \$146,500 to 67 students)*

4. Lehigh Memorial Library Report – Mrs. Nothstein
 - ♦ Met with Palmerton Library regarding a small grant for Library
 - ♦ Will be interviewing for part-time Librarian on 6/2/15 at 7:00 p.m.
5. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – Mr. Ahner
 - ♦ No Report
6. Title I Advisory Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - ♦ Title I Advisory met on 5/4/15 – great parent ideas
 - ♦ Next meeting 7/1/15 at Franklin Elementary
7. CCTI Report – Mr. Yenser
 - ♦ Student Representative – Jessica Salinas
 - ♦ Provided a written report as well as oral report.
8. CLIU Report – Mr. Wentz
 - ♦ Met on 5/18/15, next meeting is 6/15/15
9. Student Representative Report – Mr. Reichl
 - ♦ Members of FCCLA prepared and served staff breakfast for Teacher Appreciation Week on May 5, 2015.
 - ♦ National Art Honor Society will be having induction of new members on 5/28/15.
 - ♦ National Honor Society is hosting a spring social tonight, 5/26/15.
 - ♦ Top 10% Banquet was held at the Franklin Fire Company. Mr. Reichl thanked Mr. Ripkey for speaking at the Top 10% Banquet.
 - ♦ Student Council will be hosting a Powder Puff game on 5/27/15 at 4:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow.
 - ♦ Career Day for students will be 5/27/15
 - ♦ Baccalaureate will be 6/2/15 at 6:30 p.m.
 - ♦ Graduation will be held 6/5/15 at 7:00 p.m.
10. Solicitor's Report – Attorney William Schwab – written
11. Building/Grounds Report – Mr. Wentz
 - ♦ Propane tanks have been removed
 - ♦ Dishwasher repaired at the HS
 - ♦ Contractors have been to district for grass-cutting
 - ♦ Next meeting 6/16/15 at 7:30 a.m.
12. LCCC – Mr. Stern
 - ♦ Graduation Ceremony held on 5/21/15
 - ♦ 21 Lehigh Graduates, 1 Cum Laude
13. Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - ♦ Next meeting 6/3/15 at 4:15 p.m.
 - ♦ Discussing K-12 Writing Curriculum
14. Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - ♦ Met on 5/6/15
 - ♦ Many policies on the agenda
15. Athletic Committee Report – Mr. Wentz
 - ♦ Met on 5/12/15 at 7:30 a.m.
 - ♦ Hiring of Fall/Winter Coaches
 - ♦ Wednesday, 9/2/15 – Meet the Tribe
 - ♦ Friday, 9/4/15 – First Football Game
16. Wellness Committee Report – Mr. Ahner
 - ♦ Pool Event – 6/18/15 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - ♦ Rotary – Read-a-Thon – 8/20/15 – former teachers, legislators – Fundraiser for the Library
 - ♦ Congratulated Mr. Feick and his help with Wellness. Cares for the students and sees the educational side.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2015, regular meeting.

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

Financial Matters

Activities Fund MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Lehigh Area High School Activities Fund and the Lehigh Area Middle School Activities Fund for April 2015.

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

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

General Fund	\$ 621,408.47
--Benefits	\$ 545,572.40
--Payroll (April)	\$ 1,242,076.03
--Debit Card	\$ 6,040.09
Food Service Fund	\$ 65,892.68
Capital Reserve	\$ 15,146.75
Athletic Fund	\$ 25,573.27
Capital Proj. Funds	\$ 369,127.33
Total	\$ 2,890,837.02

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

Payment From Un-Restricted Fund Balance 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 \$17,876.34

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

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

1. EI Associates:

Middle School - March 31, 2015 \$29,690.50

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

Motion carried.

2. EI Associates:

Middle School - April 30, 2015 \$29,690.50

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

Motion carried.

3. EI Associates:

High School \$27,657.00

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

Motion carried.

4. Quandel:

Middle School, High School and All Construction Projects \$11,000.00

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

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern 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 - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

**Occup. Tax/
Per Capita
Exemptions**

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

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

Motion carried.

**TACT2
Training**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the contract for service with Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 for Therapeutic Aggression Control Techniques (TACT2) training not to exceed \$1,600.00.

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

Motion carried.

**C. Bachert
Approved
Conference**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve Charles Bachert to receive the extra funding of \$139.21 (hotel reservation) to attend the "National Conference on School Discipline - Best Insights, Tips and Practices" in Niagara Falls, July 15-17, 2015 (travel and meal costs will be funded by the individual, not the district). Funding through the Middle School Budget 2014-15.

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

Motion carried.

**Atty.
Schwab
Hire**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Holland upon recommendation by the Finance Committee it was agreed to recommend the District appoint and retain William G. Schwab as its Solicitor for the 2015-2016 school year at an hourly rate of \$155.00 per hour.

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

Motion carried.

**Munshower
Physicals**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve a contract with Dr. Thomas E. Munshower, D.O. for 2015-2016 school year paid as follows; \$6,000.00 stipend paid with signed contract and per exam fee of \$7.00 per physical exam and \$3.00 per Scoliosis examination.

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

Motion carried.

Dental Van MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the enclosed Letter of Agreement between CMS Medical Care Corporation, a subsidiary of the Blue Mountain Health System, referred to as the "Healthy Smiles, Happy Kids Dental Van" and the Lehigh Area School District for the provision of State mandated examination service to the Lehigh Area School District using "Healthy Smiles, Happy Kids Dental Van."

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

Motion carried.

**Treasurer
Waived
Comp.** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz that the Treasurer be authorized to have his compensation waived for the 2014-15 school year.

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

Motion carried.

**Treasurer's
Comp. to
Library** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill that the line item budgeted as compensation for Treasurer be transferred to community library support line item and the additional sum paid to the Lehigh Area Memorial Library.

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

Motion carried.

**Treasurer
Election -
Yenser** President calls for nominations for School Board Treasurer per policy #005 for a one (1) year term, effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, at an annual rate of \$800.00.

President calls for other nominations.

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to nominate Andrew Yenser for School Board Treasurer.

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to close nominations and elect Andrew Yenser, as School Board Treasurer.

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

Motion carried.

Award MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to award the construction bids
Construction the of Bid for new proposed multi-purpose stadium in the following amounts:
Bid for
Stadium –

- a. General Construction – CMG of Easton Inc.
a. \$5,229,000.00
- b. Electrical – Pagoda Electric Inc.
a. \$582,748.00
- c. Mechanical/Plumbing – Master Mechanical
a. \$452,548.00

****After discussion, MOTION by Mrs. Nothstein, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to table the above motion.**

Roll Call Vote to table:

	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 - 4 NO - 5 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
 Motion failed.

Roll Call Vote to award:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
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	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
 Motion carried

Track Resurfacing MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to award the alternate construction bid for the new proposed multi-purpose stadium in the following amount:

- a. GC1 – Track Resurfacing
 - a. Add \$200.00

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 - 8 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS - 1 (Mr. Hill)
Motion carried.

Alt. Const. Bid for Turf MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to award the alternate construction bid for the new proposed multi-purpose stadium in the following amount:

- a. GC2 – A-Turf in lieu of Field Turf
 - a. Deduct \$22,600.00

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
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	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 3 ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**End Zone
Lettering**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to award the alternate construction bid for the new proposed multi-purpose stadium in the following amount:

- a. GC4 – End Zone lettering (LEHIGHTON INDIANS)
 - a. Add \$17,000.00

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
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	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**Stadium
Stairs**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to award the alternate construction bid for the new proposed multi-purpose stadium in the following amount:

- a. GC5 – South West Stair (additional entrance)
 - a. Add \$45,000.00

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
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	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried

Developer's Agreement MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Developer's Agreement with the Borough of Lehighton regarding the stadium project.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
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. Lori Nothstein, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

~~MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the HVAC as part of the complete bid package for the Middle School and High School PlanCon Renovation Projects:~~

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VOTE: YES _____ NO _____ ABSENT _____ ABSTENTIONS _____~~

****Motion replaced with addendum motions below:**

MS/HS HVAC bid to ESCO MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to take the Middle School and High School HVAC out of the bid packages and prepare them as Act 39 ESCO Projects.

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

**Amend
PlanCon F
for Alternate
& Additions
to MS/HS**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to authorize the Administration and the Architect, EI Associates, to amend the PlanCon Part F (Construction Submission Documents), for the projects known as Alterations and Additions to the 6-8 Lehigh Area Middle School, and Alterations to the Lehigh Area High School, to the Department of Education. The Projects Prime Contracts will include the general, plumbing and electrical.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
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	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

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

**LOC w/
Trane**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to proceed with a Letter of Commitment with Trane to prepare the detailed study for the High School at the cost of \$47,330.00.

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

**Title I
Parents
Conf.**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve selected Title I parents and students to attend the PDE State Parent Conference at Seven Springs Resort, Champion, PA, July 13-15, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00. Funding through the Title I Grant 2014-15.

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

Personnel -

2015-16 Substitutes MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the attached list of candidates for the **2015-2016 Substitute** list pending clearances.

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

Ath. & Extra Curr. MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Athletic & Extra-Curricular hires for the **2014-2015** and **2015-2016** school years per enclosures.

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

FMLA Leaves MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to acknowledge FMLA leaves for the following employees, not to exceed 12 weeks:

1. **Employee #1069** - effective August 18, 2015
2. **Employee #258** - effective August 24, 2015
3. **Employee #487** - effective April 7, 2015

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

S. Phillips Retirement MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to accept the intent to retire for **Shirley Phillips**, Secretary assigned to Lehigh Area High School, effective August 1, 2015. Shirley was hired March 27, 2001.

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

D. Micheletti MS Art Ex. Resign MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to accept the resignation for Middle School Art Exhibition by **Diane Micheletti**, Middle School Art Teacher effective immediately for the 2014-15 school year.

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

J. Gasper MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to hire **Jessica Gasper**, Middle
MS Art. Ex. School Art Teacher for Middle School Art Exhibition effective immediately for the
Hire 2014-15 school year.

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

Coursework MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the following
Approved requests for pre-approval of courses/Programs of Study for continuing education:
1. **Trevor Miller** - Program of Studies - Wilkes University - M.S. Classroom
Technology Graduate Program Plan
2. **Trevor Miller** - June 22-August 9, 2015 / Issues, Laws, and Trends in Education
3. **Trevor Miller** - June 22-August 9, 2015 / Curriculum & Instruction
4. **Trevor Miller** - July 20-August 6, 2015 / Social Foundations
5. **Samantha Kistler** - May 18-August 7, 2015 / Principal Practicum/Internship
6. **Jeff Kirsch** - July 20, 2015-August 6, 2015 / Social Foundations of Education

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

Rousenberger MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the following
Tenure professional employee for tenure:
1. **Wanda Rousenberger** - School Psychologist - hired 12/6/2010

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

M. Wagner MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the recommendation
Hire to hire the following employees in accordance with the respective contracts,
pending clearances:
1. **Melissa Wagner** - Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent (\$42,500.00),
effective July 1, 2015

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

M. Wagner MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to accept the following
Resign resignations:
1. **Melissa Wagner** - Secretary to the Coordinator of Curriculum, effective,
June 30, 2015

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

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

1. **Rebecca Karpowicz** - Curriculum/Business Secretary (\$32,500.00), effective July 1, 2015

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

Motion carried.

HS Summer School Hires MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the hiring of the following High School Summer School positions, at the current contracted hourly rate of pay (\$29.00 / hour), not to exceed 30 hours per position based upon student numbers.

1. **Richard Bennett** - Teacher
2. **Melissa Blocker** - Teacher
3. **David Hauser** - Teacher
4. ~~Beth Daubert~~ - Teacher (withdrew name as per C. Reichl)

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

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

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

1. **LAMS Jazz Ensemble (T. Weidner)** - May 20, 2015 (2:25 p.m.-4:30 p.m.) - to travel to Cypress Lanes, Lehighton.
2. **LAHS Honors Chemistry II Class (J. McCarroll)** - May 29, 2015 (7:00a.m. - 2:20 p.m.) - to travel to the Quaker Chemical Corporation.
3. **LAMS Gifted Class (L. Steigerwalt)** - May 29, 2015 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) - to travel to the Da Vinci Science Center
4. **SD 4th Grade Classes (B. Cressley)** - May 29, 2015 & June 1, 2015 (1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m.) - Lehighton History Walks
5. **LAMS Tech Wizards (A. Rex)** - November 13, 2015, December 4, 2015, January 4, 2016, February 26, 2016 (Snow dates: 12/15/15, 1/15/16, 3/14/16) - Tech Wizards at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21, Schnecksville.
6. **SD 1st Grade End-of-Year Celebration (M. Petit-Clair, J. Matika, M. Schaeffer)** - June 5, 2015 (8:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.) - to travel to the Lehighton Grove
7. **SD 1st Grade (M. Schaeffer)** - May 27, 2015 (9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.) - to travel to Mahoning Elementary

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

Motion carried.

Expulsion MOTION by Mr. Stern , SECONDED by Mr. Holland that the student with the identification number of **54629** 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 - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Homebound Instruction MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve homebound instruction for the Student #52706.

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

Surplus MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the attached surplus items.

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

XI. Programs

Use of School Property MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve Use of School Property for:

1. **Christian Church Men's Softball League (D. Ruch)** - May 26-August 7, 2015 (Monday-Friday) & make-up games on weekends (6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) - J.V. Softball Field
2. **Lehigh Soccer (C. Stein)** - August 10, 2015-November 1, 2015 (Monday-Saturday) - Franklin Elementary Field
3. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** - November 20-21, 2015 (Snow date 11/22/15) - LAHS Foyer & Classrooms - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

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

1st Reading Policies MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the 1st Reading of the following Lehigh Area School District Policies:

1. **#916 School Volunteer**
2. **#006.2 Recording Board Meeting**
3. **#609 - Investment of District Funds**
4. **#610 - Purchases Subject To Bid/Quotation**

5. #611 - Purchases Budgeted
6. #612 - Purchases Not Budgeted
7. #613 - Cooperative Purchasing
8. #614 - Payroll Authorization
9. #615 - Payroll Deductions
10. #616 - Payment of Bills
11. #618 - Special Purpose Funds
12. #619 - District Audit
13. #622 - GASB Statement 34 / Capitalization
14. #623 - Credit Cards

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

Motion carried.

2nd Reading/ Adoption of Policies MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the 2nd Reading and adoption of the following Lehigh Area School District Policies:

1. #009 - School Board Policy Process
2. #222 - Students - Tobacco Use
3. #323 - Employees - Tobacco Use
4. #304 - Employment of District Staff
5. #317 - Conduct / Disciplinary Procedures
6. #706.1 - Disposal of Surplus Property, Obsolete Equipment and Real Estate

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

Motion carried.

Old Business for Discussion - None

New Business for Discussion - None

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment

1. David Bradley – to be decided

- *Where is money coming from to pay for the stadium? General fund?*
- *Gloria Bowman – capital projects, PLIGIT, and fund balance*
- *Will spend all the money than ask for more.*
- *Task force loved local elementary buildings.*
- *New board will push for renovations*
- *Renovations to current stadium were less than 1 million dollars*
- *What about run off from artificial turf? Why not grass?*

2. Frank Tamburri – Architect Design vs. Design Building Sub-Contractor

- *Design conflict*
- *Architect gets percentage of overall cost – no responsibility to you if they screw up*

3. Mr. Gordon Ripkey – did not have courtesy to floor slip. Stood up and spoke.

- *Thank you to the 5 individuals*
- *We (Lehighton) stand alone with old stadium.*
- *Everyone has taken care of students around us. We've done nothing.*
- *It's about time for standing up for this facility.*

XIV. Adjournment

**Next regular scheduled meeting is the regular meeting on
Monday, June 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.**

A. MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -

Respectfully submitted



**Brian Feick
Board Secretary**

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