

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, October 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
Executive Session @ 5:45 PM

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

*** Moment of silence for Larry & Anita Stern at the passing of Anita's father.*

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 7:09 p.m.

I. 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 (7:16 p.m.)	☐
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 Secretary	X	☐

**** Notice of Executive Session for negotiations updates and Superintendent's goals.**

***** Also, a brief executive session regarding student confidentiality was held at the workshop meeting on October 12, 2015.**

Public Comment on Agenda

1) David Bradley – Financial Matter – Item D, #7

- *Trane bills – someone needs to be responsible to pay bills.*
- *There was a letter sent out from auditor general. The district violated the PSERS program during the 3 month period with the previous Superintendent.*
- Gloria Bowman – *How does this pertain to Trane?*

- Board has responsibility to pay bills. Do you have the Memorandum of Understanding?
- Gloria Bowman – Asked Mr. Bradley to stop with regarding comments about administration, board, or community.
- Atty. Schwab – You can file a Right to Know. All documents are available. Any document the auditors asked for was supplied to them including the memorandum. All documents were supplied to the board members.
- Gloria Bowman – All board minutes are on our website.

Presentations

Title I – Mr. Tkach

- Increasing parent involvement with Title I.
- This past year, we had Mr. & Mrs. Bravo, Mrs. Heckman, and Mrs. Hansler go to the Title I Parent Conference in Seven Springs on behalf of the district.
- A certificate of participation was given to Mr. & Mrs. Bravo.
- Mrs. Bravo said it was a wonderful experience for the family. Great time for the kids.

SuccessMaker – Mr. Bachert

- Mr. Bachert is the director of the STEM+ Academy.
- National Education Foundation has begun awards for students who have done well in Math and ELA across the country.
- October 5-9, 2015, Lehighton had the #1 and #2 student of the week in SuccessMaker in the country. Sawyer Hoffman, Grade 1, Franklin was #1 and Harlan Benner, Grade 2, Shull David was the #2.
- Students are doing a great job.

PSSA & Keystones Presentation – Mr. Tkach

- Mr. Tkach provided a PowerPoint regarding PSSA results.
- Thanked the board, staff, and students for their commitment.
- 2015 tests have changed from previous years. Tests are tied to Core Standards.
- If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tkach.
- Letters have been sent home to parents.

Communications

1. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Cleaver
 - Thanked SHINE for a great program on 10/22/15 and thanked board for support of the program.
 - Winter season is around the corner. Community will be notified of delays, cancellation the same as other years, phone, radio, and television. Quickest way to learn of it is Twitter®.
 - Beginning phases of preparation for MS/HS renovations. Hard construction during winter break. Kickoff meeting with all prime contractors 11/3/15 and then every 2 weeks until complete.
 - Banners will be located at MS/HS notifying all of the construction and appearance.
2. Finance Report – Mr. Feick
 - Transportation & Title IX report has been filed.
 - In the process of completing the Annual Financial Report.
 - Breakfast and lunch participation is up.
3. Student Representative Report – will begin in November
4. Board President's Report – Mrs. Bowman

- *Attended the PSBA Conference last week – great workshops such as STEAM.*
 - *MS – up and running with normal activities. MS Play 11/23 & 24 at the HS.*
 - *Recognized Mrs. Scholl, EP/FR Art Teacher – painted various tiles for Red Ribbon Week. Race for Brilliance – FR raised approximately \$18,000 and EP raised approximately \$11,000.*
 - *MA & SD – Tech Wizards & Art Club will be beginning.*
 - *HS – Accelerated Math with Renaissance Learning. NHS induction will be held at 11/12/15 at 7:00 p.m.*
 - *Mrs. Volcskai & Mr. Reichl have started a new online program for new student orientation.*
 - *Band Boosters in September did a canned food drive – brought in 160 items.*
5. **Lehigh Memorial Library Report – Mrs. Nothstein**
 - *Memorial contributions are on the rise.*
 - *Fire company made a special appearance.*
 - *Kathy Long held a pajama party story time.*
 - *381 responses for fundraising effort - \$18,209 received.*
 - *New router received, looking into wi-fi*
 - *Looking into more grants, game night, and possibly adult coloring.*
 - *Next meeting November 24th at 7:00 p.m.*
 6. **Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – Mr. Almer**
 - *Still no state budget.*
 7. **Title I Advisory Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - *Met on 10/8/15 for Fall Parent Night.*
 - *Next meeting in November 13th.*
 8. **CCTI Report – Mr. Yenser**
 - *Still at high enrollment number of 415 students (111 from Lehigh).*
 - *Student council held fall blood drive.*
 - *SKILLS USA held their 5K.*
 9. **CLIU Report – Mr. Wentz**
 - *Met Monday, October 19, 2015. Minutes will be in packet.*
 10. **Solicitor's Report – Attorney William Schwab**
 - *Written report.*
 11. **Building/Grounds Report – Mr. Wentz**
 - *Met on 10/20/15 at 8:30 p.m.*
 - *Slide to replace broken one at FR damaged in shipping and will be replaced.*
 - *I-beams from old stadium removed.*
 - *New horn for scoreboard has been order.*
 - *MS boilers have been insulated and up and running.*
 - *Turf grooming equipment and lawn sweeper for the new stadium have been turned over to the district.*
 12. **LCCC – Mr. Krause**
 - *Resolution for the 50th Anniversary of LCCC*
 - *Working on their budget to present for next month to districts. Goal of a 0% increase.*
 - *Extended lease at Jim Thorpe location until 2020*
 - *Revising policy manual*
 - *Governor Wolf will be visiting area schools 10/29/15 to see the SHINE program.*
 13. **Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - *Met on 10/7/15*
 - *Keystones/PSSA, supplemental content, schedule changes, ELA program at HS, additional classes, STEM initiatives*

- *Transitional teams regarding scheduling*
- 14. Policy Committee Report - Mrs. Bowman
 - *Policy will meet on 11/4/15 at 4:15 p.m.*
 - *Discussing distribution of flyers, suicide policy and transgender*
- 15. Athletic Committee Report - Mr. Wentz
 - *Met on 10/20/15 at 7:30 a.m.*
 - *Discussed agreement between LASD and Lehigh Valley network*
 - *Discussed possibility of co-op soccer program with Panther Valley*
 - *Tailgating prior to Jim Thorpe game will take place on lower field.*
 - *Student-athletes having a banner fall season.*
 - *Mr. Reichl – festivities planned for the last home game at the current stadium:*
 - *Return of alumni and community participation*
 - *DJ on lower field at 4:00 p.m.*
 - *Trophy display*
 - *Finger foods – no cost*
 - *Preferred parking is \$10*
 - *Senior night activities at 6:30 p.m.*
 - *The current stadium will not be shut down. It will be used by the middle school and some practices. Bleachers will most likely be removed.*
- 16. Wellness Committee Report - Mr. Almer
 - *Students more involved in the lunches.*
 - *No complaints – menus look great.*

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2015, regular meeting.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____ Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the Minutes of the October 12, 2015, workshop meeting.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____ Motion carried.

Financial Matter

Activities Reports MOTION by Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the Lehigh Area Middle School Activities Fund and Lehigh Area High School Activities Fund for September 2015.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____ Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$ 2,725,458.98
--Benefits	\$ 576,560.00
--Payroll (September)	\$ 1,285,963.01
--Debit Card	\$ 995.02
Food Service Fund	\$ 88,570.56
Capital Reserve	\$ ----
Athletic Fund	\$ 260,386.02
Capital Proj. Funds	\$ 943.76
Total	\$ 4,938,877.35

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

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - ____
Motion carried.

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

1. Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. -
Stadium (August 1-31, 2015) \$5,753.97

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - ____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1
Motion carried.

2. Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. -
Stadium Design (August 1-31, 2015) \$21,919.88

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - ____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1
Motion carried.

3. Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. -
Stadium (September 1-30, 2015) \$14,477.70

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - ____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1
Motion carried.

4. Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. -
Stadium Design (September 1-30, 2015) \$26,286.01

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - ____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1
Motion carried.

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

Stadium (September 16-30, 2015) \$136,800.00

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

6. Recommended by Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for payment of Application #4 CMG of Easton, Inc. pending verification of certified payroll and solicitor review

Stadium (September 1-30, 2015) \$1,261,025.80

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

7. Recommended by Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for payment of Application #2 Master Mechanical Corp. pending verification of certified payroll and solicitor review

Stadium (September 1-30, 2015) \$9,765.00

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

**Construct.
Account
Payments**

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

1. Quandel:

Middle School (September 1-30, 2015) \$4,750.00
Design and Construction of the High School,
Middle School and Elementary School

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

2. EI Associates:

LEED Services MS (March 2015-June 2017) \$46,711.54

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

3. EI Associates:

LEED Services HS (March 2015-September 2017) \$45,387.10

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

4. EI Associates:

Design and Construction of Middle School -
Bidding 50% complete/Construction Phase
25% complete

\$126,585.00

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

5. EI Associates:

Design and Construction of High School -
Bidding 50% complete/Construction Phase
25% complete

\$144,724.50

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

6. IMSI:

JMSI Environmental Middle School Asbestos Abatement project design. Completion of asbestos abatement project management and associated air monitoring as outlined.

Invoice #0915-21

Total \$3,550.00 less the 3%

Amount to pay \$3,443.50

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

7. Trane U.S. Inc.

Payment for the Energy Audit completed by Trane U.S. Inc. for the Lehigh Area High School Application #1 (first and final payment) of Invoice #35684717 pending solicitor review. Audit Reports on file at LASD Business Office.

\$47,330.00

Atty. William Schwab – There is a question of the timeliness of the audit that was turned in. The dollar amount is correct. Potential for litigation.

Mr. Rocky Ahner – Do we need more details on this?

Atty. William Schwab – We can go into a quick executive session.

Mr. Rocky Ahner – I wish there was more information.

Atty. Schwab – It was discussed in executive session.

Board President, Mrs. Gloria Bowman, called for a brief executive session at 8:11 p.m.

The board returned from executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
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	☐	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Vice-President	☐	☐	X	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - _____ NO - 7 ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion denied.

8. Trane U.S. Inc.

Payment for the Energy Audit completed by Trane U.S. Inc. for the Lehigh Area Middle School Application #1 (first and final payment) of Invoice #35684717 pending solicitor review. Audit Reports on file at LASD Business Office.

\$36,000.00

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
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	☐	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Vice-President	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - _____ NO - 7 ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion denied.

9. Barry Isett & Associates Inc.

Pump Station Improvements, LASD High School
Invoice #0100328

\$57.50

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

**Treasurer's
Report**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser 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 - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**Per Capita/
Occ. Tax**

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

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**Occ. Tax
Assessment
Change**

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

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**Homestead
Reduct. For
Schnell**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to refund the Homestead Reduction for year 2015 in the amount of \$254.43 to Richard & Barbara Schnell as per the September 24, 2015, Carbon County Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes letter approving the reduction.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**Real Estate
Refund
EP Twshp.**

MOTION by Mr. Resh, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to refund Real Estate Tax for year 2015 in the amount of \$222.88 to East Penn Township.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**PASBO
Conf.**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland, to approve **Tina Holmes and Brian Feick** to attend the Annual PASBO Conference in Hershey, PA, from March 8-11, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. Funds through the 2015-16 Business Department Budget.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**K. Spotts
AD Conf.**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland, to approve **Kyle Spotts** to attend the 49th Annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA, from March 15-18, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Funds through the 2015-16 Athletic Department Budget.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**Track &
Field/CC
Conf.**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser, to approve the following Track & Field Coaches, **James Blakeslee, Leon Brong, Bernard Shea, Darren Frehulfer, Amber Konek, and Jennifer Tracy** to attend the 33rd Annual U.S. All-Star Track & Field & Cross Country Clinic at the Tropicana Resort in Atlantic City, NJ, from December 2-4, 2015, at a budgeted cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Funds through the 2015-16 Athletic Department Budget.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**EP/FR Tech
Wizards**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to approve the East Penn and Franklin Elementary buildings to each send a team of three (3) students plus an advisor to the Tech Wizards program through the I.U. at a cost of \$350.00/team to be funded through the Technology Department.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Personnel

2015-16 Subs. MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the attached list of candidates for the 2015-2016 Substitute list pending clearances.

*Mr. Hal Resh – I would like to see the district look at upping the salaries for substitutes.
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – We are looking at this. A lot of districts are having difficulty especially with the health care law.*

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Ext. Curr. Ath. MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the 2015-2016 Extra-Curricular & Athletic hires (per attachments) pending clearances.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Coursework Approval MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to approve the following requests for pre-approval of courses/Programs of Study for continuing education:
1. Jessica Gasper - March 14-May 4, 2016/ ED 512: Social Foundations
2. Jessica Gasper - March 14-May 4, 2016/ ED 511: Psychological Foundations
3. Angela Harris - January 19-May 7, 2016/ Theoretic Models of Reading & Literacy

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

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

- ~~1. Employee #1004 effective September 25, 2015 (not applicable)~~
2. Employee #895 – effective November 16, 2015

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Resignations Approved MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to accept the resignation of the following personnel:

1. Joy Smith - Paraprofessional - effective September 21, 2015
2. Carolyn Long - Lunch-Time Aide - effectively October 2, 2015
3. Mary Ellen Truhe - Lunch-Time Aide - effective December 23, 2015
4. Maria Costenbader - Part-Time Cafeteria - effective September 25, 2015

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

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

1. Amy Rutan - Lunch-Time Aide (\$7.25/hour)
2. Kathy Carreras - Lunch-Time Aide (\$7.25/hour)
3. Evelyn Jordan - Lunch-Time Aide (\$7.25/hour)
4. Susan McHale - Lunch-Time Aide (\$7.25/hour)
5. Kelli Carpenter - Paraprofessional - Prorated Step 1 (\$15,051)
6. Christina Bravo - Paraprofessional - Prorated Step 1 (\$15,051)

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

X. Miscellaneous

EI Submit. For Leh. Boro. App. Solicitor MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve that all submittals by EI Associates, on behalf of the school district requiring Lehighton Borough review and/or approval, will be reviewed and approved by district solicitor by prior to final submission.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Homebound Approved MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to approve Homebound Instruction for Student #55362.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Homebound Approved MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to approve Homebound Instruction for Student #52138.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Scholarships Approved MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the following High School Scholarships to be added to the District's General Scholarship Fund beginning with the 2015-2016 school year:

1. Matthew D. DePue Indian Pride Band Scholarship
2. Butch Rodgers Softball Scholarship

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

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

1. **Selected 7th & 8th Grade Students (4) (A. Rex, A. Tobash)** – October 27, 2015 (7:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.) – to travel to company assigned for “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing?” – group video
2. **Tech Wizards (A. Harris)** – November 8, 2015, December 14, 2015, January 8, 2016, and March 11, 2016 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) – to travel to CLIU #21, Schnecksville
3. **Selected 8th Grade Music Students (L. Welkey)** – March 8, 2016 (10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) – to travel to Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA
4. **LAMS 7/8 Chorus (L. Welkey)** – May 2016 (8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) – to travel to New York City
5. **8th Grade ACE Team (S. McElvar)** – February 2016 (7:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) – to travel to Northwestern Lehigh Middle School
6. **Jazz Ensemble (T. Weidner)** – March 11, 2016 (5:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.) – to travel to Northeast Middle School, Bethlehem, PA
7. **Jazz Ensemble (T. Weidner)** – March 18, 2016 (5:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.) – to travel to Broughal Middle School, Bethlehem, PA
8. **6th Sense Team (S. McElvar, S. Hoffman)** – April 2016 (7:25 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) – to travel to Panther Valley High School
9. **6th Grade Chorus (up to 6 students) (T. Weidner)** – April 8, 2016 (7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) – to travel to Saucon Valley Middle School, Hellertown, PA
10. **5th & 6th Grade Band (T. Weidner)** – May 6 or May 20, 2016 (3:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.) – to travel to Reading, PA
11. **MS Drama Students (L. Welkey)** – May 11, 2016 (7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) – to travel to New York City
12. **5th & 6th Grade Band (up to 4 students) (T. Weidner)** – May 13, 2016 (11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.) – to travel to Schuylkill Haven High School
13. **Grade 1 - Shull David (J. Matika, M. Petit-Clair, M. Schaffer)** – May 18, 2016 (8:35 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) – to travel to Zoellner Arts Center, Bethlehem, PA and Lehighton Grove

14. **Grade 1- Mahoning (S. Rodgers, N. Hydro)** – May 18, 2016 (8:35 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
– to travel to Zoellner Arts Center, Bethlehem, PA and Lehighton Grove
15. **Middle School Life Skills (T. Derr)** – November 6, 2015 (8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) –
to travel to Carbon County Environmental Center
16. **Middle School Life Skills (T. Derr)** – November 10, 2015 (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) –
to travel to Trinity Pantry and Thrift Store
17. **MS FBLA (A. Tobash)** – December 15, 2015 (Snow date: December 17, 2015)
(8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) – to travel to Split Rock Lodge FBLA Regional Leadership
Conference

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

XI. Programs

- Use of Prop. Approved** MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve Use of School Property for:
1. **Mahoning & Shull David Art Club (Adrienne Fedor)** – October 2015 - May 2016 (every other Wednesday) – 4th Grade Art Club – 3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. – Art Room
 2. **Mahoning PTO (Karen Shaffer)** – November 9, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – PTO Meeting (date change) – Mahoning Multi-Purpose Room
 3. **Shull David PTO (Mary Lichtenwalner)** – 10/5/15, 11/9/15, 12/7/15, 1/4/16, 2/8/16, 3/7/16, 4/4/16, 5/2/16 – 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. – PTO Meetings – Shull David Multi-Purpose Room
 4. **GSEP Daisy Troop 3972 (Katherine Hosler/Micheal Anderson)** – October 27, 2015-May 17, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. – Daisy Troop Meetings – Franklin Cafeteria
 5. **Lehighton Yoga Class (Maya Kowalczyk)** – 11/2,9,16,23/15, 12/7,14/15 - Yoga Class – 3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. – High School Library
 6. **Softball Open Gym (Greg Poremba)** – 1/3,10,17,18,24,31/16, 2/7,14,21,28/16 – 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – High School Gym
 7. **Volleyball Banquet (Lynn Jordan)** – November 15, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – High School Cafeteria
 8. **FCCLA/NAHS Bingo (Julie McHugh, Michael Reenock)** – February 21, 2016 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) – High School Cafeteria
 9. **Interact Community Carnival (Cristi Marchetti)** – April 22, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – High School – Outside Area (TBA)
 10. **Touchdown Club (Football Parents)** – November 5, 2015 (5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.) – Bonfire at the HS between Indian Lane and Mahoning Street at a designated area
 11. **Zion UCC (John Lopata)** – November 14, 2015 (9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.) – to use the MS Parking Lot for a bus trip (alternate of HS Parking Lot of Football Playoff)

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Old Business for Discussion

PlanCon Part F Approval Documents enclosed for Middle School and High School from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Mr. Hal Resh – Word *not* was underlined. Was that the district or the state?

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – We did not alter the letter.

Mr. Brian Feick – No vote needed on this. State requires that it is on the minutes.

New Business for Discussion

Middle School and High School Permit Fees

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver emailed the board a comparison table of what other districts have paid for review/permit fees for renovations/alterations.

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – Fee structures for permits are higher in the Lehighton Borough. Borough doesn't usually have this type of building project. Might serve us well to see if the borough will entertain a request for a lesser amount. Would like board approval to send a letter to the borough.

Mr. Rocky Ahner – Doesn't borough have Barry Isett doing inspections?

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – Yes. The BIA fee is 1.5% of construction costs.

Mr. Rocky Ahner – Borough has a budget too. I don't think it would hurt to approach them.

Mr. Hal Resh – I think we'd like to see an itemized list. Maybe these fees are justified, but we need to know.

Itemized Fees from Borough MOTION by Mrs. Nothstein, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to authorize the Superintendent to request an itemized list for permit fees from Lehighton Borough for Middle School/High School construction projects.

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 - 7 NO - ____ ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS - ____
Motion carried.

1. Mr. Wilmer Everetts – Donation of Wooden Indians

Feels strongly about the community and would like to donate a pair of wooden Indians to the school.
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – Are you looking for a location?
School can use them as appropriate.

Donation MOTION by Mrs. Resh, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to accept the donation of the
W. Everetts wooden Indians from Mr. Wilmer Everetts.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – We will contact you for pick up. Thank you very much.

2. Mr. David Solt – Number of students per classroom; cost of electric per KW hour

You said controlling amount of students in classrooms would contribute to education level. In new building, what is the maximum number of students?

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – K-2- 20-21 students, and 3-5 - 22-25 students. If we moved tomorrow, we would have not less than 19 and no more than 21 students.

You pay the borough rate for electric. Does the borough give the school district a cheaper rate?

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – At this time there is 2 rates, one is residential the other is commercial. We are considered commercial but zoned residential.

Why do you want to build in the borough?

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – \$70,000 increase in electric, however this building will be more energy efficient.

Mr. Brian Feick – We also have availability to natural gas which is our biggest utilities expense in the elementary buildings now.

3. Mr. David Bradley – was not in attendance.

4. Mr. Daniel Williams – Recognition of board and administrators.

Vice-president of Lehigh Area Education Association

I don't think enough recognition is given to the board for their time. I've had the opportunity to work with board and administrators. This board and administrators have our full support. There is clearly a vision and we are moving forward. Thank you for what you do.

5. Mr. Gary Eckley

Rumor that the district will go bankrupt if the elementary center is not built.

Mr. Brian Feick – The school district will never go bankrupt. If the elementary center is not built, the savings of 1.2 million per year will not be. If we do not look in to consolidation savings, we may need to raise taxes down the road. You are paying for 4 of everything, there has to be a savings just by combining into one.

Is the elementary campus a done deal? Do you have permits, blueprints?

Mr. Jonathan Cleaver – No done deal until the board approves the bids. We do have the blueprints to PDE.

Mr. Brian Feick – Everything a school district does is approved by the state. PlanCon, design, Act 34 hearing, etc. It's a long, drawn out project but we are moving forward.

6. Mr. Wayne Wentz – Elementary Center

For last year and a half, I've listened and tried to do what is best for this district. It's a tough decision to decide what to do. I can't let my personal opinion interfere with what is best for the students, staff, and taxpayers. When I looked at the elementary bills for 4 buildings, teachers driving from building to building, students bused from building to building, I see what it will save the taxpayers. What do we do with students and staff if we choose to renovate? In 3 years we could have an elementary center. Tell me where there is a business that is guaranteeing the current employees a job.

Adjournment

Next workshop meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2015. Next regular scheduled meeting is the regular meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - ABSENT - 2 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted



Brian Feick
Board Secretary

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