

Lehighton Area School District

Lehighton, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00PM

Executive Session @ 5:45 PM

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

*** A moment of silence was offered for employee, Randy Frey.

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 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call -

	Present	Absent
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	X	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	X	☐
Mr. Stephen L. Holland, Member	X	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, Vice-President	X	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Member	X	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	X	☐
Mr. Thomas Zimmerman, Member	☐	X
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐
Mr. Michael Malay Jr., Business Manager	X	☐
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent	X	☐
Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor	X	☐
Ms. Bonnie Cortese, Asst./Recording Bd Secretary	X	☐

** Notice of Executive Session – personnel issues

Mrs. Bowman: Point of Clarification – There will be no vote on any construction or elementary center this evening.

Public Comment on Agenda -

1. **Jerry Bonamartos** – School Building Plan
 - *Would like to give my time to Wallace Putkowski*
2. **Wallace Putkowski** – Building Project
 - *Confused regarding money – How do we pay off principal?*
 - *What kind of roadways to access the proposed elementary center without sacrificing athletic fields?*
 - *Cost for sewerage / water supply.*
3. **Kristin Simmons** – Education Center
 - *In favor of looking into elementary center.*
 - *Would bring students together at kindergarten level.*
 - *Cut down staff meetings – no travel time.*
 - *Many children are already bused. One center would cut down on busing costs.*
 - *Special Ed. Grades levels are in different buildings. Siblings are split. One center would alleviate this.*
 - *One large PTO vs. four.*
 - *One Master schedule. Curriculum implemented same way across grade levels.*
4. **Betty Wolfe** – School Building / Renovation Plans
 - *Concerned that reimbursement is “if” – no guarantee.*
 - *Attrition is still losing jobs.*
 - *Saving money comes off the back of working people.*
 - *Information provided is slanted toward the center.*
 - *Concerned about bus patterns – safety.*
 - *Don’t tear the community apart.*
5. **Sue Howland** – Building Project
 - *1st as a Principal: an elementary center means a continuation of services through the elementary years. Curriculum consistency / collaboration for staff / programs. We gave a bullet list of reasons a few meetings ago.*
 - *2nd as a Taxpayer: Increases in taxes are a big pill to swallow, but a community is defined by its school system. Would attract new families.*
 - *3rd as a Parent: Our children are the most important reason to build an elementary center.*
6. **Diane Bonamarte** – Building Project
 - *Would like to give my time to Dave Bradley.*
7. **Dave Bradley** – School Plan & Congrats to Basketball Team
 - *Renovation to existing buildings the way to go.*
 - *Kindergarten would benefit staying in local / smaller buildings of value.*
 - *Difficulties in schedules, etc. that exist in the individual buildings should be managed by those in charge.*
 - *Smart Dollar Plan*
 - *Do not believe the architect is forthright and honest.*
 - *Mike Heery reports only statistics.*
8. **Rick Kriner** – Responsibility for this Project
 - *In favor of renovating the existing buildings rather than busing student to one center to add to the already congestion in that area.*
9. **David Hauser** – Building Project & Millage Rates
 - *Felt the 2/10 workshop meeting was well informed and organized.*
 - *Previously worked at Whitehall/Coplay school system and left to come to Lehighton to improve my working environment.*
 - *I bought my home in Lehighton so my children could go to school here for the following reasons: the teachers, the administration, and the condition of the buildings (well-kept).*

- Concerned about the loss of 8 teachers.
- Concerned that the elementary center is not designed according to trendy concepts / buzz words.
- Concerned that after the building project is completed what would be left of the 1% index for maintenance.
- Suggested drafting the workshop agenda based on the questions from the previous meeting.

Presentations -

- 1. FBLA – Matthew Fisher / FBLA Members – Awards, competition**

Communications -

- 1. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Cleaver**
 - Congratulations to Tina Holmes, Asst. Business Manager, has been granted the status of a PA registered School Business Official.
 - 2013-2014 school calendar adjustments: April 17th will be a snow make-up day. Awaiting PDE approval to make April 18th and April 21st as Act 80 days. Students would remain off. Instructional staff would attend. Graduation will remain at June 13th at this point.
 - Our Food Service program was audited as part of PDE requirement and received a number of positive comments. Thanks to Connie Ahner and the cafeteria staff for time and effort in preparing for this audit.
- 2. Board President's Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - Congratulations for Boys' Basketball Team.
 - Kudos for art work on display in Administration art case.
 - Board training will take place on 3/22/2014.
 - FYI – Taxpayers can apply for property tax rebates. Those who qualify can contact Doyle Heffley's office.
 - Kindergarten Registration will take place in the Administration Building the 1st week of March.
- 3. Leighton Memorial Library Report – Mr. Zimmerman- absent**
- 4. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – Mr. Ahner**
 - Participated in the National School Board Association Conference in Washington, DC – discussed a handout that was prepared regarding student nutrition in our district.
- 5. Title I Advisory Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - Preparing for PSSA / Keystone testing
 - Looking at a new reading series for grades K-8
 - Excellent Title I audit.
- 6. CCTI Report - Mr. Yenser**
 - CCTI Open House – March 4th , 5-8 p.m.
 - CCTI Budget will come up for vote tonight. Appreciate the Board's support.
- 7. CLIU Report – Mr. Wentz**
 - CLIU February Board meeting honored board members. Members received cards prepared by students.

8. Student Representative Report – Nicole Schnell
 - 3/9 – Winter Dance
 - 2/11 – Red Cross Red-Out – raised \$200
 - 2/28 – Assembly
 - 3/1 – Juggle Fest
 - 3/14 – Band Concert
 - 3/19 – Senior Class Meeting
 - 2/25 – 8th Grade Parent Night
 - LCCC Visitation for Seniors in Jim Thorpe site – No cost - March
9. Solicitor's Report – Attorney William Schwab
 - Written
 - Read announcement regarding MA Twp. Taxes:
I am looking for direction from the Board.

As you know last fall, the Mahoning Township Tax Collector fell ill right before school taxes went into penalty. Through his power of attorney he resigned from office. At that time the district and township worked closely together to avoid a hardship on the taxpayers of Mahoning Township. The county chose not to be actively involved.

As a result, the District, as authorized by law, collected school taxes made payable directly to the District.

Although not requested by the District, mail for the tax collector was forwarded to the district office. Per direction of the tax collector's power of attorney, checks made payable to him were deposited in an account maintained by him at PNC Bank. These monies included school taxes, township taxes and county taxes. The District made copies of everything deposited on behalf of the tax collector into the tax collector's account and supplied those copies of the deposits to the township and county. Subsequently when the tax collector's health was restored, he was reappointed by the township. The District then stopped collecting school taxes.

Currently that account has over \$600,000 in it. The vast majority of this money is the school district's. Approximately \$30,000 is the township's and approximately another \$30,000 is due to the county's. This does not account for returned checks. We have now learned that besides the tax collector that one school official has signatory authority on this account. This was never authorized by this Board and appears to be inadvertent.

Accordingly, there have been discussions that the tax authorities should amicably talk with the tax collector to close the account and put the money into escrow. Through our respective audits or other supporting documentation, we would then disburse the money to the proper parties. Just by looking at deposits without applying returned checks does not give an accurate indication of whose money belongs to whom. Mahoning Township is currently taking this matter under advisement, but I would expect, based on their cooperativeness and how we have worked collaboratively together in the past, that they will agree to this proposal.

The county's reaction is a bit different. They say since the district deposited these monies, we should give them the money without accounting for returned checks. They have essentially stamped their feet and do not want to work cooperatively or collaboratively—they just want their money now without agreeing to indemnify our officer for any personal liability.

Accordingly, I am looking for direction from the Board.

The alternatives are:

1. *The District can direct our officer to close the account and disburse the money as the county wishes. This could result in our officer having personal liability for his actions. I do not recommend this.*
 2. *The District can stand firm and approach in a friendly, non-threatening manner, the tax collector to close the account and allow us to disburse the money based on audits and/or other supporting documentation. I would expect the township to join us in this and recommend this alternative.*
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10. **Building/Grounds Report - Mr. Wentz**
 - *2/11 – Building & Grounds Meeting*
 - *SD cafeteria tables are good to go*
 - *Kyle Spotts is looking for quotes to replace scoreboards.*
 - *Water fountains will be upgraded at the HS*
 11. **LCCC – Mr. Stern**
 - *LCCC Budget will be voted on tonight. Appreciate support.*
 12. **Academic Affairs/Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - *The policy committee meeting was held on 2/12/14*
 - *Policies reviewed will be voted on this evening for 1st reading.*

Approval of Minutes -

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2014, regular meeting.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2014, workshop meeting.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Financial Matter -

Activities Fund MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the Lehigh Area High School Activities Fund for January 2014

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$	750,774.83
Benefits	\$	27,142.20
Food Service Fund	\$	66,261.49
Capital Reserve	\$	-----
Athletic Fund	\$	<u>7,662.18</u>
Total	\$	851,840.70

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the following reports:

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

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**CCTI
2014-15
Budget
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to adopt Resolution #13/14-07, the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget for the Carbon Career & Technical Institute.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**CLIU #21
2014-15
Budget
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to adopt the 2014-2015 Proposed General Operating Budget of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21, Resolution #13/14-08.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**LCCC
2014-15
Budget
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to adopt the 2014-2015 Capital and Operating Budget of the Lehigh Carbon Community College, Resolution #13/14-09.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**S. LeDonne
C. Reichl
Conference
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve attendance at the following conference:

1. Sean LeDonne and Craig Reichl to attend Pupil Services: Changing Tomorrow Together, Friday, April 25, 2014, Lancaster, PA, at a cost of \$435.90 from the Curriculum Budget.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**Audit
Report
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**Lawn Care
RFP's
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to allow the District's administration to request proposals for Lawn Care Services.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Personnel -

Substitutes Approved MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the attached list of candidates for the 2013-2014 Substitute list pending clearances.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Athletic Hires MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Athletic hires for the 2013-2014 school years (per attachment).

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

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

1. Employee #126 - effective January 14, 2014
2. Employee #161 - effective February 18, 2014

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Part-time Cleaners Hired MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the recommendation to hire **Tammy Moyer** and **Doris Reed** as part-time cleaners at the contracted rate of \$7.47 per hour, effective February 25, 2014. Both candidates were previously approved as a daily substitute cleaner.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

R. Hunsicker MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the
Hired as recommendation to hire **Richard Hunsicker** as Utility Custodian, at the contracted
Utility salary of \$27,863.00 (pro-rated), effective March 3, 2014, pending clearances.
Custodian

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Miscellaneous -

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

1. **FBLA Student (Matthew Fisher)** - March 1, 2014 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) - to Hershey Lodge for FBLA officer interviews.
2. **HS Science Olympiad Team (Doug Bowman)** - March 7, 2014 (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) - to Wilkes University for visit and science training.
3. **HS Band (Bryan Buffington)** - March 13- 15, 2014 - to Big Spring HS, Newville, PA for Region V Band Festival
4. **MS Grade 7/8 Girls Chosen for CHOICE (Amy Meixsell)** - March 14, 2014 (7:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.) to Lehigh University for 14th Annual CHOICES Activity.
5. **HS Softball (Gregory Poremba)** - March 15, 2014 (8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.) - to Camp Fowler, Kernsville, PA for team training and low ropes course.
6. **HS - FCCLA (Julie McHugh)** - March 16, 2014 (2 - 5 p.m.) - to Blue Mtn. Summit Nursing Center for a volunteer activity.
7. **HS - FCCLA (Julie McHugh)** - March 20, 2014 (7 a.m. - 6 p.m.) - to FCCLA State Conference in Lancaster, PA
8. **HS Science Students (Doug Bowman)** - April 4, 2014 (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) - To Bloomsburg University to take part in the Bloomsburg Science Iditarod.
9. **MS Grade 5 & 6 Teams (Diane Schnell)** - April 11, 2014 (8 a.m.) - to the Carbon Lehigh IU21 to take part of the Stem Design Challenge.
10. **HS - FCCLA (Julie McHugh)** - April 12, 2014 (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.) - to Lehighon Giant for a Spring Bake Sale.
11. **Elementary Gifted (Vicky Meyer)** - May 5, 2014 (9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) - to visit Martin Guitar Co., in Nazareth, PA.
12. **HS Selected Students (Michael Feifel)** - May 8, 2014 (7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) to travel to Penn State - Schuylkill for Senator Argall's Senator for a Day.
13. **FR Kindergarten (Faye Hlavaty / Megan Scimeca)** - June 3, 2014 (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to travel to Crayola Experience for a field trip.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Homebound Instruction MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve homebound instruction for the following student: **Student #52383.**

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Approved to Contact PDE to Seek Fact-finding For Waiver MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to authorize the Superintendent, Jonathan Cleaver; Board President, Gloria Bowman; Board Member, Rocky Ahner; and EI Architect, Mark Barnhardt, to contact PDE to seek fact-finding about the procedure for a waiver to our approved Plan Con submission to consider the District to build an elementary center.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: YES - 6 NO - 1 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (Resh)

Motion carried.

Authorization to Apply For ACE Grant MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to authorize the Superintendent, Jonathan Cleaver, and EI Architect, Mark Barnhardt, to pursue applying for the ACE Grant to be used for a potential construction of an elementary center.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**Surplus
Items**

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

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS _____
Motion carried.

Programs -

**Use of
School
Property**

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

1. **Lehighton Band (Paul Smith)** - Sunday (April 13, 2014) 1:30 - 5 p.m.
- to use the Middle School Auditorium and Band room for their Annual Spring Concert.
2. **Franklin Twp. Softball (Todd Weaver)** - March 8, 15, 22, 2014 (3 - 5 p.m.) - to use the HS Gym for softball pre-season conditioning.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (Wentz)
Motion carried.

**ESU
Affiliation
Agreement**

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve an Affiliation Agreement between Lehighton Area School District and **East Stroudsburg University** for the purpose of providing experiential learning for Education students for the 2014-2015 school year.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**Top 10%
Banquet
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Top 10% Banquet on May 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Franklin Twp. Fire Co.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

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

1. #201 – Admission of Students
2. #246 – Student Wellness
3. #336 – Personal Necessity Leave

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Title I Pool Night Approved MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the community event between Lehigh Borough and our District Title I staff promoting community / parent involvement, to be held **Thursday, June 19, 2014** (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.) at the Lehigh Community Pool. Needed funding to be paid through Title I, 2013-14. Rain date – Friday, June 20, 2014.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Old Business for Discussion - None

New Business for Discussion -

1. Addendum -

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

1. Nicole Clark – Saturday, March 15, 2014 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.) – to use the Shull-David Multi-Purpose Room for the purpose of a Celebration of Life Ceremony.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - _____ ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

2. Hal Resh -

Meeting on 2/26/2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lehigh Annex Building regarding Senate/House Bill 76. Local Representatives will be attending.

3. William Hill -

The Middle School Boiler needs replacing. Recommending an energy audit.

ESCO Presentation MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to bring in ESCO Group called Trane Co. to make an energy presentation on energy solutions for the Middle School at the workshop meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

4. Additional Motions -

Walmart Assessment Appeal MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser that the District is authorized to enter into a Stipulation with Walmart and the Carbon County Board of Assessment Appeals concerning Walmart's assessment appeal.

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

MA Twp. Tax Acct. Under District ID to Close MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz that the District will work with the Mahoning Township Tax Collector to attempt to close the bank account under the district's Tax ID Number and Deposit funds into an escrow account at the Mauch Chunk Trust Company for distribution to the appropriate taxing authorities, upon receipt of appropriate documentation.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Litigation With Former Superintendent Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser that the District will settle the litigation with the former Superintendent in the amount recommended by the Solicitor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 3 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment -

1. Pamela Hough – Surplus of 13 or 16 million
· If we have a surplus of \$13 Million, then we must have been paying too much in taxes all along.

Adjournment

**Next regular scheduled meeting is the regular meeting on Monday,
March 24, 2014.**

MOTION by Mr. Resh, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Respectfully submitted



Bonnie M. Cortese
Assistant Board Secretary

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