

Lehighton Area School District

Lehighton, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00PM
Executive Session @ 5:45 PM

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

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 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	☐
Ms. Tina Holmes, Asst. 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** - to discuss personnel / litigation

Public Comment on Agenda - None

Presentations - None

Communications -

1. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Cleaver
 - Paper Surveys available at Central Administration. Deadline 4/7/2014.
 - PDE approved revisions to the 2013-2014 school calendar.
 - Graduation will be presented for approval on 6/13/2014.
 - Final day for students and staff 6/16/2014.
 - Spring sports have been delayed due to weather. Thanks to Kyle Spotts and the maintenance staff for doing all they can to ready the fields.
 - Approximately 40 Lehighton students visited the LCCC Jim Thorpe campus. Thanks to Mr. Reichl, Mr. Repsher and the Guidance Department.
 - PSSA testing scheduled for this week.
2. Board President's Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - Offered congratulations to several students, staff, athletes for many accomplishments.
3. Lehighton Memorial Library Report – Mr. Zimmerman – Absent
 - Update by Mrs. Bowman:
 - Attendance has been down, but membership is up by 200.
 - Juveniles are taking out books / adults are not
 - Increase in use of computers
 - Always grateful for donations.
4. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – Mr. Almer
 - Bill 1281 – Snow days – allows use of hours vs. days
 - Bill 1085 – Charter Schools – takes control away from school boards
 - Beware of tag-alongs with bills
 - Selling of liquor stores provides a one-time sale.
5. Title I Advisory Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - Title I Parent nights have been held the last three weeks
 - MS Book Swap – 10th year – 3/28/2014
 - Title I / Community Pool Night – 6/19/2014
 - 4/11/2014 – Next Title I meeting.
6. CCTI Report – Mr. Yenser
 - Adult Education making a come back
 - National competitions are in the process
 - Student Representatives will be present at the April meeting.
7. CLIU Report – Mr. Wentz
 - Meeting was 3/17/2014
 - Project Search – students go out into the work force – mainly Lehigh Co.
8. Student Representative Report – absent (Dan Repsher)
 - 3/26 – DUI simulation (SADD)
 - 3/26 – 29 – State Chorus
 - 3/26 – 4/9 – SAT Prep courses
 - 3/29 – Mardi Gras Dance (7-10 pm)
 - 4/7 – 4/9 – FBLA Conference
 - 4/11 – 4/12 – HS Musical Production
 - 4/18 – 4/21 – Act 80 Days – No School for Students
9. Solicitor's Report – Attorney William Schwab – Written

10. Building/Grounds Report - Mr. Wentz
 - Meeting on 3/11/2014
 - HS Fountain installed
 - Air Compressor
 - Dave Nothstein has been an asset at the Bldg. & Grounds Mtgs.
11. LCCC – Mr. Stern
 - 40 HS Seniors without plans attended LCCC Jim Thorpe campus
 - Those who do not have computers can use the Memorial Library computers to take the LASD surveys
 - LCCC Alumni clay shooting 4/25/2014. This Foundation provides scholarship monies.
 - C. Reichl working with LCCC for dual enrollment vs. AP courses.
12. Academic Affairs Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - Looking at K-8 Reading. Vendors on 3/27 & 28/2014
 - MS core classes extended to one hour.
 - SLO (Student Learning Objectives) in curriculum design.
13. Athletics –
 - Meeting 3/18/2014
 - Need Girls' Soccer Coach and Head Cheering Coach
 - Trying to get Baseball/Softball fields ready.

Approval of Minutes -

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2014, regular meeting.

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

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

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

Financial Matter -

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

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

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

General Fund	\$	921,130.59
Benefits	\$	18,455.92
Food Service Fund	\$	58,599.08
Capital Reserve	\$	_____
Athletic Fund	\$	<u>25,021.02</u>
Total	\$	1,023,206.61

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

Treasurer's Reports MOTION by Mr. Wentz, 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. Food Service Fund

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

**AP Conf.
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the following teachers to attend the Advanced Placement Conference in Philadelphia, July 11 & 12, 2014: **Leon Brong, Gretchen Laviolette, Brad Haupt, Doug Bowman, Cory Hartsell, and Sharon Leitzel.** All costs will be paid from the high school budget not to exceed \$570.00 per instructor.

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

**Penn State
Football
Coaches
Clinic**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve **Tom McCarroll, Brian Miller, Tim McCarroll, Jim Gurka, and Steve Hluschak** (members of the football coaching staff) to attend the Penn State University Football Coaches clinic on April 4 – 6, 2014, at a budgeted cost not to exceed \$500.00.

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

**Common
Core Conf.**

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

1. **Jennifer Boyle and Jan Wentz** to attend Practical Strategies to Implement the New Common Core Mathematics Standards, Monday, April 28, 2014, Bethlehem, PA, at a cost of \$494.50 from the Curriculum Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

**ACE Res.
(#13/14 - 07)
Elem. Ctr.**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve Resolution (#13/14 - 07), Alternate and Clean Energy Program Grant of \$2,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Construction of the K-2 Primary / 3-5 Elementary Center as a High Performance Building.

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 - 5 NO - 3 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

**Final Pymt.
MA Elem.
Asbestos
Removal**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve payment to Power Component Systems in the amount of \$19,125.00. This is the second and final payment for the completion of work for asbestos removal for the Mahoning Elementary school as outlined in JMSI Project Manual #2013-06-04.

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

Motion carried.

**Lawn Care
Proposal
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Lawn Care Service Proposal per the attached tabulation, subject to finalization by Administration.

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

Motion carried.

**CSI - AV
System for
Board Room
Denied**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve the attached proposal (#C004440) from CSI Integrated Security & Communications for the Board Room AV System at a cost of \$22,969.00 through the COSTARS Purchasing Program.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Thomas Zimmerman, Member	☐	☐	X	☐
Mr. Rocky Ahner, President	☐	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, Member	X	☐	☐	☐

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

Motion Denied.

**Exxon
Mobile
Payments
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to authorize the Business Department to make payment to WEX Bank (Exxon Mobile) by the monthly due dates in order to avoid recurring service charges.

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

Motion carried.

Personnel -

**Substitutes
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner 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. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the 2014-2015 Athletic and the 2013-2014 Extra-Curricular hires (per attachments).

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

Motion carried.

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

1. **Jessica Gasper** - June 27 – July 10, 2014 /Study Abroad Ceramic Arts In Italy
2. **Megan Scimeca** - Program of Study: Reading Specialist, Masters of Ed. (ESU)
3. **Sarah Devitt** - May 13 – June 19, 2014 /Utilizing Emerging Technologies
4. **Sarah Devitt** - May 5 – June 22, 2014 / Using Assessment to Guide Instr.
5. **Sarah Devitt** - July 21 – August 7, 2014 / Authorizing Systems
6. **Drewann Troutman** - May 13 – June 19, 2014 / Utilizing Emerging Technologies
7. **Drewann Troutman** - July 21 – August 21, 2014 / Multimedia Design
8. **David Hauser** - May 21 – August 3, 2014 / Evaluation of Ed. Programs

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

Motion carried.

FMLA Leave MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to acknowledge FMLA leave for the following employee, not to exceed 12 weeks:

1. **Employee #1038** - effective February 27, 2014

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

Motion carried.

Mentor Approved MOTION by Mr. Resh, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the recommendation to hire the following mentors for the appropriate teacher (listed to the right of the mentor's name) for the 2013-2014 school year:

Sarah Brandt / Vicky Myers

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

Motion carried.

J. Bennett Resigned MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to accept the resignation of Jackie Bennett, lunch-time aide at Shull-David Elementary, effective February 19, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**K. Shaffer
Hired** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the recommendation to hire **Karen Shaffer**, as a 12-month Principal's Secretary, at Shull-David Elementary School, at the contracted pro-rated salary of **\$25,610**, effective date to be determined.

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

**A. Rex
Approved
Dept. Chair** MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to approve **Amanda Rex** as the Computer Department Chair (5-8) for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Miscellaneous -

**School
Journey
Requests** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the following School Enrichment Journey requests:

1. **SD Grade 2 (B. Crosley / L. Barth / D. Herman)** - April 25, 2014 (12 - 2:25 pm) - to the Health Fair at the Lehigh Recreation Center.
2. **SD Kindergarten (C. Gandy/ D. Rakos / S. Maloney)** - April 25, 2014 (8:45 - 11 a.m.) - to the Health Fair at the Lehigh Recreation Center.
3. **SD Grade 1 (M. Schaeffer / L. Schatz / J. Matika / M Petit-Clair)** - April 25, 2014 (8:45 - 11 a.m.) - to the Health Fair at the Lehigh Recreation Center.
4. **FR Grade 1 (W. Bussey-Williams / N. Hydro / M. Kirsch)** - May 16, 2014 (8:40 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.) - to Lake Tobias Wildlife Park for a PTO field trip.
5. **SD Grade 2 (B. Crosley / D. Herman / L. Barth)** - June 9, 2014 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to the Carbon County Environmental Education Center.
6. **HS Government Class (L. Brong / C. Hartsell)** - April 11, 2014 (7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) - to the Philadelphia Constitution Center in Philadelphia.
7. **HS - SADD (Melissa Volcskai)** - April 23, 2014 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to the Scranton/WB Railriders PNC Field for Drug & Alcohol Abuse Awareness Day / Baseball Game.
8. **MS Grade 6 (T. Serfass / J. Tracy)** - April 11, 2014 (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Allentown, PA.
9. **FR Grade 3 (K. Snyder / T. Gilotti/ L. Zimmerman/ L. Strohl)** - June 10, 2014 (8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.) - to the DaVinci Center and Cedar Beach in Allentown, PA.
10. **MS Grade 8 (J. Lopata / J. Lopata)** - June 10, 2014 (8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.) - to Hershey Park for 8th Grade Celebration.

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

**T. Zimmerman
Resignation** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland that the Lehigh Area School District accepts the resignation of **Thomas Zimmerman, IV**, as Board Member with regret.

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

**W. Wentz
Re-elected
CLIU Rep.** MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to re-elect **Wayne Wentz** as CLIU #21 Representative as of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

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

**Trane
Letter to
Proceed
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve signing a Letter to Proceed with Pennsylvania Maryland Trane in Trane's Comprehensive Solutions Program (PACT) to identify potential facility and operational improvements to reduce related costs at Lehigh Area Middle School.

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

Programs -

**Use of
School
Property** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve Use of School Property for:
1. Lehigh Booster Club (Shannon Smith) - April 26 & 27, 2014 (9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.) - to use the Middle School Gym and Concession Stand for their Girls' Basketball Tournament.

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

**Revised
2013-2014
School
Calendar** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to approve the revision of the 2013-2014 School Calendar in accordance with Section 1504 of the PA Public School Code of 1949 and approval of the Department of Education.

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

**Policies
Adopted
#201, #246,
#336**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the 2nd reading and adoption 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.

**Sp. Ed. ESY
Program
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Lehigh Area School District-run Special Education Extended School-Year Program to be held July 7 – August 1, 2014, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Franklin Elementary School.

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

**Summer
Wellness
Program
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the Lehigh Area School District-run Lehigh Middle School Summer Wellness Program to be held July 7 – August 8, 2014, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. based at the Lehigh Area Middle School.

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

**2014
Graduation**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve Friday, June 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. for Commencement for the Class of 2014.

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

**LASD/
Red Cross
Shelter
Agreement**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner that the Lehigh Area School District enter into a shelter agreement with the American Red cross that would allow the use of the Lehigh Area High School, Lehigh Area Middle School, East Penn Elementary School and Franklin elementary School in the case emergency sheltering is needed as a result of a disaster.

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

Old Business for Discussion - None

New Business for Discussion -

1. Addendum -

RFP - Food Service MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to allow the district's administration to request proposals for a Food Service Management Company.

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

Motion carried.

2. Addendum (2) -

Additional Board Mtgs. Advertised MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Stern that additional Board meetings shall be advertised to be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. if necessary (April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, and November 10, 2014).

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Fill Vacant Board Seat Fails MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser that the Board shall accept applications for the Board vacancy until April 7, 2014. The Board President shall screen applicants and advise the Board if any Board Member wishes additional applicants to be interviewed besides those selected by the President at its Board Meeting of April 14, 2014.

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 - 2 NO - 5 ABSENT - 1 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion Fails.

L. Nothstein MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Resh that Lori Nothstein be contacted
Considered to determine her interest in fulfilling the remainder of the Board term of Thomas
To Fill Zimmerman IV. Mrs. Nothstein will be requested to give her decision by March 31,
Board 2014 by 4 p.m.
Seat

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

2. Mrs. Bowman -

- I would like to appoint Mr. Holland to the athletic committee to replace Mr. Zimmerman.

3. Mr. Hill -

- How was the survey advertised?
 - *Mr. Cleaver - AlertNow / Website / Times News / Channel 13*
- I would like to extend the survey deadline to April 7, 2014.

4. Mr. Stern -

- Since we voted down the expenditures for the board room upgrades, I would like to make a motion to look into a shortage of technology / SmartBoards in the classrooms:

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to investigate the cost of technology upgrades and to bring that information back to the board.

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

5. Mr. Cleaver -

- Copies of paper surveys are available after the board meeting.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment -

1. Barbara Hydro - Surveys

- *Most of my questions were answered.*
- *Incorporate notice of survey in local paper.*

2. Lawrence Hoffman -

- *Requests a referendum - school taxes are going up. Taxpayers should make the decision, not the board.*

3. David Bradley –
 - Requests a referendum – community has no voice.
 - Today is Independence Day.
4. Betty Wolfe – Building Plan
 - Thanks to the Board for listening regarding the Trane program.
 - The survey was geared toward items for kids not what we want or can afford.
 - Finances were not addressed
 - Put decision on referendum
 - Provided a list of questions to the Board.
5. Janice Hoffman –
 - Referendum - No comment.
6. Marianne Dwyer –
 - Referendum
7. David Krause – Misinformation on building project and taxes
 - Misconceptions in the newspaper
 - Process started 2007-08
 - Started because of condition of buildings / not driven by enrollment.
 - Portables not conducive to learning.
 - \$13M fund balance – there are mandates that didn't exist before.
 - Buildings were maintained – roofs / carpets --- major repairs.
 - Taxes – not the motive – Every attempt was made to keep taxes down. Tax millage decreased until the last three years when there were zero increases.
 - Elementary Center vs. four separate buildings which would equal 21 one-room school houses.
 - Move forward – center would be conducive to learning / safety / energy savings.
 - EI Assoc. – when hired many proposals due to information requested by the Board.
8. Hazel Goodhile – Referendum
 - No comment.
9. Norman Sutters – Referendum
 - No comment.
10. John Venuto – Building
 - Elementary Center vs. four separate buildings.
 - Former Law Enforcement Officer – safety would not be attained by bringing all students into one building.
 - Local people warned to not build the HS there, but the engineer said yes.
11. Ruthann Schlecht – School System
 - Illusions of grandeur
 - All we heard about was a grand sports complex – now we don't hear anything.
 - There should be prayer to begin meetings along with Pledge to the flag
 - Common Core is not good.

12. Jerry Bonamarte – Respect

- Mr. Venuto offered to come into FR Elementary when the Connecticut shooting took place and was turned down.
- At last month's meeting, only three board members attended.
- Be open to an opposing view.
- You will do what you want. You are correct.

13. Wally Putkowski – New Football Project

- How are we doing with the athletic project?
 - Mr. Cleaver – We are working with the Borough Engineer for variances.
- No grant money for the athletic complex?
 - Mr. Cleaver – NFL Grassroots project
- \$6M in reserve – pay-off pension – no money left for reserve. How will we recover this money?
 - Mr. Cleaver – Money must be bookmarked.
 - Mr. Resh – State pension fund would only be in jeopardy if we all retire tomorrow and take the lump sum.
 - Mr. Almer – What we put away was a board decision to protect us.
 - Mr. Wentz – Where is \$6M coming from? We are not building Yankee Stadium.
 - Mr. Cleaver – We owe for past employee's benefits.

Adjournment -

**Next regular scheduled meeting is the regular meeting on Monday,
April 28, 2014.**

MOTION by Mr. Resh, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted



Bonnie M. Cortese
Assistant Board Secretary

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