

Lehighton Area School District

Lehighton, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board

Monday, April 28, 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	☐
Mrs. Lori Nothstein, Member	X	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, Vice-President	X	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Member	X	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Treasurer	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 – Personnel / litigation**

Presentation -

1. Laura Welkey – MS Music Express – Performance

Public Comment on Agenda – (limited to three (3) minutes as per board policy) -

1. David Bradley - Comments on the Agenda

- Agenda Section: Programs (I)

2. Sherry Snyder - PlanCon/ EI Associates

- Why did EI Assoc. estimate ½ million dollars to just replace science classroom casework.
 - Mr. Cleaver Responded – The cost included moving gas lines in the lab.
- PlanCon for the 4 separate buildings was never reversed.
- Against elementary center – safety reasons.

3. Wilmer Everetts - Comment on Agenda / Issue of voting on new school

- Opposed to any voting on building issues
- Too many board members not informed.
- Taxes too high.
- Why do you hold votes at the beginning of the meetings?

Communications -

1. Board President's Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - Acknowledgements to the following:
 - Good job on spring Newsletter – on line
 - Smart boards purchased
 - Congratulations to Sue Howland and staff and work with ESU& Dr. Shapiro, Lehigh University
 - Sue Cordes (FR Reading Sp.) – 2014 Celebrate Literacy Award through the Colonial Assoc. of Reading Educators
 - Cale Kresge (MA) – Annual Millionaire game for 10 years
 - John Lopata / Faculty (MS) – Volleyball Tournament – Collected \$1,200 for the American Cancer Society.
 - STEM at MS
 - Tracie Edmonds – Outstanding Violinist and all the MS students who participated in Bandfest and Songfest.
 - Sherry Hoffman (MS – Reading) – Gold Mom's Award for her book "A to Z Character Education"
 - Jennifer Kovach (HS) – Creative Writing Class worked with Gr. K & 1 students at SD
 - Melissa Clark (HS) – New math strategies – Realized 4 - 9% increase in quiz scores
 - Amy Meixsell (MS) – for working with Lehigh University Choice Program to encourage girls to look at engineering.
2. Leighton Memorial Library Report – Mrs. Nothstein
 - Annual Fund Drive underway – Letters went out 4/4/2014
 - Headstart / Pre-School Visitations
 - Mike Ebbert / Gordon Ripkey – donating proceeds from their book sales
 - Pre-School Storytime – Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.
 - Computer training available 4/22, 4/29, 5/13, 5/20/2014
3. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – Mr. Almer
 - HB2138 – Change in funding formula
 - HB2124 – Budget Presentation

4. Title I Advisory Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - No meeting – next meeting 5-16-14
5. CCTI Report - Mr. Yenser
 - Student Representatives Present: Blake Kilraine / Derek Koch
 - Competitions are ramping up – Record number of students heading for national competitions.
 - Gazebo Project – assembled inside and then moved outdoors.
 - Skills USA Program (4/9-11/2014)- Highest number of medals received in CCTI's history.
 - National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) written exam online 4/28 -5/2/2014.
 - Annual Citizens Bee – Blake Kilraine took first place.
 - Dave Reinbold reported that CCTI ranks the 3rd highest in the state in standardized testing.
6. CLIU Report – Mr. Wentz
 - Next meeting – 4/30/2014.
7. Student Representative Report – Nicole Schmell – absent
 - Mr. Reichl reported:
 - Congratulated Blake for his win at the Citizen's Bee.
 - SAT's scheduled for 5/3/2014
 - Prom scheduled for 5/9/2014 – Early Dismissal for Prom goes
 - Motivational Speaker scheduled for 5/12/2014
 - Keystone Tests in May – Check the website.
 - Senior Outing on 5/16/2014
 - Thanks to the Environmental Club for cleaning up school-wide – 4/21/2014
 - Academic Awards slated for 5/20/2014 at the HS
 - Science Olympiad slated for 5/2/2014
8. Solicitor's Report – Attorney William Schwab - written
9. Building/Grounds Report - Mr. Wentz
 - Lawn mower contract
 - Directional signs installed at the MS.
 - ESCO in process
 - Leak repaired at East Penn
 - New Baseball Scoreboard installed
 - Every classroom will have a SmartBoard for 2014-2015 at the Elementary level.
 - The mower/snowblower slated for approval at tonight's meeting.
10. LCCC – Mr. Stern
 - Mr. Stern was unable to attend the LCCC Mtg. due to work obligations
 - Graduation slated for 5/14-15/2014
 - The search for a President continues.
11. Academic Affairs/Policy Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman
 - Working on Policy #114 – Gifted
 - Looking into a policies regarding Students / Teachers / Personal Boundaries / Volunteers – clearances.
13. Athletic Committee Report - Mr. Wentz
 - Pottsville is joining the Anthracite League
 - Jr. High Track Meet was held at Lehighton – Our student, Emily Barkanic, stopped to help another athlete from another school who was an opponent who had fallen. Kudos Emily for exhibiting exemplary sportsmanship.

14. Wellness Committee Report – Mr. Ahner
 - *Tribe Night planned. Stands with information regarding nutrition and health handouts.*
 - *Worked on menus – not as many choices.*
 - *Changes in portion size.*
 - *Mr. Cleaver – Thank you for the educational component – educating parents/students.*
15. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Cleaver
 - *PowerPoint*
 - *Curriculum / Professional Development Points presented at the January 2014 meeting.*
 - *Waiver to PDE / Financial Impact*

Approval of Minutes -

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

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2014, workshop meeting, with change requested by Mrs. Bowman regarding her statement: *No matter which grade (5, 6, or 7) that enters MS, there is an academic drop due to transition.*

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 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 March 2014

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - Motion carried.

**Payment
Of Bills**

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

General Fund	\$	570,226.19
Benefits	\$	_____
Food Service Fund	\$	82,478.24
Capital Reserve	\$	_____
Athletic Fund	\$	<u>14,986.62</u>
Total	\$	667,691.05

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**Treasurer's
Reports**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, 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. Food Service Fund

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**Per Cap/
Occup.
Tax**

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

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**TACT2
Crisis
Intervention
Program**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to contract with CIU20 to provide on-site training on June 17, 18, 19, 20, 2014 for twelve district employees to become certified trainers of TACT2 Crisis Intervention Program at a cost of \$9,816.00 (\$800.00 per person plus travel expenses of trainer) to be paid out of the 2013-2014 ABG and Special Education Funds.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**Drug & Al.
Speaker
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to approve Jeff Yalden, of Jeff Yalden International, Drug & Alcohol speaker, for Lehigh Area High School Assembly on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 12:45 p.m. The cost of \$3,500.00 is to be paid from ABG Grant 2013-2014 (\$1,750) and Drug & Alcohol Grant 2013-2014 (\$1,750).

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**Adult Ed.
Computer
Classes
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve hiring two Business Ed./Technology certified teachers for Adult Education Computer courses: (1) Computer Internet Basics, (2) Social Media, four sessions per class at a contracted hourly rate of pay. Classes to begin on May 20, 2014.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**2014-2015
eLearn21
Contract
Approved** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the renewal of eLearn21 Contract for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Years with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit at a cost of \$9,000 for annual membership per year. The agreement will run from 7/1/14 through 6/30/16 and is a cost savings of 50% from the 2013-14 agreement (\$18,000/year). This agreement is for the Lehigh Area Virtual Academy and will be paid through the Technology Budget.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**Approval
of 2013-2014
Gorman &
Assoc. Fees** MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, Gorman & Associates, P.C. as District auditor for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$26,350 (including single audit fee), review tax collectors at \$810 each and additional services at a rate of \$72 per hour.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Approval to File IRS Form 8822-B MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to file IRS Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party – Business, PA Dept. of Revenue Form REV-1705R, and any other required forms, naming the Business Administrator and Assistant Business Administrator, (whoever serves in those positions) as the authorized representative of Lehigh Area School District for payroll tax reporting as it may change from time to time. This change is required in order to file payroll tax reports due to the resignation of the Business Administrator.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Purchase of Mower / Snowblower Approved MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve, upon recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee, to approve the purchase of a Kubota F2690 Mower/Snow blower from C. H. Waltz Sons, Inc. through Charles H. Snyder, Inc. in the amount of \$25,535.51 through the Pennsylvania Co-Stars Purchasing Program (Quote Attached).

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

M. Ketchledge Refund MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to refund an Occupational Tax payment for year 2013 in the amount of \$125.00 to Michelle Ketchledge.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

D. Simmons Refund MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to refund an Occupational Tax payment for year 2013 in the amount of \$122.50 to Donald Simmons.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

E. Simmons Refund MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to refund an Occupational Tax payment for year 2013 in the amount of \$122.50 to Elizabeth Simmons.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

T. Whiteman Refund MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to refund an Occupational Tax payment for year 2013 in the amount of \$125.00 to Terry Whiteman.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

WalMart 2013 RE Tax Refund Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to refund Real Estate Tax for year 2013 in the amount of \$32,273.48 to Wal-Mart Stores East LP as per the March 24, 2014 letter from The Carbon County Board of Assessment & Revision of Taxes Office.

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, Vice-President	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Andrew Yenser, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐	☐	☐

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

L. Frey Conference Approved MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve Lory Frey to attend the PDE Data Summit in Lancaster, PA on May 18 - 21, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$256.70 to be paid out of the 2013-2014 Curriculum budget.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Personnel

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

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**Extra-Curr/
Athletic
Hires**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to approve the 2014–2015 Athletic and the 2013-2014 Extra-Curricular hires (per attachments).

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

**Coursework
Approved**

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

1. **Floyd Brown** - May 19 - August 7, 2014 / Elementary Principal Internship
2. **Natasha Brown** - June 3 - July 28, 2014 / SAS for PA Educators
3. **Beth Hudlow** - May 13 - August 3, 2014 / Professional Development Super.
4. **Beth Hudlow** - May 14 - August 3, 2014 / Administrative Internship
5. **Catherine Hontz** - June 16 - July 11, 2014 / Role of Literacy Coach
6. **Catherine Hontz** - July 14 - August 8, 2014 / Inclusionary Practices
7. **Megan Kibler Scimeca** - August 25 - December 12, 2014 / Organizing, Implementing & Evaluating Reading Programs.
8. **Megan Kibler Scimeca** - August 25 - December 12, 2014 / Theory Models of Reading & Literature.
9. **Michele Kirsch** - May 13 - June 19, 2014 / Issues, Laws, & Trends in Ed.
10. **Samantha Kistler** - May 19 - June 27, 2014 / curricular Design & Instruction
11. **Samantha Kistler** - May 19 - August 8, 2014 / Sp. Ed. Supervisor Training
12. **Amber Konek** - June 23 - August 10, 2014 / Utilizing Emerging Technologies
13. **Amber Konek** - June 30 - July 17, 2014 / Integrating Technology in Curric.
14. **Amber Konek** - July 21 - August 7, 2014 / Cognition
15. **Jessica McCarroll** - May 5 - July, 2014 / Utilizing Emerging Technologies
16. **Craig Reichl** - May 19 - July 3, 2014 / Labor Relations & Negotiations
17. **Jessica Scholl** - May 13 - June 19, 2014 / Issues, Laws, & Trends In Ed.
18. **Aaron Sebelin** - May 19 - July 3, 2014 / Labor Relations & Negotiations
19. **Lauren Strohl** - August 25 - December 12, 2014 / Theoretical Models of Reading & Literature

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

**FMLA
Leaves**

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

1. **Employee #9** - effective March 3, 2014
2. **Employee #149** - effective March 25, 2014
3. **Employee #346** - effective May 6, 2014
4. **Employee #911** - effective May 22, 2014
5. **Employee #1184** - effective June 3, 2014

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

Resignations Accepted MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to accept the following resignations:
1. **Mary Lisa Stimpfl**, part-time cleaner at the High School, effective May 2, 2014.
2. **Albert Kintzel**, part-time cleaner at Franklin Elementary, effective April 16, 2014
3. **Peggy Dotter**, Lunch-time Aide at Franklin Elementary, effective April 4, 2014

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

S. Gombert Retirement Accepted MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to accept the intent to retire for **Shirley Gombert**, part-time cleaner at Shull-David Elementary, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Lunch-Aide Hires MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the recommendation to hire the following Lunch-time Aides, at the hourly rate of \$7.25, pending clearances:

1. **Amy Neeb** - at Shull-David Elementary School
2. **Dale Moulthrop** - at Franklin Elementary School

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

Sabbatical Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve **Employee #918** for a sabbatical leave for health reasons for the 1st semester of the 2014-2015 school year.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____

Miscellaneous -

- School Journey Trips Co. Approved** MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the following School Enrichment Journey requests:
1. **HS Business Law (M. Fisher)** – May 1, 2014 (8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) – to the Carbon Co. Courthouse for 2014 Law Day Program.
 2. **HS Chemistry II (J. McCarroll)** – May 2, 2014 (8 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – to Kutztown University to tour the lab and instrumentation.
 3. **EP/FR/SD/MA Grade 3 (J. Grasso / L. Zimmerman / J. Boyle / C. Kresge)** – May 5, 2014 (8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – to participate in the Envirothon at Mauch Chunk Lake Park.
 4. **MS Grade 5 (C. Knappenberger)** – May 6, 2014 (8:15 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – to participate in the Envirothon at Mauch Chunk Lake Park.
 5. **MS Grades 6-8 (C. Knappenberger)** – May 7, 2014 (8:15 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – to participate in the Envirothon at Mauch Chunk Lake Park.
 6. **LAMS Jazz Ensemble (T. Weidner)** – May 14, 2014 (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.) – to Cypress Lanes for an end-of-the-year party.
 7. **SD Kdg. (S. Maloney / C. Gandy / D. Rakos)** – May 16, 2014 (9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) – to Bounce U in Allentown and lunch at the Lehighton Grove (weather permitting).
 8. **HS Chemistry II (J. McCarroll)** – May 19, 2014 (7 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) – To tour Quaker Chemical's lab.
 9. **HS Art (M. Reenock)** – May 19, 2014 (6:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.) – to New York City
 10. **EP/FR/ MA Grade 4 (B. Breiner/ T. Strausberger / D. Gerber/ A. Hedash / R. Rupell / A. Swanson)** – May 20, 2014 (8:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – to participate in the 4th Grade Spelling Bee and MS Orientation.
 11. **HS – FBLA (K. Mychalyszyn-Simko / M. Fisher / T. Miller)** – May 23, 2014 (7 a.m. – 6 p.m.) to New York City to the 9/11 Memorial site.
 12. **FR Grade 2 (R. Roberts / M. Cox)** – May 30, 2014 (8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.) – to the Lehigh Valley Zoo for a field trip.
 13. **SD Grade 4 (M. Dillman / C. Hoppes / B. Cressley)** – June 3, 2014 (7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.) – to Lancaster County to visit the Amish Farm and Intercourse Pretzel Factory.
 14. **FR All Grades (PTO)** – June 6, 2014 (Rain date June 9, 2014) (10:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) – to the Lehighton Pool for an End-of-the-Year Celebration.
 15. **MS Grade 5 White (C. Knappenberger)** – June 6, 2014 (7:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – to tour Asa Packer Mansion and the Carbon Jail Museum.
 16. **MS Grade 5 Maroon (J. Solt)** – June 6, 2014 (7:40 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – to The Poole Wildlife Sanctuary for a field trip.
 17. **SD Grade 4 (B. Cressley / M. Dillman / C. Hoppes)** – June 6, 2014 (9:40 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) – to the Christ Evangelical Free Church to hold PA Dutch Day.
 18. **HS – FCCLA (J. McHugh)** – June 7, 2014 (4:50 a.m. – 11 p.m.) – to Baltimore Inner Harbor for a field trip.
 19. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** – June 17, 2014 (5-11 p.m.) – to the Coca-Cola Park, Bethlehem, PA for end-of-year picnic.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Programs -

Use of School Property

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

1. **Franklin Twp. Athletic Assn. (Wayne Wentz)** - Weekday evenings, Saturdays & Sundays - April 1 - June 30, 2014 - to use the JV Baseball Field for baseball practices.
2. **HS Volleyball Boosters (TJ O'Connor)** - Sunday, May 4, 2014 (8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.) - to use the HS gym for a volleyball tournament fundraiser.
3. **LBBPC & LGBPC (Dan Rossino)** - Sunday, May 4, 2014 (8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.) - to use the HS faculty parking lot for a bus trip fundraiser to Atlantic City, NJ for the Boys & Girls Basketball Teams.
4. **LAHS Boys' Soccer Team (Dave Yob)** - Sunday, May 18, 2014 (2 - 4 p.m.) - to use the MS Gym and soccer practice field for a soccer clinic. In an effort to promote soccer, the LAHS Boys Soccer team will conduct a soccer clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-8. There will be a \$20 fee for the clinic and all proceeds will go to the Parents Club.
5. **Carbon County Shrine Club (Gordon Ripkey)** - Saturday (September 20, 2014) - Rain date Sunday (September 21, 2014) - 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - to use the Shull-David and MS parking lots and the MS cafeteria/restrooms for a Classic Car Show Fundraiser.
6. **Brett Flexer Memorial Dodgeball Tournament (Dustin / Brenda Koons)** - November 8, 2014 (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.) to use the HS gym as a senior project and scholarship fundraiser. They are requesting that the hourly rental and overtime custodian fees be waived since this is a senior project and benefits a student.
7. **HS Student Fan Group (The Reservation) (Kim Mychalyszyn-Simko)** - June 7, 2014 - to use the Football Stadium at 7 p.m. and the Soccer and Field Hockey fields during the day to host a Powder Puff Football Tournament to benefit the Dylan and Gavin Rainbow Fund.
8. **Lehighton Touchdown Club** - June 23, 24, & 25, 2014 (9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) to use the Lehighton Football Stadium to host the 3rd Annual Tribe Pride Youth Football Camp for students in grades 4 - 9.
9. **Franklin Twp. 18U Team (Todd Weaver)** - May 1 - 31, 2014 - Weekdays (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.) and Sundays (3 - 5 p.m.) - to use the JV and Varsity Softball Fields when available for practice.
10. **Christian Churchman's Softball League (Delroy Ruch)** - May 17 - August 1, 2014 (6 - 8:30 p.m.) to use the high school practice softball field for softball games.

VOTE: YES - 8 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - 1 (Wentz)

Motion carried.

**Title I
Summer
Programs
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein to approve **Title I Summer Reading and Math Programs** for Lehigh Area School District to be held at Shull-David Elementary Building. Tentative dates are July 14-25, 2014 for the Math program and July 28 - August 8, 2014 for the Reading Program. Camps will be paid using Title I Funds 2013-2014.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**MS/ HS
Summer
Schools
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the following summer programs if needed: **Senior High Summer School (June 23 - July 3, 2014)**
Middle School Summer School (June 23 - August 14, 2014)

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**Summer
Band
Programs
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the following summer programs:

1. **HS Band Camp (100) hours**
2. **Middle School Music Program (170 hours) as follows:**
 - Band Orchestra Gr. 5 & 6 (85 hours)**
 - Band Orchestra Gr. 7 & 8 (85 hours)**

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

**2014 Grads
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the attached list of high school seniors as candidates for graduation on Friday, June 13, 2014.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - _____ ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS - _____
Motion carried.

SADD Staged Auto Accident Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the staging of an auto accident on school property during the week of May 5, 2014, sponsored by Students Against Destructive Decisions. Event is staged preliminary to Prom to caution students to make responsible decisions when operating and riding in motor vehicles.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

2014-2015 CLIU #21 Facilities Plan Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the 2014-2015 Facilities Plan Committee Report as adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 25, 2014. In addition, the Board reaffirms its commitment to the original construct of the Facilities Planning, approved November 1, 1989, which consists of a series of prioritized inquiries to be considered in determining future locations of the CLIU and school district special education classes. (Resolution # 13/14 - 07)

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
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, 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 - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

2014-2015 School Calendar MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar for the Lehigh Area School District.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS
Motion carried.

**PDE SP.
ED. Plan
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the Special Education Plan for submission to Pennsylvania Department of Education after the April 28, 2014 Board Meeting.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

**PlanCon
Waiver
Submission**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to authorize the submission of a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to combine the previously submitted four Elementary PlanCon project submittals (approved on September 13, 2012) into one Elementary PlanCon project by the Administration and the Architect, EI Associates, for the project known as the New Primary / Elementary Center.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Old Business for Discussion - None

**New Business for Discussion -
1. Addendum -**

**Bills For
Payment**

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

General Fund	\$	_____
Benefits	\$	2,349.34
Food Service Fund	\$	_____
Capital Reserve	\$	_____
Athletic Fund	\$	<u>272.00</u>
Total	\$	2,621.34

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

**R. Hawk
Hired as
Custodian** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the recommendation to hire **Robert Hawk** as a custodian assigned to Shull-David Elementary, at the step one, pro-rated rate of pay of \$23,897.00, for the 2013-2014 LAESPA bargaining agreement, effective May 12, 2014.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

**LABC Track
& Field Use
Of Property** MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to authorize Mr. Cleaver, Superintendent, to approve the LABC Track & Field to use the district track facilities for practice and track meet during the month of May 2014.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -
Motion carried.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment -

1. Frank Tamburri - Times News Articles

- According to the Times News articles there were only two people who want the new building, Mr. Cleaver and Mrs. Bowman.
- Mr. Cleaver and Mrs. Bowman were the only two who didn't write letters.

2. Onalee Cramer - Behind on taxes

- I am two years behind on taxes
- Need to put my house up for sale.

Atty Schwab -

- Offered avenues for assistance through the Carbon Co. Bar Association
- LASD does not have anything to do with county and local taxes.

Mrs. Bowman -

- Lehighton has not raised school taxes over the past three years.

3. Wallace Putkowski - Repair and Improve Buildings Projects or new school

- Meetings should be in a larger facility.
- New building doesn't solve maintenance problems.
- Hire an architect who specializes in rehab.
- Retain neighborhood schools - Leshar in Palmerton (example)
- Where would you put the new elementary building?
- What is going on with the stadium?

4. William Watkins – School Project

- *No sense to read my statement when you've already passed the motion.*
- *It is irresponsible to move ahead when there are so many against it.*
- *Substandard architects.*

5. Marianne Dwyer – New School

- *You voted against our wishes.*

6. John Venuto – New School Complex

- *Regarding PlanCon, can you go back and change your mind?*
Mr. Cleaver –
 - *Yes, but we would lose reimbursement.*
- *Security – safety of the students in nonexistent.*

7. David Solt – School Policy

- *Do you have a bullying policy that includes to school and back home?*
Mr. Cleaver –
 - *Yes we have a policy that includes a complaint form. Our policy covers from portal to portal.*
 - *Technology bullying is limited to where it took place.***Mrs. Bowman –**
 - *Policy 249 is our bullying policy.*
 - *Covers to and from school.*
- *You are putting more energy into the buildings instead of safety.*
Mrs. Bowman –
 - *There have been no referrals from Grade 5 to SAP.*
 - *Principals report incidents on the state Safe School Report.*

8. Walton P. Smith, Jr. – Renovation / Construction

- *The majority of board members are in favor of overspending on a new facility.*
- *Taxpayers want the opposite.*

9. Tom Wertman – Everything in General

- *I support the students.*
- *The “no do” school board members left our buildings go.*
- *25 years ago when a new HS was proposed, an opposition group won out. The taxpayers paid in the end.*
- *We would have had more for less had we built the HS when it was first proposed.*
- *Opposition groups will cost us more if we do not do anything. Don't let that happen.*

Hal Resh (Board Member) – *Why were these Courtesy of the Floor requests at the end?*

Atty. Schwab – *PlanCon requests were in the beginning because there was a motion on that subject.*

Adjournment -

There will be no workshop meeting on May 12, 2014. The next regular scheduled meeting is the regular meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014.

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - 0 ABSTENTIONS -

Respectfully submitted



Bonnie M. Cortese
Assistant Board Secretary

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