

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7:00PM
Executive Session @ 5:45 PM

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Lehigh Area School Board was held in the Administration Building, Conference Room A, on the above date and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call -

	Present	Absent
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	X	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	X	☐
Mr. Stephen L. Holland, Member	X	☐
Mrs. Lori Nothstein, Member	X	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, Vice-President	X	☐
Mr. Larry Stern, Member	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	☐
Ms. Bonnie Cortese, Recording Sec., Asst. Bd. Sec.	X	☐

**** Notice of Executive Session for personnel issues.**

Public Comment on Agenda -

1. Autumn Abelovsky - Lehigh 150 Celebration

- *Representative for 150 Celebration*
- *Thanks to district for participation thus far*
- *Battle of the Badges fund raiser was a huge success*
- *Election of officers: Autumn Abelovsky and Clark Ritter*
- *15 people on the committee - would like a representative from the District to act as a liaison.*

2. Wilmer Everetts - Agenda page 9 / Item W

- \$52M debt to fix schools - looks like the elementary center will still go through
- What can we say to wake you up? We express our opinions and might as well talk to the wall.
- We are old school. Did any of you spend \$1M for your homes?
- We all know we won't get those grants.
- "You" minds are made up.

Gloria Bowman -

- The present bond payments will remain the same.
- For every negative comment I hear, I hear positives.

Wilmer Everetts -

- You are making a lot of people angry.

3. David Bradley - Agenda page 9 / Item W

- Bond issue to float - Are you using this Feasibility Study to float the bond?

Jonathan Cleaver -

- Based on the last six months.

David Bradley -

- You hired a contractor's work. Did you review it?
- Did you read it? Did you read it? Did you?

Wayne Wentz -

- Did you read it?

Gloria Bowman -

- The Feasibility Study is just a guide.

David Bradley -

- Population shows an increase in over age 65 and a decrease in kids.
- Check page 88 of the Feasibility Study. There are two copies here? Can you go get them?
- Did the architect look at the buildings before the study?
- Mr. Hauser, did they?
- Joe Hauser, are you competent?

Gloria Bowman -

- Mr. Bradley, your three minutes are up.

Presentations - None

Communications -

1. Superintendent's Report - Mr. Cleaver
 - First day of school went well - exciting
 - Staff up & running
 - Health Fair in planning

Mr. Bradley continued banging papers and making noise

Gloria Bowman - addressed the interruption: *Mr. Bradley, please be quiet.*

- *Review with PDE / Mr. Vogel - went well.*
 - *Presentation on school facilities - "Construction 101" will take place on 9/9/2014.*
2. **Finance Report - Mr. Feick**
 - *Applied for 0% on (MS/HS) - received.*
 - *There are six food service equipment grants through PDE due 9/12/2014. Needs \$5,000 for equipment to qualify.*
 3. **Board President's Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - *There were 168 kindergarten students beginning the school year. Last year we had 159.*
 - *HS course - Solid Works Cad - Engineering*
 - *Rosetta Stone language course - web-based*
 - *Dedication Bench at SD in honor of Brenda Strausberger*
 - *Condolences to students who lost parents.*
 4. **Lehighton Memorial Library Report – Mrs. Nothstein**
 - *No report - no meeting*
 5. **Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – Mr. Ahner**
 - *I have issues with the way schools are funded*
 - *3 Democrats / 3 Republicans - Senate & House*
 6. **Title I Advisory Committee Report – Mrs. Bowman**
 - *Successful summer*
 - *October 10, 2014 - Parent Nite*
 - *Title I Advisory Mtg. in September*
 7. **CCTI Report - Mr. Yenser**
 - *Enrollment 397 - same as last year*
 - *Summer finished with 93% GED passed*
 - *Prep GED will take place in Lehighton this Fall*
 8. **CLIU Report – Mr. Wentz**
 - *CLIU Transportation In-Service at LAHS on August 14, 2014*
 - *Dr. Eib and staff thanks the District*
 - *Next meeting - 9/18/2014*
 9. **Student Representative Report – Mr. Reichl**
 - *8/20/2014 - Meet the teacher*
 - *8/27/2014 - Meet the Tribe at the Stadium*
 - *GED Prep classes beginning - CCTI / LAHS partnering*
 - *9/25/2014 - Test for GED*
 - *10/4/2014 - Homecoming*
 - *Check website for more information*
 10. **Solicitor's Report – Attorney William Schwab - written - 20 items**

11. **Building/Grounds Report - Mr. Wentz**
 - *Meeting on 8/12/2014*
 - *New Food Service /new coolers for each building / salad bar*
 - *Franklin - boiler repair*
 - *Will be purchasing new vans on tonight's agenda*
 - *Plans to light-up the American Flag*
 - *Next meeting - 9/9/2014*
12. **LCCC - Mr. Stern**
 - *Brochure - Golf classic fund raiser*
 - *Fall 2014 - enrollment increased*
13. **Academic Affairs Committee Report - Mrs. Bowman**
 - *Curriculum Standards Template*
 - *I-pads to EP and FR*
 - *HS Math series on line*
 - *Elementary change - grades 3 / 4 - sciences / SS integrated.*
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14. **Policy Committee Report - Mrs. Bowman**
 - *Meeting 9/10/2014*
15. **Athletic Committee Report - Mr. Wentz**
 - *Sports participation has increased.*
 - *Waiting to hear from EP Conference for Field Hockey*
 - *Meet the Tribe Night - 8/27/2014*
 - *Ticket prices will remain the same for the Schuylkill League*
16. **Wellness Committee Report - Mr. Almer**
 - *I will be turning this over to Mr. Tkach and Lauren Williams - the new food service director.*
 - *Highlighted on Ch. 13 Health Images programming*

Lauren Williams - Nutrition Group

- *Some of the changes you will see are:*
 - *Nutrition education into the classrooms*
 - *Wellness Wednesday (Elem.) - sample foods*
 - *Nutrition Global - foods from other countries*
 - *Molly the Cow*
 - *Salad Bar - Deli Bar*
 - *Kids seemed excited*

Timothy Tkach - LASD Administrator

- *Thanks to Nutrition Group*
- *8/21/2014 - In-Service - Blue Mtn. Health System was available for staff testing.*

Approval of Minutes -

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2014, regular meeting.

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

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2014, workshop meeting.

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

Financial Matter -

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

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

**Exemp.
Per Cap/
Occ. Tax**

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

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

Motion carried.

**ADM to
Hershey
Conference**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve Timothy Tkach, Suzanne Howland, Charles Bachert, and Craig Reichl to attend the Fall Institute "Educating Modern Learners: The Opportunities and Challenges of Schooling in the Connected World", Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at the Grantville Holiday Inn, Hershey, PA, at a cost not to exceed \$700.00, paid through the Curriculum Budget 2014-2015.

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

Motion carried.

**Natl. Honor
Choir**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to allow Ellen Perkins (student) and Mr. Dave Perkins (instructor) to attend the National Association of Music Educators, National Honor Choir in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 26-29, 2014 for participation at the National Level. The school district will reimburse 50% of the cost of the trip to the maximum allowance of \$3,500 per policy 240.1.

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

Motion carried.

**Driving
School
Contract**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve a 2-year contract with Safeway Driving School.

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

Motion carried.

**Lehigh Law
Enforcement
Agreem.**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve an agreement between the Lehigh Area School District and Lehigh Law Enforcement Officers Assoc., Inc. for security services at athletic events, school dances, graduation, and homecoming for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Motion carried.

**SHINE
Meals
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve a contract with Lehigh Carbon Community College for the District to supply meals to the 21st Century Grant (Carbon County Shine After-School Program) administered by Lehigh Carbon Community College held in the Shull-David Elementary School. The District will be reimbursed \$3.50 per meal served.

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

Motion carried.

**SHINE
Program
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve a contract with Lehigh Carbon Community College for the District to supply transportation to the 21st Century Grant (Carbon County Shine After-School Program) administered by Lehigh Carbon Community College held in the Shull-David Elementary School. The District will be reimbursed by the grant for the difference between the state transportation reimbursement amount and the actual cost of the transportation.

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

Motion carried.

**Natl.
Purchasing
Coop.**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve participation in the National Purchasing Cooperative Buy Board program.

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

Motion carried.

**Ala Carte/
Lunch Prices
Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the school lunch and Ala Carte prices for the 2014-2015 school year, per the attached schedule.

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

Motion Carried.

Berkheimer Resolution #14/15-01 MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the following resolution (#14/15-01). A resolution of the governing board of Lehigh Area School District, Carbon County, Pennsylvania Authorizing, Empowering and Directing the Proper Officers of the Governing Board to Appoint a Liaison between it and Berkheimer, the Duly Appointed Collector of EIT for the District for the Express Purpose of Sharing confidential tax information with the District for Official Purposes.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mrs. Lori Nothstein, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Hal Resh, 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 - ____ ABSTENTIONS - ____
Motion carried.

QZAB Bond Application Approved MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the application filed by the Business Administrator for the QZAB Bonds as approved and recommended by the Finance Committee.

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

Long-term Disability/ Life Policy Approved MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Hartford to supply the District Life/ADD and Long-term Disability effective 9-1-2014 through 8-30-2016 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

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

Chevy Vans Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Holland to approve Scott Gibson Hondru Chevrolet for COSTAR purchasing (contract number 026-068) of 2 (two) 2014 Chevrolet Express Passenger RWD 3500 155" w/1LS at a cost not to exceed \$28,000.00 for each van to replace two older year model damaged district used vans.
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	☐	☐	☐

Mr. Ahner wanted the minutes to reflect that the vans not to be taken care of better.
Mr. Cleaver asked Mr. Resh how often CCTI replaces their vans.
Mr. Resh responded, pretty often.

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

Property Bid for Map #86-7-A29 MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the bid of \$926.50 on property: Map Number 86-7-A29, that is in the county's Repository for Unsold Properties.

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

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

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

Real Estate Tax Refunds MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to refund the following Real Estate Taxes:

1. **Lorraine Reinstein** for the year 2014 in the amount of \$731.05 as per the August 8, 2014 letter from the Carbon County Board of Assessment & Revisions of Taxes Office.
2. **George C. Strohl, Jr.** for the year 2013 in the amount of \$2,697.23 because of a duplicate payment.
3. **CoreLogic** for the year 2013 in the amount of \$1,914.54 because of a duplicate payment.

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

LEAF Payroll Deductions MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the Lehigh Area School District to allow payroll deduction by the staff for L.E.A.F. (Lehigh Education & Athletic Foundation).

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

Infosnap Software Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the purchase of InfoSnap Solutions software at the total cost of \$14,560.00 (\$5,200.00 one-time set-up fee & \$9,360.00 annual service fee).

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

PSBA School Leadership Conference MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve Board Members - **Gloria Bowman, Rocky Ahner, and Superintendent - Jonathan Cleaver** to attend the PSBA School Leadership Conference and lodging in Hershey, PA on October 21 - 24, 2014, for an amount not to exceed \$1,600.

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

Authorization
For ADM to
Work With
PFM on
Bldg. Proj.
Denied

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz that the Board of School Directors of the Lehigh Area School District (the "School District") does hereby authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management as Financial Advisor, Rhoads & Sinon, as Bond Counsel and its local Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of one or more series of Bonds/or Bank financing to fund the Elementary School project and Middle and High School Renovations and Additions, netting no more than \$52.5 million.

Discussion:

Hal Resh - Does not reflect discussion at finance meeting. Bring back to Board as a whole.

Atty. Schwab - Very preliminary. You will need two more resolutions.

Atty. Schwab - Preliminary to explore options. Two more votes for authorization.

Gloria Bowman - Hal you were to meet with Brian Feick (Bus. Mgr.).

Bill Hill - We will need to pay a bond counselor for anything we do. \$800,000 in fees to get this together. Table & do at a workshop meeting.

Rocky Ahner - I have any issue with this. Going out for money when we don't know what we are doing.

Gloria Bowman - We have gone over the costs. This is just a discussion. Get financing on it so we have some figures.

Bill Hill - We should have our Business Mgr. get a RFI.

Andrew Yenser - Does this motion limit us doing both options.

Atty. Schwab - No

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: YES - 3 NO - 6 ABSENT - ____ ABSTENTIONS - ____

Motion Denied.

Discussion:

Hal Resh - If the Business Manager wants to meet with me, he must check my schedule.

Bill Hill - Between now and 9/8/2014, we should put together a motion.

Hal Resh - I will need to resign chair as Finance. Too busy. Or, change the time to work with my schedule.

Personnel -

2014-2015 Substitutes MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the attached list of candidates for the **2014-2015 Substitute** list pending clearances.

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

Motion carried.

2014-2015 Athletic/ Ex. Curr. MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Athletic hires for the **2014-2015** school year (per attachment).

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

Motion carried.

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

1. Tavia Cardell - August 27 - December 10, 2014 / Leadership for Reading Educators
2. Kenneth Eck, Jr. - August 8 - October 19, 2014 / Project Based Learning
3. Melissa Geiser - September 2 - December 7, 2014 / Developing Comprehension, Part II
4. Angela Harris - Program of Study: Reading Specialist (ESU)
5. Angela Harris - August 26 - December 12, 2014 / Teaching Reading: Best Practices for Today's Students
6. Angela Harris - August 28 - December 12, 2014 / Organization, Implementation & Eval of School Reading Programs
7. David Hauser - September 2 - December 7, 2014 / Principal Internship, Part A
8. David Hauser - September 2 - December 7, 2014 / Action Research for Ed. Change
9. Michele Kirsch - September 11 - December 4, 2014 / Using Assessment to Guide Instruction
10. Samantha Kistler - August 25 - December 13, 2014 / School Law & Finance
11. Aaron Sebelin - August 26 - December 9, 2014 / School, Community, Public Relations
12. Diane Schnell - Program of Study: Reading Specialist (ESU)
13. Diane Schnell - August 25 - December 12, 2014 / Best Practices for today's Students
14. Jessica Scholl - September 11 - December 4, 2014 / Using Assessment to Guide Instruction
15. Norine Zehner - September 11 - December 4, 2014 / Using Assessment to Guide Instruction

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

Motion carried.

**FMLA
Leave**

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

1. **Employee #180** - effective August 20, 2014

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

Motion carried.

Resignations MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to accept the following resignations:

1. **Julie Borruso** - Paraprofessional assigned to the High School, effective August 7, 2014
2. **Lindsey Houser** - Reading Specialist assigned to East Penn Elementary, effective August 18, 2014
3. **Natasha Brown** - Family Consumer Science assigned to the Middle School, effective August 22, 2014.
4. **Matthew Fisher** - Business Ed. assigned to the High School, Advisor to Natl. Honor Society, FBLA, Red Cross Club and Golf coach, effective August 18, 2014.
5. **Casey Daubenspeck** - Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, effective July 29, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

**Professional
& Support
Hires**

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the recommendation to hire the following employees in accordance with the respective contracts, pending clearances:

1. **Melissa Hunsicker** - Receptionist - Assigned to the Administration Office, effective August 26, 2014, at the pro-rated salary of \$25,757.00.
2. **Allison Rheinhardt** - Elementary Teacher, Grade 3, Franklin Elementary, Step 3B (\$40,571.00), effective the start of the 2014-2015 school year.
3. **Justin Fritz** - Elementary Teacher, Grade 2, Franklin Elementary, Step 1B (\$38,310.00), effective the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Motion carried.

**2014-2015
Mentor
Hired**

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the recommendation to hire the following mentors for the appropriate teacher (listed to the right of the mentor's name) for the 2014-2015 school year:

Justin Fritz / Tiffany Strausberger

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

Motion carried.

**A. Harris
Elem. SS
Chair** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve **Angela Harris** as the Elementary Social Studies Department Chair for the 2014-2015 School Year, per professional contract.

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

Motion carried.

**E. Pagotto
Salary
Adj.** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to revise the motion dated 5/19/2014 which set the beginning salary for Erica Pagotto from Step 3M (\$41,412.00) to Step 3B (\$40,571.00).

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

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous -

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

1. **EP/FR Grade 3 (M. Barilla, L. Zimmerman, A. Rheinhardt)** - September 22, 2014 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to travel to the Lehigh Gap Nature Center as part of the 3rd grade science curriculum.
2. **MA/SD Grade 3 (J. Wentz, J. Boyle, C. Kresge, K. Blisard)** - September 24, 2014 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to travel to the Lehigh Gap Nature Center as part of the 3rd grade science curriculum.
3. **MA/SD Grade 4 (R. Rupell, A. Swanson, B. Cressley, M. Dillman, C. Hoppes)** - October 9, 2014 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to travel to the Lehigh Gap Nature Center as part of the 4th grade science curriculum.
4. **LAHS Chorus (D. Perkins)** - October 11, 2014 (6 a.m. - 9 p.m.) - to travel To Penn State University to participate in the PSU Men of Song Festival.
5. **EP/FR Grade 4 (B. Breiner, C. Haupt, D. Gerber, A. Hedash, T. Strausberger)** - October 14, 2014 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) - to travel to the Lehigh Gap Nature Center as part of the 4th grade science curriculum.
6. **LAHS Chorus (D. Perkins)** - October 20, 2014- to travel to Parkland HS to audition for district chorus.
7. **Ellen Perkins (HS Chorus)** - October 26-29, 2014 - to travel to the National Association Federation of Music Educators National Chorus event/competition in Nashville, Tennessee.
8. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** - December 6, 2014 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) - to travel to Parkland HS to audition for District 10 Band.
9. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** - January 7 - 10, 2015 - to travel to Exeter HS to participate in the district 10 Band Festival.
10. **LAHS District Chorus Students (D. Perkins)** - January 22-24, 2015 (7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.) - to travel to Muhlenburg HS to participate in District 10 Chorus.
11. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** - February 11 - 14, 2015 - to travel to East Stroudsburg South HS to participate in Region V Band.

12. **LAHS Region Chorus Students (D. Perkins)** - February 26 - 28, 2015 - to travel to a destination to be decided to participate in Region V Chorus.
13. **LAHS All-State Member (D. Perkins)** - March 25 - 28, 2015 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) to travel to Hershey, PA to participate with selected students in PMEA All-State.
14. **LAHS Band (B. Buffington)** - March 25 - 28, 2015 - to travel to Hershey, PA to participate in the All-State Band Festival.

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

Motion carried.

Student Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to acknowledge the following student teachers:

1. **Emily Mulcahy**, Kutztown University student, assigned to the Middle School
2. **Matthew Mills**, Kutztown University student, assigned to the High School
3. **Kayla Fink**, Bloomsburg University student, assigned to Franklin Elementary
4. **Rebecca Moats**, Marywood University student, assigned to the Middle School

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

Motion carried.

Surplus Items

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

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

Motion carried.

Programs -

Use of School Property

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

1. **Lehigh Area Soccer Club (JD Light)** - August 18 - November 5, 2014 (M-Th 6-7 pm) (Sat 9-12) - to use Franklin Elementary outside fields for soccer practice and games.
2. **Carbon Career & Technical Institute (Francine Garenty-Kluck)** - September 25, 2014 (5 - 8 p.m.) - to use the High School classroom for GED preparation class.
3. **Good News Club (CEF) (Debra Siglin)** - October 2, 2014 - April 16, 2015 (Thursdays 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.) - to use the Mahoning Elementary Multi-Purpose Room for the purpose of Good News Club.
4. **Lehigh Borough 150th Celebration Committee (Clark Ritter)** - November 1, 2014 - (3 - 10 p.m.) to use the Middle School gym for a band concert as a fund raiser. Requesting waiver of fees.
5. **American Cancer Society (Erik McCaughy)** - May 28 - 31, 2015 (Various times) - to use the Middle School football field / concession stands / gym (if inclement weather) for the purpose of Relay for Life Fundraiser.

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

Motion carried.

School Broadcast Program MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve an agreement with the School Broadcast Program and the Lehigh Area School District to stream video for various events throughout the 2014-2015 school year. The agreement is at no cost to the district.

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

Motion carried.

Winter Credit Recovery Program MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Lehigh Area High School to offer a Winter Credit Recovery program for students at a cost not to exceed \$150 per class using the APEX learning system for fifteen 2-hour sessions after the first semester. The number of instructors will be determined by the number of participants. There will be no cost to the district.

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

Motion carried.

SAT Prep Classes Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve SAT Prep classes for English and Math, at the High School during the 2014-2015 school year. Each course will be six hours and the cost will be \$25 to the student. There will be no cost to the district.

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

Motion carried.

Old Business for Discussion -

Bill Hill -

- *Start Moving on the MS*
- *EXCO is in place*
- *9/8/2014 Trane / EI bid packets*
- *Asbestos issues could be dealt with over the Christmas Holiday*
- *MS project is simple. Need plot print. Decide where the café and secure vestibule.*
- *If there was any project that could be kicked off, this would be it.*
- *\$9M package.*

Gloria Bowman -

- *\$10.9M*

Bill Hill -

- *Get it on the table. Easiest to do right now.*
- *Walked both plots - postage stamps.*
- *Top - soccer field / back - swales*
- *We are the elected officials - We have the final say.*

- We should meet as the Committee as a Whole for these projects.
- I make a motion that the MS/ HS/Elementary meetings are as a Committee as a Whole.

Jonathan Cleaver -

- The committees talk about design but decisions are made by the board as a whole.

Lori Nothstein -

- I feel we have the right to join any committee if we want. Should meet as a group.

Rocky Ahner -

- In violation of sunshine law.

Atty. Schwab -

- If you meet as a Committee of a Whole, the meeting must be advertised.
- Meeting as just a committee with community invited does not need to be advertised. No voting.

Meeting as Committee As a Whole MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein, that all Building Committee meetings for all three projects shall be the Committee of the Board as a Whole.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Motion carried.

New Business for Discussion -

1. Addendum -

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

General Fund	\$ 1,432,771.22
Benefits	\$ 4,097.25
Food Service Fund	\$ 70,469.47
Capital Reserve	\$ <u> </u>
Athletic Fund	\$ <u>10,756.99</u>
Total	\$ 1,518,094.93

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

2. Addendum (2) -

MOU - Head Cook Position MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the District approves the Memorandum of Understanding concerning high school head cook position pending approval of the Association.

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

Motion carried.

S. Hinkle Hired as Head Cook MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve Sharon Hinkle hired as Head Cook per salary of \$9.53/per hour (Lehigh Area Educational Support Personnel contract), upon approval of the MOU.

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

Motion carried.

3. Bill Hill - Propose the following motion:

RFI's w/ Local Banks MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mrs. Nothstein that the Business Manager pursues RFI's with local banks.

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 - 9 NO - ____ ABSENT - ____ ABSTENTIONS - ____

Motion carried.

*** Bill Hill left the board room 9:04 p.m. - 9:05 p.m.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment -

1. Wally Putkowski - Sports Field / rebuild Middle School

- Anything new regarding the stadium?

Jonathan Cleaver - Zoning variance was approved / no land development.

- Glad moving ahead with something.
- Trying to push forward.

Jonathan Cleaver - We didn't agree to anything yet.

- Difficult job.

2. Frank Sorick - Bond Vote (Carbon Co. Gazette)

Gloria Bowman - Sir are you a Lehighton resident?

- No, a reporter for Carbon Co. Gazette

Gloria Bowman - I'm sorry. If you are not a resident, you may not be addressed as courtesy of the floor.

3. David Bradley - School vans, new business, academic study

- What are the years of the vans? 2002? High mileage? 50,000 - 70,000?
- Can't you buy used vans?
- Academic study - elementary center - name/year/how many have it?

Jonathan Cleaver - Information is presented in the study.

Gloria Bowman - Research based. - Farmingham Study.

David Bradley -

- Last November you had a motion regarding the stadium and repair the elementary buildings. Did you ever retract that motion? You still have a live motion.
- What about the MOU for Kraky (not to come to the building)?

Jonathan Cleaver - That is a personnel issue.

Atty. Schwab - The reason is personnel - not a public issue. Confidential.

4. Wilmer Everetts - Gloria's comment that taxes will not increase.

- Debt service / Negative 30
- How can you loan so much money?

Jonathan Cleaver - Operational expenses - offsets debt service.

Adjournment -

**Next regular scheduled meeting is the regular meeting on Monday,
September 29, 2014.**

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted



Brian Feick
Board Secretary

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