

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Building Committee Workshop Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2014

7:00 PM

Administration Board Room

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order - A workshop 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 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call -

	Present	Absent	
Mr. Rocky Ahner, Member	X	☐	
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	X	☐	
Mr. Stephen L. Holland, Member	X	☐	
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	- Arrived 7:30 p.m.
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/ Asst. Bd Secretary	X	☐	

Presentations -

Superintendent - Jonathan J. Cleaver -

1. PlanCon A & B Approvals - PowerPoint

- *Mr. Vogel expressed that our proposal was clean*
- *9/2/2014 committee meeting*

High School -

- *Combined bid (MS/HS or MS/HS/Elem)*
- *Possibly one general contractor*
- *Applied for ACE grant*
- *QZAB - Do not meet free/reduced lunch for the HS. At the time of financing, bond may qualify.*

Middle School -

- Asbestos - beginning stages
- Applied for ACE
- QZAB - communication
- Size of building should house all grades
- ESCO - talked with John Lynn of Trane. He is aware of process. Letter of agreement to move forward. Two months to complete. With this process will take longer. Will send revised letter to follow scope of Plan Con process. Phone conference in October with EI & Trane.

Elementary -

- New Building longer for land development
- Part F - need municipality approvals
- No HS/ADM work will be done as part of PlanCon
- Sp. Ed. classes not in all one area
- Faculty dining near copying / mail room

Questions -

Gloria Bowman - HS/Elem. not part of PlanCon.

Jonathan Cleaver - The HS and Elem. stand alone projects.

Gloria Bowman - We have a meeting for the MS project. Anything about the HS?

Jonathan Cleaver - No, just the middle school

2. Middle School Building Project Update - PowerPoint

- 9/2/2014 - MS Design Meeting
- Asbestos Removal
- Spec document to board to move forward.
- Evening / vacations / bagging - possibilities
- Evaluation every 6 months
- Cost - \$100,000
- Cafeteria to move to 1st / 2nd floor
- Office / Nurses office - next to cafeteria

Questions -

Gloria Bowman - Noise level with dining next to media center?

Jonathan Cleaver - Cafeteria style

Ideas from 9/2 meeting:

Environmental Center - environmentally friendly outdoor area

2nd floor - add three classrooms

Removing grade 5

Leave ground floor as is & use money for 1st / 2nd floor educational areas.

Bill Hill - What are the best case scenarios to finish?

Jonathan Cleaver - 18 months without bids, etc. Depends on how long to decide on design.
Based on other plans - 18 mos. for construction phase.

Bill Hill - How long for elementary? 3-4 years until finished? What do we do with grade 5 meantime?

Joe H. what is your best estimate for asbestos removal?

Joe Hauser - After Board approval - start in November - could be two months. We will be ahead if we start in winter.

Bill Hill - Push JMSI to get started. Push them. Night work to get done by end of January. The MS Auditorium is the best acoustically in the county.

Gloria, are we going to sit down and decide what will be done?

Jonathan Cleaver - That would be what the design committee would do. Trane needs to know this information.

Bill Hill - November workshop meeting have Trane here. See how EI and Trane cooperate.

Jonathan Cleaver - Limited to PlanCon process

Bill Hill - Make Trane mechanical prime and EI construction.

Jonathan Cleaver - Old cafeteria - auxiliary gym.

Bottom section currently has air conditioning

Small engine repair coursework

QZAB application - need course application

Brian Feick - Wood shop / small engine repair - only need ventilation

Larry Stern - Budget for the building?

Jonathan Cleaver - Little at a time.

Bill Hill - No cutting corners.

Gloria Bowman - Bring up at the next MS meeting.

Jonathan Cleaver - Many more MS meetings will be needed.

Bill Hill - No reason why we can't go to bid in March.

Jonathan Cleaver - If we know the design, that helps.

Bill Hill - I like what I see for the 1st / 2nd floor. Ed. Concept.

Rocky Ahner - What is JMSI bringing to the next meeting?

Move forward on the agenda - Why not on this agenda?

Pushing back timeline.

We agreed to get rid of the woodshop to get the Stem Program. Now we want woodshops.

Budget enough to have wood / metal / stem teachers?

Jonathan Cleaver - Do not need special certifications.

Three currently covered under certifications.

Rocky Ahner - Eliminate HS - move to MS

Jonathan Cleaver - No rescheduling needed - same certifications.

Gloria Bowman - Stem program

Brian Feick - There are 50 kids in stem / not in another program / teacher shift

Rocky Ahner - Will still need core subject teachers.

Jonathan Cleaver - Not under confinements as CCTI. One teacher can teach wood/ metal / CAT.

Rocky Ahner - Why worry about it?

Larry Stern - You didn't say a word at the meeting, but now you say all this in public.

Rocky Ahner - I didn't come here to argue with you.

Larry Stern - I'm' not arguing with you. I appreciate your thoughts.

Bill Hill - Make sure safety / inconvenience.

Hal Resh - Completion of asbestos while in building. Inconvenience - yes - to workers / faculty more than to students.

Bill Hill - They know what they are doing. Need to spell it out. Questions about ground floor and ok with the test.

Rocky Ahner - bump out, ok.

Bill Hill - Do we need a motion to approve conceptual drawing other than the ground floor?

Jonathan Cleaver - The board agenda is for motions. Discussions with board on criteria regarding motions at workshop meetings.

MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve JMSI to move forward with the asbestos study, assessment, and bid specifications for the Middle School Project.

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

Communications - None

Approval of Minutes - None

Financial Matter - None

Personnel - None

Miscellaneous - None

Programs - None

Old Business for Discussion - None

New Business for Discussion -

Bill Hill - I would like to make the following motion:

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to prepare and sign a letter of agreement with Trane.

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

Jonathan Cleaver - I will try to get the revised letter prepared and out to the Atty. for review.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment -

1. Frank Tamburri - If Needed Regarding Tonight's Topic

- Ask Trane for premium for quick work instead of scheduling it in the summer. Difference in cost.

Jonathan Cleaver - Holidays / tie down to timeframe - charge more money.

Brian Feick - Doing over winter, better price - evens out.

Rocky Ahner - they can work on areas that can be closed off.

Larry Stern - When we get bid specs, we can get two (winter vs. summer).

2. David Bradley - Presentation Questions

- Asked for explanation of this design.

Gloria Bowman - This was explained at our committee meetings.

David Bradley - How many designs have been given to EI prior to decisions?

Larry Stern - that was a committee decision

Rocky Ahner - This design is pretty close to what we discussed.

David Bradley - Are you considering other engineering firms?

Jonathan Cleaver - EI is our architect, not the engineer.

David Bradley - Which engineering firm are you using?

Jonathan Cleaver - We are not at that point.

Rocky Ahner - If you are working on kitchens, you pick an engineer who does kitchens.

David Bradley - did you look at free designs from the State?

Jonathan Cleaver - Based on our curriculum, not the free design.

David Bradley began yelling and badgering responses.

Jonathan Cleaver - Mr. Bradley, just because you do not like my response, does not mean I did not give you one.

Gloria Bowman - I have done a lot of research on Middle School design.

David Bradley - You have talked about a limited time... who puts time restraints?

Jonathan Cleaver - I'm talking Step one of process.

Bill Hill - *If we wait until the summer, it will take into next year. I don't want to be doing this next year. Zero risk.*

David Bradley - *When does the board plan on agenda Jericho plan? Slum lord board....*

Gloria Bowman - *Mr. Bradley, no slurs.*

Bill Hill - *We should look at bank bids - RFI.*

Jonathan Cleaver - *Information from 20 different banks.
Presentation at Finance Meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m.*

Bill Feick - *Mr. Resh approved the agenda.*

Jonathan Cleaver - *The presentation "Construction 101" will take place tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.*

We will have an Executive Session following tonight's meeting for personnel issues.

Adjournment -

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

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted



**Brian Feick
Board Secretary**

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