

Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Reorganization Meeting of School Board

Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00PM

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order - A re-organization 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 Eric Filer, Solicitor	X	☐
Ms. Bonnie Cortese, Recording / Asst. Bd. Sec.	X	☐

**** Executive Session (personnel / contract issues)**

Public Comment on Agenda -

1. Stephen Ebbert - Chairman - Lehigh Fire Co. Building Project

- *Endorsed the hiring of a construction management team.*
- *Used Alvin Butz*
- *The Architect will give you what you want despite the budget. The construction management team will be concerned with the budget and will find where you can save money.*
- *You cannot expect one individual to manage this large of a project.*
- *Having a construction management team will benefit the district in the long run.*

Hal Resh - How many did you interview?

Stephen Ebbert - We interviewed 56 architects / 8 construction management teams.

Election of Temporary President

Vice President presides and opens nominations for Temporary President.

Mrs. Nothstein nominated Mr. Resh - out of line
Mr. Ahner nominated Mr. Hill - Mr. Hill declined
Mr. Wentz nominated Mr. Yenser
Mr. Hill nominated Mr. Holland - Mr. Holland declined

MOTION by Mr. Holland, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to close nominations and elect Mr. Yenser as Temporary President.

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

Election of President -

Temporary President presides and calls for nominations for President.

Mr. Wentz nominated Mrs. Bowman
Mrs. Nothstein nominated Mr. Resh

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to close nominations for President.

Roll Call Vote:

	Bowman	Resh
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: BOWMAN - 5 RESH - 4

Motion carried.

Mrs. Gloria Bowman elected as President

The President assumes the Chair.

Election of Vice President -

President presides and calls for nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Wentz nominated Mr. Stern
Mr. Hill nominated Mr. Resh

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

	Stern	Resh
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
Mr. Hal Resh, Vice-President	☐	X
Mr. Larry Stern, Member	X	☐
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	☐
Mrs. Gloria Bowman, President	X	☐

VOTE: STERN - 5 RESH - 4

Motion carried.

Mr. Stern elected as Vice-President.

President will conduct the appointment of the following positions:

Negotiations/Personnel Committee (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointees (4): Mr. Larry Stern
 Mr. Stephen Holland
 Mr. Wayne Wentz
 Mr. Hal Resh

Budget/Finance Committee (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointees (3): Mr. Hal Resh
 Mr. Andrew Yenser
 Mrs. Gloria Bowman

Building and Grounds Committee (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointees (2): Mr. Wayne Wentz
 Mr. Larry Stern
 Mr. Stephen Holland

Policy/Academic Affairs Committee (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointees (3): Mrs. Gloria Bowman
 Mr. Hal Resh
 Mr. Larry Stern

Wellness Committee (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointee (1): Mr. Rocky Ahner

Lehigh Memorial Library Board (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointees (2): Mrs. Lori Nothstein

Athletic Committee (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointees (3): Mr. Wayne Wentz
 Mr. Stephen Holland
 Mr. Larry Stern

Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointees (2): Mr. Rocky Ahner
 Mr. William Hill

Advisory Committee of Title I (December 2014 to December 2015)

Appointee (1): Mrs. Gloria Bowman

President will conduct election of the following positions:

**Carbon Career & Technical Institute Representative to Joint Operating Committee
(December 2014 to December 2017)**

President calls for nominations.

Mr. Stern nominated Mr. Yenser

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to close nominations and elect Mr. Yenser, as Carbon Career & Technical Institute Representative to Joint Operating Committee.

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

Carbon Career & Technical Institute Alternate Representative to Joint Operating Committee (December 2014 to December 2015)

President calls for nominations.

Mr. Yenser nominated Mr. Ahner

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to close nominations and elect Mr. Ahner, as Carbon Career & Technical Institute Alternate Representative to Joint Operating Committee.

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

Calendar of Regular School Board Meetings -

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the Lehigh Area School District Regular School Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Calendar of Workshop School Board Meetings -

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve the Lehigh Area School District Workshop School Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Presentations -

1. Tim Tkach – School Performance Profile Update / PVAAS

- *Based on score of 70 or above*
- *Part of Teacher Evaluation System (Act 82 of 2012)*
- *Out of 7 Carbon County schools who had improved scores, LASD had four of those schools.*

Communications -

1. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Cleaver

- *Snow Day Make-up will take place on January 2, 2015*
- *1st phase of MS Asbestos Abatement completed*
- *Winter sports underway*
- *Elementary Center Design Committee Meeting - Dec. 9, 2014 @ 7 p.m.*

Approval of Minutes -

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2014 regular meeting.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - 2 (Stern, Hill)
Motion carried.

Financial Matters -

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

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

Motion carried.

Quandel MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve to contract with
Construction Quandel Construction Group, Inc. for the service of Construction Management for
Group the High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Multi-purpose Stadium (if
Approved applicable) facility improvement projects. The cost for their service is not to exceed
\$802,000 as presented.

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 - 6 NO - 2 ABSENT - ____ ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion carried.

Personnel -

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

1. Jennifer Evans - Program of Study - Superintendent Letter of Eligibility - California University of PA
2. Jennifer Evans - January 20 - May 9, 2015 / Administrative Theory
3. Jennifer Evans - January 20 - May 9, 2015 / Internship (Part I)
4. Suzanne Howland - February 2 - May 22, 2015 / School / Community Relations
5. Michele Kirsch - January 20 - April 21, 2015 / Curriculum & Instruction
6. Megan Scimeca - January 20 - May 9, 2015 / Assess & Eval Literacy

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

Motion carried.

**Substitutes
Hired** 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 - 2 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

**Athletic
Hires** MOTION by Mr. Ahner, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve the attached list of Athletic hires for the **2014-2015** school year.

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

Motion carried.

**S. Tkach
Hired
As LT
Sub** MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the recommendation to hire **Simon Tkach** as a Social Studies Long-term Substitute assigned to the High School, effective the first day of the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year, at a pro-rated salary of \$38,310 (Step 1-B).

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 Journey requests:

1. **MS - Future Teachers Club (J. Corliss)** - December 5, 2014 (8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)
- to travel to Yenser's Tree Farm to present money from the Trees for Troops Program.
2. **MA/ SD Students (Total # 6) (A. Sebelin)** - December 5, 2014 (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.)
to travel to Yenser's Tree Farm to present donations for Trees for Troops.
3. **HS Music Express/Chorus (D. Perkins)** - December 14, 2014 (1 - 10:30 p.m.) - to travel to Penn's Peak to perform with Felix Cavaliers Rascals.

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

Motion carried.

Homebound Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve homebound instruction for the following students: **Student #53962 and Student #54715.**

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

Programs -

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

1. **Boys' Soccer (D. Yob)** - Sundays beginning Jan. 18 - March 15, 2015 - (3:30 - 5 p.m.) - To use the HS gym for open gym.
2. **Girls' Soccer (R. Emmert)** - Sundays beginning Jan. 11 - March 29, 2015 (5 - 7 p.m.) - to use the MS gym for preseason training.

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

Old Business for Discussion -

1. Larry Stern -

- *I would like to reintroduce the motion regarding security at the MS during the asbestos abatement.*
- *Security Issue.*

New Business for Discussion -

2. Brian Feick -

- *Presenting two additional motions for approval:*

Purchase Rock Salt MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to approve payment on delivery to American Rental for ice melt and rock salt in the amount of \$6,030.00.

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

TD Bank MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to approve a resolution
Resolution designating TB Bank with a deposit of the TB Bank loan as a construction account.

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

Motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor / Public Comment -

1. Jeff Jordan - National Honor Society

- *Absent - left the board meeting*
- *Spoke to Mr. Cleaver prior to the meeting regarding National Honor Society question*
- *Issue resolved*

Adjournment -

Next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, December 22, 2014.

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Ahner to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted



Brian Feick
Board Secretary

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