# Lehighton Area School District

Lehighton, Pennsylvania

Special Meeting of School Board
Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order -** A special meeting of the Lehighton Area School Board was held in the High School Auditorium, on the above date and called to order at 6:14 p.m.

**Roll Call -**

| | Present | Absent |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. John Finnegan, Member | ☐ | X |
| Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member | X | ☐ |
| Mr. Dave Krause, 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 | ☐ |
| Mr. Rocky Ahner, President | X | ☐ |
| Mr. Michael Malay Jr., Business Manager | X | ☐ |
| Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent | X | ☐ |
| Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor | X | ☐ |
| Ms. Bonnie Cortese, Recording Board Secretary | X | ☐ |

**Courtesy to the Floor -** None

**Presentations -**

1. EI Associates – PlanCon Submission (Handout/PowerPoint Presentation)

**Communications - None**

**Approval of Minutes - None**

**Financial Matters -**

**East Penn PlanCon A/B Submission By EI Assoc. Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to authorize the submission of PlanCon A (Project Justification) and PlanCon B (Schematic Design) by the Architect, EI Associates, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as Lehighton Area **East Penn Elementary School** with required upgrades. The project is listed as Option "Status Quo" in the District-Wide Feasibility Study, dated January 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

| | Yes | No | Absent | Abstention |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. John Finnegan, Member | ☐ | ☐ | X | ☐ |
| Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Dave Krause, 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, President | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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

Motion carried.

**Franklin PlanCon A/B Submission By EI Assoc. Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to authorize the submission of PlanCon A (Project Justification) and PlanCon B (Schematic Design) by the Architect, EI Associates, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as Lehighton Area **Franklin Elementary School** with required upgrades. The project is listed as Option "Status Quo" in the District-Wide Feasibility Study, dated January 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

| | Yes | No | Absent | Abstention |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. John Finnegan, Member | ☐ | ☐ | X | ☐ |
| Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Dave Krause, 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, President | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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

Motion carried.

**Mahoning PlanCon A/B Submission By EI Assoc. Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to authorize the submission of PlanCon A (Project Justification) and PlanCon B (Schematic Design) by the Architect, EI Associates, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as Lehighton Area **Mahoning Elementary School** with required upgrades. The project is listed as Option "Status Quo" in the District-Wide Feasibility Study, dated January 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

| | Yes | No | Absent | Abstention |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. John Finnegan, Member | ☐ | ☐ | X | ☐ |
| Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Dave Krause, 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, President | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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

Motion carried.

**Shull-David PlanCon A/B Submission By EI Assoc. Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to authorize the submission of PlanCon A (Project Justification) and PlanCon B (Schematic Design) by the Architect, EI Associates, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as Lehighton Area **Shull-David Elementary School** with required upgrades. The project is listed as Option "Status Quo" in the District-Wide Feasibility Study, dated January 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

| | Yes | No | Absent | Abstention |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. John Finnegan, Member | ☐ | ☐ | X | ☐ |
| Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Dave Krause, 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, President | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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

Motion carried.

**Middle School Plan Con A/B Submission By EI Assoc. Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to authorize the submission of PlanCon A (Project Justification) and PlanCon B (Schematic Design) by the Architect, EI Associates, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as Lehighton Area **Middle School** with required upgrades. The project is listed as Option "Status Quo" in the District-Wide Feasibility Study, dated January 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

| | Yes | No | Absent | Abstention |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. John Finnegan, Member | ☐ | ☐ | X | ☐ |
| Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Dave Krause, 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, President | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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

Motion carried.

**High School PlanCon A/B Submission By EI Assoc. Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Resh to authorize the submission of PlanCon A (Project Justification) and PlanCon B (Schematic Design) by the Architect, EI Associates, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as Lehighton Area **High School** with required upgrades. The project is listed as Option "Status Quo" in the District-Wide Feasibility Study, dated January 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

| | Yes | No | Absent | Abstention |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. John Finnegan, Member | ☐ | ☐ | X | ☐ |
| Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Mr. Dave Krause, 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, President | X | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

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

Motion carried.

**MS Gym Sound System Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Zimmerman to approve the proposal from Communications Systems, Inc. (CSI) to purchase a Middle School Gymnasium Sound System at a cost of $23,935.00 through the Co-Stars Purchasing Program.

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

**FR Sidewalk 2nd Payment Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the second payment to JBM Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of $33,682.32 on the Franklin Sidewalk Replacement project documents.

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

**Personnel -**

**N. Lewis LT Lang. Arts Sub Approved**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the recommendation to hire **Natasha Lewis** as a Long-term substitute English teacher assigned to the high school, effective August 31, 2012 at Step 1 / Masters on the professional salary scale.

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

**L. Markell Retirement Accepted**

MOTION by Mr. Krause, SECONDED by Mr. Zimmerman to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for **Larry Markell** as a full-time custodian assigned to East Penn Elementary, effective November 5, 2012. Mr. Markell was employed for 24 years in the District.

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

**Miscellaneous -**

**Surplus Items Approved** MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the attached surplus items.

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

**Stud. 13174 Settlement Approved** MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Krause to approve settlement agreement between Lehighton Area School District and Student **#13174.**

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

**Programs -** None

**Old Business for Discussion -** None

**New Business for Discussion -**

1. **Mr. Cleaver –** There will be a special Board Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the Middle School Gymnasium at 7 p.m. for a presentation regarding the stadium.

**Adjournment -**

**Next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Administration Building.**

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted

J. Michael Malay, Jr.
Board Secretary

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