Lehighton Area School District

Lehighton, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board
Monday, September 24, 2012 at 7:00PM

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 7:00 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 -

1. **William Hill -** Read a letter from a FR Twp. Taxpayer regarding the stadium. (Franklin Tampeli, Taxpayers for Sensible Spending)

Presentations -

1. **Carmen F. Ambrosino** - Wyoming D & A, CEO
   - Travis Andrews -D&A Specialist hired for LASD
   - October 23, 2012 - Operation Saturation Program - 14 specialists to interface with students
   - Evening program for parents
   - October 23, 2012 - Red Ribbon Week (District-wide)

Communications -

1. Superintendent's Report – *Mr. Cleaver*
   … Thanks to: Barry Isett & Associates, Wyoming Vly. D & A, Mr. Tim Tkach, Mr. Dennis Serfass & Mr. Hugh Dugan for working on the Lehighton Education & Athletic Foundation
2. Board President's Report – *Mr. Ahner*
   … Plan Con Committee Meeting – October 4, 2012
3. Lehighton Memorial Library Report – *Mr. Finnegan*
   … Library Committee Meeting on September 27, 2012
4. Legislative Policy Committee of PSBA Report – *Mr. Krause*
   … House / Senate just reconvened
   … PSBA Conference scheduled for October 16, 2012
5. Title I Advisory Committee Report – *Mr. Zimmerman*
   … I-Pads provided for Title I Students
   … October 16, 2012 (6-8 pm) Parent Night at Shull-David
6. CCTI Report - *Mr. Yenser*
   … CCTI building renovation punch items completed
   … Reminder to use CCTI Salon and Restaurant
7. CLIU Report – *Mr. Wentz*
   … IU sends thank you to LASD for use of our facilities for their bus driver in-service on 8/16/12.
8. Student Representative Report – *Nicole Schnell*
   … NHS is in the midst of election
   … Jr. class will be hosting the Red Cross
   … LASD will again host the Ragnar Relay
9. Solicitor's Report – *Attorney William Schwab - written*
10. Building/Grounds Report - *Mr. Stern*
11. *… 9/11/12 – Barry Isett & Assoc. – HS Bldg. envelope report*
    … 9/13/12 – PlanCon Submission
    … 9/20/12 – Stadium Meeting – MS Gymnasium completed. Very nice.
12. LCCC – *Mr. Stern*
    … Enrollment falling, but stable

Approval of Minutes -

MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2012, regular meeting.

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

Motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Krause to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2012, special meeting.

VOTE: YES - 7 NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - 2

Motion carried.

Financial Matters -

Activities Report

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Finnegan to approve the Lehighton Area High School Activities Fund for August 2012.

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

Motion carried.

Payment Of Bills

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

General Fund	$	509,373.35
Benefits	$	32,423.10
Food Service Fund	$	20,541.73
Capital Reserve	$	----------
Athletic Fund	$	15,323.97
Total	$	577,662.15

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

Motion carried.

Treasurer Reports

MOTION by Mr. Hill, 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. Athletic Fund
    4. Food Service Fund

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

Motion carried.

Per Capita/ Occ. Tax Exemptions Approved

MOTION by Mr. Finnegan, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve exemptions from Per Capital and/or Occupational Tax per the attached list.

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

Motion carried.

2012 Occ. Tax Refund B. Jones

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to refund Occupational Tax for year 2012 in the amount of $367.50 to Barbara Jones.

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

2012 Occ. Tax Refund S. Diehl

MOTION by Mr. Krause, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to refund Occupational Tax for year 2012 in the amount of $245.00 to Spener Diehl.

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

S. Michalik Conference Approved

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Finnegan to approve **Sandy Michalik** to attend the Eastern PA Special Ed. Administrative Conference in Hershey, PA, on October 24, 25, 26, 2012, at an approximate cost of $380.00, plus mileage, to be paid from the 2012-2013 budget.

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

Approved Main HVAC Unit

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Zimmerman to approve Barry Isett & Associates to proceed with bid specifications and to bid the replacement of the main HVAC unit in the Administrative Office Building.

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

Approved Gas Conv. Steamer

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the proposal from Singer Equipment Company, for the purchase and installation of a Vulcan Gas Convection Steamer at Franklin Elementary in the amount of $13,744.60.

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

Occ. Tax Assessment Changes

MOTION by Mr. Finnegan, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve Occupational Tax Assessment changes as per the attached list.

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

Personnel -

Coursework Approved

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mr. Zimmerman to approve the following requests for pre-approval of courses for continuing education:

1. **Kenneth Eck, Jr. -** October 8 - December 9, 2012 / Developing Reading & Writing Across the Curriculum
2. **Jessica Scholl -** October 16 - December 10, 2012 / Successful Teaching for Acceptance of Responsibility
3. **Jena Wank** - November 5 - 30, 2012 / Research Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement
4. **Jena Wank -** December 3 - 28, 2012 / Multicultural & Socioeconomical Ed.

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

Substitutes Approved

MOTION by Mr. Finnegan, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the attached list of candidates for the **2012-2013 Substitute** list pending clearances.

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

Athletic/ Ex. Curr. Hires

MOTION by Mr. Krause, SECONDED by Mr. Finnegan to approve the **Athletic/Extra-Curricular** hires for the **2012-2013** school year (per attachment).

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

Tenure Approvals

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser to approve the following professional employees for **tenure**:

1. **Felicia Amorim** – Franklin Elem. Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
2. **Jennifer Boyle** – Shull-David Elem. Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
3. **Jessica Corliss** – Middle School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
4. **Pamela Firkel** – Middle School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
5. **Melissa Geiser** – Mahoning Elem. Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
6. **Jessica Grasso** – Shull-David Elem. Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
7. **James Gurka** – High School Teacher – effective hire date 2/2/2009
8. **Catherine Hontz** – Middle School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
9. **Michele Kirsch** – Franklin Elementary Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
10. **Jacob Marushak** – High School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
11. **Jacob Molchany** – Middle School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
12. **JoAnn Schoenberger** – Middle School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
13. **Jessica Scholl** – FR/East Penn Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
14. **Marianne Slaby** – High School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
15. **Stephanie Smith** – Franklin Elementary Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
16. **Melissa Volcskai** – High School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
17. **Jena Wank** – Middle School Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009
18. **Amanda Yusella** – East Penn Elem. Teacher – effective hire date 8/26/2009

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

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous -

School Journey Requests

MOTION by Mr. Finnegan, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve the following School Journey requests:

1. **Scholastic Scrimmage (Sharon Leitzel / Melissa Volcskai)** – October 10, 2012 – (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.) to Channel 39 / Bethlehem, PA.
2. **HS – Gr. 9 Earth Science/Ecology (Guy Potts / Beth Daubert)** – October 17, 2012 – (9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) – Lehigh Gap Nature Center, Walnutport, PA
3. **HS – FBLA (Kim Mychaliszyn-Simko / Matthew Fisher)** – October 18, 2012 – to travel to Pleasant Valley HS / FBLA Reg. 21 Workshop
4. **HS Ski Club (Doug Bowman)** – November 14, 28, December 5, 12, 2012 (3 :30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) – to travel to North Summit, Reading Rocks for indoor rock climbing.
5. **HS Ski Club (Doug Bowman)** – January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2013 – to travel to Blue Mountain Ski Area.

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

Motion carried.

Early Grads Approved

MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Finnegan to approve early graduation in January 2013 for the following students: **#13039 and #12175.**

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

Big Creek BBQ Approved for Oct. 16, 2012

MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve Big Creek BBQ to set up in the south corner of the Football Stadium to sell food for the Friday, October 26, 2012 Home Football Game. All proceeds from the game will be given directly to the Lehighton Touchdown Club.

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

Programs -

Use of School Property

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

1. **Graduation Project (Tim O'Connor)** - October 7, 2012 - (Sunday) - (10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.) to use the High School Gymnasium a Volleyball Tournament.
2. **LABC Wrestling (Mike Gornick)** - Various dates October 29, 2012 - February 1, 2013 (6 - 8:30 p.m.) - to use the MS Main Hallway and Wrestling Room for Lehighton youth wrestling practice.
3. **LABC Wrestling (Mike Gornick)** - November 24, 25, December 2, 16/2012 - to use the High School gymnasium for set-up, annual tournament and two home matches.
4. **Lehighton Booster Club (Kyle Elsasser)** - Various dates per approval of bldg.. administration - to use the Middle & High School gymnasiums for boys' and girls' basketball games.
5. **LHS Softball (Greg Poremba)** - Various Sundays (Nov. 18 - Feb. 24, 2012) - 3 -5:30 p.m. - HS gymnasium - for open gym softball.

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

1st Reading Policy #202

MOTION by Mr. Krause, SECONDED by Mr. Finnegan to approve the **1st reading** of the revisions of the following Lehighton Area School District Policies:

1. **#202** - Eligibility of Non-Resident Students

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

Jr.-Sr. Prom Approved MOTION by Mr. Hill, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the Junior-Senior Prom at the Woodstone Country Club, Danielsville, PA, on May 10, 2013.

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

Sr. Outing Approved MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Finnegan to approve the Senior outing on May 17, 2013 at the Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony, PA, at no cost to the District. It must also be understood, should there be any insubordination or any other misconduct (especially involving the use of drugs and/or alcohol) the involved may be excluded from participation in commencement exercises.

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

Old Business for Discussion - None

New Business for Discussion -
1. Addendum -

Payment Of Bills MOTION by Mr. Yenser, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the additional Payment of Bills:

General Fund	$	901,904.85
---Health Benefits	$	----------
Food Service Fund	$	12,825.22
Capital Reserve	$	----------
Athletic Fund	$	1,882.55
Total	$	916,612.62

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

Final Pymt. For FR Sidewalks MOTION by Mr. Stern, SECONDED by Mr. Wentz to approve the final payment to JBM Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of $4,200.00 on the Franklin Sidewalk Replacement project documents.

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

Final Pymt. MS Gym Project

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Hill to approve a payment to Miller Flooring Company, Inc.in the amount of $161,361.63, this is the final payment on the Middle School Gym project dated March20, 2012, pending receipt of the appropriate prevailing wage documents.

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

Motion carried.

School Journey Requests

MOTION by Mr. Finnegan, SECONDED by Mr. Zimmerman to approve the following School Journey Requests:

1. **MA & SD Grade 4** (R. Rupell/M. Dillman/ B. Cressley) - October 4, 2012 - (8:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to travel to the Lehigh Gap Nature Center - 4th grade science curriculum.
2. **SD Grade 3** (J. Boyle/C. Weiss/K. Wilk/ J. Wentz) - October 22, 2012 - (8:45 - 2:00 p.m. - to travel to the Lehigh Gap Nature Center - 3rd grade science curriculum.
3. **MA Grade 3** (K. Blisard/C. Kresge) - October 23, 2012 (8:45 a.m. - 2:00p.m.) - to travel to the Lehigh Gap Nature Center - 3d grade science curriculum.

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

Motion carried.

2. **William Hill** - Clarification of email questioning guidelines of a Board Member.

3. **Larry Stern** - Requested an Executive Session to follow this evening's meeting. Initiated debate regarding voting on the stadium options.

Motion Died For Lack of 2nd Motion

MOTION by Mr. Resh, SECONDED by _____ that the District will hereby continue to study the situation involving the Lehighton Area School District's football stadium.

Board Committee Authorized To Study New Stadium

MOTION by Mr. Krause, SECONDED by Mr. Yenser that the District Stadium Committee is directed to meet with the School District Engineers, Barry Isset & Associates, Inc., to begin planning to replace the existing stadium currently located at Beaver Run Road and Mahoning Street in Lehighton with a new stadium to be built near the District's existing field hockey and track site located between the District's offices and the high school. The District's Stadium Committee will be responsible to develop a proposal for the construction of the new stadium with a budget and financial estimates for final ratification by the Board.

Courtesy to the Floor Offered:

Mr. David Bradley and the District Engineer spoke on subject.

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. Thomas Zimmerman, Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. John Finnegan, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. William J. Hill, Jr., Member	☐	X	☐	☐
Mr. Dave Krause, Member	X	☐	☐	☐
Mr. Rocky Ahner, President	☐	X	☐	☐

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

Motion carried.

4. David Krause – Requested a report on PSSA scores.

Mr. Cleaver is looking at a Board Report at the October Board Meeting.

Adjournment -

Next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, October 22, 2012.

MOTION by Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED by Mr. Stern to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted

J. Michael Malay, Jr.
Board Secretary

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