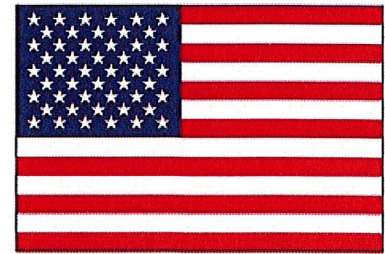


Lehigh Area School District

Lehigh, Pennsylvania

Special Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
7:00 PM



Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order - A virtual special board 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 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Treasurer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Gail Maholic, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Vice President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Patricia Denicola, Business Administrator	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor (Atty. Eric Filer)	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Recording Secretary	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

Public Comment on Agenda

1. **David Bradley**
 - Asked that the meeting be postponed until such time the board, that is responsible for this budget, has time to review it. Found some discrepancies after reviewing personally.
2. **Barbara Bowes**
 - Her questions were answered at the Finance meeting.
3. **Fred Kemmerer**
 - Listened to the Finance meeting. The board is responsible for the budget proposal.

Financial Matter

Postpone Motion MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Maholick to table the motion until the time directors can review this proposed budget that has errors and discrepancies.

Board members discussed the motion.

Mr. Bradley asked to have the draft audit given to board members.

Mr. Stern stated that the board authorized the draft to not be released at the last meeting.

Draft Audit Release MOTION by Mr. Bradley, SECONDED by Mrs. Maholick to recess until a draft copy of the audit is released to the board members to review prior to voting on a proposed budget.

Board members discussed access to the draft audit.

Barbara Bowes asked if the audit presentation will be available prior to the vote on the final budget.

Mr. Cleaver stated that the auditors are planning to present on June 22, 2020.

Fred Kemmerer asked if there is a date that it will turn from draft to final and presented to the board before the board meeting.

Ron Snell asked when the draft was made available to the district. It would be important to give to the public.

Roll Call Vote to Recess:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Larry Stern, President	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Motion denied.

Roll Call Vote to Table Motion:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Larry Stern, President	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: YES - 4 NO - 5 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
 Motion denied.

Adoption of 2020-21 Prop. Budget MOTION by Mrs. Spinelli, SECONDED by Mr. Foeller to adopt the 2020-21 General Fund Proposed Budget.

Mr. Bradley asked that we open the floor for comment from the stakeholders.

Thomas Litchauer commented to table the motion until it is looked into further.

Board members discussed the motion.

Ron Snell stated that the starting point should have been in January/February, not waiting until the preliminary budget to be the starting point.

Barbara Bowes disagrees with putting out a budget with a deficit, it was stated at the Finance meeting that it is against the law to pass a budget with a deficit. There's a lot of work to be done. Act 1 requires that you pass it.

Thomas Litchauer is confused because the Finance meeting said that according to Act 1 we have to pass this tonight. If it has to pass, why are we voting on it and having discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstention
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Vice President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Treasurer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: YES - 5 NO - 4 ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____
 Motion carried.

Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment

1. **Barbara Bowes**
 - Hoping the board comes together to do what is needed to pass a budget on June 30.

2. **Lou Al**
 - Corrective action would be to have your solicitor identify that the proposed budget has not been reviewed and that certain documents are available but not entered into the analysis. Identify changes from January to May. Have an ongoing assessment of the budget.

3. **Fred Kemmerer**
 - Ms. Spinelli mentioned two dates, the 10th and 20th, where the budget that would be presented for final budget would be available for the public. Is that going to actually happen?
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4. **Gloria Bowman**
 - Is there any way that the auditors can give the board a presentation at the finance meeting instead of June 22nd to make it a little bit earlier to have more time to review before the final proposal?

Mr. Bradley asked if we published this proposed document for this meeting to the public?

Mrs. Wagner Stated that it was posted on four different areas on the website.

Adjournment

Next regular scheduled meeting is on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Wentz, SECONDED by Mrs. Spinelli to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Vice President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Joy Beers, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Treasurer	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Larry Stern, President	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: YES - 9 NO - ABSENT - ABSTENTIONS -

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Dencola

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Board Secretary

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