

Lehighton Area School District

Lehighton, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting of School Board (Virtual)

Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM



Agenda

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order

III. Roll Call

Ms. Joy Beers, Member
Mr. Richard R. Beltz, Member
Mr. David F. Bradley, Sr., Member
Mr. Nathan Foeller, Treasurer
Mr. Stephen Holland, Member
Mrs. Gail Maholick, Member
Mrs. Rita Spinelli, Vice President
Mr. Wayne Wentz, Member
Mr. Larry Stern, President
Ms. Patricia Denicola, Business Administrator
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent
Attorney William Schwab, Solicitor
Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Recording Secretary

Present	Absent
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IV. Presentations/Recognition/Announcements

V. Public Comment on Agenda

VI. Communications

1. Superintendent's Report – *Mr. Cleaver*
2. Solicitor's Report – *Atty. Filer*

VII. Approval of Minutes

- A. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2020, special board meeting. (Enc. 1)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- B. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2020, regular meeting. (Enc. 2)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

VIII. Financial Matter

- A. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the Lehigh Area High School Activities Fund for June/July 2020. (Enc. 3)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- B. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the Payment of Bills for July 2020: (Enc. 4)

General Fund	\$ 1,676,230.94
--Manual Checks	\$ 45,322.56
--Benefits	\$ 47,254.28
--Payroll (July)	\$ 1,563,222.15
--Food Service	\$ 28,537.34
--Debit Card	\$ 46.38
	<u>\$ 3,360,613.65</u>

Note: Members with questions or requesting a copy of any payment, please contact the Business Office prior to the scheduled meeting.

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- C. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the following reports:
- a. Expenditure Report
 - b. Expenditure by Object Report
 - c. Revenue Summary
 - d. Treasurer's Reports
 1. General Fund
 2. Capital Reserve Fund
 3. Capital Projects Fund
 4. Food Service Fund
- (Enc. 5)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- D. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve payment on the following projects from the General Fund for a total of **\$78,238.93**: (Enc. 6)

1. Elementary Center

Phillips Brothers - App. #23	\$ 32,869.05
Jay R. Reynolds - App. #22 & #23	<u>\$ 45,369.88</u>
	\$ 78,238.93

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- E. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve exemptions from Per Capita and/or Occupational Tax per the attached lists. (Enc. 7)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- F. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to refund the following:
1. Occupational Tax for year 2019 in the amount of \$122.50 to Mary A. Smith;
 2. Occupational Tax for year 2019 in the amount of \$122.50 to John R Smith, Jr.

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- G. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the 2020-2021 insurance package policies for property, general liability, auto, boiler and machinery, umbrella, security, error and omissions, in the amount of **\$175,981.00** requesting payment to 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- H. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the following budget transfers to move funds to appropriate functions and/or objects in accordance with School Code and the State Chart of Accounts. (Enc. 8)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- I. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the Automated Logic Contracting Service Agreement with the Lehigh Area School District for the District's HVAC for the High School, Middle School, and Elementary Center in the amount of **\$69,581.00** for one year, upon recommendation of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Enc. 9)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- J. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the service contract with Keystone Fire Protection Co. for the District's annual inspections of the sprinkler systems for the High School, Middle School, and Elementary Center in the amount of **\$1,813.00** for one year, upon recommendation of the Building & Grounds Committee. (Enc. 10)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- K. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the contract between Behavioral Health Associates and the Lehigh Area School District for programs and services for the 2020-2021 school year. (Enc. 11)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- L. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the attached food service A la Carte Price List for the 2020-2021 school year. (Enc. 12)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- M. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to accept the donation to the general fund of **\$11,786.00** from the Elementary Center PTO to be used for elementary online educational resources.

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- N. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the payment to George's Transportation Company in the amount of **\$111,073.00** for the 2019-2020 school year. (Enc. 13)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- O. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the 2020 Financing Project Resolution, authorizing and directing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2020 in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$3,840,000 and General Obligation Notes, series of 2020 in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$1,710,000 providing the proceeds of the bonds shall be used to refund all or a portion the school district's General Obligation Note Series of 2014, General Obligation Note Series of 2017; General Obligation Bonds Series of 2014, General Obligation Bonds series of 2015 and General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2015. (Enc. 14)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- P. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the 2020A Financing Project Resolution, authorizing and directing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2020 in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$47,500,000 providing the proceeds of the bonds shall be used to refund all or a portion the school district's General Obligation Note Series of 2014, General Obligation Note Series of 2017; General Obligation Bonds Series of 2014, General Obligation Bonds series of 2015 and General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2015.

(Enc. 15)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- Q. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the Agreement for Participation in Child Nutrition Programs Sponsor's Agreement with Behavioral Health Associates (BHA) for the 2020-2021 school year. (Enc. 16)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- R. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve a cost not to exceed \$800,000.00 for transportation through George's Transportation Company, Inc. for student bussing for the 2020-2021 school year. (Enc. 17)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- S. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the contract with Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc., for Drug and Alcohol education and preventative services for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$14,000.00 paid through 2020-2021 grant funds. (Enc. 17.5)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

IX. Personnel

- A. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the attached list of candidates for the **2020-2021 Substitute List** pending clearances. (Enc. 18)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- B. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the **Athletic** hires and **Extra-Curricular** hires for the **2020-2021** school year. (Enc. 19)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- C. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to accept the retirement of the following professional employees, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year:

1. **Susan Stufflet** – Music Teacher – Hired October 14, 1991 – 28.85 Years of Service
2. **Audrey Hedash** – Elementary Teacher – Hired June 28, 2004 – 16 Years of Service

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- D. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to accept the intent to retire for the following support employee under terms of their respective contract with eligibility of all retirement benefits:
1. **Beverly Everett** – Paraprofessional – Hired August 9, 1993 – 26.80 Years of Service – effective December 31, 2020

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- E. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the following requests for pre-approval of courses/Programs of Study for continuing education:
1. **Employee #1085** – September 21-December 12, 2020/Early Literacy II (\$300.00)
 2. **Employee #1085** – September 21-December 12, 2020/Mathematics Methods and Content Early Childhood (\$300.00)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

X. Miscellaneous

- A. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the eLearn21 Leighton Area Virtual Academy (LAVA) Parent/Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year. (Enc. 20)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- B. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the following High School Scholarship to be added to the District's General Scholarship Fund beginning with the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Edward W. and Phyllis K. Brown Business Student Scholarship

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- C. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve George's Transportation Company, Inc. list of school bus drivers for the school year 2020–2021. (Enc. 21)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- D. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to approve the revision to the Lehigh Valley Area School District Health & Safety Plan. (Enc. 22)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

XI. Programs

- A. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to award the Athletic Training Contract to Lehigh Valley Health Network or St. Luke's University Health Network per the proposals. (Enc. 23)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

XII. Old Business for Discussion

1. Lehigh Valley School Site, LLC Appeal

XIII. New Business for Discussion

XIV. Directors' Concerns

- A. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to ask Larry Stern to resign as President of the Board due to his failure to call a special meeting as required by the School Code and due to the fact that he cannot perform many of the duties due to a conflict of interest per the Pennsylvania Ethics Act.

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- B. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to censure Larry Stern, Rita Spinelli, Nathan Foeller, Wayne Wentz, and Steve Holland for not performing their duties as school directors, specifically for the following items:
- Allowing the Administration to file the Annual Financial Report past the state deadline and exposing our District to a fine
 - Not holding the Administration accountable in following through on motions passed by the Board
 - Not instructing the Administration to comply with the Right to Know Law and exposing our District to additional costs
 - Not allowing the Board to be involved in the Collective Bargaining process

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- C. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to censure Nathan Foeller for not assuring that financial documents are made available for Board review.

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

- D. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ for the board of school directors to use their full lawful authority as the local government of this local taxing agency known as the LASD, to fund the protection of students through local transportation services for all students of the district that seek transportation to their school of choice. (Enc. 24)

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

XIV. Courtesy of the floor / Public Comment

XV. Adjournment

Next regular scheduled meeting is on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

- A. MOTION by _____, SECONDED by _____ to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call VOTE: YES - _____ NO - _____ ABSENT - _____ ABSTENTIONS - _____

TIME: _____