

GREATER LATROBE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2012
6:30 pm Executive Session: Personnel
7:30 pm Regular Meeting

Members Present: Kathryn Elder, Eric Hauser, Heidi Kozar, Rhonda Laughlin, Susan Mains, Merle Musick, David Moffa, William Palmer, Michael Zorch

Members Absent: None

Others Attending: Mrs. Judith Swigart, Daniel M. Watson, Dr. Gennaro Piraino, Dr. Cindy Soltys, Dr. Georgia Teppert, Robin Pynos, Mark Mears, Ken Millslagle, Ned J. Nakles, Constance E. Lazur, Steven LoCascio, Chad Krehlik, Matt Shivetts, Jeff Ingel, Kim Hrezo, Sherri Holler, Michael Porembka, Becki Pellis, Jillian Meloy, Jessica Golden, Latrobe Bulletin & Tribune Review Reporters, Student Representatives Blaire Barnhart and Kevin Davoli, and 25 visitors

Mrs. Mains, Board of Education President, presided at the Regular Meeting held in the Senior High School Center for Student Creativity.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AT 6:30 pm PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Following the roll call with all members present, Mrs. Mains called for Hearing of Visitors Part I, an opportunity for anyone to address the Board regarding any voting item on tonight's agenda.

HEARING OF VISITORS PART I

- Tim Thomas, Unity Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, questioned the need for installing turf fields when other districts use dirt fields. He also questioned the need for out of state contractors for the complex.
- Greg Fumea, Unity Twp. resident, is concerned where the dollars will come from if the district isn't successful with raising philanthropic dollars in support of the project.
- Paul Upson, Unity Twp. resident claims the \$10 million bond issue will, in the end, cost the district \$13 million.
- Rich Siko, Unity Twp. resident says the money should be used for better education and building security.
- Mary Maxwell, Unity Twp. resident disagreed with previous speakers and supports the board's decision as sports are an important part of her children's lives.
- Mark Womack stated athletics is part of education in addition to arts and the classroom. It teaches students accountability, responsibility and teamwork which are life skills all kids will need.
- Gladys Willis, Unity Twp resident, questioned the Bond Issue, and why we need a stadium when we already have one.
- Dawn Davoli, Unity Twp. resident, supported the board's decision stating we have an excellent reputation for academics and the arts, but noted the district is lacking a sports complex for students.

1) SOLICITOR'S REPORT: MR. NAKLES

2) LEGISLATIVE REPORT: DR. LAUGHLIN

3) EDUCATION AND PLANNING: MRS. MAINS

- a) Student Report: Blaire Barnhart & Kevin Davoli
- b) Enrollment Report: Dr. Teppert
- c) Educational Programs: Dr. Piraino
Presentation: Action Based Learning in the Primary Grades: LES Physical Education teacher, Tony Mehalic explained how the program incorporates academics into physical education as students complete actions such as memorizing words while dribbling a basketball.
- d) Curriculum Committee meeting minutes from 10/23/12. Next meeting January 15, 2013 @ 5:30 pm.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 105 - ACCEPTANCE OF TUITION STUDENT FOR 2012-2013

On a motion offered by Mrs. Mains, seconded by Mrs. Kozar and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approves the acceptance of a Baggaley Elementary tuition student, Gina Marie Grippo (Boswell resident) for 2012 – 2013 school year, beginning 11/14/2012. Tuition and Transportation will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 106 - APPROVAL TO HOST HONORS BAND FESTIVAL

On a motion offered by Mrs. Mains, seconded by Mrs. Elder and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors approves the district's hosting the Fay West High School Honors Band Festival on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

On a motion offered by Mrs. Elder, seconded by Mr. Hauser and carried unanimously, resolution numbers 2012 – 2013 #107, 2012 – 2013 # 108, and 2012 – 2013 # 109 were unanimously approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 107 - TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2012

RESOLVED: That the monthly report of the Treasurer, First National Bank, covering period September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, for the General Fund, Athletic, Capital Projects, Food Service, Trust & Agency, Foundation, and Student Activities Funds pending their being properly approved by the Finance Committee, be accepted as presented to the Board and made part of the minutes.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 108 - PAYMENT OF BILLS DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2012

RESOLVED: That the bills, pending their being properly approved by the Finance Committee, are hereby approved as presented to the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors. A copy will be made part of the minutes.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 109 - BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approves Budgetary Transfers as listed:

2012-13 BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

Approved: 19NOV12

SCHEDULE #
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REF.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ASN	TRANS TO	TRANS FROM	Purpose
BT11	BOOKS ETC-SHS-LIBRARY	1226017	1,000.00		REALIGN SHS LIBRARY BUDGET
	SUPPLIES-SHS-LIBRARY	1226012		1,000.00	REALIGN SHS LIBRARY BUDGET
BT12	TEXTBOOKS-BES-LRN SRPT	1126017	430.00		REALIGN LEARN SUPT BUDGET
	SUPPLIES-DIR SPED ED/PPL SVCS	1216011		430.00	REALIGN LEARN SUPT BUDGET
			1,430.00	1,430.00	

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 110 - AUTHORIZE HOMESTEAD / FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION APPLICATION MAILING

On a motion offered by Mrs. Elder, seconded by Mrs. Kozar and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors authorizes Westmoreland County to mail the 2013 Homestead/Farmstead Applications on behalf of Greater Latrobe School District, at a projected cost of \$0.61 per application mailed.

- a) Finance Committee meeting minutes from 11/07/12. Next meeting December 5, 2012 @ 10:00 am.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 111 - APPROVE 5-YEAR COPIER LEASE WITH OCE

On a motion offered by Mrs. Elder, seconded by Mrs. Kozar and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approve a copier contract, pending solicitor review and approval, with Oce' North America Document Printing Systems for a five-year (5 yr) period at a cost of \$664.00 per month for two (2) Canon IRADV 6075 copiers. A copy of the contract will be made part of the official minutes of the district.

4) PROPERTY AND SUPPLY: MRS. KOZAR

- a) Property & Supply Committee meeting minutes. Next meeting December 6, 2012 @ 3:30 pm.
- b) Opening of spring sports bids 11/2/2012 – Award 12/11/2012

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 112 - AWARD BIDS FOR ATHLETIC / WELLNESS COMPLEX

On a motion offered by Mrs. Kozar, seconded by Mr. Hauser and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors recommends, subject to appropriate due diligence, that the Greater Latrobe School Authority award construction contracts for the Athletic / Wellness Complex, totaling \$9,393,582 for renovations and alterations to the Senior and Junior High School grounds as follows:

Contractor	Type of Construction Contract	Base Bid Amount	Alternates
Gurtner Construction Pittsburgh, PA	401 General Construction	\$3,650,000	\$49,300
Custom Contracting Acme, PA	402 Site Construction	\$3,195,000	\$14,400
Hranec Sheet Metal, Inc. Uniontown, PA	403 HVAC Construction	\$238,000	
W.G. Tomko, Inc. Finleyville, PA	404 Plumbing Construction	\$599,888	
Allegheny City Electric Pittsburgh, PA	405 Electrical Construction	\$827,000	\$325,500
Dant Clayton Louisville, KY	406 Bleacher Construction	\$494,494	
	Column Totals	\$9,004,382	\$389,200
	Grand Total		\$9,393,582

Before the Board voted on the resolution, Dr. Zorch said he was initially skeptical about the cost of the project. However, he does feel improvements are needed, and with the creation of the Greater Latrobe Partners in Education Foundation, Dr. Zorch has seen community members buy into the project. Several opponents not in favor of the complex attempted to retort. Both Mr. Nakles and Mrs. Mains informed them there was a designated time to speak at the end of the meeting. This did not stop the shouting from the audience. Mrs. Mains called for a short adjournment until visitors settled.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Elder, Mr. Hauser, Mrs. Kozar, Dr. Laughlin, Dr. Moffa, Mr. Musick, Mr. Palmer, Dr. Zorch, Mrs. Mains

NEGATIVE: None

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 113 - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH INSTITUTE FOR BUILDING TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY (IBTS)

On a motion offered by Mrs. Kozar, seconded by Mrs. Elder and carried, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 8 yeas – 0 nays – 1 Abstention (Mr. Musick).

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approves a contract with Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) as the district’s third party inspection agency for the Athletic / Wellness

project at a fee of \$ 9,050.00, pending solicitor review and approval. A copy of the contract will be made part of the official minutes of the district.

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 114 - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH JEFF ZELL CONSULTANTS, INC.

On a motion offered by Mrs. Kozar, seconded by Mr. Hauser and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approves a contract with Jeff Zell Consultants, Inc., for Construction Quality Assurance Testing & Inspection Services required for the Athletic / Wellness project at a fee of \$ 59,990.00, pending solicitor review and approval. A copy of the contract will be made part of the official minutes of the district.

5) STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION: DR. LAUGHLIN

- a) Fall Sports Recognition, Monday, 12/10/2012, 7:00pm, SHS
- b) Minutes from Athletic Committee meeting 11/07/2012

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 115 - APPROVE 2012 – 2013 GLSD SCHOOL CLUBS

On a motion offered by Dr. Laughlin, seconded by Mrs. Elder and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approve the listed GLSD School Clubs for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

CLUB NAME	SPONSOR
SHS - STUDENT COUNCIL	Scott Marker/Acacia Houck
SHS - STUDENT STORE	Scott Marker/Acacia Houck
YEARBOOK	Michelle Butler
PUBLICATIONS - NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINE	Renee Stallings
CLASS OF 2013	Rachel Sirgey
CLASS OF 2014	Rachel Sirgey
CLASS OF 2015	Rachel Sirgey
SHS - BAND	Tim Sheridan
SHS - CHOIR	Ben Murray
LETTERMEN	Todd Simpson
STAGE CREW	Ben Murray
NHS	Cindy Pompelia
USHER'S CLUB/CARING CATS	Michelle Butler/Deb Rost
GERMAN CLUB	Ann Bailey
<i>JHS - GERMAN CLUB</i>	<i>Holly Spangenburg</i>
JHS - STUDENT COUNCIL	Liz Prady
JHS - DISTRICT CHORUS	Debbie Ressler
JHS - CHORAL CATS	Debbie Ressler

New Club

JHS - BAND	Josh Jordan
JHS - LRC	Dana Myers
SPANISH CLUB	Carol Ryder
FRENCH CLUB	Katie Zalewski
BAGGALEY ELEMENTARY - STUDENTS	Tom Turnbull
LATROBE ELEMENTARY - CAMP	Jennie Merlin
LATROBE ELEMENTARY - LIBRARY	Kathleen Bell
LATROBE ELEMENTARY - COMMUNITY/DVD	Dawna Bates
MT. VIEW ELEMENTARY - STUDENTS	Susie Baker
NAHS	Lydia Ross
SKI CLUB	Jon Mains
KEY CLUB	William Snyder
INTERACT	William Snyder
SCIENCE CLUB	Aaron Richter
AFS	Judy Garrett
LEADERS OF TOMORROW/SADD	Acacia Houck
TRI M	Ben Murray
DRAMA CLUB	Dan Krack

6) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: DR. ZORCH

7) WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT LIAISON: MRS. MAINS

- a) Summary of WIU Board meeting – 10/23/12

8) EWCTC JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE: MRS. KOZAR

- a) Summary of JOC Actions – 10/24/12

9) BOARD POLICY / PSBA LIAISON: MRS. ELDER

10) TRANSPORTATION: DR. MOFFA

- a) Transportation Committee meeting minutes from 10/24/2012 - Next meeting December 19, 2012 @ 3:00 pm. SHS Conference Room

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 116 - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AWARD – A. J. MYERS & SONS, INC.

On a motion offered by Dr. Moffa, seconded by Mr. Musick and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approves Pupil Transportation Services for Bussing to A.J. Myers & Sons, Inc., subject to appropriate due diligence, and pending final preparation and

review of the contract by the Solicitor, for the transportation of pupils designated by the Board, to and from such point, along and over such routes, and at such times set forth in schedules made by the District for the school years 2013 - 2014, through and including 2019 - 2020. A copy of the fully executed agreement will be made part of the official minutes of the District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Elder, Mr. Hauser, Mrs. Kozar, Dr. Laughlin, Dr. Moffa, Mr. Musick, Mr. Palmer, Dr. Zorch, Mrs. Mains

NEGATIVE: None

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 117 - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AWARD - DMJ TRANSPORTATION INC.

On a motion offered by Mrs. Mains, seconded by Mrs. Elder and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approves Pupil Transportation Services for Mini-Bus Van and Vans to DMJ Transportation, Inc., subject to appropriate due diligence, and pending final preparation and review of the contract by the Solicitor, for the transportation of pupils designated by the Board, to and from such point, along and over such routes, and at such times set forth in schedules made by the District for the school years 2013 - 2014, through and including 2019 - 2020. A copy of the fully executed agreement will be made part of the official minutes of the District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Elder, Mr. Hauser, Mrs. Kozar, Dr. Laughlin, Dr. Moffa, Mr. Musick, Mr. Palmer, Dr. Zorch, Mrs. Mains

NEGATIVE: None

Note: The new contract is a 6.17 percent decrease over what the district is currently paying, and will save a little less than four mills by the end of the 2019 – 2020 school year.

11) TECHNOLOGY: MR. PALMER

a) Next meeting December 11, 2012 @ 6:00 pm

12) SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 118 - RESIGNATIONS

On a motion offered by Mrs. Elder, seconded by Mr. Hauser and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of School Directors hereby approves Schedule C - RESIGNATIONS as listed.

SCHEDULE C – RESIGNATIONS

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	COMMENTS
DUNLAP, Sherrie	CSC Secretary and Public Relations Director	November 8, 2012	Other Employment

RESOLUTION 2012 – 2013 # 119 - SUPPORT PERSONNEL CLASSIFIED

On a motion offered by Mr. Hauser, seconded by Mrs. Kozar and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That the Greater Latrobe Board of Directors hereby approves the listed 2012 – 2013 CLASSIFIED SUPPORT PERSONNEL:

NAME	POSITION	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
	EXTRA-DUTY - SUPPLEMENTAL		
ZEUNGES, Jordan	Girls Asst. Volleyball Coach	46.5 points = \$2029.75*	2012 – 2013 School Year
	FOOD SERVICE		
PIPER, Kim	Part-time SHS Food Service 3.75 hours/daily	\$ 9.80 / hour	November 5, 2012
	SUBSTITUTES - CLASSIFIED		
MILLER, Roweena	SUB Personal Care Asst.	\$ 7.50 / hr.	As needed
MILLER, Roweena	SUB Secretary	\$ 9.10 / hr.	As needed
RAUSE, Sean	SUB Custodian	\$ 8.95 / hr.	As needed

- Includes \$100 for additional team

13) OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Breakfast of Champions, Thursday, December 20, 2012, 7:30 am
- b) December Reorganization & COW combined: 7:30 pm, Tuesday, December 4, 2012, Executive Session 6:30 pm
- c) December Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – 7:30pm, Executive Session 6:30 pm

HEARING OF VISITORS PART II

- Student representatives Blaire Barnhart and Kevin Davoli gave the student perspective of the complex. Blaire noted it can be used to spotlight seniors and accommodate additional family members during graduation ceremonies. While Kevin, a member of the soccer team, felt the complex gave the team a place to call home.
- Cliff Long, Unity Twp. resident advised the Board of four students attending GLSD who are actually living in Mount Pleasant Township.
- Greg Fumea asked if the dollars saved with the new transportation contract could be used for a decrease in millage. He also asked if any thought has ever been given to a tax break for seniors.
- Paul Upson again spoke out against the complex because so many taxpayers are on a fixed income. Upson's wife, Darlene also expressed her disapproval of the project.
- Barbara Guidos, Unity Twp. resident, thanked Dr. Zorch for his comments.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 2012 - 2013 # 120 - ADJOURNMENT

On a motion offered by Mrs. Mains, seconded by Mr. Hauser and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved by voice vote: 9 yeas – 0 nays.

RESOLVED: That there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 9:12 PM.