

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Special Meeting for purpose of discussion and taking possible action on High School South bid alternates, the approval of Planon Parts D & E for the "Terra Greens" Elementary School project and to discuss the 2006-2007 Budget  
May 1, 2006**

**J. T. Lambert Intermediate School - Library**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

- I. President Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Patricia Rosado called the roll.
- II. Members present were: Christopher Baj, Horace Cole, Robert Gress, Bet Hays, Keith Karkut, Donald Motts, Michal Peterson and William Searfoss. William Zacharias was absent.
- III. School personnel present: Pat Baughman, Mark A. Brown, Ed Christian, Larry Dymond, Marie Guidry, Rachael R. Heath, Sharon Laverdure, Armand Martinelli, Pat Mulroy, Gregory Naudascher, Lois Palio, Patricia Rosado, Jim Shearouse, Mike Silvoy, Brian Snapp, and Steve Zall. Also present was: Thomas Dirvonas and Becky Craggs-Solicitors.
- IV. Community members present: Russ Albert, John R. Howard, Patricia Jeanschild, Regina Ketchum, Karen Malachowsky, Greg Menio, Gary Summers and Judy Summers.
- V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** -- Federal Programs, Title I, Title VI, Other Concerns
- A. Ms. Patricia Jeanschild expressed her concerns with tax increase. She stated that her mother cannot live alone due to increase in taxes. She mentioned that people do not get raises as much as tax increases to keep up with all the expenses such as gas prices. Mr. Horace Cole explained to Ms. Jeanschild that the budget is not final. He said that these are preliminary figures and what the Pocono Record reported was not accurate. Mr. Cole also informed her that the Board is still meeting to make suggestions between now and the end of May. At that time the budget will be presented to be studied for 30 days and then can only be reduced not increased. Mr. Cole suggested that Ms. Jeanschild contact legislators who have the influence to help a growing district.
- B. Mr. Gress asked for several clarifications on the Buchart Horn presentation of PlanCon D and E.
- ✓ Airport presented is too far. East Stroudsburg is closer.
  - ✓ The bond figures do not match old schedule.
  - ✓ Plans do not show second floor of the Library having classrooms
  - ✓ Can Cafeteria/Gym be expanded to allow room for more kids?
  - ✓ The \$94,000 contract was not on the original amount. A copy of the contract will be provided for Mr. Gress's review
- C. Ms. Peterson stated that when they toured the school in York, PA suggestions were made to cut on expenses, such as the bathroom fixtures.
- D. Dr. Menio stated that he is forming a non-profit organization, Purple and White Athletic, which will raise funds and help defray costs to the District. **He said that this organization will raise funds for the field, track, turf and aide athletes to prevent injury but he would like to see these fields renovated with artificial turf.** Dr. Menio also stated that the weight room should be expanded because there are several courses offered for the weight room. He also said that throwing events should exist closer to the track. Mr. Shearouse said that this is not feasible since space does not exist. Mr. Shearouse also mentioned that the plans are in his office for review.
- E. Mr. Cole stated that the Board would need to know how much funds the organization has to help defray the costs of the field. He said that the Board would have to commit to a contract but without the definite cost they would not be able to do it.

- F. Mr. Silvoy inquired about the rejections for the auditorium renovations. He said that the plans indicate that the kitchen drop offs adjacent to the student drop off. He stated that he didn't see a loading dock which would save the District money and time. Lastly, he said that there is no bathroom on stage. Mr. Shearouse said that due to the cost a ramp will not be installed but a lift and lights will be added which a forklift is used to get boxes. Mr. Shearouse also stated that the kitchen loading area does not interfere with anybody. He also said that there is a dressing room with bathrooms.
- G. Larry Dymond had several concerns and comments:
  - Stadium lights on field will increase spending to the district.
  - The budget doesn't help community because it's not evenly split between and North and South.
- H. Karen Malachowsky commented that she was very much involved with the North Bleachers issue and she feels that the North Campus is a beautiful facility. She stated that the same things need to be done downtown because she feels if they expect the athletes to do their best they need proper tools to do so.
- I. Mr. Walter Tack presented his bid alternates to the Board for their vote.

**VI. FISCAL ITEMS**

*(The following item(s) are to be deleted from the consensus motion at Board Member(s) request.)*

**A. PLANCON PARTS D AND E**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by Don Motts to approve the submission of PlanCon Parts D and E regarding the South Elementary School (Terra Greens) Project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval. Motion was seconded by Christopher Baj and carried unanimously, 8-0.

(See Attached Booklet)

**B. HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH**

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to continue with project. Motion was seconded by Don Motts. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously, 8-0. Christopher Baj, Horace Cole, Robert Gress, Bet Hays, Keith Karkut, Don Motts, Michal Peterson, William Searfoss voted yes.

- C. **HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH BID ALTERNATES** – Information will be presented regarding various bid alternates for the High School South Project for discussion and possible action by the Board.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

Motion was made by William Searfoss to accept Bid Alternates G-5, G-8, E-7 and E 10 for inclusion in the formal bid award to be made by the Board and to reject all other bid alternates. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 8-0.

(See pages 2-5)

- D. **DISCUSSION OF 2006-2007 BUDGET** - No formal action to be taken.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado,  
Board Secretary