

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES – APRIL 3, 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, William Searfoss and William Zacharias.
- III. School personnel present: Douglas Arnold, Patricia Baughman, Larry Dymond, Marie Guidry, Rachael R. Heath, Sharon Laverdure, Deanna Mayers, Pat Mulroy, Patricia Rosado, James Shearouse, Michael Silvoy and Brian Snapp. Also present was: Thomas Dirvonas, Solicitor.

Other: Doug Graby, Buchart Horn; Steve Krug, Buchart Horn, Joseph Manda; Buchart Horn and Marv Walton; Niclaus Engineering

- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** -- No Public Participation
- V. **FISCAL ITEMS**

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

A. PlanCon Part C

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by William Searfoss to approve the submission of PlanCon Part C, in the form as submitted to the Board, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education related to the purchase of properties from Terra Greens, Inc., and Diane L. Lipe and Diane C. Weichel, for the construction of an elementary school in Smithfield Township on Route 447. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and passed 8-1. Robert Gress voted no.

(See pages 3-12)

B. Change Order by Wind Gap Electric, Inc.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Don Motts to approve the change order as submitted by Wind Gap Electric, Inc. for the upgrade in internet/broadband cabling at the Smithfield Elementary School Renovation and Additional project. The additional cost to the District is \$64,230.00 which will be paid from the contingency monies allocated for the project. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 9-0.

(See page 13)

C. Change Order by Kriger Construction, Inc.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Christopher Baj to approve the change order as submitted by Kriger Construction, Inc. for the installation of a gravel maintenance road on the Walker site along the new athletic fields. This was to be performed in Phase II, but we are asking for it to be completed in Phase I, in the event that Phase II is delayed for any reason. The cost of the change order is \$23,000.00. Motion was seconded by Robert Gress and defeated 3-6. Christopher Baj, Keith Karkut, Don Motts, Michal Peterson, William Searfoss and William Zacharias voted no.

(See pages 14-15)

D. Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Inc. Contract

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Christopher Baj to approve the contract with Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Inc. for a Phase I habitat survey for bog turtle at the Middle Smithfield School site, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. This study is required by the PA Fish and Boat Commission before construction can begin at the site. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and passed 7-2. Don Motts and William Zacharias voted no.

(See pages 16-18)

VI. PRESENTATION -

Mr. Jesse Leib, Northeast Director K-12 of Connect Ed presented a demonstration to the Board on how to keep parents informed instantaneously using electronic media.

- > Message can be weather or safety related.
- > All parents will receive calls within 15 to 20 minutes
- > Program can accommodate 50 – 70,000 phones and four emails.
- > Calls can be broken up into certain categories, such as sending to only 4th grade PSSA parents or wake up calls to all high school students.
- > The program can run all year long or for specific times.
- > System generates a receipt with date and time of all calls that were accepted, disconnected or busy.
- > Secured system, with user name and passwords allotted to all administrators and principals with secretaries. As of yet no one has hacked into the system; passwords must be secured.
- > System files all messages that can be used again at a later time.
- > You can also contact emergency centers and police.
- > Total cost would be about \$24,000 (plus set up fee) which is \$3 per student; result is cost of less than a penny per day.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado,
Board Secretary