

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES – May 24, 2004**

**East Stroudsburg Senior High School South - Library
7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

- I. President Cole called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Robert Huffman called the roll.
- II. Members present were: Christopher Baj, Horace Cole, Patrick Forney, Bet Hays, Robert Huffman, Don Motts, Michal Peterson, William Searfoss and William Zacharias.
- III. School personnel present: Kenneth G. Koberlein, Gregory L. Naudascher, Michael M. Michaels, Douglas C. Arnold, Marie S. Guidry, James Shearouse, Pat Mulroy, Debbie Eppley, Linda Schaller, Kathy Kroll, Linda Keglovits, Brian Snapp and Sharon Laverdure. Also present was: Thomas Dirvonas - Solicitor.
- IV. Community members present: Diane Krupski and Kelly DeRoche.
- V. Attorney Becky Craggs was introduced as a new member of solicitor Thomas Dirvonas' firm.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by Christopher Baj to approve this agenda for May 24, 2004, (pages 1-5), as submitted, with addendum items as presented, with the Board of Education reserving the right to add to the agenda and take further action on any items raised in Executive Session where immediate action on such items is considered to be in the best interest of the District. Motion was seconded by Bet Hays and carried unanimously, 9-0.

XII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that an Audit Exit Conference at would take place at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 in the Superintendent's office and all school board members were invited to attend.

Also announced was a Special School Board Meeting for General Purposes scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2004 at East Stroudsburg Senior High School South in the Library at 7:30 p.m. to redefine scope of construction project for the East Stroudsburg Area High School South.

XIII. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

IX. **STUDENT ITEMS**

A. **Field Trips - 75 Miles or More**

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

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by William Searfoss to approve the field trip listed. The proposal and itineraries for the field trip meet the required Board Policy #121. Motion was seconded by Don Motts and carried unanimously, 9-0.

	Name	Activity	Location	Dates
1.	Lehman Intermediate School	Franklin Institute	Philadelphia, PA	6/07/04

(See pages 5 – 6)

X. **FINANCE (tabled from May 17, 2004)**

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

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by Robert Huffman to approve that the budget (below) for the 2004-2005 school year, in the amounts and categories as follows, shall be posted and advertised in accordance with the law; that the proposed taxes shall be therein set forth and that said budget, together with the taxes herein proposed shall, after proper additions and amendments, be adopted not later than June 30, 2004. Motion was seconded by Michal Peterson.

AMENDMENT REGARDING TAX COLLECTION RATE

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by Christopher Baj to amend to use the tax collection rate of 91%. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 5-4. A roll call vote was taken. Michal Peterson, Bet Hays, Patrick Forney and Robert Huffman voted against.

AMENDMENT REGARDING BUDGET REDUCTIONS

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by Christopher Baj to amend to reduce staffing by \$160,500; to reduce Act 93 salaries by \$104,442; to reduce athletics by \$40,000 and field trips by \$30,000. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss. Motion was made by Bet Hays to table amendment. Motion was seconded by Michal Peterson and carried, 5-4. A roll call vote was taken. Christopher Baj, William Searfoss, Donald Motts and Horace Cole voted against. Main motion was amended and carried, 5-4. Christopher Baj, Patrick Forney, William Zacharias and William Searfoss voted against.

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Main motion as amended carried, 5-4. A roll call vote was taken and Christopher Baj, Patrick Forney, William Zacharias and William Searfoss voted against.

A. BUDGET

2004-2005 PROPOSED BUDGET – GENERAL FUND			
1000	Instruction		
1100	Regular	\$38,069,150	
1200	Special	13,137,283	
1300	Vocational	1,657,723	
1400	Other	<u>1,455,646</u>	
	Subtotal – Instruction		\$54,319,802
2000	Support Services		
2100	Pupil Personnel	423,239	

2200	Instructional Staff	519,389	
2300	Administration	4,392,682	
2400	Pupil Health	1,351,228	
2500	Business Office	676,812	
2600	Operation & Maintenance	4,784,886	
2700	Transportation	5,237,169	
2800	Professional Services	1,393,543	
2900	Other Support Services	-	
	Subtotal- Support Services		18,778,948
<u>3000</u>	Non-Instructional Services		
3200	Student Activities	2,042,756	
3300	Community Services	122,324	
	Subtotal-Non-Instructional Services		2,165,080
<u>4000</u>	Facilities Construction & Improvement		
4200	Site Improvement & Replacement	-	
4600	Building Improvement & Replacement	-	
	Subtotal-Facilities Construction & Improvement		-
<u>5000</u>	Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
5100	Financing	264,505	
5200	Transfers to Funds	12,373,848	
5900	Budgetary Reserve	525,000	
	Subtotal- Other Financing Sources (Uses)		13,163,353
	TOTAL BUDGET – GENERAL FUND		\$88,427,183

2004 – 2005 PROPOSED BUDGET- CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
<u>2000</u>	Support Services		
2600	Operation & Maintenance	\$9,350	
00	Transportation	870,700	
	Subtotal – Support Services		\$880,050
<u>4000</u>	Facilities Construction & Improvement		
4200	Site Improvements – Replacements	35,000	
4600	Building Improvement-Replacement	120,750	
	Subtotal - Facilities Construction & Improvements		155,750
	TOTAL BUDGET – CAPITAL RESERVE		\$1,035,800

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

B. PROPOSED TAXES

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by Robert Huffman to tentatively approve the tax rates listed below for the 2004-2005 school year. Motion was seconded by Michal Peterson and carried, 5-4. A roll call vote was taken. Voting for: Horace Cole, Bet Hays, Robert Huffman, Don Motts and Michal Peterson. Voting against: Christopher Baj, Patrick Forney, William Searfoss and William Zacharias.

1. Be it resolved that a tax of 121.7 mills be proposed on real estate in the Monroe County portion of the East Stroudsburg Area School District for the 2004-2005 school year; and
2. Be it resolved that a tax of 90.2 mills be proposed on real estate in the Pike County portion of the East Stroudsburg Area School District for the 2004-2005 school year; and
3. Be it resolved that the 1% Earned Income Tax be proposed to remain in effect be placed on all residents of the District for the 2004-2005 school year; and
4. Be it resolved that the \$10.00 Occupational Privilege Tax be proposed to remain in effect to be placed on all workers in the District for the 2004-2005 school year; and
5. Be it resolved that the 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax be proposed to remain in effect for the 2004-2005 school year.

XI. FISCAL ITEMS

A. Award of Contract

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

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by William Searfoss to award the contract for lead abatement at the rifle ranges located at High school – North and High School - South to Datom Products, Inc. of Dunmore, PA for a low bid of \$14,750. Bids were received May 20, 2004. Motion was seconded by Christopher Baj and carried unanimously, 9-0.

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XIII. APPOINTMENTS (Tabled from May 17, 2004)

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

ACTION BY THE BOARD: Motion was made by Christopher Baj to approve the appointment of treasurer as listed. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 9-0. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion by Christopher Baj to table item B (Appointment – Solicitor). Motion seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 9-0.

A. Appointment – Treasurer

PNC Bank, East Stroudsburg, PA, be appointed Treasurer of the District, effective July 1, 2004, for the 2004-2005 school year at no cost to the District (No change to existing contract).

(See Pages 8 – 11)

B. Appointment – Solicitor

Thomas F. Dirvonas, Esq., be appointed Solicitor of the East Stroudsburg Area School District for the 2004-2005 school year at an annual retainer of \$30,000.00, with additional services provided at \$120.00 per hour, in accordance with the retainer agreement.

(See Pages 12 – 14)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – 9:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert C. Huffman
Board Secretary