

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2004
J. T. Lambert Intermediate School
7:00 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 Marie Guidry 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: Patricia Baughman, John Burrus, Irene Duggins, Marie Guidry, Rachael Heath, Kathy Kroll, Michael Michaels, Gregory Naudascher, Tony Parks, James Shearouse, Mike Silvoy, Brian Snapp, Linda Snyder and Rita Stephan. Also present was: Thomas Dirvonas - Solicitor.

Media Guest present: Gabriella Wyatt – **Pocono Record**

Community members present: Ralph Ayala, Mildred Baj, Mary Bianchi, Joan Bommarito, Donovan Channel, Kevin and Maureen Curran, Jill Davis, John Fiero, Sheila Gabriel, Ginger Garbarino, Robert Gress, Yira Hinds, Scott Kirk, Ann Marie Lynn, Melanie McGarry, Pete Pappalardo, Scott Possinger, Annette and Steven Riveoa, Michelle Santalo, Andrea and Margaret Stiff

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by William Searfoss to approve the this agenda for August 9, 2004, (pages 1-2), as submitted, 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 that shall determine is in the best interest of the District. Motion was seconded by Christopher Baj. A roll call vote was taken. *Voting in favor:* Christopher Baj, Horace Cole, Patrick Forney, Bet Hays, Robert Huffman, Donald Motts, Michal Peterson, William Searfoss, and William Zacharias. Motion carried: Yes 9 No 0.

V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Robert Gress: has expressed his concerns in the past; let's move forward in the best interest of the students.

Rita Stephan -Will the J. S. Bunnell School be coming down?

Dr. Rachael Heath thanked the Board for the flowers.

Dr. Heath commended the maintenance, and custodial staff for the great job they are doing getting the buildings ready for the first day of school.

The Architectural Studio presented four different set of plans for the High School South Project.

Jamie Doyle from PFM explained the process to move forward for borrowing and suggested a special meeting to vote on the purchase contract by August 31, 2004.

VII. **HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH PROJECT**

A. **Reinstate High School South Project**

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Huffman to approve that the Board reinstate the High School South Project subject to the Project modifications as the Board shall determine are in the best interests of the students of the District.

Motion was seconded by William Searfoss. A roll call vote was taken. *Voting in favor:* Christopher Baj, Horace Cole, Patrick Forney, Bet Hays, Robert Huffman, Donald Motts, Michal Peterson, William Searfoss, and William Zacharias. Motion carried: Yes 9 No 0.

B. **Reaffirm The Architectural Studio**

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Robert Huffman to approve that the Board reaffirm the status of The Architectural Studio as architect of record for the High School South Project at a rate of compensation to be renegotiated based upon the scope of the modified Project. Motion was seconded by Bet Hays. A roll call vote was taken. *Voting in favor:* Christopher Baj, Horace Cole, Patrick Forney, Bet Hays, Robert Huffman, Donald Motts, Michal Peterson, William Searfoss, and William Zacharias. Motion carried: Yes 9 No 0.

C. **Funding**

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by William Searfoss to approve that Rhoads & Simon, LLC (“Bond Counsel”), Public Financial Management (“Financial Advisor”), the District Administration and Thomas F. Dirvonas (“Solicitor”) be authorized and directed to take such action as may be reasonable or necessary to prepare a proposal for presentation to the Board for forward purchase arrangements for the funding of the estimated cost of the modified High School South Project. Any such proposal shall be subject to approval by the Board. Motion was seconded by Bet Hays and carried unanimously, 9-0.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie S. Guidry,
Board Secretary