

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 12, 2004  
EAST STROUDSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH  
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: Douglas C. Arnold, David Baker, Patricia Baughman, Hugh Brawn, Irene Duggins, Rachael R. Heath, Michael M. Michaels, Marie S. Guidry, Kathy Kroll, Sharon Laverdure, James Shearouse, Mike Silvoy, Linda Snyder, Rita Stephan, and Steve Zall. Also present was: Rebecca Craggs - Solicitor

Media guest present: Aaron Applegate Pocono Record, Channel #13 TV, Robert Charlanza Community News.

Community members present: Larry and Pat Dymond, Roland Featherman, Laurie Finn, Scott Kirk, Sandy Kitchen, Valerie Knag, Diane Krupski, John T. Lambert, Mike and Sally Michkosaurich, Jim and Connie Moyer, Chris and Pete Pappalardo.

- IV. An executive session was held this evening before the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel.

V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Pete Pappalardo asked if the Board could give a timeline for the new ceilings and floors for the High School South. He also asked if community members would be part of the committee formed for the High School South renovations.

Roland Featherman asked the cost of the ceilings and floors for the High School South.

Rita Stephan voiced concerns about new ceilings when the roof may still be leaking. She also asked how the state funding monies would be spent.

Larry Dymond asked if the PSBA maintenance study has been completed. He also asked if the District was required to have an architect involved in the bidding for the ceiling and floor project.

VI. **FISCAL ITEMS**

A. **COMMONWEALTH BUDGET – DISCUSSION**

B. **CONTRACT**

***ACTION BY THE BOARD:***

Motion was made by Robert Huffman to approve the contract with The Architectural Studio for preparation of bid documents and Pennsylvania Department of education submittals related to the installation of ceilings at the East Stroudsburg Senior High School South at a cost of \$6,800.00. Motion was seconded by Patrick Forney. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously, 9-0.

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**C. OPEN 2004-2005 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

***ACTION BY THE BOARD:***

Motion was made by Christopher Baj to open the 2004-2005 General Fund budget to increase state subsidies and grants in the following amounts for a combined total of \$1,805,623. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Basic Education Subsidy	\$175,584
Tax Effort Subsidy	81,306
Growth Subsidy	150,525
Special Aid Subsidy	1,062,266
Limited English Subsidy	82,286
Accountability Block Grant	121,205
Education Assistance Grant	<u>132,451</u>
	<u>\$1,805,623</u>

**D. REOPEN THE 2004-2005 BUDGET**

***ACTION BY THE BOARD:***

Motion was made by Horace Cole to open the 2004-2005 budget and reduce the millage with the state funding. Motion was seconded by Christopher Baj. A roll call vote was taken. *Voting in favor: Horace Cole , Christopher Baj, Patrick Forney, and William Searfoss. Voting against: Donald Motts, Michal Peterson, William Zacharias, Bet Hays and Robert Huffman. The motion did not carry. YES: 4 NO: 5*

***ACTION BY THE BOARD:***

Motion was made by Robert Huffman to reduce the millage by one mill, replace \$343,507 that was cut from the Technology Initiatives and Capital Improvement budgets and apply the remainder of the monies to the fund balance. Motion was seconded by Christopher Baj. A roll call vote was taken. *Voting in favor: Robert Huffman, Christopher Baj, Bet Hays, Michal Peterson. Voting against: Horace Cole, Donald Motts, William Searfoss, William Zacharias, and Patrick Forney. The motion did not carry. YES: 4 NO 5*

***ACTION BY THE BOARD:***

Motion was made by Patrick Forney to open the 2004-2005 budget to reduce millage by 2.5 mills, and add \$343,507.00 to the budget for Technology Initiatives and Capital Improvement budgets; also including expenditures relating to the Accountability Block Grant of \$121,205 and the Educational Assistance Grant for \$132,451, making the total budget \$89,240,346.00 for the 2004-2005 school year. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried 6-3. *Voting in favor: Christopher Baj, Patrick Forney, William Searfoss, Horace Cole, Robert Huffman, and William Zacharias. Voting against: Donald Motts, Michal Peterson and Bet Hays. YES: 6 NO: 3*

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert C. Huffman  
Board Secretary