

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

SPECIAL MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

DECEMBER 3, 2007

J. T. Lambert Intermediate School - Auditorium

5:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. President Horace Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: James Brunkard, Horace Cole, Robert Gress, Bet Hays, Audrey Hocker, Keith Karkut, Donald Motts, William Searfoss and William Zacharias.
- III. School personnel present: David Baker, Patricia Baughman, John Burrus, Richard Carty, Michael Catrillo, Irene Duggins, Rachael R. Heath, Leonard Kreseski, Gail Kulick, Sharon Laverdure, Elhannan Lloyd Keller, Deanna Mayers, Lois, Palio, Patricia Rosado, Linda Schaller, Jim Shearouse and Steve Zall. Also present was: Thomas Dirvonas, Solicitor.
- IV. Media Guests present: Dan Berrett - Pocono Record
- V. Community members present: Celeste Anderson, Robert Huffman, Mike Meachem, Jill Shaw, Mike Silvoy and Zondra Spence.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by William Searfoss to approve the agenda for this Special meeting of December 3, 2007 (pages 1-2) as submitted. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 9-0.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

-- Federal Programs
Title I
Title VI
Other Concerns

- A. Mr. Mike Silvoy thanked the Board Members, the Administrators and The Architectural Studio (TAS) for the cooperation they have received in the past two weeks in order to figure out the status of the auditorium plans. The meeting to discuss the auditorium lasted three hours in conjunction with every department that uses the auditorium and The Architectural Studio will create plans to include everyone's input.
- B. Jill Shaw asked about the pool's contingency plan for next year. Dr. Heath said there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Shearouse said that there is a meeting tomorrow with asbestos abatement consultants and design professionals to develop the plan for the removal of asbestos in the auditorium. The professionals are looking at two ways in order to bid this plan; one would be to work after hours and on Saturdays while students are in still in session but not in the building. The other plan will be to start on June 15th with normal 40 hour weeks when students are not in session. Mrs. Laverdure has been looking at other alternatives like the pool at High School North. Ms. Shaw thinks that sending students to drive up North by themselves or on the bus may be a problem due to traffic and weather. Dr. Heath said they are doing their best to accommodate the students. Mr. Karkut suggested a third option to check the safety of why it cannot be done during regular school hours by isolating the area. Mr. Shearouse said it can be done if sealed off, but the perception of asbestos causes concerns to previous Board members and the public. Mr. Searfoss suggested that something be prepared to educate the parents on the safety of the removal of asbestos. Ms. Hays commented that she thought that all the asbestos was already removed. Mr. Shearouse said that the contractors are removing asbestos in phases and the meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow will help determine what to do with various options that are available.

- C. Mr. Mike Meachem does not agree and takes offense to the comments that were made about the North site because he finds his way to the meetings at the South site. Mr. Gress said that Board members do visit the North schools and in no way said that the Board does not care about the North. The Board is simply stating the reality in the difficulty in getting there due to rush hour traffic. Furthermore, some construction is set to be done on 209 causing 209 to be shut down for seven months and detours will have to be taken to the North site.
- D. Ms. Celeste Anderson had a question on the boundaries for the new elementary school. She has some concerns. Dr. Heath will place this item on the Board Agenda under her Superintendent's report at the December 17, 2007 Board meeting. Mrs. Laverdure will distribute an updated handout at that time.

IX. FISCAL ITEMS

A. Use of Facilities

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by William Zacharias to approve the request received to waive the use of facilities fees (only) as listed. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 9-0.

| Board Agenda | BUILDING | DATE from | DATE to | ORGANIZATION | EVENT | Non Profit | Facility Fee Waived |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 12/3/07 | Resica | 12/15/07 | 12/15/07 | Pocono Mountain Ministries | Community Christmas Concert | Y | Policy |

*Personnel fees will be charged.

(See page 3-4)

B. High School South Project – Mandate Waiver Items

1.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Donald Motts that the Board approve the preparation, execution and issuance of a change order, pursuant to the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education of Mandate Waivers submitted by the District with regard to the High School South Project for Alternate E-4 for stadium lighting to Everon – Lombardo & Lipe Electrical Contractors not to exceed the amount of \$418,000.00. Motion was seconded by William Zacharias and carried unanimously, 9-0.

2.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Keith Karkut that the Board approve the preparation, execution and issuance of a change order, pursuant to the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education of Mandate Waivers submitted by the District with regard to the High School South Project for Alternate G-2a for re-roofing to Boro Construction not to exceed the amount of \$189,634.09. Motion was seconded by Robert Gress and carried unanimously, 9-0.

3.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Bet Hays that the Board approve the preparation, execution and issuance of a change order, pursuant to the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education of Mandate Waivers submitted by the District with regard to the High School South Project for Alternate H-3 for re-roofing to Rado Enterprises, Inc. not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 9-0.

4.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Bet Hays that the Board approve the preparation, execution and issuance of a change order, pursuant to the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education of Mandate Waivers submitted by the District with regard to the High School South Project for Alternate E-12 for re-roofing to Everon – Lombardo & Lipe Electrical Contractors not to exceed the amount of \$28,300.00. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 9-0.

5.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Donald Motts that the Board approve the preparation, execution and issuance of a change order, pursuant to the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education of Mandate Waivers submitted by the District with regard to the High School South Project for Alternate G-9 for auditorium renovations to Boro Construction not to exceed the amount of \$462,883.00. Motion was seconded by William Searfoss and carried unanimously, 9-0.

6.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by William Searfoss that the Board approve the preparation, execution and issuance of a change order, pursuant to the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Education of Mandate Waivers submitted by the District with regard to the High School South Project for Alternate E-8 for auditorium renovations to Everon – Lombardo & Lipe Electrical Contractors not to exceed the amount of \$7,400.00. Motion was seconded by William Zacharias and carried unanimously, 9-0.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

Dr. Heath announced that the Board’s Finance Committee Meeting for the purpose of discussing the 2008-2009 Budget is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the J. T. Lambert Library. She also announced the Regular School Board Meeting for Monday, December 17, 2007 at the J. T. Lambert Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Heath asked for 3 or 4 volunteers to serve on a Grievance Committee to meet on December 17th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a grievance. Ms. Hocker, Mr. Karkut, Mr. Searfoss and Mr. Zacharias volunteered.

XI. ADJOURNMENT 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado
Board Secretary