



**LEECHBURG AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 - 7:30 PM  
LEECHBURG HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The March 27, 2019 Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Leechburg Area Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:35 PM in the Leechburg High School Library by Mr. Neill Brady, Board President.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison and a Moment of Silence was observed.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Neill Brady, Mrs. Gina Bruno, Mrs. Melanie Knight, Mrs. Danielle Lovelace, Mr. Darius Lovelace, Mr. Joseph Michadick, Mr. Anthony Shea, Ms. Candi Stewart and Mrs. Roxanne Thompson.

Also present were: Mr. Bradley Walker, Business Manager/Human Resources Director; Attorney Russ Lucas, School District Solicitor and Ms. Tiffany Nix, Superintendent.

**MINUTES:**

Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes -----	02/13/19
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes -----	02/27/19

Board President, Mr. Brady, requested comments, corrections and additions to the Minutes. Hearing none on a motion by Mr. Michadick, seconded by Mrs. Knight the Minutes were approved as presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

Date:	Time:	
03/13/19	6:30 PM	FULL BOARD-Personnel Issues/Legal Issues Superintendent's Office
03/27/19	7:15 PM	FULL BOARD-Legal Issues Superintendent's Office

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION/AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS:**

Date:	Time:	
03/13/19	7:30 PM	Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting Leechburg High School Library

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Student Representatives Report –Mr. Andrew Pallus and Ms. Brenna Callahan
- B. ARIN Intermediate Unit Report – Ms. Candi Stewart
- C. Lenape Monthly Report –Mr. Anthony Shea and Mr. Darius Lovelace
- D. Armstrong County Tax Collection Committee Report – Mr. Neill Brady
- E. PSBA Member Liaison Report – Mrs. Melanie Knight

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Armstrong County Career T.R.A.C.K.-Kelley Perdew-Presented program update and outline.

REMARKS BY VISITORS: Visitors are welcome to comment on any agenda items at this time, provided it is understood that all remarks from the floor are subject to the same parliamentary procedure followed by the Board under the direction of the President. Discussion from the floor will not be entertained while action is being taken on agenda items by the Board. Completed forms (blue forms for agenda items) will be collected for district records and will be used by the President in recognizing each speaker.

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PERSONNEL:

1. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michadick to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the position of Athletic Director as presented in (Exhibit A1).

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

2. Mrs. Lovelace made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stewart to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the position of Soccer Boys' Varsity Head Coach as presented in (Exhibit A2).

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

B. FINANCE:

1. Ms. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve **RESOLUTION 2018-2019-06** regarding the 2019-2020 ARIN Intermediate Unit #28 General Operating Budget as presented in the budget provided to each Board Member. Total budget amount \$3,502,740 and Leechburg Area School District's Withholding Contribution of \$22,998 as presented in (Exhibit B1).

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

2. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michadick to acknowledge receipt of the following Financial Reports and to approve the expenditures specifically set forth therein:

Cash Receipts	-	(Exhibit B2)
Tax Collectors' Report	-	(Exhibit B3)
List of Bills	-	(Exhibit B4)
Treasurer's Report	-	(Exhibit B5)
Revenue Detail Report	-	(Exhibit B6)
Monthly Expenditure Report	-	(Exhibit B7)
ACCESS Report	-	(Exhibit B8)
Budgetary Transfers Report	-	(Exhibit B9)
Construction Account Update Report	-	(Exhibit B10)

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

C. FUNDRAISING REQUESTS:

1. Mr. Michadick made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to ratify/approve the following Fundraising Requests, as presented in (Exhibit C1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	Ann Fischer	Science Club	Local Business Coupon Book Sales	03/01/19- 03/29/19-Ratify
2	Eve Hebrank/ Ashley Mondale	Senior Class	Dodgeball Tournament	03/18/19- 03/29/19-Ratify
3	Shayle Prorok	Art Club	Eat Your Art Out	04/12/19- 04/13/19
4	Amy Barley	Senior High Student Council	Kings of the Court Volleyball Match	04/29/19- 05/20/19
5	Jolynn Young	National Honors' Society	Hershey's Fundraiser	ASAP-May 2019
6	Jolynn Young	National Honors' Society	Spring Candy Grams	ASAP-April 2019
7	Jolynn Young	National Honors' Society	Teachers' Baby Picture Contest	04/01/19- 04/30/19

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

D. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS:

1. Ms. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the following Field Trip Requests, subject to funding availability, as presented in (Exhibit D1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	Amy Barley	Physics Class	Physics Olympics, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA	04/05/19
2	Rob Reams	Taiko	Leechburg Taiko Outreach, East and West Forest High School, Marienville, PA	04/09/19, 04/10/19 or 04/11/19
3	Tricia Shank	Spanish Club	Spanish Concert, Jeannette High School, Jeannette, PA	04/10/19
4	Jennifer Turner/ Kathy Wilson/ Niva Vargo	First Grade Classes	Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	04/18/19
5	Ann Fischer	Science Club	Envirothon Competition, Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center, Ford City, PA	04/24/19
6	Nancy Burger/ Kristin Horneman/ Bobbi Watson	Third Grade Classes	National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA	05/09/19
7	Rob Reams	Taiko	Leechburg Taiko Outreach, Eisenhower Elementary, Pittsburgh, PA and West Hills Elementary, Kittanning, PA	05/17/19
8	Amy Barley	Physics and Select Math Students	Education Days/Physics Day, Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh, PA	05/21/19

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

**E. OVERNIGHT EXCURSION REQUESTS:**

1. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the following Preliminary and Final Overnight Excursion Requests, subject to funding availability, as presented in (Exhibit E1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	Logan Orange	Selected Students	State Choir, Pittsburgh Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA	04/03/19-04/06/19 Preliminary and Final Requests

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

**F. USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:**

1. Mr. Michadick made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the following Use of Facilities Request as presented in (Exhibit F1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	Melanie George	Valley Points Family YMCA	Dance Recital Practice-High School Auditorium/Stage Sound/Lighting	05/15/19
2	Seth Erwin	Kiski Valley Rugby	Rugby Matches-Boys' and Girls' Varsity-Veterans' Memorial Field	04/07/19

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

**G. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:**

1. Ms. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to Amend the following policy for the School District Policy Manual:

**AMEND: Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students With Disabilities (Exhibit G1)**

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

**H. CURRICULUM:**

1. Mrs. Knight made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michadick to amend the 2019-2020 Program of Studies to include Honors' Intro to Engineering as presented in (Exhibit H1).

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

2. Ms. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the Title I Memorandum of Understanding with Armstrong County Head Start as presented in (Exhibit H2).

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

I. BOARD RELATED ISSUES:

- 1. Mrs. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the 2018-2019 Revised School Calendar as presented in (Exhibit I1).

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

- 2. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michadick to approve a LERTA Tax Abatement Program for Gilpin Township on a 5-year schedule for both residential and commercial property with exemptions in the amount of 100% for the first year, 80% for the second year, 60% for the third year, 40% for the fourth year, and 20% for the fifth and final year of the abatement, with a five-year sunset clause on the Program, in accordance with the Ordinance attached as an exhibit hereto (Exhibit I2).

Discussion ensued regarding 5-year and 10-year LERTA schedules and program.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Brady	-- aye	Mr. Michadick	-- aye
Mrs. Bruno	-- aye	Mr. Shea	-- aye
Mrs. Knight	-- aye	Ms. Stewart	-- aye
Mrs. Lovelace	-- aye	Mrs. Thompson	-- aye
Mr. Lovelace	-- aye		

Motion Carried.

~~A motion is needed to approve a LERTA Tax Abatement Program for Gilpin Township on a 10-year schedule for both residential and commercial property with exemptions in the amount of 100% for the first year, 90% for the second year, 80% for the third year, 70% for the fourth year, 60% for the fifth year, 50% for the sixth year, 40% for the seventh year, 30% for the eighth year, 20 % for the ninth year and 10% for the tenth and final year of the abatement, with a ten-year sunset clause on the Program, in accordance with the Ordinance attached as an exhibit hereto (Exhibit I2).~~

- 3. Ms. Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea to repeal Board Policy 605.1, effective immediately. Any tax exemptions previously granted by the Board hereunder pursuant to Policy 605.1 will not be affected by this repeal as presented in (Exhibit I3).

Voice Vote –Motion Carried.  
All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: None

REMARKS BY VISITORS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA (OPEN FORUM):

Visitors are welcome to make comments relating to topics not covered on the agenda, within reasonable limits of time, and under the rules pertaining to parliamentary procedure as provided in the district policy. Completed forms (white forms for non-agenda items) will be collected for district records and will be used by the President in recognizing each speaker.

Mrs. Shawna Johns RE: Parking pick-up for elementary students  
329 Beale Avenue  
Leechburg, PA 15656

Discussion ensued regarding elementary parking for drop-off and pick-up, speeding on streets around schools, suggestions to alleviate concerns and five-minute staggered release times. Board will continue discussions with administration and Leechburg Borough on possible resolutions to concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

1. Recessed/Reconvened Meetings –
2. Committee Meetings –  
Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting  
Wednesday, April 10, 2019– 7:30 PM  
Leechburg High School Library  
Executive Session – 6:30 PM  
Superintendent’s Office/Central Administration Office
3. Regular Board Meeting-  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - 7:30 PM  
Leechburg High School Library  
Executive Session – 6:30 PM  
Superintendent’s Office/Central Administration Office

ADJOURNED: On a motion by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Knight the March 27, 2019 Regular Monthly Board Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiffany L. Nix  
Pro-Temp Board Secretary