

East Lycoming School District



School Board Update:

NOTES AND INFORMATION FROM THE February 21, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm and at approximately 8:30 p.m. was adjourned.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

Students from Mrs. Labatch's kindergarten classroom helped to teach board members how to use the iPad and demonstrated for them how iPads are used in their classroom. The presentation was appreciated by all in attendance.

The board was provided with additional information, which outlined the Governor's Budget and educational goals for the 2012-2013 school year. As the Governor has consistently demonstrated since his election, he is voicing strong support for school vouchers, teacher accountability, administrator accountability, additional high school state assessments and charter schools. The proposed Governor's Budget also concludes a paradigm shift from what was once considered traditional education funding. Basic education funding formulas, as well as transportation, and Social Security reimbursement formulas are no longer being used by the Department of Education to calculate revenues provided to school districts. All of the funds are now being lumped into what are called grants. The concern being, the increase in the new grant categories will be far outpaced by increases in expenditures.

The preliminary budget, which was based on the concept of no additional educational funds, includes the replacement of 9 of the 13 positions that will be open due to retirements. With the Governor's Budget indeed providing no new funds, the district is still planning on replacing 9 of the 13 positions.

Carol Mordan, Beth Bitler, Kristina Hartman, Melanie Lambert and Tyler Winters were recognized for receiving \$100.00 for classroom supplies in the PPL Think Energy Program.

ELSD student Shawn Hughes is a semifinalist in the Congree-Bundestag Vocational Student Exchange program. Twenty students nationally are selected for this award. If selected, Shawn will receive a fully funded yearlong exchange program to Germany.

Educational Items:

- **Approved Items included:**
 - Course of studies for the Junior and Senior High School.
 - Approved the first reading of the proposed calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.
 - Approved eight field trips

Personnel Items:

In personnel matters, Directors:

- **Approved**, Mrs. Michele Harmon as a part-time support aide.
- **Approved**, Kevin Daugherty as a Fitness Center Worker.
- **Approved**, additions to the Teaching/Aide substitute list.
- **Approved**, Amanda West as a volunteer for Varsity/Junior High Girls Soccer.
- **Accepted**, the resignation of Crystal Baer, fitness center worker.

Business Items:

Approved the Treasurer's Report, Bills for Payment and Business Office Reports
Approved the Blast IU 17 proposed 2012-2013 General Operation Budget

Audience Participation:

Five community members spoke in support of maintaining and building a strong music program and questioned if the position not being replaced would have a detrimental effect. One audience member spoke in reference to the art program and was concerned .

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Mike