

East Lycoming School District



School Board Update:

NOTES AND INFORMATION FROM THE May 8, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm and at approximately 8:15 p.m. was adjourned. Mr. Cam Koons questioned a few expenditures in the proposed budget and thanked the administration for the hard work and effort that went into creating a fair budget.

Administrative and Board Committee Reports:

Mr. Pawlik briefed the board on the progress of the interview process. Currently the first round interviews have been completed for two of the open positions. We will be completing the first round interviews and beginning the second round interviews next week. As expected, we have had many applications for all of the open positions and the candidates bring with them a wide variety of experiences.

The names of students that comprised our various teams for the “Battle of the Books” was shared with the audience and board.

Mr. Pawlik also discussed with the board that there has been movement in Harrisburg in reference to the state budget. The Senate Appropriations Committee introduced their version of the education budget. The version approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee does not support the Governor’s new “Block Grant” budget and returns funding to the current formula system. Also of note is their intention to return some of the eliminated ABG money, which would equate to 25% of the original amount. There has also been legislation to severely reduce mandated funding for Cyber Schools and provide a mechanism that could potentially eliminate private cyber schools and force any student that wishes to attend a cyber school to attend a cyber school run by their resident district. The legislation was introduced by a bipartisan group of legislators in the house with Representative Everett one of them. Please send him an email thanking him for his support and reminding him we still need his support to fully fund ABG.

Mr. Bradley asked that we develop a letter of support, to share with PSBA, which would voice our opinion of the importance of early education plank of the PSBA. We will be sharing the letter of support with the Board at our next meeting.

The board was also updated on the current status of the pool. There is an issue with water migrating from the pool area and into the block and brick walls of the structure. The initial cost of complete renovation of the pool is estimated to be approximately 1.4 million. The pool will need to be emptied at the end of the school year to allow the shell of the structure to “dry out.” In late August, we will be able to better

determine if there will be a need for additional repairs to the structure needed because of the water infiltration. The architect also offered an estimate of renovating the space to be used for other needs such as basketball court, volleyball court and batting cages. The estimate cost for this renovation was approximately 1.2 million

Mr. Maciejewski presented the proposed final budget. The budget remains the same as what was previously presented and includes a .25 mill increase.

Mr. Michael reported that the Athletic Committee discussed the potential of making the golf team a volunteer team and not a formal district sport.

Board Policies:

- **Approved** the final reading of the Employment of District Staff Policy.

Educational Items:

- **Approved** a field trip to the Community Arts Center for students that participated in our musical. And also approved a request to take first grade students from Ashkar to the James V. Brown library.

Personnel Items:

In personnel matters, Directors:

- **Approved** the resignations of:
Ms. Nicole Samson as Senior High Student Council Advisor.
Mrs. Bethany Hamm as Junior High Student Council Advisor.
- **Approved** Ms. Kari Witmer as Assistant Girls Softball Coach.
- **Approved** additions to the daily substitute list.

Business Items:

In Business/Financial matters, Directors:

- **Approved** the proposed Final General Fund Budget that includes a .25 mill increase.
- **Approved** the Lycoming Career and Technology General Fund Budget.
- **Approved** the Lycoming Career and Technology Facility Lease Agreement.
- **Approved** the Lycoming Career and Technology Purchase of Service Agreements.
- **Approved** the request of the River Valley Regional YMCA to use Ashkar for summer activities.
- **Approved** the 2012 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion.

Mike