

Jersey Shore Area School District
Board of Education – Work Session
Minutes of June 13, 2011

Item A – Call to Order:

Mr. Harry Brungard, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Craig Allen, Mr. Harry Brungard, Mr. Christopher Fravel, Mr. Ted Fanning, Mrs. Shelley Helm, Mr. Harry Miller, Mr. Robert Pryor, Mr. John Shireman, Mrs. Heather Williamson and Mr. Richard Emery, Superintendent

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J. David Smith, Esq., Solicitor and Adrienne Craig, Board Secretary

Item B – President’s Report:

1. **Presentation:** Recognition for the following athletic teams: Tennis
Baseball
Softball
2. President, Harry Brungard announced that an Executive Session was held May 27, 2011 for litigation.

Item C – Courtesy of the Floor: None

Item D – Personnel:

1. **Discussion:** Job Description of Computer Repair/Network Specialist – Rich Emery

Motion: A motion was made by Robert Pryor and seconded by Heather Williamson to approve the Computer Repair/Network Specialist job description as discussed.

The vote was a unanimous Yes. Motion carried.

Item E – Curriculum and Instruction:

1. **Discussion:** Susquehanna House Alternative Education Program Proposal 2011-12 – Bob Conroy/Krista Peterson

Item F – Buildings and Grounds:

1. **Discussion:** Avis lots – Harry Brungard

Item G – Finance:

1. **Discussion:** 2011-2012 Budget – Rich Emery/Adrienne Craig/Bob Conroy

Item I – Executive Session: An Executive Session was held beginning at 7:52 p.m. for personnel and legal matters after which business will be conducted.

Meeting resumed at 8:58 p.m.

Item H – Miscellaneous:

- 1. **Discussion:** Policy 227 – Harry Brungard and John Shireman – Discussion on this item was tabled by President, Harry Brungard.

Motion: A motion was made by Craig Allen and seconded by Christopher Fravel to advertise the Computer Repair/Network Specialist position as approved.

A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 7-Yes and 2-No. Motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Craig Allen	Yes	Harry Brungard	No
Ted Fanning	No	Christopher Fravel	Yes
Shelley Helm	Yes	Harry Miller	Yes
Robert Pryor	Yes	John Shireman	Yes
Heather Williamson	Yes		

Item F – Buildings and Grounds:

Motion: A motion was made by Craig Allen and seconded by Robert Pryor to amend the following Item F – Buildings and Grounds item as follows:

- 1. **Recommend:** approving Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates as the Architect of Record for the renovation of Jersey Shore Elementary School subject to administrative and legal review.

The vote was a unanimous Yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Item D-Personnel and Item E-Curriculum/Instruction:

Motion: A motion was made by Shelley Helm and seconded by Heather Williamson to approve the following Item D and Item E items as listed on the agenda:

D. Personnel:

- 1. **Recommend:** approving Sheree Ulsamer to fill the 12-month Secretary position at Jersey Shore Middle School at a salary of \$30,322, effective July 1, 2011.
- 2. **Recommend:** accepting a letter of retirement from W. David Eisemann, Transportation/Purchasing Director, effective June 30, 2011.

E. Curriculum and Instruction:

- 1. **Recommend:** approving the School Improvement Plan for Jersey Shore Elementary School.

The vote was a unanimous Yes. Motion carried.

End Consent Agenda

Item G – Finance:

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Fravel and seconded by Craig Allen approve the following Item G – Finance items as listed on the agenda.

1. **Recommend:** approving the final budget for 2011-2012 as presented in PDE-2028.

A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 9-Yes and 0-No. Motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Craig Allen	Yes	Harry Brungard	Yes
Ted Fanning	Yes	Christopher Fravel	Yes
Shelley Helm	Yes	Harry Miller	Yes
Robert Pryor	Yes	John Shireman	Yes
Heather Williamson	Yes		

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Fravel and seconded by Heather Williamson approve the following Item G – Finance items as listed on the agenda. (Attachment)

2. **Recommend:** approving a resolution to set final real estate tax rates for 2011-2012 as presented in PDE-2028. (To be provided at meeting)

A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 9-Yes and 0-No. Motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Craig Allen	Yes	Harry Brungard	Yes
Ted Fanning	Yes	Christopher Fravel	Yes
Shelley Helm	Yes	Harry Miller	Yes
Robert Pryor	Yes	John Shireman	Yes
Heather Williamson	Yes		

Motion: A motion was made by Harry Miller and seconded by Heather Williamson approve the following Item G – Finance items as listed on the agenda. (Attachment)

3. **Recommend:** approving the Homestead/Farmstead Resolution as it pertains to the 2011 real estate taxes. (To be provided at meeting)

A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 9-Yes and 0-No. Motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Craig Allen	Yes	Harry Brungard	Yes
Ted Fanning	Yes	Christopher Fravel	Yes
Shelley Helm	Yes	Harry Miller	Yes
Robert Pryor	Yes	John Shireman	Yes
Heather Williamson	Yes		

Item H – Miscellaneous:

Motion: A motion was made by John Shireman and seconded by Robert Pryor approve the following Item H – Miscellaneous item as listed on the agenda.

1. **Recommend:** approving participation in the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit (IU #13) Microsoft Enrollment for Education Solutions (5-year contract).

The vote was a unanimous Yes. Motion carried.

Announcement: Board Member, Christopher Fravel, announced that he is moving and will be resigning from his position on the Board.

Announcement: Ted Fanning announced that he is not seeking re-election and this will be his last year on the Board.

Item J – Adjournment: A motion was made by Shelley Helm and seconded by Ted Fanning to adjourn the June 13, 2011 Work Session at 9:05 p.m.

The vote was a unanimous Yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne F. Craig
Business Manager

JERSEY SHORE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution Adopting Tax Levy

Real Estate Tax - It is resolved that under the authority granted by Act 511 and its Amendments, known as the Local Tax Enabling Act, that the Jersey Shore Area School District imposes for general revenue purposes an annual tax of 15.2658 mills or \$1.52658 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all real estate situated in the Boroughs of Jersey Shore and Salladasburg, and the Townships of Anthony, Bastress, Brown, Cummings, Limestone, McHenry, Mifflin, Nippenose, Piatt, Porter, and Watson in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania and an annual tax of 11.0796 mills or \$1.10796 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all real estate situated in the Borough of Avis, and the Townships of Crawford and Pine Creek #1 in Clinton County, Pennsylvania to be effective 12:01 A.M. EDT on July 1, 2011 and to continue in force on a fiscal year basis without annual re-enactment unless the rate of tax is subsequently changed. In the opinion of the Jersey Shore Area Board of School Directors, said tax is necessitated by reason of the costs and expenses incident to the conduction of the activities and functions of the Jersey Shore Area School District, Lycoming and Clinton Counties.

JERSEY SHORE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Jersey Shore Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2011, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2011:

Gambling tax funds. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,142,514. Jersey Shore Area School District has prior year unused exclusions in the amount of \$2,253. The total available for tax reduction is \$1,144,767.

Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

Homestead property number. The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 3,454 in Lycoming County and 1,272 in Clinton County.

Farmstead property number. The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 105 in Lycoming County and 7 in Clinton County.

Homestead/farmstead combined number. Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4,838.

Real estate tax reduction calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$1,144,767 by the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4,838 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$241.20 in Lycoming County and \$241.32 in Clinton County.

Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$15,800 in Lycoming County and \$21,781 in Clinton County. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$15,800 in Lycoming County and \$21,781 in Clinton County. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the Lycoming and Clinton County Assessment Offices on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This authorization will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

