

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANCASTER SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

**Special Board Meeting**  
**May 24, 2011**

The School District of Lancaster School Board held a special meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget. The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the McCaskey East High School, 1051 Lehigh Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Richard Caplan, President  
Mrs. Barbara Boben  
Mr. Charlie Crystle, Jr.  
Mr. Todd Heath  
Mrs. Stacey Marten  
Mr. Harvey Miller  
Mrs. Linda Troublefield Owens  
Mr. Michael Rowen  
Ms. Janelle M. Simms

Officers: Mr. Pedro Rivera, Superintendent  
Mr. Matt Przywara, Treasurer  
Mrs. Colleen Marshall, Secretary

Legal Counsel: Mr. Robert Frankhouser, Solicitor - Absent

Student Board Member: Miss Alvia Urdaneta - Absent

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**5/24/2011: CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Caplan. Roll call was answered by: *Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens, Rowen and Simms – 9; Absent: – 0.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**5/24/2011: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM:**

Beverly Richardson, Waterford Court, expressed her concern with the lack of documentation being provided for the public. The Superintendent stated most of the presentation being presented at the meeting is the same presentation that has been provided over the last couple of months and the presentations are being placed on the District's website. If individuals do not have access to the website, they can call the District office to request copies. She also asked about the athletic budget and what has changed with their budget? Superintendent Rivera stated that there was a proposed \$80,000 reduction to middle school athletics; however, the District has been able to find a \$100,000 reduction in the athletic budget without eliminating any sports programs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lori Paules, South Queen Street, expressed her concern about eliminating librarians. She had a student ask her why the District feels the current students should go to school without having the same services the Administration and Board had when they were students.

Tracy Dettrey Myers, East Walnut Street, questioned the limited number of items on the agenda. President Caplan stated that the meeting is a Special Meeting regarding the budget so there were a limited number of items on the agenda. She stated that the information she was looking for last week was not on the website and she had to call the Communications Office to follow up on her questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
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**5/24/2011: DISCUSSION/ACTION: ADOPTION OF 2011-2012**

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET:** Matt Przywara gave a presentation of the proposed final budget including the Governor's Proposed Budget, the Proposed Budget Reductions, the Summary and Recommendations, and Tax Impact. There was a lot of discussion amongst the Board Members and Administration regarding the proposed budget including the athletic program, options for a tax increase, electives to be cut at the high school, the LFEE budget and non-discretionary items. Director Crystle asked the Board to find additional savings in this budget due to the estimated \$17 million deficit the Board will be facing over the next several years. There was considerable time spent on reviewing budgetary line items.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

There was discussion regarding the results of the bids received for the custodial outsourcing and the potential cost savings if the services were outsourced. There was also discussion regarding the AFSCME Proposal which included reducing 12 full time employees.

Following a motion by Director Owens and seconded by Director Heath, the 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget was approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Rowen and Simms – 8; Nay: Owens – 1.*

**5/24/2011: DISCUSSION: STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS/**

**BOARD MEETINGS:** This item was tabled for further discussions at a later time.

**STRUCTURE OF  
COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS/BOARD  
MEETINGS**

**5/24/2011: ADJOURNMENT:** President Caplan adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Director Marten, seconded by Director Rowen. The Board of Directors then held an Executive Session which was closed to the public for the purpose of discussing matters involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion, or disciplining of specific or prospective officers or employees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Attest:

Colleen R. Marshall  
Board Secretary