

Order of Business

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

President Ann Thompson called the meeting of the East Penn Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present: C. H. Ballard, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, E. Gannon, S. Kowalchuk,
T. Richwine, M. Robert, V. Thomas, A. Thompson
Solicitor: Marc S. Fisher, Esq., Worth, Magee, & Fisher
Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell
Treasurer: Gary Reigal
Substitute Superintendent of Schools: Dr. George A. Ziolkowski
Press Present: Loretta Fenstermacher, East Penn Press Reporter
Ron Devlin, Morning Call Reporter

Mrs. Thompson thanked Emmaus HS Principal Liz Drake and Activities Director Dennis Ramella for a very efficient and serious graduation ceremony yesterday.

2. Requests to Address the Board

William Ehrlich, 4572 Belmont Drive, Emmaus encouraged the Board to purchase additional land for a future high school and/or middle school.

Risa Donegan, 9 Coach Street, Macungie suggested that the Board reconsider the plan and build a high school first instead of an elementary school. She thanked Ms. Arnold, Ms. Cortez and Mr. Denmead in the Music Department. She also thanked Mr. Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Robert, Seconded by Gannon
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the May 22, 2006 Board Meeting.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

4. Authorization to Apply for Federal Funds

Motion by Robert, Seconded by Earnshaw
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the administration to apply for federal funds under Title I, Title II, Title III, and Title V.
Title I: Federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies to improve educational opportunities for educationally deprived children.
Title II: Federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to improve the skills of teachers and the quality of instruction in core academic subjects in public elementary and secondary schools.
Title III: Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students.
Title V: Federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to state and local educational agencies in the areas of educational reform and effective schools.

Mr. Earnshaw presented the following amendment:

Motion by Earnshaw, Seconded by Robert
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors remove Title I from the resolution; and that the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the administration to apply for federal funds under Title II, Title III, and Title V.

Title II: Federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to improve the skills of teachers and the quality of instruction in core academic subjects in public elementary and secondary schools.
Title III: Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students.

Title V: Federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to state and local educational agencies in the areas of educational reform and effective schools.

Mr. Earnshaw explained that he felt that the potential sanctions for Title I could put the district at risk. He did not feel that the responses that had been received from government officials were definitive enough to keep the district from being subject to sanctions. In response to a question from Ms. Fuller, Mr. Reigal responded that the Title I funds amounted to approximately \$141,000 in a 99 million dollar budget.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Thomas, Thompson---8
Nay: Robert-----1

Mr. Robert made a motion to include authorization for Title I.

Motion by Robert, Seconded by Thomas
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the administration to apply for federal funds under Title I.

Mr. Ballard said he was concerned about Title I funds being used for other than a Title I School. Mr. Robert asked if there are Title I funds being used at other than a Title I school. Dr. Ziolkowski indicated that 10% of the funds would have to be set aside for the high school. Approximately \$14,000 would be used at the high school because it is in school improvement.

This resolution was defeated by the following roll call vote:
Nay: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Thompson-----7
Aye: Robert, Thomas-----2

5. Approval of the Sungard Pentamation Inc. Contract (Student Management System)-Exhibit 1

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Thomas
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the administration to enter into a contract with Sungard Pentamation Inc. as described in Exhibit 1.

Dr. Ziolkowski said that the administration was prepared to answer any questions, noting this had been discussed previously. This is an upgrade to the current system and will allow the staff to have more access to applications that they have requested in compiling reports for analysis. Two other systems were reviewed by staff; however, Pentamation is the system of choice. This is a budgeted expense. Mr. Robert asked if the system could handle the PAsureID system and he was told it is part of the regulatory software. Mr. Ballard said there was a certain amount of reticence on the part of the Board because of past experience. Dr. Ziolkowski responded that looking at the other systems this was the best system. They looked at systems used within Lehigh County. Mr. Ballard said one of the previous problems was defining who was responsible for the success of the project. He asked if a project manager had been designated. Dr. Ziolkowski said the management of the project will have to be between the Superintendent's Office and the IT Director's Office. Mr. Ballard asked what type of controls would be in place. Dr. Ziolkowski said there must be viable, realistic time lines, the necessary training, and confirming with Pentamation what is and is not included. Mr. Ballard suggested that people sign off on specific check points. Dr. Ziolkowski said the last time there were expectations about the system that could not be delivered. It is very important that people at every level know the expectations. Ms. Gannon asked about the implementation time line. Dr. Ziolkowski said full implementation is scheduled for the Fall of 2007; however, some schedules will be available next spring. There will be a concurrent system but there will be some limitations. Ms. Milliken said during the transition period there will be a concurrent system that will be read only. Data will not be able to be entered, only read. Ms. Gannon said she had a lot of concern for the staff who had a lot of trauma with the last implementation. Ms. Gannon expressed concern about the conversion of gpa and hoped that it would all run smoothly. Dr. Ziolkowski said he was very involved in the previous gpa issue, adding there was as much human error as there was system error. He said part of it was in the training and the conversion created many problems because of the individual nature of the input. Ms. Gannon talked about some of the unusual circumstances and she expressed her concern about moving ahead with this system. Dr. Ziolkowski pointed out that this upgrade will include many features that staff members have requested. He concluded that the district needs to move ahead with the system. Ms. Kowalchuk asked if there would be trial runs so that by the fall of 2007 high school schedules and transcripts are correct. Dr. Ziolkowski said there could be trial runs but he felt there would be a greater comfort level in training. He noted that the training took place four years ago so it is time to upgrade. Mr. Earnshaw asked if the Pentamation system was used for elementary report cards and was it going to be the system used throughout the district. Ms. Milliken talked about the evolution of the elementary report card that was a custom design but could be converted to eSchoolPlus, pointing out that the decision has not been made to do this. She noted that elementary attendance records are part of the Pentamation system. Mr. Earnshaw said he has lingering concerns about Pentamation. He stated that if this system fails there will be severe implications from some members of the Board in terms of performance reviews, comments, and it

will not be welcome news. He said the Board needs to know who will be responsible for this system in terms of performance evaluations, merit pay increases and everything else that goes with it. This needs to be a top priority for whoever it is assigned to. He said he did not want to have this conversation in 2007. Mr. Robert requested that the transcripts for the Class of 2008 be printed out in the current and new system and a comparison be made to be sure that they are consistent. Ms. Milliken indicated this could be done. Mrs. Thompson said there were problems in the past and she fully concurs that people need to be held accountable so we are not making the same mistakes again. She said the last time the Board was not apprised of the many problems that were experienced until citizens started contacting board members. Since November, Dr. Ziolkowski felt he was dealing with both the good news and the bad news.

This resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert, Thomas, Thompson----8

Nay: Gannon-----1

6. Final Adoption of 2006-07 Budget

Motion by Thomas, Seconded by Robert

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors, adopt the 2006-07 Budget that was tentatively adopted on May 8, 2006 and revised, and;

be it further

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors, Lehigh County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby authorize expenditures totaling \$99,872,119 as set forth therein; and,

be it further

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors levy a tax of 39.16 mills per dollar of assessed valuation on real estate, and the following taxes be levied under Act 511:

A one-half (.5%) earned income tax, and

A one (1.0%) real estate transfer tax

and

That the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Rebate Program be continued for the 2006-07 year.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert, Thomas,

Thompson-----9

Board members thanked Dr. Ziolkowski and Mr. Reigal for their budget preparation and analysis.

7. Report of the Substitute Superintendent of Schools – Dr. George Ziolkowski

1. Personnel

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Gannon

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the following personnel items:

Resignations

-Dave Domchek, Assistant Principal at Emmaus HS, effective June 30, 2006 (Exhibit 2)

-Alana Cross, Grade 2 Teacher at Shoemaker School, effective immediately (Exhibit 3)

-Maureen Leitzel, Reading Seminar Teacher at Eyer MS, effective immediately (Exhibit 4)

-Stephanie Mann, Special Education Teacher at Emmaus High School, effective immediately (Exhibit 5)

-Erin Marks, Music Teacher at Eyer MS, effective immediately (Exhibit 6)

-Tara Dawson, Teacher Aide at Alburts School, effective June 6, 2006 (Exhibit 7)

-Lois Haberstumpf, Teacher Aide at Eyer MS, effective June 14, 2006 (Exhibit 8)

-Jill Siegfried-Cramer, Teacher Aide at Shoemaker School, effective immediately (Exhibit 9)

-Yvonne Walls, Food Services Department, effective June 9, 2006 (Exhibit 10)

-Colleen Bruen, Special Education Teacher at Macungie School, effective immediately

Requests for General Leaves of Absence – 2006-07

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Location/Grade/Subject</u>
Melanie Bosse	LMMS, Grade 6
Lisa Goehler	Alburtis, Grade 3
Paula Fehlinger	Wescosville, Grade 1
Kathryn Hillegass	LMMS, Special Education
Kristine Yessen	Shoemaker, Kindergarten
Christine Callahan	Wescosville, Grade 5, effective 1 year beginning March 6, 2006

Transfer

Employee: Sallie DeLong
From: Administrative Assistant, Curriculum & Instruction
To: Administrative Assistant, Assistant Superintendent for
Initiatives & Evaluation

2006-07 Professional Staff Transfers (See Exhibit 11)

2006-07 Department Chairs (See Exhibit 12)

Appointment of Professional Employee

Name/Address: Diana Coleman
3506 Knerr Drive, Macungie 18062
Education Level: B. S. Degree (1996)
M. Ed. Degree (2002)
Undergraduate School: Lock Haven University
Graduate School: Holy Family University
Certification: Instructional II, Ment and/or Phys. Hand
Assignment: Special Education, Macungie School
Vacancy created by resignation of C. Bruen
Effective: 2006-07 School Year
Experience: 9/96-6/04: Pennsbury SD
9/05-Present: East Penn SD
Salary: \$49,900 (Step G, Year 7, Col. M)

Appointment of Temporary Professional Employees

Name/Address: Sarah Davis
3106 Daniel Drive, Sinking Spring 19608
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2005)
Undergraduate School: Penn State University
Certification: Instructional I, Music K-12
Assignment: Music, Eyer MS
Vacancy created by resignation of E. Marks
Effective: 2006-07 School Year
Experience: 1/06-Present: East Penn SD
Salary: \$40,600 (Step B, Year 2, Col. B)

Name/Address: Amanda Heller
7333 East Hillcrest Lane, Slatington 18080
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2004)
Undergraduate School: Penn State University
Certification: Instructional I, Elementary K-6
Assignment: Grade 2, Shoemaker School
Vacancy created by resignation of A. Cross
Effective: 2006-07 School Year
Experience: 11/05-Present: East Penn SD
Salary: \$40,600 (Step B, Year 2, Col. B)

Name/Address: Jacqueline Swauger
1629 W. Congress Street, Allentown 18102
Education Level: B. S. Degree (1997)

Undergraduate School: Kutztown University
 Certification: Instructional I, Elementary K-6, Reading Specialist
 Assignment: Reading Seminar, Grade 8, Eyer MS
 Vacancy created by M. Leitzel resignation
 Effective: 2006-07 School Year
 Experience: 1/05-Present: East Penn SD
 9/00-6/01: Salisbury SD
 0/01-1/05: Discovery Pre-School
 Salary: \$41,100 (Step C, Year 3, Col. B)

Name/Address: Ellen Martin
 1080K Cold Stream Circle, Emmaus

Education Level: B. S. Degree (2005)
 Undergraduate School: Shippensburg University
 Certification: Instructional I, Elementary K-6, Middle Level Citizenship 7-9
 Assignment: Kindergarten, Lower Macungie ES
 Vacancy created by resignation of N. Schock
 Effective: 2006-07 School Year
 Experience: 9/05-Present: East Penn SD (per diem substitute)
 Salary: \$40,100 (Step A, Year 1, Col. B)

Full-Time Substitute Teacher Appointments

Name/Address: Erin Lichtenwalner
 5037 Oakland Road, Coplay 18037

Education Level: B. A. Degree (2006)
 Undergraduate School: Marywood University
 Certification: Instructional I, Family Consumer Science K-12
 Assignment: Family & Consumer Science, Emmaus HS
 Opening created by A. Beal leave
 Effective: 2006-07 School Year
 Experience: 1/06-6/06: Stroudsburg Area SD
 Salary: \$40,100 (Step A, Year 1, Col. B)

Name/Address: Jennifer Corona
 3202 Vermont Street, Easton 18045

Education Level: B. S. Degree (2004)
 Undergraduate School: Kutztown University
 Certification: Instructional I, Elementary K-6
 Assignment: Grade 6, LMMS
 Opening created by M. Bosse leave
 Effective: 2006-07 School Year
 Experience: 2/15/05-Present: East Penn SD
 Salary: \$41,100 (Step C, Year 3, Col. B)

2006-07 Per Diem Substitute List

Patricia Kehs, Food Services Department

Jump Start Program – July 31-August 17, 2006

Stipend: 12 days - 3 hours/day @ \$31.00/hr.

Stephanie Schwab, Mathematics
 John Dremick, Study Skills
 Lisa Insinger, Language Arts

Additions to Summer Maintenance

New (\$6.90/hour):	Ryan Hinkle	Steven Coakley
Former (\$7.45/hour):	Eric Muschock	Jeffrey Obelcz

Summer Employees – IT Department

Returning: William Burroughs, Jeffrey Dowgala, Thomas Johnson
 New: Rebecca Witmer

Educational Conferences – Exhibit 13

That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the expenses for the individuals attending the educational conferences listed on Exhibit 13.

Retirements

-Dennis Murphy, Principal of Shoemaker School, effective June 29, 2006, under Board Policy 350.1, Retention Incentive Program, with insurance coverage provisions only. (Exhibit 10A)

-Donna Henry, Special Education Teacher, change from resignation to retirement, effective June 15, 2006

2005-06 Elementary Jumpstart Summer Program (Exhibit 13 A)

2006 Summer School Middle Level Program

Rick Frederick, Grade 6
Denine Williams, Mathematics
Carol Walrod, Language Arts
David Bosse, Social Studies

Abolition of School Police Officer Position (Exhibit 14)

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors abolish the position of school police officer effective the close of business June 30, 2006.

Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Funds

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with Board Policy 702, Gifts, Grants, and Funds, the East Penn Board of School Directors accept the following monetary gifts for the purposes stated:

-\$3,000 gift from the Hoang-Nakada Donor Advised Fund. This gift has been earmarked for support for the Emmaus High School American Computer Science League team.

-\$35,000 from the Lincoln Parent Teacher Organization. This gift is being presented for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment. The equipment will be supplied and installed by Boyce Associates of Trexlertown.

Dr. Ziolkowski indicated that there are 58 positions that the administration will be trying to fill this summer, including 2 principals and 2 assistant principals. The security officer position is being terminated because of a different security structure.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert,
Thomas, Thompson-----9

8. Education

1. Textbook Adoption – Exhibit 15

Motion by Earnshaw, Seconded by Ballard
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the adoption of the textbooks listed on Exhibit 15 for use in the East Penn School District.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert, Thomas,
Thompson-----9

2. Drop-Out Report – Dr. Denise Torma, Assistant Superintendent for Initiatives & Evaluation

Dr. Denise Torma, Assistant Superintendent for Initiatives and Evaluation, reviewed the attached report on East Penn SD dropouts. She reviewed the percentages and numbers from 2001-02 to 2004-05 in the categories of Economically Disadvantaged, Special Education, and English Language Learners. Also included were statistics for

students in the various programs (General, Academic or CP, Vocational-Technical and Exceptional) offered at the high school. The general program has the highest number of dropouts. Some of the reasons that are given for dropping out include Drug & Alcohol Possession; academic problems, behavior problems, dislike of school, child, married, pregnant, wanted to work, runaway or expelled, attendance; incarceration; and mental health. Dr. Torma indicated that overall the dropout rate has decreased in the last two years. Mr. Earnshaw asked if the numbers could be shown as percentages. Mr. Ballard asked what is the difference between exceptional and special education. Dr. Torma said she would have that clarified. Ms. Kowalchuk noted that the information shows totals for Grades 9-12 and asked if there was any analysis to show the numbers in each grade level. Dr. Torma noted that this information has been included in previous reports but the highest level of dropouts is usually at Grades 11 & 12. In answer to a question from Mr. Robert, Dr. Ziolkowski indicated that the dropout percentage is done on the longitudinal completion rate and it is used by PA in a formula that ascertains the percentage of drop outs. Dr. Torma said the formula was developed by the National Center for Educational Statistics. Dr. Ziolkowski said the comparison is very dramatic from state to state.

Dr. Torma then reviewed the programs that are in place to help students remain in school. The Student Assistance Program is not a treatment program but is a process using techniques to mobilize school resources to remove barriers. The Diversified Career Occupations program is designed to allow grade 12 students to work half-days and attend EHS for the other half of the day. It is a program arranged through LCTI. The PSSA Remediation Program works with students in grades 9-11 who did not meet proficiency levels. The focus is on small classes. There is also a PSSA Remediation Program for IEP students. An alternative school that provides students with academics and counseling is the Community Service Foundation located in Bethlehem. The program is currently serving 4 students. The Career Academy Program is offered by Lehigh Career & Technical Institute and is offered as an alternative program for at-risk students to receive a high school diploma and work toward a career goal. Last summer 221 students attended Summer School that also offered an expanded program for accelerated courses in some of the required graduation courses, such as swimming and health. No students failed. For students who are experiencing a variety of difficulties during the school day, a compressed schedule is offered. Students come to school for their academic subjects and leave upon the completion of the schedule. The Jump Start Program is being offered for approximately 30 students transitioning from 8th to 9th grade who have been identified by their 8th grade teachers as at-risk. Their progress in 9th grade will be monitored closely next year. The Alternative Education Program will be provided for at least 15 students identified as at-risk in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade. The school will operate from 3-7 p.m., five days a week. They will be recommended by their guidance counselors and assistant principals to attend an alternative education program that will take place after regular school hours in the high school. Currently, a logic model is being developed for this program.

Mrs. Thomas asked about the Diversified Occupations Program. Mrs. Drake said there are actually a number of juniors who are also involved in this program. Mrs. Thomas asked if they graduate within the four years. Mrs. Drake responded that the credits do allow them to graduate on time. Ms. Gannon applauded the expanded Summer School Program that allows students to take enrichment courses as well as fulfill some graduation requirements. Ms. Gannon asked how the PSSA tests will be administered in the Alternative Education Program. Supervisor of High School Special Education Ron DeIaco indicated the PSSA test will be given in the evening. Mrs. Drake felt that the smaller group better fits the needs of the students and it will help students taking the PSSA. Referring to the Jump Start Program, Ms. Kowalchuk asked if the students in the program will be monitored and supported. Mrs. Drake said each of the students attending will be closely linked with their guidance counselors and teachers in the program are going to be critical role in touching base with the students. Ms. Kowalchuk asked if there are predictors to alert the administration to at risk students. Mrs. Drake indicated that some of the identifying factors include students who are struggling academically, students who dislike school, and attendance problems. Dr. Ziolkowski talked about Teen Screen that was implemented this year looks at mental health issues. Mrs. Linda DeIvernois, Director of Secondary Education, explained that the process actually begins at the elementary level and continues into the middle level, not just at the high school level. Ms. Kowalchuk asked if there is a procedure for students to transition into the regular program from the Alternative Education Program. Mr. DeIaco said some of the students will remain in the program until they graduate; however, others will transition quickly back into the mainstream education. Dr. Ziolkowski said another dimension is to invite back students who have already dropped out.

Mr. Earnshaw commended the staff for the variety of programs offered. He asked how many students were served by the compressed schedule. Mrs. Drake responded that this year there were four to five students. The program is offered on an as needed basis. There are also two students who are coming back to school period by period. The aim is to come up with creative ideas to meet the needs of individual students. Dr. Ziolkowski indicated there are a number of compressed schedules for special education students. Mr. Earnshaw asked if 15 students are enough for the Alternative Education Program. Mr. DeIaco said they are setting up criteria for entrance into the program by working with the guidance counselors and principals. Dr. Ziolkowski felt the program will grow, noting the middle school principals have expressed an interest as well. The Salisbury School District and the Southern Lehigh School District have also indicated an interest in the Alternative Education Program. Ms. Fuller asked how the program will be staffed. Mr. DeIaco said the plan is to have staff members who are willing to teach in the evening. They would work one evening during the week. He said there has been a very good response. Mrs. Drake said there will also be one administrator and a guidance counselor available who will work a different shift. The program will be conducted in the new technology area and technology will be highly involved. Cafeteria service will be available as well as transportation. Dr. Ziolkowski said Mr. DeIaco has worked with this program in a previous district. Mr. Richwine said he was very supportive of the program. He asked how it will be decided if changes are needed and he would like to see a summary of the program once it is operating. Dr. Torma said benchmarks will be set up and there will be a formal evaluation of the program. Mr. Richwine

asked if there were grants available for this type of program. Mr. DeIaco said the district has received a \$2,000 grant from the state and they will be applying for other grant money. Walmart has also contributed \$1,000 for the program. Mr. Richwine asked if strategies that work in this program could be used in the regular education program. Mr. DeIaco there will be about ten teachers working on this program and it is hoped their techniques, if successful, can filter down to the regular education program. Mrs. Drake talked about Classrooms for the Future and other initiatives that recognize there are other ways to deliver the education program. Mrs. Drake noted that Mrs. DeIvernois and Ms. Milliken are working on that grant now. Mrs. DeIvernois said Project 720 is a competitive grant that is being prepared for submission. She also noted that professional development includes best practices as well. Mr. Robert thanked them for the presentation and encouraged the staff to keep working on other opportunities. He commented on the addition of the Home and School Visitor and continuing to identify at risk students through all twelve grades. Mrs. Thompson said she appreciated their innovative ideas and asked if this was replacing the Triad Program. Mrs. Drake indicated that the Triad Program was not meeting the needs of the students. She indicated that there is an in-school suspension program that has ten slots and it does meet the needs. Dr. Ziolkowski said there are other community programs as well.

The Board recessed at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

9. Other Educational Entities

-Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit T. Richwine

1. Ballots – Election of IU Board Members

Mr. Richwine reminded board members to submit their election ballots for the IU Board to the Board Secretary who will forward them to the IU.

-Lehigh Career & Technical Institute F. Fuller
T. Richwine
V. Thomas
A. Thompson

Ms. Fuller reported that the JOC had the opportunity to meet with students and hear about the various awards that they had received in state competitions. She commented that Emmaus High School was well represented. The LCTI enrollments continue to go up, noting that there are 18 Emmaus HS students for the full time program. In the Fall of 2005 for the half-time program, there were 236 students and that had increased to 284 students by the end of the year. The school construction is on schedule and there will be open houses during August.

10. Facilities

1. Bid Opening Report – Stair Tread & Landings; Classroom Tile/Entranceway Matting, Replacement of Portions of Chilled Water Piping at EHS – Exhibit 16
2. Notice of Intent to Award Bids – Chilled Water Piping – EHS

Motion by Robert, Seconded by Earnshaw

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the Notice of Intent to Award Contracts for the bid received for replacement of portions of the chilled water piping at the Emmaus High School to Hoch Mechanical, Inc., Allentown, PA at a cost of \$80,218.00; and,

be it further

RESOLVED, That the Notice of Intent to Award Contracts are issued contingent upon submittal and approval of the required documents to the Department of Education and other state and local agencies with the appropriate parties being authorized to sign the documents, submittal and approval of the required bonds, certificates of insurance, and the required documents from the contractors as specified in the bid instructions and materials, and execution of a contract as a required in the bid instructions and materials, all of the aforementioned being completed to the satisfaction of the solicitor.

Bid Awards – Stair Tread & Landings; Classroom Tile/Entrance Matting

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the bid received for stair tread and landings at Lower Macungie Middle School with Owen M. Bastian, Inc. at a cost of \$12,953.00; and,

be it further

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the bid received for classroom tile/entrance matting at Lincoln School with Owen M. Bastian, Inc. at a cost of \$24,997.00.

Note: The above bid does accept 1A Alternate which changes the hall tile from base bid Armstrong to Fritz tile as recommended by the Maintenance Office.

Moving and Storage Contract Amendment

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve an amendment of the contract with O'Brien's Moving Storage to reflect adjustments in hourly rates as outlined in their letter on December 27, 2005.

Construction Fund Payments – Exhibit 17

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize payment from the Capital Reserve Fund and GOB 2003 Bond Issue as listed on Exhibit 17.

Approval of Plancon K: Project Refinancing (Exhibit 18)

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve Plancon K: Project Refinancing for General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2006.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert, Thomas, Thompson-----9

11. Policy

1. Interim Reading: Board Policy 239-Foreign Exchange Students (Exhibit 19)
Board Policy 246-Student Wellness and East Penn School District Guidelines for Competitive Foods (Exhibit 20)

A recommendation for adoption will be presented at the June 26 Board Meeting.

12. Legislative – C. Ballard

Mr. Ballard updated the Board on the latest developments regarding tax reform legislation. The State House and Senate took no immediate action on the still unresolved special session property tax relief issue. Republican leaders in the House and Senate remain at odds about what course of action to pursue. There could still be a vote on HB 39. There is still another bill that would expand the state sales tax and increase the personal income tax. The feeling is that the Senate will turn that down because they are against raising any other taxes. On Thursday, PSBA will be proposing its own version of a property tax relief program. The details will be available on Thursday afternoon. The House Appropriations Committee approved and sent to the floor SB 884 which would impose restrictions on annual state spending. The bill was placed on the voting calendar but the House took no action before recessing for the primary. PSBA has requested that districts forward to them any program cuts or deferrals or any other steps taken to reduce costs. The House Rules Committee amended and approved SB 157. The bill amends the Local Tax Enabling Act with regard to the Emergency Municipal Services Tax. The Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee approved SB 1209 that would establish a program to award grants for the purpose of developing a Healthy Farms and Healthy Schools Program in kindergarten classes in public or private schools. Included in this bill is a list of state farmers who have agreed to supply food products from Pennsylvania farms; nutrition and agriculture education; training teachers and other educational staff on nutrition and agriculture education; the inclusion of parents, caregivers and community groups in educational activities; and field trips to farms or other direct agricultural educational experiences that teach children about sources of food and agriculture. Grant amounts would be limited to 75% of the amount necessary to develop the program, not to exceed \$15,000 annually per school.

Mr. Ballard asked board members to submit any legislative platform items to him so they can be included on the agenda. The items must be submitted to PSBA by July 17. Mrs. Thompson thanked Mr. Ballard for the time he spends on legislation.

13. Business Operations

1. Approval of Bill List
Motion by Robert, Seconded by Earnshaw

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the attached bill list, including the addenda, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue checks and vouchers in the amounts indicated.

Food Service Contract Extension – Exhibit 21

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve an extension of the current contract with The Nutrition Group to provide food service management from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007; and,

be it further

RESOLVED, That the following review and approval by the Solicitor and appropriate district officials be authorized to affix their signatures thereto.

Note: The guaranteed return to the district for the 2006-07 year is \$73,777; last year the guaranteed return was \$100,442. This reduction is due to the uncertainty associated with the changes in state guidelines and the potential effect of ongoing construction projects in the district.

Mrs. Thompson complimented Doug DeIvernois and Aneita Sutton on the excellent job that the Nutrition Group does in providing food service for the district.

Contract Extensions – Exhibit 22

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the contract extensions as listed on Exhibit 22.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert, Thomas, Thompson-----9

14. Board Sharing

Mrs. Thompson indicated that she had received an invitation from LCCC President Don Snyder inviting the Board to go to LCCC for a meeting. It was suggested that the Goal Setting Workshop be held off campus and this may be a possible site. Board Secretary Cecilia Birdsell will contact LCCC. Mr. Robert asked that the summer board meetings be casual dress. In answer to a question raised by Mrs. Thomas, letters had been sent to legislators regarding the Board's support for HB 2550.

15. Announcements

Monday, June 12 6:30 p.m.-Executive Session, Conference Room
(Personnel, Real Estate, Negotiations, Architects)
7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting, Board Room
Thursday, June 15 Last day for students and teachers
Monday, June 26 7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting

16. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion, at 9:45 p.m.

Cecilia R. Birdsell, Board Secretary