

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

President Alan Earnshaw called the regular meeting of the East Penn Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: K. Bacher, C. Ballard, L. Donches, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, R. Heid,
Z. Munson, S. Rhodes, W. Vinovskis

Solicitor: Marc S. Fisher, Esq., Worth, Magee & Fisher

Treasurer: Debra Surdoval

Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

Press Present: Peter McConnell, East Penn Press Reporter
Margie Peterson, Morning Call Reporter
Randy Kraft, WFMZ On line Reporter

2. Student Recognition:

Mr. Earnshaw and Dr. Seidenberger presented Awards of Excellence to the students who won silver and gold medals in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2014. The national celebration is at Carnegie Hall and the national gold medalist's work will be on display at the Parsons New School for Design's art gallery.

National Gold Medalist – Heather Koehler

National Silver Medalist – Nick Capri

National Silver Medalist-Shannon McGowan

National Silver Medalist-Mara Ruzicka-Butz

Ms. Ruzicka-Butz explained that her picture illustrated in the background white figures and she emphasized the front figure as an African-American. The students received a round of applause.

3. Requests to Address the Board

John Donches, 559 Minor Street, Emmaus talked about Dr. Seidenberger cutting back on aides' time to 29 hours so the district would not have to pay benefits. He felt Dr. Seidenberger should pay back the consultant fee and his salary and benefits since he is not staying for his five year contract. He also included the teachers in the scenario because every time there is a raise it includes salary and benefits. He wanted to know what the difference would be in Dr. Seidenberger's pension compared to what it will be in the next 20 years. He alleged that the district lost \$11 million in education funds by voting in favor of the TIF and claimed that the district is not in the business of economic development.

Don Richards, 3974 Fish Hatchery Road, Lower Macungie talked about the increase in tax rate of 1% in each of the 20 years of the TIF. He based this information on the LCIDA revised version of the TIF and information from Public Financial Management. He did not know why East Penn would turn over their taxing authority to a real estate developer for 20 years. He recognized that the 3.8% tax increase is to be voted on this evening and does get the district ahead of the curve.

Janice Bowman, 55 Hickory Hills Drive, Bath presented information and articles from the National Association of State Boards of Education and various articles from organizations against the Common Core Standards. She said they are fighting Common Core and it will be out of the state; however, one of the consequences is that the federal money will be tied up. They are going out after California, New York, Texas, and Chicago. Microsoft Now for testing and assessment is creating a situation where school districts need to upgrade and purchase new computers and programs. She said it is an extra cost factor

that taxpayers will have to pay. NASBE claims that school boards will pay more for insurance because of data breaches. She claimed students were not safe and the Board needs to take back local control.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Bacher

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 meeting.

Dr. Bacher clarified that Mr. Harrison (Page 2) did agree to pay the \$326,380.

Ms. Donches wanted to clarify that on Page 11, Item 14.5 Appointment of Auditor she had noted that Lehigh County saved money and that the same auditor did bid lower but was not the auditor selected.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

5. 2014-15 Proposed Final Budget Adoption for East Penn School District/Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Rebate Program (Power Point Presentation attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Fuller

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors adopt the proposed final 2014-15 budget in the amount of \$136,867,713 with the following tax levies:

16.7479 mills on the assessed valuation of real estate

0.5% (.005) Act 511 Earned Income Tax

1.0% Act 511 Real Estate Transfer Tax

be it further

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors continue the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Rebate Program for the 2014-15 year with the income eligibility guidelines to be established at final budget adoption.

Dr. Seidenberger recounted the many accomplishments of East Penn students (19 Freddy nominations; students' art work; orchestra, marching band, a capella groups, athletics, and academic honors) and how East Penn embraces the three As – academics, arts, and athletics culminating in an overall school performance score of 90. He said everyone should feel proud about that because East Penn is noted for its rigor, integrity, and giving students exceptional academic opportunities. He talked about a recent seminar with political analyst Dr. Terry Madonna who pointed out that education is the number one issue in the race for governor. Dr. Seidenberger expressed his pride in not having the many cutbacks experienced by other districts during the economic turndown. He was pleased that a lot of conversation is being generated regarding cyber and charter schools across the state and cited the Auditor General's report that was just released. He encouraged board members and parents to keep the pressure on the state legislators.

Dr. Seidenberger noted the objectives of the budget and listed the challenges as being uncertainty in ACCESS funding, managing the transition with a new bus company, looking for the best energy investments with the shortest payback periods, and adjusting staffing levels to changing student enrollment. We do not see any drop off in the number of special education students. He pointed out that the budget is a reflection of a total team effort and he thanked the members of the team that includes administration, department chairpersons, maintenance, and teachers. Referring to the dollar value of exceptions, Dr. Seidenberger indicated that the district will not be using all approved exceptions. PDE approved \$1.8 million in exceptions and we will be using \$1.3 million leaving \$479,819 of the approved exceptions not used. The total budget is \$136,867,713; the real estate tax increase is 3.86%. The final adoption is scheduled for June 23, 2014.

Providing a capsule look at the budget, Dr. Seidenberger indicated that the primary concern is the inaction of the Legislature and the uncertainty of state aid. He cited the number of cyber and charter schools and an increase in students due to new construction. They do know that live births and Kindergarten enrollment are down; however, this district has experienced a high level of migration of families and students into the district. There was an increase in Title I funds that will allow us to charge some of the Home & School Visitor's salary and the Title I Coordinator's salary that will use about \$97,000. Referring to local revenues, Dr. Seidenberger indicated that only 14% of the tax parcels in East Penn are made up of industrial or commercial real estate. EIT is solid and they are optimistic with most job reports showing growth. Dr. Seidenberger cited the following items as areas that should be monitored for next year: New construction in the district; Increasing numbers of special education students; Charter schools enrollment; Transportation Contract; Kindergarten enrollments; and Limited investment income. The biggest positive factors that occurred with this year's budget include spending \$1.8 million less for debt service; higher local revenues, and salaries and benefits being less than budgeted. Dr. Seidenberger explained that there is a per pupil allotment for students at the elementary level (\$138.38); middle school level (\$245.80); and high school level (\$294.90). He noted that approximately \$2 million has been cut from this budget. Staff positions have been reduced by 4.5 positions and teachers are being asked to move to another building based on certification areas. He has also cut 2 administrative positions. Dr. Seidenberger has reviewed the budget with incoming superintendent Dr. Schilder.

In analyzing the amount of district money that is being spent for tuition in cyber and charter schools, Dr. Seidenberger reported that in this budget there is \$3.9 million dollars allocated. This represents a \$300,000 increase over last year. He emphasized that charter schools are not free and "choice" does not appear in the State Constitution that stipulates "a thorough and efficient free public education system." He illustrated how bringing back all charter/cyber school students to the East Penn schools would only cost \$500,000 in new staff and would result in a zero tax increase. There is no reason why these students cannot be educated in the home school district. Dr. Seidenberger pointed out that public schools are outperforming charter and cyber charter schools and some charters have selective criteria or are so special purpose oriented that they cannot serve all children. Dr. Seidenberger provided a variety of information that indicates that in most cases these schools are not performing well. The 30% reimbursement to school districts was eliminated by Governor Corbett and since that time the district has lost \$2.7 million in that three-year period. He wanted board members and East Penn taxpayers to note that East Penn has an outstanding cyber charter school at the high school level that costs approximately \$4,400/student, and he questioned why charter schools cannot do it as well. He talked about the pension double dipping by charter/cyber schools. He also noted that public school systems have not received an increase in special education funding in six years while charter/cyber schools have received a 16.9% increase in special education tuition payments. There are 60 special education students in charters schools and 58 would be rated as Tier 1. The district is overpaying by \$257,000 a year. The administration will continue to monitor the budget. There has been success in bringing back some of the students who were attending charter schools. They will be looking at the possibility of offering "will call". The new transportation company is committed to looking at large efficiencies. He reviewed the possible revenues that could decrease the tax increase. These are the items: \$558,000 of TIF Revenue; \$550,168 for Ready to Learn Grant; and \$635,434 for the pension collar.

In summary, Dr. Seidenberger said that there was no tax increase last year even though the district did qualify for exceptions. The ending fund balance is higher than budgeted last year. It will be spent down further for 2014-15. Items were cut back where funds were not spent the previous year. The administration will continue to examine line items and to make adjustments that will be reflected in the final budget adoption. They will try to keep the tax increase as low as possible without cutting programs.

Mr. Ballard questioned how TIF funds could be utilized in this year. Dr. Seidenberger explained that if the TIF is approved by Lower Macungie Township the district would get \$214,000 in transfer tax. Mr. Harrison will provide the check for the \$326,000 upon settlement. Mr. Earnshaw pointed out that without the TIF the developers have said the project would not proceed. Mr. Ballard commented that he is extremely worried about the figures in the budget that assume the Governor's proposal and the block grants will be approved. Based on the deficit in Harrisburg, the district may have to be prepared for no

increase in the basic education subsidy and no block grants. Mr. Ballard continued to debate on the issue of state revenue and the condition of the Governor's budget. Dr. Seidenberger said the pension collars and the Ready to Learn grant are not part of the budget. There is \$200,000 in the budget. If it comes about that there is no increased state revenue then it would be up to the staff to cut. Mrs. Surdoval clarified that the ABG grant is budgeted to continue as it is. There is \$214,000 in basic education subsidy and \$61,000 for special education. The other revenue increases are not included in the budget. Mr. Ballard said the state legislature is out of session until June 2. There will be no new proposals until mid-June. Mr. Ballard cautioned against receiving revenues from the state. Mr. Earnshaw recapped the conversation by saying that the ABG grant continues at the same revenue allotment and it will still be in the state funding. We have factored increases for the state's half of PSERS and Social Security and reduced that further by the decreases in personnel and then assumed in this budget \$214,000 as a possible increase in state funding and \$61,000 in special education funding. Dr. Seidenberger said that the three items for increasing revenue are ifs and would reduce the budget if they are approved at the state level. Mr. Ballard reiterated that revenue sources must be considered very cautiously. Dr. Bacher was concerned about taking half of the money out this year for pensions when there will still be two more years to pay. Mr. Ballard and Dr. Bacher both expressed concern over the one-time money. Ms. Donches talked about the one time funds and beefing up the Capital Reserve Account. She asked about the 2700 account that has salaries budgeted for the first time. Mrs. Surdoval said originally there was a third position that was removed. Ms. Donches wanted to know if it was possible to get a line budget snapshot of where the district is now and if things are on track. Mrs. Surdoval said the Fund Balance is where they think the district will be which is approximately \$11,687,006 million in uncommitted fund balance and the \$1,252,294 committed fund balance for pension costs and it cannot be transferred to Capital Reserve to cover those costs. Ms. Donches said she was nervous when there is \$136 million in expenditures and only \$124 million in revenue. She felt the Board should have more control over the line budget items and she felt there was too much discretionary spending and should be reined in. Mr. Earnshaw responded that Fund Balance is not discretionary spending. Fund Balance is money that is available to be allocated in the budget and is either money not spent in the budget or revenues above what was budgeted. It is what is left over at the end of the budget year. Ms. Donches said there is no line item. Mr. Earnshaw said it is an accounting term. This budget the administration allocated to spend about \$5 million. Ms. Donches said she would like to see the padding in the lines and what was over budgeted in the line accounts. Mr. Earnshaw gave examples of unspent funds that include when the administration has taken steps for energy conservation, consortium rebates, and unseasonably warm winters, or people leaving positions mid-year. There is no way to predict these occurrences. When you say there is padding, the administration controls what is being spent. Ms. Donches wanted to know if anywhere in the budget there are funds for Dr. Woodland or is that finished. Dr. Seidenberger said he did not know. Ms. Donches wanted to know why students were leaving to go to charter schools. Dr. Seidenberger said the last time they talked to parents who had removed their children from East Penn to go to a charter school the reason given was that our program is too hard. He said this is a phenomenal school district and he could not understand why parents would send their children to a charter school. Ms. Donches asked how we account for homes that are in foreclosure. Mrs. Surdoval responded that there are very few and they get a notice from the County when they are sold.

Rev. Vinovskis commended Dr. Seidenberger and the staff for their hard work on the budget and for keeping the high quality of the educational process in place. He noted that all the major increases have nothing to do with what we are doing. He talked about the caliber of the concerts he attended, adding that he was so proud of the teachers and staff for investing in the children and trying to keep costs even. He commented about having the students in charter schools move back into the district and take advantage of the opportunities they would have in the school district. He also encouraged board members to make their voices heard in Harrisburg. Ms. Fuller thanked Dr. Seidenberger and Mrs. Surdoval for taking the budget presentation and making it a teaching tool, adding that anyone who has been listening will have a much better understanding of the challenges. She appreciated the hours of work that it took to create this presentation. She requested that it be put on the web site. (A copy of the power point is attached to the minutes of this meeting.) Dr. Seidenberger thanked the Board for their comments and will take them under advisement.

Ms. Donches raised the question about delaying the vote on the budget until after June 15 when the district should have all the numbers. Mr. Earnshaw responded that could not be done because the proposed final budget must be on display for 20 days before final adoption. Solicitor Marc Fisher clarified that what she was referring to is the final budget, not the proposed final budget that is on the agenda for action this evening. He further explained that in order to meet the legal deadlines this is the time to take action on this proposed final budget. Mr. Earnshaw said this has been a grueling budget year and there are many unknowns and what is adopted tonight will probably not be the final budget.

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

Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Munson, Rhodes, Vinovskis-----8

Nay: Donches-----1

6. Report of the Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

-District Update

Dr. Seidenberger reported that four student writers won first place for outstanding writing from the PA Press Club and they will represent the state at the national level. The students are: Katrina Guido, News and Features; Aamon Dreisbach, Review Writing; Justine Coleman, Column Writing; and Moira Benner for Feature Photo. Referring to enrollment, Dr. Seidenberger indicated that as of May 1, there are 7,977 students; 2,506 at the high school and 7 students withdrew from Emmaus HS; middle school has 1,898 and 5 students withdrew; and elementary has 3,573 and 6 students withdrew. There are 505 gifted students; 838 special education students; and 267 speech students. Board members were invited to attend the May 28 EHS Senior Awards Night.

Wednesday Afternoon Dismissal – Presentation by Kristen Campbell, Assistant Superintendent, and Michele James, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator (Attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. James said the challenge was to adjust the elementary schedule to eliminate the early dismissal on Wednesday while still meeting the requirements under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The teacher schedule is defined as 7 hours 20 minutes. The current elementary student schedule for Grades 1-5 indicates that there are 30 hrs. 55 min. for the total student week. The proposed student schedule for Grades 1-5 indicates that there are 31 hrs. 40 min. for the total student week which is a gain of 45 minutes weekly and approximately 31 hours per year instructional time. Mrs. James explained that the Kindergarten schedule would be altered to accommodate this change. Currently AM Kindergarten begins at 8:55 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.; the proposal would have Kindergarten starting at 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Currently, the PM Kindergarten begins at 12:35 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Wednesday) and the proposal would have PM Kindergarten beginning at 12:35 p.m.-3:20 p.m. Mrs. Campbell referring to the current teacher explained that there are four 40 minute specialists' times that allow for prep time. On Wednesdays, they have 140 minutes from when the students are dismissed until the end of the contractual day (3:55 p.m.). The current total prep time is 300 minutes weekly. In order to adjust the students' schedule, they also had to adjust the teachers' schedule. What is being proposed is changing the start time for teachers from 8:35 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. with the end of the teacher day occurring at 3:35 p.m. instead of the current 3:55 p.m. With the proposal, teachers would have 310 minutes weekly for prep time. Mrs. Campbell indicated that there are many benefits with the current Wednesday afternoon structure such as professional collaboration. In addition to the proposed schedule, there would be four early dismissal days that would require a tentative 1:00 p.m. dismissal.

The advantages to this new proposal include a gain of approximately one week of instructional time for students. It allows for daily consistency in the instructional program and provides 30 minutes common preparation time daily for grade level collaboration. Two of the considerations include an adjustment to the middle school schedule of 5 minutes and support for special education students due to the extension of the school day on Wednesday. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. James provided examples of programs and schedules when there are school closings. Mr. Earnshaw said this proposal will come before the Board for action at the June 9 meeting so he would defer any questions on the merits or demerits of the proposal. Mr. Ballard said previous studies indicated that additional staff would be

needed. Mrs. Campbell clarified that there would be no additional staff requirements except for maybe instructional assistants for special education. Mr. Ballard and Rev. Vinovskis requested that the proposal be posted on the web site for additional parental input and feedback. Dr. Munson asked if the half day schedule would be coordinated with other levels on the same day. In response to questions by Dr. Munson, Mrs. Campbell indicated that the days for elementary are coordinated with assessment data and it could be unique to the elementary. There has been a preliminary conversation with the teachers. Dr. Munson said it appears that the one anticipated additional cost would be in special education. Dr. Seidenberger responded that it could cost \$70,000 to extend the hours for instructional assistants.

-Personnel

Motion by Rhodes, Seconded by Fuller

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

Voluntary Demotion (Exhibit 1)

That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the request of Mark F. Caccavo to be voluntarily demoted from the position of Assistant Principal at Emmaus High School to teacher, effective July 1, 2014.

Retirement/Resignations

- Deborah Lichtenwalner, Grade 6 Teacher, Lower Macungie MS, effective June 18, 2014 (Exhibit 2)
- Denise Solonoski, Business/Consumer Science Teacher, Eyer MS, effective June 18, 2014 (Exhibit 3)
- Joan Keiper, English Teacher, Lower Macungie MS, effective June 18, 2014 (Exhibit 4)
- Ashley Benner, Speech Teacher, Eyer MS, effective June 18, 2014 (Exhibit 5)
- Pam Cantone, Remedial Assistant, effective May 23, 2014 (Exhibit 6)
- Felicity deHoll, Staff Assistant, Eyer MS, effective June 6, 2014 (Exhibit 7)
- Josephine Bauer, Staff Assistant, Macungie School, effective June 18, 2014 (Exhibit 8)

Leaves as Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

Employee	Assignment	Effective
Rebecca Beitler	Speech Teacher, Shoemaker	6/3/14-6/30/14
Stacy Confer-Resch	Kindergarten, Jefferson	6/10/14-6/30/14

Appointment of Board Secretary/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Name/Address: Janine L. Allen
 854 E. Juniata Street, Allentown 18103
 Effective: July 1, 2014 (Pending Clearances)
 Salary: \$54,000, plus Act 93 Agreement Benefits

Be it further

RESOLVED, That Janine L. Allen be appointed as Board Secretary effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 (the unexpired term of Cecilia R. Birdsell) and she be directed to perform such duties, as are appropriate for the position in accordance with the Public School Code of 1949 as amended and implement relevant local regulations at the direction of the Board of

School Directors and the Superintendent of Schools; and, that the Board Secretary's bond be set at \$20,000.

Ms. Allen was present at the meeting and was introduced. Mr. Earnshaw asked her to come forward to meet the board members.

Appointment of Instructional Assistant

Name/Address: Jeffrey White
423 River Drive, Allentown 18109
Assignment: Shoemaker School
Effective: May 13, 2014
Salary: \$13.97/hr., 29 hrs./wk.

Summer Maintenance Technology Program Employees

See Exhibit 9

Extended School Year Appointments

See Exhibit 10

Additions to the 2013-14 List of Per Diem Substitutes

Rebecca Frank, Instructional/Staff Assistant Mary Raymond, English, ESL K-12

Change in Employment Status

Employee: Angie Aleszczyk
PTFSA addition of 1 hr./day Albutis breakfast

Educational Conferences – Exhibit 11

That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the expenses for the individuals attending the educational conferences listed on Exhibit 10.

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

Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Munson, Rhodes, Vinovskis-----9

7. 2014 List of Emmaus HS Graduates (Exhibit 12)

Motion by Vinovskis, Seconded by Ballard

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the 2014 list of Emmaus High School graduates.

Note: This is a complete list of seniors and only those who meet the graduation requirements will be graduated.

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

Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Munson, Rhodes, Vinovskis-----9

8. Curriculum

Second Reading for Textbook Adoption - The following textbooks are available for review in the Curriculum Library from April 28-June 9, 2014. A resolution for adoption will be presented at the June 9, 2014 Board Meeting.

Course Title: College Prep Geometry
School(s)/Grades: Grades 9-12, Emmaus HS
Textbook Title: Geometry Common Core Edition
Publisher: McGraw Hill
Estimated Cost: \$26,379 (\$87.93/textbook)

Course Title: College Prep/Honors Algebra 2
School(s)/Grades: Grades 9-12, Emmaus HS
Textbook Title: Algebra 2 Common Core Edition
Publisher: McGraw Hill
Estimated Cost: \$35,976 (\$89.94)

Note: Current textbooks are over 10 years old and were published before the implementation of the PA Core Standards. These textbooks are necessary for total alignment.

9. Policy

1. Board Policy 618-Special Purpose Funds (Exhibit 13)

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Bacher
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors adopt Board Policy 618, Special Purpose Funds for inclusion in the Board Policy Manual.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Munson, Rhodes, Vinovskis-----9

10. Business Operations

1. Bill List Approval

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Vinovskis
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the attached bill list and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue checks and vouchers in the amounts indicated.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Munson, Rhodes, Vinovskis----8
Abstention: Donches-----1

2. Tax Collection Committee (TCC) Representatives

Motion by Bacher, Seconded by Ballard
RESOLVED, by the governing body of the East Penn School District, that the following individuals are appointed as TCC delegates for the East Penn School District:

Primary voting delegate: Debra Surdoval, Business Manager
First alternate voting delegate: James Frank, Assistant Business Manager
Second alternate voting delegate: Charles Ballard, Board Member

If the primary voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the first alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting. If both the primary voting delegate and the first alternate voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the second alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting.

These appointments are effective immediately and shall continue until successors are appointed. Delegates shall be appointed each year in November or December or as soon thereafter as possible. All delegates shall serve at the pleasure of this governing body and may be removed at any time.

Designation of 2014-15 Depositories

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with Section 621, PA Public School Code of 1949, the East Penn Board of School Directors designate the following depositories for the funds of the East Penn School District for the 2014-2015 fiscal year; and that said depositories furnish a bond in an amount equal to 120% of the highest balance or comply with Act 72 of 1971 of the Pennsylvania Legislature, such bond amounts to include the amount provided by federal insurance:

Citizens Bank
Embassy Bank
First Niagara Financial Group
ESSA Bank & Trust
Lafayette Ambassador Bank
M & T Bank
National Penn Bank
PA Treasury/Invest Trust
PA Local Government Investment Trust
Quakertown National Bank
Santander Bank
Susquehanna Bank
TD Bank
US Bank Corporate Trust Services
Wells Fargo Bank

Authorization to participate in contracts issued by the Department of General Services for the 2014-15 year

WHEREAS, Act 57 of May 15, 1998 permits local public procurement units to participate in those contracts for supplies, services, or construction entered into by the Department of General Services (SGS) that are made available to local public procurement units . A "local public procurement unit" is defined as any political subdivision, public authority, education, health, or other institution; and to the extent provided by law, any other entity, including a council of governments or an area government; non-profit fire, rescue, or ambulance company; and any nonprofit corporation operating a charitable hospital;

be it

RESOLVED, That the East Penn School District hereby requests authorization to participate in DGS's contracts for the procurement of supplies, services or construction, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the East Penn School District agrees to be bound by such contract terms and conditions DGS may prescribe.
2. That the East Penn School District agrees to be responsible for payment directly to the contractor under each contract for those supplies, services or construction ordered by the local public procurement unit.

Authorization to participate in joint purchasing for the 2014-15 year

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted an act known as the "Cooperative Purchasing Act, Act 31 of July 1971, and;

WHEREAS, Act 31 of 1971 permits local governments to purchase materials, supplies, and equipment from purchase contracts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; be it

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Scholl District hereby requests authorization to participate in purchase contracts of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, U.S. Communities, Keystone Purchasing Network, NJPA, Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council, National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), National BuyBoard, PENNCON, and PEPPM.

Disbursement of Funds (Exhibit 14)

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the payment of funds from 32-Capital Reserve Fund and 33-2010 Series A GOB issue as outlined in Exhibit 14.

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

Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Munson, Rhodes, Vinovskis---9

11. Announcements

Mr. Earnshaw noted that the EHS production of "Beauty and the Beat" received 19 Freddy nominations and that there were only two categories that they were not nominated in, the categories for small schools.

May 1 & May 5	Executive Sessions (Personnel)
Monday, May 8	7:00 p.m.-Executive Session (Personnel, Negotiations, Real Estate)
	7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day-All Schools & Offices are closed.
Sunday, June 8	1:00 p.m.-Commencement, Stabler Arena
Monday, June 9	7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting, Board Room

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion, at 9:30 p.m.

Cecilia R. Birdsell, Board Secretary