

Lehman bond

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the plan and would not lose any money.

The board also unanimously adopted a policy by which school bus contractors will have to comply with all Federal Highway Management Administration regulations regarding drug and alcohol testing for bus drivers. Guidelines call for the contractors to submit evidence at least annually that they are in compliance.

In the work session, preceding the meeting board member Allen Moss questioned solicitor Peter Savage his findings regarding the 4-3 vote to replace board member Pat Gold with Moderno Rossi at last month's meeting.

Savage said that he stands by his initial interpretation in which he believes a vote of at least five would have been needed to give taxpayer candidate Rossi the seat. Savage said he discussed the matter with Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) council, and has given Bowersox three

applicable cases reinforcing his opinion.

Moss, who said he also contacted PSBA, said they were unable to give him any information to validate Savage's decision, and that the PSBA attorneys are doing nothing more than "blowing smoke."

Moss called for a written report from Savage regarding the cases supporting his decision not to elect Rossi.

Moss also called for the minutes during the meeting to be taken verbatim, saying he wouldn't vote to approve the minutes from last month because there are things left out concerning the vote to replace Gold.

During the regular meeting, David Wolfe, former school board member, also questioned the solicitor's report regarding last month's vote to replace Pat Gold. He claims he received information from PSBA which says the abstention sides with the major-

ity, referring to Board member Thomas Williams' abstention resulting in the 4-3 vote.

One member of the audience asked the board: "Why belong to PSBA and pay dues if you don't trust their validity?"

However, board president Edwin Kern called for an end to the discussion, saying the matter would have to be settled in court. The board had 30 days from the initial vacancy to appoint a replacement or the appointment would have to be made by the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.

Another visitor, Julie Savage, lodged a complaint with the board regarding the district's standard operating procedure for showing movies as class assignments. Savage, whose daughter attends Lake-Lehman, does not agree with the decision to roll "The Last of the Mohicans," which received an "R" rating, due to violence. If a parent does not sign a permission slip

allowing the student to view the movie, she questions where the child will be sent, if they will be involved in a comparable assignment, and if the student would receive classroom instruction during that time.

She also feels "The Last of the Mohicans" could be viewed at home since it is available on videocassette and television and that there are more appropriate documentaries and movies portraying this period in American history.

Savage, an educator in the Tunkhannock School District, pointed out that other district's policies differ, such as Tunkhannock's, which allow nothing more than "G" rated movies to be viewed in the classroom.

An issue regarding school bus safety was raised by Dave and Evelyn Lewis of Bloomingdale, whose child attends Gate of Heaven and is shuttled to Lake-Lehman resulting in a two-hour bus ride. They claim that on an

early dismissal day, their daughter was "left unattended for about 10 minutes and was found disoriented and crying in the parking lot during a snowstorm."

Lake-Lehman officials responded saying that a substitute was driving the bus that day and should not have let the children get off the bus at that time.

The Lewises would like to see a written policy regarding bus safety and someone appointed solely in charge of safety of children's transferring busses and being shuttled. They also suggested hiring Mrs. Lewis as a private contractor to shuttle students in the Lake-Lehman district to and from Gate of Heaven and the Sweet Valley Christian Academy.

In other business, the board unanimously approved hiring two substitute teachers pending Act 34 clearance at the standard rate of \$55.00 per day; Doriann Jolley, library science, and Melissa Stewart, business education.

Methodist Women reschedule training

The Officers Training Sessions for the Wilkes-Barre District United Methodist Women have been postponed until January 27.

The morning session will be held at Skippers Eddy United Methodist Church from 2 to 4 p.m. All officers of local United Methodist Women Units are urged to attend.

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