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LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Positions filled, issues settled

By SARAH HITE
Dallas Post Correspondent

Dozens of positions were filled and other personnel issues were settled at the Lake-Lehman School Board meeting at Ross Elementary School on Aug. 20 in preparation for the first day of the academic year on Aug. 28.

The board unanimously approved a \$2,500 per year stipend for two years for the district's director of human resources, which was added to the agenda during the meeting.

Superintendent James McGovern said the board felt the director of human resources should be compensated for the additional duties related to the district's "self-insuring" health care program.

Kirsten Cavany Raymond, of Tunkhannock, was hired as a part-time science teacher at the junior-senior high school for the 2012-13 school year with a salary of \$21,565.

The board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Lehman-Jackson Elementary teacher Elizabeth Tenenbaum, effective Aug. 10. Board member James Welby said the district was "losing a good one."

The board moved to accept the retirement of Athletic Director Tom Rokita, effective Nov. 30.

The board also approved a memorandum of understanding

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between the district and the Lake-Lehman Educational Association that would provide the opportunity for teachers to participate as instructors in a district-run cyber school or distance learning program.

McGovern told the audience that the board is working on updating its policy to unify the grading system within the entire district, instead of having separate systems for different grade levels.

In other news, the board...

- Approved the junior/senior high school student-parent handbook for the 2012-13 school year.

- Approved the following co-curricular appointments: Gina

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Vanessa Ryan, 11, of Dallas, left, and Brooke Weiss, 10, of Mountain Top, act 'happy' during the Lake-Lehman High School Theatre Camp.

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DALLAS TOWNSHIP

New comprehensive plan will be drafted

By B. GARRET ROGAN
Times Leader Correspondent

Township supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution to appoint a committee to begin drafting a new comprehensive plan for the township's anticipated growth over the next few years.

The plan is intended to address aspects pertaining to municipal development. During monthly meetings, a committee will examine issues such as zoning, population trends and property development in an attempt to identify policies that will lead to profitable, sustainable and responsible growth.

The committee will consist of Supervisor Elizabeth Martin, township engineering representative Tom Doughton, consultant Jack Varaly, township planning commission chairman Jack Dodson, as well as two of the five planning commission members yet to be determined.

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the final Wednesday of each month at the municipal building and will be open to the public.

In other matters, the board discussed residential complaints pertaining to the Williams-Transco Natural Gas

Pipeline. The board recently received two formal written complaints of possible property damage and the withholding of promised documents relating to surveys performed on private property within the township.

In one instance, a township family reported cracks in the walls of their home that they believe may be related to drilling performed by the Williams Co. or a subcontractor employed by the company.

In the complaint, the residents contend they were promised copies of documents resulting from surveys taken by the company before the drilling. Martin confirmed a second formal complaint along similar lines was received and other unofficial complaints have been referred to in casual settings.

Supervisor Bill Grant had personal experience in dealing with Williams and reported receiving requested documents within two days.

Township Solicitor Tom Brennan said these complaints were private and had no municipal bearing. Despite this; however, Brennan advised the supervisors to draft a letter to Williams, essentially supporting the residents' requests for documents.

He hopes the added weight of the supervisors' concern might help to expedite the requests.

Brennan also said that if the surveys were conducted by a subcontracted company, Williams would likely be in a much better position than individual residents to establish a line of communication with that company.



Olivia Maniskas, 8, of Dallas, tries to avoid being seen as she moves behind another camper at the Lake-Lehman High School Theatre Camp.



Karli Doran, 17, of Sweet Valley, left, and Ronnie Ziomek, 15, of Dallas, mimic each other's expressions and movements at the Lake-Lehman High School Theatre Camp.



Jess DeRemer, 13, of Tunkhannock, pretends to sleep at the Lake-Lehman High School Theatre Camp.

EMOTION ACTING

The Lake-Lehman High School Theatre Camp offered two levels of instruction for beginners or experienced actors. Gina Major was the camp's director.

Eighth Annual Fall Intertribal Powwow is slated for Sept. 29, 30 on Noxen Fire Co. grounds

The Eighth Annual Fall Intertribal Powwow will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30 on the Noxen Fire Co. grounds on Stull

Road, Noxen, Wyoming County. Gates open at 10 a.m. both days, followed by storytelling by traditional Lenape storyteller Grace Dove. Grand Entry of all dignitaries and dancers in full re-

galia will be at noon Indian Time with various local drums. Richard Gray Owl Greene will serve as emcee.

Admission is free. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed

and cleaned up after at all times. Volunteers are also needed and may call Natalie "Wisteria" at 947-2097 or email Wisteria18704@yahoo.com for more information.

