Minutes of the special meeting of the Licking Area Computer Association Governing Board held February 18, 1998, convening at 1:00 p.m.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Rick Evans, Bob Heigle, Terry Kopchak, Bill Mann, Nelson McCray, Gary Reed, Raj Chopra, Dale McVey and Sandra Mercer. Valerie Bailey, John Millisor, Dick Murray, Tom Slater, and Gary Smetzer were not able to attend.

The LACA Director presented three main reasons for the special meeting. They included the need to respond back to Mid-Ohio on LACA's intent or desire to lease space at the Commerce Center, the ability for LACA to file for data line installations on behalf of the schools under the Federal E-Rate program to decrease start-up costs if LACA is to move, and the need for a direction to be reached on LACA facility issues.

Each Governing Board member received a drawing of LACA's current office space; documentation, drawings, budget, and $2 per student cost to move to the Commerce Center; and a list of LACA facility needs. Detailed discussion followed and included possibilities of consulting, no current plans by the JVS to build and concerns for LACA's future membership. Bob Heigle moved and Bill Mann seconded to approve the Commerce Center site move and 7-year lease agreement with an understanding to continue to investigate JVS facilities to relocate LACA back to the JVS at a future time. Discussion followed and concern was raised on the absense of 5 Governing Board members. Bob Heigle withdrew the motion. Raj Chopra moved and Nelson McCray seconded the need for LACA facility space and decision to be made at a special Governing Board meeting to be held on February 25, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. with possible scale back options to be presented. Vote: Chopra, aye; McCray, aye; Evans, aye; Heigle, aye; Kopchak, aye; Mann, aye; Reed, aye; McVey, aye. Dale McVey will contact all Governing Board members absent and stress the need for their (or a designee's) attendance at the meeting. The LACA Director will also forward a notice, agendas, minutes of today's special meeting, and supporting documentation as soon as possible.

It was moved by Raj Chopra and seconded by Nelson McCray to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Reported by,

Sandra Mercer
LACA Director