

MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT
7 HORSMAN DRIVE
PITTSBURGH PA 15228

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Action Items for April 14, 2008, Board Meeting

A. Financial Items

1. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report lists cash transactions that occurred on district accounts for the month ending March 31, 2008. This report is typical for this time of year and is recommended for approval.
2. Monthly List of Bills – The list of bills reflects checks authorized to be drawn between March 19 and 31, 2008. The checks are typical of this time of year and are recommended for approval.
3. List of Tax Refunds – The list of tax refunds is quite small reflecting two properties for 2006 and 2007 totaling \$1,339.14. The solicitor's office reviewed this list and recommends it for approval.
4. 2008-2009 Proposed Final Budget - The Proposed Final Budget for the 2008-09 school year will be discussed. The approval of this Proposed Budget will occur on April 14 with approval of a Final Budget on May 19, 2008.

B. Personnel Items

1. Personnel Report – Enclosed is the Personnel Report dated April 14, 2008, detailing personnel appointments, changes of assignments, leaves of absence, and retirements to be considered by the Board.

C. Other

1. Approval of AIU Program of Services Budget – The AIU Program of Services Budget is requested for approval. The budget totals \$3,782,025 with a 4.4% increase in school district allocations. Our district's allocation is estimated at \$87,983, up from \$84,275 this year. Note that we pay additionally for tuition for our children educated in IU programs.
2. Approval of Revised 2008-2009 School Calendar - The 2008-2009 School Calendar was approved by the School Board on 12/17/07. Upon further review and in accordance with the Basic Education Circulars, PA School Code 24 PS 15-1502, "Days schools not to be kept open," the following days are considered official local school district holidays: December 24, 26, 29, 30 and 31. Consequently, a paragraph citing the law

needed to be added at the bottom of the calendar. Nothing else has been changed. We are requesting board approval of this revision.

3. Approval of Revised Standardized Test Schedule for 2007-2008 – Enclosed is a revised 2007-2008 Standardized Testing Schedule. We were recently informed that the PSSA Science Assessment for 11th grades was three hours in length. Consequently, we needed to add April 30th as a third testing date.
4. Approval of Standardized Test Schedule for 2008-2009 – Attached is a copy of the proposed Standardized Testing Schedule for 2008-2009. The calendar reflects the recommendations of the District Standardized Testing Committee. The superintendent recommends approval of the schedule.
5. PDE 3074 Approvals - The superintendent recommends that the Board approve submission of PDE Form 3074 for the following projects subject to proper review and award:
 - a. Stadium Maintenance Garage Asbestos Abatement
 - b. High School “B” Building Roof Repair
 - c. District-Wide Fencing
 - d. District-wide Door Lock Replacement
 - e. Purchase of Skid Steer and Tractor Equipment
 - f. District-Wide Paving and Sealing
 - g. High School Cooling Tower Repairs
6. B Building Roof Repair - The District received two bids for repair of the high school “B” building roof. The lowest responsible bid was from R & B Contracting of Homestead, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$ 27,693.00. The facilities department recommends award of this project.
7. Asbestos Abatement at the Stadium Maintenance Garage Bid - The District received three bids for asbestos abatement in the stadium maintenance garage. The lowest responsible bid was from Bristol Environmental Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$43,000.00. Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) was budgeted for this project. The facilities department recommends award of this project.

III. Discussion

- A. Acceptance of Gaming Funds - The board can adopt a resolution rejecting gaming funds if they would like. I recommend that we do not do this.
- B. Textbook Adoption – In accordance with Section 803-Pennsylvania School Laws-the following basic textbooks/multi-media are listed for adoption and are available for review in the Assistant Superintendent’s Office beginning April 8, 2008. The discipline for which each textbook is intended is listed to the left of the text. This information is provided annually for the Board.

MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Title	Grade	Publisher	Copyright Date	Author
<i>Studio MX 2004: Step-by-Step</i>	10-12	Thomson/Course Technology	2004	Aho
<i>Performing with Microsoft Office 2007</i>	9	Thomson/Course Technology	2008	Blanc and Vento
<i>iCheck Series: Microsoft Office 2007, Introductory</i>	7, 8	Glencoe	2009	Various

English

Title	Genre	Grade	Publisher	Copyright Date	Author
<i>Unspun: Finding Facts in a World of Disinformation</i>	nonfiction	12	Random House	2007	Brooks Jackson and Kathleen Hall Jamieson
<i>Creating America: Reading and Writing Arguments</i>	nonfiction anthology	11	Pearson/Prentice Hall	2005	Joyce Moser and Ann Watters, fourth edition
<i>The Importance of Being Ernest</i>	film	12		2002	Oliver Parker
<i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>	novel	11	Delecorte Press	1994	Kurt Vonnegut
<i>Flags of Our Fathers</i>	novel	11	Random House	2001	James Bradley
<i>The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist Fight in Heaven</i>	novel	11	Harper Perennial Library	1994	Sherman Alexie
<i>Ceremony</i>	novel	11	Penguin	2006	Leslie Silko
<i>John Adams</i>	film		HBO Films	2008	David McCullough
<i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee</i>	film	11	HBO Films	2008	Dee Brown
<i>Courage Under Fire</i>	film	11	Fox 2000 Pictures	1996	David Zwick
<i>Born on the Fourth of July</i>	memoir	11	Pocket Books	1976	Ron Kovic
<i>The Things They Carried</i>		11	Broadway Books	1998	Tim O'Brien
<i>The Sand County Almanac</i>	journal	12	Oxford Paperbacks	1968	Leopold, Aldo
<i>Prodigal Summer</i>	novel	12	Harper Perennial	2001	Kingsolver, Barbara
<i>Silent Spring</i>	essay	12	Mariner; Houghton Mifflin	1962	Carson, Rachel
<i>Grizzly Man</i>	film	12	Discovery Documentaries	2005	Herzog, Werner, dir.
<i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>	film	12	Lawrence Bender Productions	2006	Guggenheim, Davis, dire.
<i>The March of the Penguins</i>	film	12	Bonne Pioche	2006	Jacquet, Luc; National Geographic Society
<i>Desert Solitaire: A Season in the Wilderness</i>	memoir	12	Ballentine	1968	Abbey, Edward
<i>Thoreau on Land: Nature's Canvas</i>	nonfiction	12	Mariner; Houghton Mifflin	2001	Thoreau, HD
<i>The Conscious Reader</i>	nonfiction anthology	12	Pearson	2004	Shrodes, Finestone, Shugrue, Eds.
<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	novel	12	Penguin	2002	Sue Monk Kidd
<i>Citizen Kane</i>	film	11	Mercury Productions	1941	Orson Wells
<i>Madame Bovary</i>	novel	12	Penguin	2003	Gustave Flaubert,
<i>The Kite Runner</i>		12	Riverhead; Berkley	2003	Khaled Hosseini,
<i>Media Control</i>	essay	12	Open Media	2002	Noam Chomksy
<i>The Great Dictator</i>	film	12		1940	Charlie Chaplin
<i>Buying the War</i>	film	12	Films for Humanities and Social Sciences	2007	Bill Moyers
<i>Toxic Sludge is Good for You</i>	film	12	Media Education Foundation	2002	Margo Robb, producer
<i>The Persuaders</i>	film	12	PBS	2003	Douglas Rishkoff
<i>The Truman Show</i>	film	12	Paramount	1998	Peter Weir/ Director
<i>Triumph of Will</i>	film	12	Synapse Studios	1935	Leni Riefenstahl, producer/director
<i>The Prestige</i>	novel	12	Tor Books	1995	Christopher Priest
<i>The Road</i>	novel	12	Vintage Books	2006	Cormac McCarthy
<i>Cat's Cradle</i>	novel	12	Dell Publishing	1963	Kurt Vonnegut
<i>The Twilight Zone: Season 1, Episode 8: "Time Enough at Last"</i>	film	12	Image Entertainment	1959	Rod Sterling
<i>The Twilight Zone: Season 5, Episode 122: "Steel"</i>	film	12	Image Entertainment	1964	Richard Matheson

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<i>Dr. Strangelove</i>	film	12	Sony Pictures	1964	Stanley Kubrick
<i>AI</i>	film	12	Universal Pictures	2002	Steven Spielberg
<i>The Lightning Thief</i>	novel	7	Miramax Books	2005	Rick Riordan
<i>The Thief</i>	novel	6	Greenwillow Books	1996	Megan Whalen Turner
<i>Ella Enchanted</i>	novel	6	Harper-Collins	1997	Gail Carson Levine
<i>Everyday Use: Rhetoric at Work in Reading and Writing</i>	language text	12	Pearson	2005	Roskelly and Jolliffe
<i>Everything's an Argument</i>	language text	12	Bedford-St. Martin's	2006	Lunsford and Ruskiewicz

Math

Title	Grade	Publisher	Copyright Date	Author
<i>Discovering Advanced Algebra</i>	10	Key Curriculum Press	2004	Murdock, Kamischke, and Kamischke
<i>Problem Solving Strategies: Crossing the River with Dogs and Other Mathematical Adventures</i>	11	Key Curriculum Press	2000	Herr and Johnson

Science

Title	Grade	Publisher	Copyright Date	Author
<i>Biology A Guide to the Natural World</i>	10-12	Pearson	2009	Krough
<i>Science & Life Issues</i>	7	Lab-aids	2005	The Lawrence Hall of Science (various authors)
<i>Forensic Science Fundamentals & Investigations</i>	11-12	South-Western	2009	Bertino
<i>Napoleon's Buttons</i>	10-12	Micron Geological Ltd.	2003	Couteur & Bureson

Social Studies

Title	Grade	Publisher	Copyright Date	Author
<i>World History: Human Legacy Modern Era</i>	9	Holt	2008	Peter Sterns/Susan Ramirez/Sam Wineburg
<i>Exploring Our World: People, Places and Cultures</i>	6	Glencoe McGraw Hill	2008	Richard Boehm

IV. Questions or Comments from Residents – Presentations or comments are to be limited to (5) minutes.

V. Upcoming Public Meetings

April 14, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
Mt. Lebanon High School Library

May 5, 2008 – 7:30 pm Budget Forum
Mt. Lebanon High School Library

May 6, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. Policy Committee Meeting
Conference Room B, Mt. Lebanon High School

May 12, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

Discussion Meeting
Mt. Lebanon High School Library

May 19, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting
Mt. Lebanon High School Library

VI. Adjournment

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