

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 16, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:35 p.m. on Monday June 16, 2008, in the Mt. Lebanon High School Library.

President Hart called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol, Stipanovich,  
Hart

Absent: None

ATTENDING: Superintendent Allison, Solicitor Peterson  
Administrative Staff: Allen, Bowman, Ingram, Klein, Scheurer, Stengel,  
Wensell

MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on May 6, 2008; the Discussion Meeting held on May 12, 2008; and the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2008, were approved as presented.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Hart began his report by congratulating the Class of 2008. The board president commented that a solution for the Washington playground is in place.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Allison reported that approximately 483 students graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School on June 11. The superintendent congratulated the students, their parents and teachers and wished them well on their post-high school endeavors.

The following six Mt. Lebanon students will be competing for the national title at the National Forensic League National Speech Tournament: Jessie Cadle, Mark Cohen, Dami Obaro, Tomi Obaro, Ryan Pollack, and Hay Tuppel. Mr. Allison wished these students and their coach, George Saverese, good luck at the competition.

The superintendent reported that nine Mt. Lebanon students have been selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Governor's Schools of Excellence during the summer break. They are: Adam Morgenlander-Agricultural Science; Annie Zhao-Arts/Visual Arts; John McGinty-Global Entrepreneurship; John O'Neill-Information, Society & Technology; Emily McGinty-International Studies; Yuhui Wang-International Studies; Kishore Jayakumar-Science; Gina Federico-Teaching; and Katie Giarla-Teaching.

Mr. Allison announced that the Markham Elementary gardens will be a featured community garden in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Public Library. The tour will take place on July 14. This is the first time school grounds have been included as part of the tour.

The International Children's Summer Village will take place at Mt. Lebanon School District this year. Forty-eight eleven year old students, and their chaperones, from Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, India, Jordan, Norway, Philippines and the United States will live at Jefferson Middle School for the month and be engaged in activities promoting cross cultural exchange and friendship.

## BOARD REPORTS

Program – Greg Wensell, Supervisor of Math/BIT, presented a video on the new elementary math program showing what the students are learning.

Audit & Finance – Mr. Kubit reported that the Audit/Finance Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Facilities & High School Renovation – Mr. Remely and Mrs. Cappucci reported that three options for the high school will be presented to the Design Advisory Committee on June 24. A request for construction managers will be advertised next week. The project architects will hold meetings before the Discussion meetings to present updates on the project. Presentations for the public will be held at the Mt. Lebanon community First Friday events in August and September. The first public forum on the high school project will be held on July 22.

MLFE – Mrs. Posti reported that three new board members were elected to the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education Board, and that Mary Birks, past PTA Council President, was appointed the PTA representative. Mt. Lebanon High School Senior, Amon Manekul, received the MLFE School Service Award.

Policy – Ms. Stipanovich reported that a Policy Committee Meeting was held on June 3. The committee recommended that Policies FF, Naming Rights, and KHB, Advertising, be brought before the Board for approval. Those policies are on the agenda this evening. The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on August 5.

Parkway West – Mr. Remely reported that two Mt. Lebanon students made the Director's List at Parkway West Career and Technology Center.

Pathfinder – Mr. Fraasch reported that there were 14 graduates from the Pathfinder School this year.

## COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Dan Miller, Mt. Lebanon Commissioner, spoke about ways the Board and Commissioners can work together on projects in the community. Mr. Miller reported that board members Mark Hart and Faith Stipanovich met with commissioners Dan Miller and Dale Colby regarding community fields. Mr. Miller suggested an ordinance to create an environmental board and that a school board member be a part of this joint board. This environmental board would report monthly to the School Board and Municipality. Mr. Hart asked Mr. Miller to send a proposal.



It was moved by Rose and seconded by Silhol that the Board approves revisions to Policy FF Naming Rights, in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes.)

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Rose and seconded by Remely that the Board approves revisions to Policy KHB, Advertising, in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes.)

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Rose and seconded by Remely that the Board rescinds Policy KHB/KCD, Revenue Enhancement/Gifts to Schools/Facilities Naming Rights.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Rose and seconded by Remely that the Board rescinds Policy KJ, Advertising in Schools.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Rose and seconded by Posti that the Board rescinds Policy KHBA, Athletic Field Advertising.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Silhol and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the list of 2008 Graduates dated June 11, 2008. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol, Stipanovich, Hart

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Silhol and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the following revisions to the Standardized Testing Schedule for 2008-2009:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Assessment Instrument</u>
September 3	2, 4, 7	Scholastic Ability Test (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test)
September 9, 10	2	Stanford Achievement Test

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Silhol and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the following recommendations for Act 80 use which allows for the modification of the student day:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
August 25-27, 2008	All Elementary	K	AM & PM	Kindergarten Interviews
October 17, 2008	Howe	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
October 22, 2008	Jefferson	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
October 24, 2008	Markham	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
October 28, 2008	Hoover	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
October 29, 2008	Lincoln	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
October 31, 2008	Washington	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
November 5, 2008	Foster	1-5	AM	Teacher In-Service

November 12-14, 2008	All Elementary	1-5	PM	Parent Conferences
January 28-30, 2009	All Elementary	K	AM & PM	Parent Conferences
April 22-24, 2009	All Elementary	1-5	PM	Parent Conferences
May 15, 2009	Markham	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
May 22, 2009	Jefferson	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
May 27, 2009	Howe	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
May 28, 2009	Lincoln	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
May 29, 2008	Washington	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
June 2, 2009	Hoover	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service
June 5, 2009	Foster	1-5	PM	Teacher In-Service

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Kubit and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the Accountability Block Grant for the 2008-2009 school year totaling \$309,331.

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol, Stipanovich, Hart  
 Against: None  
 MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Kubit and seconded by Remely that the Board approves a contract with Pressley Ridge Autism Day School for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year for the provision of special education services to a Mt. Lebanon exceptional student at a cost of \$8,000 per semester. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol, Stipanovich, Hart  
 Against: None  
 MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Kubit and seconded by Posti that the Board approves a contract for occupational therapy services to be provided to Mt. Lebanon exceptional students by Joyce Salls, OTD, OTR/L for the 2008-2009 school year including Extended School Year (ESY) at a cost of \$52 per hour. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol, Stipanovich, Hart  
 Against: None  
 MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Posti and seconded by Fraasch that the Board approves an agreement with Rachel K. Miller, MOTR/L, to provide a fine motor development program to Mt. Lebanon elementary students in grades K-2 for the 2008-2009 school year at a fee of \$4,500.

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol, Stipanovich, Hart  
 Against: None  
 MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Posti and seconded by Remely that authorization is given for attendance and expenditure for Board members at the PSBA Symposium on Educational Issues for Board Members in Gettysburg, PA, July 13-14, 2008.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Posti and seconded by Fraasch that the Board approves the 2008-2009 list of leases dated June 4, 2008. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol,  
Stipanovich, Hart  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Posti and seconded by Cappucci that the Board approves a one year technical support contract with Applied Simulation Technologies for preventative maintenance services on the driver's education simulator in the amount of \$5,995. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol,  
Stipanovich, Hart  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Silhol that the Board approves submission of PDE 3074(a) for the District-Wide Concrete Sidewalk Replacement project (Copy in official minutes.)

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Silhol that the Board awards the District-Wide Concrete Sidewalk Replacement Bid to John Varrati Contracting at a cost of \$4.95 per square foot. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol,  
Stipanovich, Hart  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Cappucci that the Board awards Bid No. 09-002, Ice Melt, to Christman Chemical Co., Inc. in the amount of \$6.77 per 50 lb. bag as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol,  
Stipanovich, Hart  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Stipanovich that the Board awards the Transportation for Exceptional Children bid to First Student at their bid price of \$3,325.44 for transportation of exceptional students, and to Pennsylvania Coach Lines at their bid price of \$225 per day for transportation of Parkway West students as the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications.

ROLL CALL For: Cappucci, Fraasch, Kubit, Posti, Remely, Rose, Silhol,  
Stipanovich, Hart  
Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Posti that the Board approves travel by the Devil's Advocate/Journalism students to St. Louis, MO from November 13-16, 2008, for a competition.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

## TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Mrs. Posti requested that the Board review policy and create a subcommittee to develop a format for public comments. Mrs. Rose asked for more information on what fields Mr. Miller was referring to in his comments.

## COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Six residents spoke before the Board about the following:

- Questioned if work on the Washington playground will begin this summer
- Questions concerning board president, former board member, former employees and superintendent search
- Wrong time of year to present the schematic plans for the high school
- Timeframe to short
- Alleged editing of board meeting videos
- Appointment of former board member to MLFE board
- Timeframe for high school plans appropriate
- Board provides many opportunities to voice opinions
- Alleged comments in PTA newsletters regarding board members
- Comments from former board member
- Board's introduction to civility to meetings
- PTA does not publish comments about board members in newsletters

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hart announced that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting for the purpose of personnel matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Janice R. Klein, Secretary  
Board of School Directors

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