

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

November 21, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:58 pm on Monday, November 21, 2022 in Mt. Lebanon High School Room D205 and via Zoom.

Mr. Wyland called the meeting to order.

ATTENDING

Board Members: Mrs. Melinda Berdyck, Mr. Todd Ellwein, Ms. Valerie Fleisher, Mrs. Erin Gentzel, Ms. Claire Guth, Ms. Annamaria Johnson, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Mr. Jacob Wyland

Absent: Dr. Justin Hackett

Others: Superintendent Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Solicitor Thomas Peterson, Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Heather Doyle, Ms. Kristen James, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Ms. Tenecia Ross, Mr. Chris Stengel

MINUTES

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2022; the Discussion Meeting held on October 10, 2022; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2022; and the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2022.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Jefferson Middle School students Aaisha Ansari and Julia Antunes reported on recent activities at JMS. Student Council Executive Board has established five committees this year; service committee, advocacy committee, kindness committee, dancing candy gram committee, and the TBA committee which will take on any other approved projects. Student Council has recently sponsored a Halloween door decorating contest with a Red Ribbon theme that reminded students to remain substance free and National Children and Teens' Grief Awareness Month. Aaisha and Julia also reported on their trip to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Student Council's State Leadership Conference and thanked the Board for support of the trip. Highlights of the trip included a motivational speaker, student-led workshops, and a mini-thon, which JMS would like to incorporate into their school activities. Three spirit weeks are upcoming, as is a winter dance, student recognitions, and a potential fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Mt. Lebanon High School students Sara Frew and Doran Steinfeld presented a report to the Board. Doran Steinfeld and Sara Frew began their report by congratulating girls tennis WPIAL champions, girls soccer section champions, and cross country WPIAL champion Logan St. John Kletter. They also acknowledged participants in the fall play, Radium Girls, and Mrs. Majetic, Mr. Kuhar, and Mr. Stocklosa for a fantastic production. Halloween door decoration and spirit week festivities took place in October. Students are now preparing for the annual Holiday show, which will take place on December 7. Ticket sales will benefit the community. A food drive was also held, which donated over 1,350 non perishable goods and over \$200 to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. The NHS holiday gift drive is also upcoming.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland began by reporting that the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Mt. Lebanon Education Secretarial/Aides Education Support Professional Association will be voted on by the Board this evening. He thanked everyone involved in the negotiations process for their hard work. Mr. Wyland then presented crossing guard supervisor Sharon Kroner with an Extra Mile Award.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer began by congratulating the high school Model UN Team for their accomplishments at the Model UN tournament held at the University of Pittsburgh. Next, the girls tennis team and cross country athlete Logan St. John Kletter were recognized for their athletic success during WPIAL championships.

Dr. Darby Copeland of Parkway West Career and Technology Center presented an update to the Board on happenings at PWCTC. Currently, 63 Mt. Lebanon students attend PWCTC and District students participating in National Occupational Competency Testing Institute assessments have achieved a 100% pass rate.

BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee - Ms. Olbrich reported that minor revisions were made to policies EEA - Student Transportation Services, IGB - Special Education Programs, and DJGA - Sales Calls and Demonstrations.

PSBA Liaison - Mr. Ellwein reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Education has finalized the three new sets of competencies required for teacher induction and continuing professional development programs as required under new certification regulations. More information can be found on the PDE website.

Environmental Sustainability - Mrs. Berdyck reported that the committee met earlier this month. High school and middle school representatives reported on initiatives and a sidewalk expansion plan was discussed.

Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education - Mrs. Gentzel reported that the MLFE met last week and is collecting teacher grant applications, which will be voted on in December. Members of the MLFE will also be visiting classrooms of past grant recipients to observe how the grants have been implemented.

Pathfinder School - Ms. Fleisher reported that the Pathfinder Board met last Wednesday. The Life Skills classroom has been baking and students have designed a newsletter that includes updates of school activities. AAC Awareness Month was celebrated in October to raise awareness of augmentative and alternative communication. A former Pathfinder student has opened an ice cream shop with their family

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS CONCERNING ACTION ITEMS

One resident spoke before the Board about special education

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Ellwein and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves, ratifies, and accepts the following financial reports:

- a. Treasurer's Reports dated October 31, 2022
- b. List of Bills dated October 31, 2022, and November 16, 2022
- c. List of Tax Refunds October 31, 2022 and
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated November 1, 2022

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth, Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Ellwein and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves budgetary transfers to close out the June 30, 2022 fiscal year.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth, Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the annual audit of the District's finances as completed by Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC in substantially the form presented.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth, Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the November 10, 2022 list of personnel changes, as revised November 17, 2022.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth, Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Fleisher that the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Mt. Lebanon Education Secretarial/Aides Education Support Professional Association, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, is approved in the form presented

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland
Abstain: Berdyck

Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the 2023-2024 graduation requirements in the form presented.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth, Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the High School Model UN Team trip to Washington, D.C. (American University) to participate in the American University Model UN Tournament from February 2 - 5.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves membership in the AIU Joint Purchasing program.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Gentzel and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves an agreement with Get Moving Foundation to conduct their Intentional Movement and Behavior (iMaB) program with high school students enrolled in the ABA program, subject to final contract approval by the Superintendent and Solicitor.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Gentzel and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves revisions to the following policies in the form presented:

- a. EEA - Student Transportation Services
- b. IGB - Special Education Programs
- c. DJGA - Sales Calls and Demonstrations

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Guth and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the addition of four accounts to the Energy Harbor, LLC agreement for the purchase of electricity.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Guth and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the Student Adjudication in the form presented.

ROLL CALL: For: Berdyck, Ellwein, Fleisher, Gentzel, Guth Johnson, Olbrich,
Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Three residents spoke before the Board about the District financial audit report and unassigned fund balance, support for the LGBTQ community, and energy purchasing strategy.

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

Upcoming Public Meetings

December 5, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.	Board Organizational Meeting D205, Mt. Lebanon High School Zoom
December 12, 2022 - 6:45 p.m.	Board DEI Committee D205, Mt. Lebanon High School Zoom
December 12, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.	Joint Board Discussion/Regular Meeting D205, Mt. Lebanon High School Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Olbrich and approved unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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