

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

March 20, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 20, 2023 in Mt. Lebanon High School Room D205 and via Zoom.

Mr. Wyland called the meeting to order.

ATTENDING

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

Absent: None

Others: Superintendent Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Solicitor Mr. Chris Votlz, Dr. Ronald Davis, Mr. Robert Geletko, Dr. Nicci Giehll, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Kristen James, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Dr. Jason Ramsey, 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 February 13, 2023; the Discussion Meeting held on February 13, 2023; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on February 20, 2023; and the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2023.

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

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Mellon Middle School students Bre'ajah Leslie and Mia Nikolic presented their report to the Board. MMS's annual 12 Days of Holiday Spirit was celebrated in December, with students participating in spirit theme days while counting the days leading up to winter break. A giving tree project was sponsored to benefit A Bridge to Home animal rescue. In February, a "Feel the Beats Friday," initiative was held, raising over \$600 for St. Clair Hospital's cardiac unit. Students also attended the annual Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils conference that was held at Montour High School. The conference allowed students to attend workshops and meet members of other District student councils. Finally, the annual Shamrock Blitz was held with students searching for their personalized shamrocks and winning prizes.

High school seniors Gina Malachow and Victoria Finizio shared recent high school events. Students and faculty were thanked for their help filming this year's Lip Dub, which connected many clubs and sports

teams and was a wonderful display of school spirit. Evening Theatre Company performed Sense and Sensibility. The yearbook staff and the orchestra both traveled to New York for a conference and performance, respectively. The Science Olympiad team competed at regionals, earning several individual awards and a team advancement to the state competition being held in April. Cum Laude induction was held and the National Honor Society ceremony is also approaching. Spring sports have started and the football team welcomed new head coach, Mike Collodi. New sports this spring include girls rugby and boys volleyball. Juniors are starting the student council election process, working on petitions, speeches, and campaign materials. Students are looking forward to the upcoming class breakfasts and the spring spirit assembly. The annual art show is also upcoming.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland updated the Board on the nationwide JUUL lawsuit, which includes nearly 1500 school districts, claiming that vaping products were intentionally marketed to minors. Legal council recommends acceptance of the settlement but specifics cannot be shared.

Mr. Wyland then recognized two District employees with Extra Mile Awards. First, Ms. Gina Stokes from the food services department was recognized for going above and beyond, creating a warm and welcoming environment for students and staff. Gina was recently recognized in a Devil's Advocate article for her amazing yogurt parfaits. Next, Mrs. Crystal Hinton, Foster Elementary School counselor, was recognized for her exceptional service, strong connections with students, and providing students with opportunities to build rapport with each other. Many students continue to look to Mrs. Hinton for guidance well beyond their years at Foster.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer introduced Director of Business, Mr. Rob Geletko, who presented a budget update. Mr. Geletko presented draft 8 of the budget, highlighting positive movements while noting that there are still significant unknowns. A public Budget Forum will be held on Wednesday, March 22.

BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee - Ms. Olbrich reported that policies JIC - Student Code of Conduct and JICD - Bullying were discussed at the March 13 Discussion meeting. The policy committee will be working to gather input from Board members and members of the community in order to review and revise these policies.

Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education - Mrs. Gentzel reported that MLFE grant applications are due on April 4.

Municipal Liaison - Dr. Hackett reported that the Commission has passed a board reform ordinance. Reform will begin next year. Priority project planning for 2023-2024 is beginning this week. A survey was presented to the community regarding recreation programming.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center - Ms. Guth reported that PWCTC held a successful open house. Teacher training may be added as a career pathway to Career and Technical Centers in the region, looking at ways to recruit and retain educators.

Pathfinder School - Ms. Fleisher reported that the Pathfinder Board is discussing capital projects updates including roof repairs and an HVAC update. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit Board is looking at funding sources for these projects. Pathfinder's annual administrative budget is being developed and will be presented in April or May.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion - Ms. Johnson reported that DEI and policy issues were presented during the March 13 discussion meeting.

Superintendent Search - Mrs. Gentzel reported that the search process is advancing on schedule with interviews coming up.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer's Report dated February, 2023
- b. List of Bills dated February 28, 2023, and March 9, 2023
- c. List of Tax Refunds for February, 2023
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated March 1, 2023

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

It was moved by Ellwein and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the March 9, 2023 list of personnel changes, as revised March 16, 2023 and March 20, 2023.

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

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Gentzel that the Board approves the AIU Program of Services Budget for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,235,963 with an estimated cost to the District of \$82,975.

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

It was moved by Ellwein and seconded by Olbrich that the Board amends the agenda to include the cost of an agreement with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., Pittsburgh ABA.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves a contract with Pittsburgh Behavioral Services, Inc., Pittsburgh ABA for the provision of special education services for a Mt. Lebanon exceptional student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The cost will not exceed \$21,385.12.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Ellwein that the Board approves amends the agenda to include the cost of the District Wide Restroom Soap and Paper Products Bid.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the lowest bidder meeting the specifications from Paper Products, Inc. for hand soap, paper towels at Foster Elementary (special size) and bathroom tissue with a low bid of \$54.62/case, \$107.53/case and 76.60/case respectively. All bids are for one year with the option to renew for (1) one additional year. The lowest bidder for paper towels at all other District schools was Pitt Specialty Supply, Inc. with a low bid of \$44.93/case for year one, \$48.31/case for year two, \$51.80/case for year three and \$55.11/case for year four. Bid is for one year with the option to renew for (3) three additional years.

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

It was moved by Hackett and seconded by Berdyck that the Board adopts the following Sustainability Statement:

The Mt. Lebanon School District is committed to educating and empowering our students and community to make sustainable choices and contribute to a healthy planet. We aim to create a sustainable learning environment, reduce our carbon footprint, operate in a socially responsible and environmentally conscious manner, foster a culture of sustainability, and integrate these practices into operations and curriculum. We are dedicated to inspiring and leading the way toward a more sustainable future.

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

It was moved by Gentzel and seconded by Guth that the settlement agreement between the District and JUUL Labs, Inc. is approved in the form presented.

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

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

Upcoming Public Meetings

April 11, 2023 - TBD	Board Policy Committee D205, Mt. Lebanon High School
April 11, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.	Board Discussion Meeting D205, Mt. Lebanon High School Zoom
April 17, 2023 - TBD	Board DEI Committee D205, Mt. Lebanon High School Zoom
April 17, 2023 - 7:30 pm	Board Regular Meeting D205, Mt. Lebanon High School Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Hackett and approved unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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