## MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT 7 HORSMAN DRIVE PITTSBURGH PA 15228

# DISCUSSION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM D205 7:30 P.M.

#### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Capital Campaign Update
- IV. Action Items for September 18, 2017, Board Meeting

#### A. Financial Items

- 1. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> The treasurer's report reflects cash transactions for the month of August 2017. The report is typical for this time of year. The Superintendent recommends approval of the report.
- 2. <u>Monthly List of Bills</u> The list of bills reflects checks authorized to be drawn between August 16 and August 31, 2017. The report is reviewed by the administration and is typical for this time of year. The Superintendent recommends approval of the report.
- 3. <u>List of Tax Refunds</u> The list of tax refunds reflects ten refunds for the month of August totaling \$18,755.60. The report is reviewed by the solicitor's office which recommends its approval. The Superintendent recommends approval of the report.
- 4. <u>List of Unusable Equipment</u> The list of unusable equipment includes a Panasonic VCR. The Superintendent recommends approval of this list.

## B. Personnel Items

- 1. <u>Personnel Report</u> The Personnel Report details personnel appointments, changes in assignments, leaves of absences, resignations and retirements to be considered by the Board. The Superintendent recommends approval of this report.
- 2. Group and Voluntary Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Renewal The rate guarantee for these employee benefits expires on November 1, 2017. Unum is the current carrier of these benefits at the total annualized employer paid premium of \$32,474. Their renewal proposal of \$50,114 represents a 54% increase. After issuing a request for proposal to other insurance carriers, we are able to realize significant savings by moving the business from Unum to Prudential effective November 1, 2017. Prudential is offering a three year rate guarantee of \$22,050 for comparable coverage. The Superintendent recommends approval of the new contract.

#### C. Other

- Revision to School Calendar The Board is being asked to make one minor revision to the 2017-2018 school calendar. The calendar currently shows in-service as May 22, the 4th Tuesday of May. The new calendar will read in-service for May 15 and a school day for May 22, 2018.
- 2. Work Experience Training Programs Provided by Goodwill Industries The Board is being asked to approve an agreement with Goodwill Industries to provide student transition and skill development in their Project SEARCH Transition Program for the 2017-2018 school year. The cost of the program will not exceed \$14,850 per student with a starting dates no earlier than September 6, 2017 and ending June 1, 2018 for no more than two students. The Superintendent recommends approval of this agreement.
- 3. Agreement with Western Psychiatric Institute The Board is being asked to approve an agreement with Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Licensed Academic School to provide specialized academic assistance to Mt. Lebanon students at a cost of \$75 per day, per student. The agreement outlines the relationship between the District and WPIC's associated programs for any student who may be placed into full or partial hospital care. While a student is hospitalized, WPIC will provided specialized academic support and instruction to the student in order to maintain his/her learning trajectory. The average length of stay is 5-7 days. At this time, there are no students hospitalized; annually, we have 3-5 students hospitalized.

#### D. Discussion

- 1. <u>Policy Review</u> The Policy Committee reviewed the following policies:
  - a. New CGD, Federal Fiscal Compliance
  - b. CGDA, Conflict of Interest-Federal Programs
  - c. CGDB, Travel Reimbursement-Federal Programs
- 2. <u>PSBA Elections</u> The Board will hold discussion on the PSBA officer candidates for the coming year.
- 3. <u>Capital Campaign Disbursement</u> As part of our Capital Campaign, we evaluated the needs of the District and considered the wishes of our donors to identify a number of uses for campaign funds. The equipment list to be funded has been reviewed and approved by the committee overseeing Campaign allocations. The Board is being asked to approve the Capital Campaign disbursement of \$25,000 for Middle School Auditorium and Music Classrooms Sound Equipment. Once the budget is approved, we will proceed with purchasing the equipment in accordance with any applicable bidding requirements, State Law and Board Policy.
- 4. Options for High School Practice Field Playing Surface The Board will review options for the playing field surface at the high school practice field.
- V. Questions or Comments from Residents. Presentations or comments are to be limited to five (5) minutes.
- VI. Upcoming Public Meetings

September 18, 2017 – 7:30 p.m. Board Regular Meeting

Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School

October 9, 2017 – 7:30 p.m. Board Discussion Meeting

Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School

October 16, 2017 – 7:30 p.m. Board Regular Meeting

Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School

VII. Adjournment