

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

August 15, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016, in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School.

Mr. Lebowitz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Hugh Beal, Mrs. Mary Birks, Mr. William Cooper, Mr. William Moorhead, Ms. Sara Olbrich, Mr. Daniel Remely, Mr. Michael Riemer, Mr. Lawrence Lebowitz
Absent: None

ATTENDING:

Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Peterson, Solicitor's Office
Administrative Staff: Ms. Cissy Bowman, Dr. Ronald Davis,
Ms. Kathryn Devine, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Janice Klein,
Mr. Richard Marciniak, Mr. Christopher Stengel

MINUTES

It was moved by Beal and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the minutes of the Discussion Meeting held on June 13, 2016; and the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2016.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Lebowitz thanked Mrs. Cappucci for her years of service to the District. Five candidates were interviewed to replace her on the Board, but only one can be selected this evening.

The Board will be voting on engineering services agreement for air conditioning in all the elementary and middle school buildings. Mr. Lebowitz thanked Mr. Marciniak and the facilities team for their work over the summer.

New teacher orientation was held this week, and the best of the best were hired. Mr. Lebowitz wished everyone a wonderful school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer reported that the schools are close to ready for the first day of school. Fall sports and band practices have begun. The superintendent thanked Dr. Irvin and Dr. Davis for their work with teacher induction.

BOARD REPORTS

High School Renovation – Mr. Remely reported that the tennis court site is currently settling and is now ready for two more feet of dirt. The west wall of the tennis court area is complete. The landscaper is back to complete their work.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center – Mr. Remely reported the enrollment at Parkway West CTC is 740 students. Industry certifications for Parkway students have increased. The Pennsylvania Secretary of Education is schedule to speak to the students.

Municipal Liaison – Mr. Riemer reported the ice rink is a problem and must be repaired at a cost of \$1.7 million. The rifle range is still a priority project and the District will be involved in the plans. The Zamagias project at Bower Hill and Washington is proceeding. Mt. Lebanon police are being trained in anti-terrorism.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Beal that the Board appoints Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer to fill the position vacated by Elaine Cappucci, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Moorhead, Olbrich, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: Birks, Cooper, Remely
MOTION APPROVED

Judge Terrance F. McVerry administered the oath of office to Dr. Strotmeyer. Dr. Strotmeyer took his seat at the table. (Copy in official minutes)

It was moved by Beal and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves, ratifies, and accepts the following financial reports: (Copy in official minutes)

- a. Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2016
- b. List of Bills dated July 28, 2016, and August 10, 2016,
- c. List of Tax Refunds dated July 31, 2016, and
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated August 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the August 11, 2016, list of personnel changes. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the annual salaries for 10-month clerical employees, aides and personal care assistants as listed, effective September 1, 2016, at an average increase of 2.89% over the duration of the contract. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Lebowitz
Against: None
Abstain: Riemer
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the salaries for food service employees as listed, effective September 1, 2016, at an average increase of 2.89% over the duration of the contract. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the salaries for teachers a listed, effective September 1, 2016, at an average increase of 3.38% over the duration of the contract. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the Boys Soccer Team to travel to Reading, PA for the East-West Classic Tournament on September 2-3, 2016.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded Olbrich that the Board approves the federal program grants for the 2016-2017 school year totaling \$522,052.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the agreement between Mt. Lebanon School District and Interim Healthcare Services, Inc. to provide skilled nursing services for special needs students, including services on the bust for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$42 per hour not to exceed \$55,000 per student for no more than two students. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Birks that the Board approves an agreement with Goodwill Industries to provide student transition and skill development in the Transition WORKS! Program for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost dependent on the student's programmatic need between \$3,678.75 for a five-day week, nine week session or \$2,452.50 for a three-day per week, nine week session at a cost not to exceed \$14,850 per student for no more than three students. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Remely that the Board approves an agreement with Wesley Spectrum Services to provide specialized support through an intervention specialist for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) at the high school and both middle schools not to exceed \$72,800 to be funded through ACCESS funds. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves an agreement with The Watson Institute Behavior Support Academy for the placement of a special education student for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost not to exceed \$44,680 for the school year. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves a contract with The University School for the provision of special education services for Mt. Lebanon exceptional students during the 2016-2017 school year at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 per student for no more than three students. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Birks that the Board approves one change order to Nello from the Capital Budget to install floor tile between the Gold and South gym due to safety issues totaling \$3,467.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves an agreement with Trane to provide engineering services for air conditioning at Mt. Lebanon Middle and Elementary Schools in an amount not to exceed \$260,000, such agreement to be in a form approved by the Solicitor and Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Birks, Cooper, Moorhead, Olbrich, Strotmeyer,
Remely, Riemer, Lebowitz
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Three residents spoke before the Board about the following:

Commented that engineering for air conditioning should not be necessary since the piping is installed

Commented on the landscaping

Questioned prior two budget compared to actuals

Questioned work of Board Secretary and Ms. Klein being Director of Business

Congratulated new board member

Looking forward to next budget

Wanted more to be said about residents without kids in the schools

Does not want a tax increase next year

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Birks and seconded by Olbrich to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary

Board of School Directors

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