

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

July 15, 2013

A Joint Discussion/Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013, in the Jefferson Middle School Library.

Mrs. Cappucci called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Mary Birks, Mrs. Elaine Cappucci, Mr. William Cooper, Mr. Scott Goldman, Mr. Lawrence Lebowitz, Mr. Dale Ostergaard, Mr. Daniel Remely, Mrs. Josephine Posti
Absent: Mr. Edward Kubit

ATTENDING: Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent
Matt Hoffman, Solicitor
Administrative Staff: Ms. Cissy Bowman; Dr. Ronald Davis; Ms. Janice Klein; Mr. Christopher Stengel; Mr. Carl Salemi; Mr. Stephen Scheurer; Mr. Christopher Stengel; Mr. Rick Marciniak

MINUTES

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Posti that the Board approves the minutes of the Discussion Meeting held on June 10, 2013, and the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

BOARD REPORTS

PSBA/NSBA – Mrs. Birks reported that the State Budget passed with 2.3% more than the Governor’s budget and with no pension reform. The PlanCon moratorium continues. The NSBA IDEA survey is going on and the ESEA movement is going to the next step.

Revenue Generation – Mr. Lebowitz reported that interviews are being held for a capital campaign manager and hopes to have someone for the start of school.

Municipal Liaison – Mrs. Posti reported that the Municipality hopes to talk about designating funds for turf. The Drug Task Force accomplished a lot this past month.

Economic Development – Mr. Remely reported that the Comprehensive Plan is going before the Commission for approval next month. A recent survey conducted by the Municipality showed that the number one draw to the community is the school district.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the following items: Treasurer’s report; monthly list of bills; ratification of June 30 list of bills, list of district bank accounts, sale of unusable equipment list, tax refunds, publication of listing of lien taxes, filing of lien taxes on properties with assessments over

\$4,000, tax office audits, monthly personnel report, second bond issue for high school project, approval of Federal grants for 2013-2014, designation of voting delegates to PSBA conference, wall padding bid, fitness room flooring bid, and change orders for the high school project.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2013
- b. List of Bills dated July 10, 2013
- c. June 30, 2013, List of Bills,
- d. List of District Bank Accounts dated July 2, 2013
- e. Sale of Unusable Equipment List dated July 1, 2013, and
- f. List of Tax Refunds dated June 30, 2013.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board approves for public display the list of lien taxes for the 2012 tax year. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board authorizes the Tax Collector to remove all delinquent properties with assessments of \$4,000 or less from the properties to be lien for the 2012 tax year and approves the filing of liens on all remaining properties.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board accepts for filing the audits of Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants, of the Real Estate Tax and Earned Income Tax Offices for the year ending December 31, 2012. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the July 11, 2013, list of personnel changes. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Posti that the Board authorizes Tim Frenz of Janney Capital Markets and Jim Webster of Houston Harbaugh to begin preparation of financial documents and legal opinions to issue General Obligation Bonds to complete funding of the High School Renovation Project.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Goldman and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board approves the federal program grants for the 2013-2014 school year totaling approximately \$274,142.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Goldman and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board authorizes Mary Birks to be a voting delegate at the Legislative Policy Council meeting on October 15, 2013, at the Annual PSBA Conference in Hershey, PA.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the purchase of Wall Padding for the High School Athletics Building from Knight Athletics as part of the COSTARS Contract in the amount of \$85,001.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the purchase of rubber floor matting for the Athletic Building Weight Room to Franklin Interiors at their bid price of \$73,588 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Posti and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the following list of change orders for the High School Renovation Project:

- a. EL-36-132 to Farfield for \$18,685 for electrical power changes due to drawing omissions, coordination issues and unforeseen conditions,
- b. EL-37-133 to Farfield for \$28,907 for light fixture changes in both interior and exterior locations due to code requirements, maintenance issues and fire department review,
- c. FP-03-134 to SimplexGrinnell for \$13,814 for sound panels in the fine arts catwalk,
- d. ME-08-135 to McKamish for \$19,591 for changes in dampers in B and G Buildings due to drawing coordination,

- ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Posti, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

a. PL-20-143 to Vrabel for \$2,991 to install a bottle filler in the Athletic Facility Lobby.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Lebowitz, Ostergaard, Remely,
Cappucci
Against: None
Abstained: Posti
MOTION APPROVED

Four residents spoke before the Board about the following:

Concerned they will be relocated to Jefferson Middle School gym
Gym ceiling too low; no concession stand in Jefferson facility
Wants the District to rent space at another school that is acceptable
Questioned change orders including cleaning the high school
Wants to know who is reviewing the extra costs
Questions regarding winterization costs
Questions concerning bond issue
Safewalking routes
Wants sidewalks from 629 to 809 N. Meadowcroft
Wants the District's support for this municipal installation

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary
Board of School Directors