

MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
7 HORSMAN DRIVE  
PITTSBURGH PA 15228

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

7:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Action Items for January 21, 2013, Board Meeting
  - A. Financial Items
    - 1. Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report reflects cash transactions for the month of December 2012. All transactions are typical for this time of year. The superintendent recommends approval of the report.
    - 2. Monthly List of Bills – The monthly list of bills reflects checks authorized to be drawn between December 12 and 31, 2012. There are no unusual items to report. The superintendent recommends approval of this list for payment.
    - 3. List of Tax Refunds – The list of tax refunds reflects two refunds totaling \$356.26. The list has been shared with the solicitor's office which recommends its approval. The superintendent recommends approval of the list.
    - 4. List of Unusable Equipment – The list of unusable equipment includes a number of slide and overhead projectors no longer being used within the District. The superintendent recommends approval of this list for sale.
    - 5. School Supplies and Equipment Solicitation – Annually in January, the Board is asked to authorize the solicitation of bids for supplies and equipment for the upcoming fiscal year. The superintendent recommends approval of this action.
    - 6. Preliminary Budget – According to Act 1 of 2006, the Board must present a budget for public view in January for Board approval in February. If the Board would like to maintain the option of applying for exceptions to the Index, the approved budget in February must be high enough to reflect the need for the exceptions. Due to the lack of information concerning staffing, student course selections, retirements, healthcare cost increases and State funding proposals, I recommend the Board consider approving a budget so that we preserve the ability to apply for exceptions if we need them. Such a budget has been prepared and will be reviewed with the Board before it is placed on the website for public inspection. Note that if the Board desires, it has the right to pass a resolution to 'not exceed the Index' by the end of January which would eliminate the need to approve a budget in February.

B. Personnel Items

1. Personnel Report – The Personnel Report dated January 10, 2013, details personnel appointments, changes in assignments, leaves of absences, sabbatical requests for next school year, resignations, and retirements to be considered by the Board. The superintendent recommends approval of this report.

C. Other

1. Special Education Services Provided by PACE School – This is a request for the Board to approve an agreement with PACE School to provide special education services to Mt. Lebanon student(s). The daily cost is \$246.38 and will not exceed \$27,840.94 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. We do not anticipate sending more than three students. The superintendent recommends approval of this agreement.
2. Special Education Services Provided by Wesley Spectrum Academy – This is a request for the Board to approve an agreement with Wesley Spectrum Academy to provide special education services to Mt. Lebanon student(s). The cost of the educational placement is \$12,319 per student per semester and a one-time matriculation fee of \$200 for new students. The total cost per student will not exceed \$12,519 for the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year and we do not anticipate sending more than three students. The superintendent recommends approval of this agreement.
3. Adult Training Services Provided by Milestone Centers, Inc. – This is a request for the Board to approve a contract with Milestone Centers, Inc. to provide adult training services designed to meet the individual needs of Mt. Lebanon special education student(s) from January to June 2013. The total cost will be \$243 per attendance day for 1:1 staffing per student(s) enrolled, not to exceed \$9,720 (based on two days per week for 20 weeks). We do not anticipate sending more than three students. The superintendent recommends approval of this contract.
4. Percussion Resolution for Games of Chance – The Friends of Percussion have requested the Board approve a resolution recognizing them as a community group which furthers extracurricular activities for our students to enable them to apply for a Games of Chance Permit.
5. ClearChoice Energy Contract – The District has contracted in the past with ClearChoice Energy for a program to curtail electrical usage during peak periods in summer months when demand is unusually high. The contract requires the District to turn off all electricity if notified of these exceptional conditions. There is a one hour test period each of the next three summers which would be scheduled when students are not in session as has been done in the past. As always, there would not be any savings to the District if we did not comply with their request during any peak period. The amount of savings from the contract would be \$2,490.39 in 2013-14, \$13507.88 in 2014-15 and \$12,761.80 in 2015-16, totaling \$28,760.07. The superintendent recommends approval of this contract.
6. Change Orders for High School Renovation Project – This month's list of change orders proposes 10 changes for Board consideration. They are as follows:
  - a. GC-16-29 to Nello for \$4,900 for carpet for the upper Little Theatre Lobby which was not scheduled for replacement,
  - b. EL-08-34 to Farfield to reconnect parking lot lighting due to voltage change \$5,240,
  - c. GC-17-35 to Nello to eliminate dry wall ceiling in G Building and replace with sound proof spray (\$7,516),

- d. EL-09-36 to Farfield to add power to elevator sump pumps in Buildings H and G \$7,718,
  - e. PL-04-37 to Vrabel to add sump pumps in elevator shafts in Buildings H and G \$7,892
  - f. GC-18-38 to Nello to patch existing walls on 5<sup>th</sup> floor for safety reasons \$4,620,
  - g. GC-19-39 to Nello to change provider of spray foam insulation for fire proofing \$5,652,
  - h. AB-03-40 to Precision to change provider of spray foam insulation for fire proofing (\$5,652),
  - i. GC-20-41 to Nello to add additional duct supports at G Building roof for flashing on duct rails \$6,090, and
  - j. GC-21-42 to Nello to add epoxy rebar for reinforcement of loading dock wall \$5,750.
7. Fiber-Optic Wide Area Network (WAN) Lease - Our existing lease for building-to-building data and voice transmission expires June 30, 2013. An RFP for our "dark fiber" service was issued on November 28, 2012. Two proposals were received by the January 2, 2013 deadline: Sunesys and DQE Communications for 5, 7, and 10 year contracts. Our existing WAN provider, Sunesys was the lower of the 2 bids. We are recommending the 10 year contract at an E-rate discounted rate of \$2,000 per month. For comparison, the rate on our current (expiring) contract is \$2,640 per month, inclusive of our E-rate discount

A. Discussion

- 1. High School Rifle Range – The Board will consider the renovation of the rifle range.

II. Questions or Comments from Residents – Presentations or comments are to be limited to five(5) minutes.

III. Upcoming Public Meetings

January 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.	Construction Update Jefferson Middle School Library
January 14, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.	Board Discussion Meeting Jefferson Middle School Library
January 21, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.	Board Regular Meeting Jefferson Middle School Library

IV. Adjournment