

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

April 16, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:34 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018, in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School.

Mr. Riemer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Markham Elementary students Thomas Aulbach, Piper Bozick, Sophia London, Tessa Peer, and Ellison Resler who shared their experiences collecting donations for the SHIM food drive.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Hugh Beal, Mrs. Elaine Cappucci, Mr. William Cooper, Dr. Aviva Diamond, Mr. Al Frioni, Mr. Lawrence Lebowitz, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer, Mr. Michael Riemer
Absent: None

ATTENDING:

Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent
Thomas Peterson, Solicitor
Administrative Staff: Ms. Cissy Bowman, Dr. Ronald Davis, Ms. Katie Devine, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Janice Klein, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Mr. Christopher Stengel, Ms. Natasha Dirda, Ms. Melissa Nelson

MINUTES

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on March 12, 2018, the Discussion Meeting held on March 12, 2018; and the Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2018.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Jefferson Middle School students McKenzie Hughes and Libby Feldstein reported on the activities at the school. McKenzie reported that they did scale back their activities to allow more time and energy to help with the PASC conference held at Mt. Lebanon High School. However, they were still able hold fundraisers to support Brothers Brother, the Ronald McDonald House, and Hope for the Holidays.

The focus on the PASC activities was extremely beneficial. Jefferson Middle Schools was able to sent 61 students across three grade levels with the thought in mind that no middle level student in Lebo should miss the opportunity to attend such an event at their own high school.

On April 26, the Pittsburg Pirates are hosting a Student Council Day at PNC Park. Student Council will attend the game as a reward for all the work they put in during the school year. Student Council members have selected several ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week. The projects include small goodies with notes attached, handmade items, and the traveling breakfast cart.

May 14 to 18 Jefferson Middle School will be celebrating Wish Week. There are simple wishes, like a pack of pencils that just need to be purchased, tagged and delivered. Other wishes are more elaborate and require fresh pineapples and googly eyes. Then we have the grand wishes, like

Principal for a Day. We will be granting wishes great and small throughout the week. It will be a joyful way to end our events for this school year.

Lucio Santella, High School Student Body Co Treasurer, reported on the activities at the High School. The high school was able to contribute 757 items towards the Sack Hunger Pack Hope PTA Council's collection that supported the South Hills Interfaith Movement clients. These items included deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo.

The juniors are moving ahead in their Student Council election process. The high school's Center Court is awash in campaign signs and next week the "Meet the Candidates Day" will be held during each of the lunch periods. The General Election will be held on Friday, April 27 and all 9th, 10th and 11th graders will have an opportunity to electronically vote for the 2018-19 Student Body officers.

The upcoming annual Art Show will take place Friday, April 20 and is going to be the best ever. The artists will be exhibiting their creations in the C20 lobby and in Center Court during this time. The other activities include listening to original music compositions performed by orchestra members, you can take a "selfie" with students who are dressed like famous artists such as Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol, Bob Ross, and Frida Kahlo, and the unveiling of the annual Senior Blue Devil mural will take place in the high school's library.

Other activities include an informal dance on April 27, the third and final Central Blood Bank drive on April 30, and the upcoming school musical, "Annie," on May 10, 11 and 12.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Riemer reported on his trip to Washington D.C. with the Jefferson 8th grade class as a chaperone. The students were working on a project for class that they had to do research on with pictures and give a presentation in the history class with Mr. Smith and Mr. Cappucci. The following museums and monuments were visited by the students on this trip: Newseum, American History Museum, Washington Monument, WWII Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, Capitol Building, Jefferson Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery.

The board president announced that this month's Extra Mile Award recipient is High School Head Custodian, Andrew Turton. Andrew started his career at Foster Elementary, moved to the head custodian position at Mellon and finally to his position at the high school. At each school, Mr. Turton always greeted students with a smile, was quick to respond requests, and always goes above and beyond to help the students and staff of the schools. Mr. Reimer presented Mr. Turton with a certificate and a pin for this well deserved recognition. It is people like Andrew Turton that make our schools a special place.

Mr. Riemer congratulated High School Social Studies teacher Mr. Peter DiNardo on his selection as the 2018 recipient of the Mt. Lebanon Community Service Award. He was selected by a committee of evaluators from the Mt. Lebanon Community Relations Board. The award honors people who make a significant contribution to the community in a volunteer capacity; participate in humanitarian activities that make a difference in the well-being of others; have exceptional ethical qualities and strive to improve and preserve the community, and are inspirational role models for the Mt. Lebanon Community. Mr. DiNardo was nominated by High School Principal Brian McFeeley.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer congratulated the High School Model UN team for another successful season. The team ended the season on a high note with a first place team award at Ohio State University's

Model UN conference. The team won first place team honors against high schools from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. In addition, the team received the “Outstanding Delegation” team award at the University of Delaware Model UN tournament held in early March. This season also included team victories at Penn State and Carnegie Mellon. Congratulations to the team and their coaches, Mr. Adam Lumish, Mr. George Savarese, and Mr. Pete DiNardo. Certificates of Achievement were presented to the following students: Connor Alexander, Grace Brown, Thomas Cosentino, Marley Howell, Anne Jin, Max King, Ben Lebowitz, Aya Obeid, Bennett Palumbo, Spencer Serrano, Rebecca Schwartz, Dan Helmecci, Daniel McNulty, Antonios Carapella, Sein Lee, and Katherine Wilkison.

Congratulations to Mt. Lebanon High School junior Morgan Meer who was honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President’s Volunteer Service Award. The award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of time to serve their communities and country, and is granted by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. As State President of the Pennsylvania State Society Children of the American Revolution, Morgan’s community service project was to lead and support a historical preservation and education project for the National Historical Landmark, Meadowcroft Rockshelter. Morgan raised \$10,000 for the project to install educational signage at the site to ensure visitors can learn at the rockshelter even without a tour guide.

Washington Elementary librarian Sarah Beckman was one of only 24 public school librarians from across the Commonwealth selected to participate in the Mini Regional Leaders Academy for PA School Librarians. As one of the dedicated school librarians selected competitively from across Pennsylvania, Ms. Beckman will have the opportunity to expand and test her leadership competencies during the Academy. Ms. Beckman is finishing her first year as Washington’s school librarian.

Dr. Steinhauer invited the community to attend the High School Art Department’s Annual Art Show on April 20 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The show will feature over 500 outstanding works of art at the high school. Our students have worked very hard to create an exciting and visually interesting show.

The Taste of Lebo; Battle of the Appetizers, sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education, will take place on Saturday, April 21 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. The proceeds from Taste of Lebo supports the MLFE and the grants that it provides our faculty for innovative instruction in the classroom.

Mt. Lebanon High School will present the musical “Annie” on May 10-12 in the High School Auditorium. “Annie” is a great show for the entire family. Plan to be amazed by the talent of our students as actors, singers, dancers, and technical crew.

Dr. Steinhauer concluded his report with a brief overview of the strategic planning process.

BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee – Ms. Olbrich reported that the Policy Committee met on April 9 to review policies EBAB, Integrated Pest Management, and LEA, Student Teaching. Revisions to the policies are on the agenda for approval this evening.

Audit & Finance Committee – Mr. Beal reported that the Audit & Finance Committee will hold a meeting on April 23 to hear a presentation from the new auditors on the financial audit procedures for the single audit.

Board Development – Dr. Strotmeyer reported that he is working with PSBA to develop a workshop for the Board on setting goals.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center – Mr. Riemer reported that he met with Dr. Copeland, Parkway West Career and Technical Center Executive Director. They reviewed the Limited Procedures Engagement completed by the Auditor General’s Office. The engagement found that the Center properly implemented policies and procedures for the areas mentioned and complied with relevant requirements.

Mt. Lebanon student Emma Luther will be inducted to this year’s National Technical Honor Society. She is enrolled in the Cosmetology Program. She was also honored with five other students at a luncheon for the Student of the Month award.

Parkway West will hold their annual summer career camp for students in grades 6, 7 and 8 on June 27 and 28. Students will have fun learning about different careers through hands-on activities while gaining skills you can use in everyday life.

In other Parkway news, Fred McGivern, PWCTC Assistant Principal, has earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management from Robert Morris University. PWCTC received \$134,357 in grant funding during the 2017-2018 school year from seven different funding sources. Additionally, the school secured donations consumable materials and equipment in the amount of \$24,000.

PWCTC annually surveys the prior year graduates approximately 6 months after graduation. The Class of 2017 graduates were surveyed to determine if they are in a related placement, enrolled in a post-secondary program, employed in the field in which they studied at PWCTC or in the Military. An astounding 81.2% of the students responded back to the survey. Seventy-three percent of 2017 graduates are enrolled in a post-secondary program; while 53% are employed in a job related to their program of study (some students are enrolled in post-secondary education and employed in a job related to their program of study). Fourteen Mt. Lebanon students graduated from PWCTC in 2017. One graduate is in the Military (7.1%), 12 graduates are enrolled in a post-secondary program and/or working within their Parkway Program of Study (85.8%) and 1 graduate is working in an unrelated area (7.1%).

Pathfinder School – Mr. Cooper reported that the next meeting of the Pathfinder Board will held on April 18. Pathfinder did pass a budget with no cost to the District, and they will be discussing a new roof for the building.

PSBA/NSBA – Mrs. Cappucci reported that the Senate unanimously approved legislation sought by PSBA to enhance school safety measures, and that a bill has been presented for the required school age for children be changed to 6 to 18 years.

Revenue Generation/MLFE – Dr. Strotmeyer reported that the Taste of Lebo will be held on April 21. Along with the food tastings, there will be an art show and auction and student musical performances. Fifteen Mt. Lebanon restaurants will be participating this year.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

2018-2019 Budget

Resources needed for school safety; i.e. school resource officers, mental health counselors

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer’s Report dated March 31, 2018,
- b. List of Bills dated March 29, 2018, and April 11, 2018, and

c. List of Tax Refunds dated March 31, 2018.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Frioni and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$98,958,314 setting the millage rate at 24.33 mills, a .40 mill increase in the form presented. The Board directs that the budget be placed on the District's website until final approval with such changes as may be directed on May 21, 2018.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Cappucci and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the April 5, 2018, list of personnel changes, as revised April 12, 2018. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board approves revisions to Policy EBAB, Integrated Pest Management, in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Diamond that the Board approves revisions to Policy LEA, Student Teaching, in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the 2018-2019 South Central Area Special Schools Jointure Budget of \$167,000 with no cost to the District. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Diamond and seconded by Strotmeyer that the Board approves Project #18-1, Mellon Middle School Rooftop Air Handling Unit Replacement Bid, to Tobey-Karg Services, at their bid price of \$116,400 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board votes for William L. Cooper as a trustee for the Western Region to the Allegheny County Schools Health Consortium Board for a two-year period effective April 30, 2018.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Frioni, Lebowitz,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Riemer
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Gifted coordinators; expanding gifted services
Artificial turf on practice field
“See something, say something” program

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Riemer announced that an Executive Session was held this evening for the purpose of personnel matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Olbrich to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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