

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

June 19, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017, in Room D205, Mt. Lebanon High School.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Hugh Beal, Mr. William Cooper, Mr. Lawrence Lebowitz, Mr. William Moorhead, Ms. Sara Olbrich, Mr. Daniel Remely (phone in), Mr. Michael Riemer, Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer, Mrs. Mary Birks
Absent: None

ATTENDING:

Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent
Thomas Peterson, Solicitor
Administrative Staff: Ms. Cissy Bowman, Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Janice Klein, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Mr. Christopher Stengel, Mr. Jason Ramsey, Mr. Christopher Wolfson

MINUTES

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee held on May 8, 2017, the Discussion Meeting held on May 8, 2017, and the Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2017.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Birks reported that preparations are being made in the buildings for the start of the school year. Horsman Drive is now open from Stadium Drive to Lebanon Avenue and the tennis courts are nearing completion. Four hundred and thirty-three students graduated on June 8. Mrs. Birks congratulated the graduates and wished them well in their future endeavors.

The board president announced that Dr. Steinhauer has received the Pennsylvania School Study Council Award for Excellence in Administration and Supervision. Mrs. Birks and the rest of the Board congratulated the superintendent on this honor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer thanked the school administration and the Board for a wonder school year.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Development – Dr. Strotmeyer reported that a date will be picked in July for a Board development program presented by PSBA.

Facilities – Mr. Riemer reported that Horsman Drive is now open with traffic flowing both ways. The contractor will start the finishing work on the tennis courts along with fencing and landscaping the area.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center – Mr. Beal reported that enrollment at Parkway for the upcoming year is over 800, up from 743. The Vet Tech program has the highest enrollment with 182 student registered. The NOCTII exam pass rate this year was 90%, which is outstanding. The masonry program will be eliminated for the coming year due to low enrollment and the loss of a teacher.

PSBA/NSBA – Mr. Beal reported that Governor Wolf signed into law a pension reform bill that starting in 2019 requires future employees to select one of three new plan design options, either one of two side-by-side hybrid defined benefit (DB)/defined contribution (DC) plans or a stand-alone DC plan. No changes are made to retirement benefits for current employees, but they would have the option to choose one of the new plan designs.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer’s Report dated May 31, 2017,
- b. List of Bills dated May 31, 2017, and June 9, 2017,
- c. List of Tax Refunds dated May 31, 2017,
- d. List of Budgetary Transfers dated June 6, 2017,
- e. June 30, 2017 List of Bills,
- f. Budgetary Transfers to close the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and
- g. List of Donations to the Schools dated June 9, 2017.

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

It was moved by Beal and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves UTICA as the District’s Insurance Company for Property, Liability Coverage not to exceed the quoted rate of \$259,439, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh for Student Athlete Insurance at the quoted rate of \$11,853, and Brickstreet for Worker’s Compensation at the quoted rate of \$319,146 pending final payroll amounts as per the attached list of Insurance Quotes. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Beal and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves a food service budget for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$1,802,769 with lunch prices set at \$2.40 for elementary schools and at the secondary schools prices are to be \$2.55 for Tier One lunches, \$2.90 for Tier Two lunches, \$3.45 for Tier Three lunches and \$1.60 for breakfast. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the June 8, 2017, list of personnel changes as revised June 15, 2017 and June 19, 2017 (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Strotmeyer that the Board approves the 2017-2018 list of contracted salaries for custodian/maintenance employees effective July 1, 2017, reflecting an average increase as negotiated of 2.9% over the duration of the contract. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the 2017-2018 list of salary adjustments for administrative assistants/supervisors effective July 1, 2017, reflecting an average increase of 2.9%. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Strotmeyer that the Board approves the 2017-2018 list of salary adjustments for specialists effective July 1, 2017, reflecting an average increase of 2.9%. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the 2017-2018 list of salary adjustments for head custodians effective July 1, 2017, reflecting an average increase of 2.9%. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the list of salary adjustments for administrators effective July 1, 2017, reflecting an average increase of 2.9%. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Cooper that the Board rates the performance of the Assistant Superintendents as satisfactory and approves the salary of \$149,000 for Dr. Ronald Davis and \$136,708 for Dr. Marybeth Irvin effective July 1, 2017.

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

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the 2017 List of Graduates as presented. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the lease fee schedule for 2017-2018 effective July 1, 2017. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the lease agreements with Mt. Lebanon Extended Day Program for 2017-2018 as per the list presented. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves a one-year contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation to provide elevator maintenance throughout the District at a cost of \$5,953.50 per quarter. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the PlanCon K submission for the refinancing of the 2009 Series A High School Bonds with the Series of 2017 Bonds in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the purchase of a school bus in the amount of \$61,277 per state bid pricing. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Strotmeyer that the Board approves the High School Marching Band and High School Concert Choir trip to Walt Disney World, April 11-16, 2018.

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

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves an agreement with EduLink, Inc. for the management of professional development credentials (Act 48) in the amount of \$5,673. (Copy in official minutes)

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

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Seven residents spoke before the Board about the following:

Questioned what has been done with the “rock pile”
Would like to see a different representative for the school district negotiating the teacher contract
Critical of the school lunch program; could be better and opposes “meatless Mondays”
Lincoln 4th grade class size

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Birks announced that there was an Executive Session prior to this evening’s meeting for the purpose of personnel and litigation matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Riemer to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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