

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

July 17, 2017

A Joint Discussion/Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 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. Sarah Olbrich, Mr. Daniel Remely, 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; Ms. Katie Devine; Dr. Marybeth Irvin; Ms. Janice Klein; Mr. Rick Marciniak; Mr. Christopher Stengel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Beal and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the minutes of the Discussion Meeting held on June 12, 2017, and the Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2017.

MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Birks announced that Chrissa Sullivan, a family consumer science teacher at Jefferson Middle School, was selected by Education First, NoVo Foundation and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors as the first teacher selected for their 2017 Social Emotional Learning Innovation Awards for Teachers. The award was based on her submission of a mindful eating supplemental curriculum to be instituted at JMS next year through their family consumers science courses. Chrissa won a grant award and will have the opportunity to present her work to and connect with a group of national SEL practitioners, experts and advocates at a meeting later this year. Mrs. Birks presented Chrissa with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board.

The board president was pleased to welcome Dr. Lawrence Wess, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania School Study Council at Penn State, to present Dr. Steinhauer with The William E. Caldwell Award for Excellence in Administration and Supervision from the Pennsylvania School Study Council, Inc.

Mrs. Birks reported that Mt. Lebanon School District, in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League, is offering *A World of Difference Institute Workshop* for Mt. Lebanon administrators and local South Hills school district administrators thanks to the support of School Board member Larry Lebowitz. The workshop will focus on goals to help districts create a respectful, inclusive and safe environment and community, build an understanding of the value and benefits of

diversity, improve intergroup relations, eradicate anti-Semitism, racism, and all forms of bigotry, and encourage personal responsibility in the promotion of justice and equity. Along with all Mt. Lebanon administrators, seven South Hills school districts are participating with 50 of their administrators in attendance.

BOARD REPORTS

PSBA/NSBA – Mr. Beal reported that, in regards to State funding, the District received the appropriations as expected and what was budgeted. The issue is on the funding end from the State. The General Assembly and the Governor are working on the mechanisms to put in place fund these appropriations.

Parkway West CTC – Mr. Remely reported that the Governor signed into law that students in vocational/technical schools did not have to take the Keystone Exams as long as they passed the National Occupation Exams (NOCTI).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES – Dr. Steinhauer introduced Tom Berkebile and Cliff Rowe from P. J. Dick. Mr. Berkebile presented the final construction update on the high school project.

Mr. Marciniak presented and update on the Elementary and Middle School Air Conditioning project.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer’s Report dated June 30, 2017,
- b. List of Bills dated July 12, 2017,
- c. June 30, 2017, List of Bills,
- d. List of District Bank Accounts dated July 10, 2017,
- e. List of Tax Refunds dated June 30, 2017, and
- f. List of Unusable Equipment dated July 1, 2017.

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

It was moved by Beal and seconded by Strotmeyer that the Board approves for public display the list of liened taxes for the 2016 tax year. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Remely that the Board approves authorizing the Tax Collector to remove all delinquent properties with assessments of \$4,000 or less from the properties to be liened for the 2016 tax year and approves the filing of liens on all remaining properties.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the July 17, 2017, list of personnel changes as revised July 17, 2017. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church release agreement and amendment to provide for the termination of the license parking agreement and allowing the church to complete the restoration of the parking lot as per their low bid from Pittsburgh Asphalt Co. in the amount of \$24,550. The Board has previously approved \$27,500 per the capital project list for this work. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Cooper that the Board accepts the approval of PlanCon Part K as received from the State dated June 29, 2017 and attaches it to the minutes of this meeting. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Riemer that the Board rejects bid number 2017-2018 Duplicating Paper, and authorizes the purchase of paper through the AIU Joint Purchasing bid.

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

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Cooper that the Board awards bid number 17-0159, HVAC Pool Upgrades to Renick Brothers Construction Co. in the amount of \$29,148 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Olbrich that the Board authorizes Mary Birks and Hugh Beal as voting delegates to the Delegate Assembly Meeting on October 20, 2017, at the Annual PSBA Conference in Hershey, PA.

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

## COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Ten residents spoke before the Board about the following:

- Class size at Lincoln
- Suggested hiring two teachers at Lincoln
- Add teachers at Lincoln before the start of school
- Swimming programs through the Aquaclub
- Expressed appreciation to the Board
- Teachers at Lincoln over extended; students do well but should do better
- Need more teachers as the numbers increase; what are the next steps to make this happen
- Class size impact on students
- Cost of another teacher would be .15 percent of total general fund budget
- Number of students and adults participating in programs at the high school pool
- Discrepancies at all schools
- Lack of resources at Lincoln (computers in the classroom, pencils)

## ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Birks announced that an Executive Session was held before this evening's meeting for the purpose of personnel matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary  
Board of School Directors