

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

June 16, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014, 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, Mr. Scott Goldman, Mr. Larry Lebowitz, Mr. William Moorhead, Mr. Daniel Remely, Mr. Michael Riemer, Mrs. Elaine Cappucci
Absent: Mr. William Cooper, Mr. Edward Kubit
ATTENDING: Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Peterson, Solicitor
Administrative Staff: Ms. Cissy Bowman, Dr. Ronald Davis, Ms. Janice Klein, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Mr. Carl Salemi, Mr. Christopher Stengel

MINUTES

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on May 7, 2014; the Discussion Meeting held on May 12, 2014; and the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2014.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Cappucci reported that Mt. Lebanon High School's 100th commencement ceremony was held in the new gymnasium. The board president congratulated the graduating seniors.

The Board will be approving the 2013-2014 list of donations made to the District totaling \$64,000. The gifts to the District are appreciated by students, staff, administration and the Board, and she thanked everyone who contributed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer presented Certificates of Achievement to the 2014 Girls Lacrosse team for being the 2014 WPIAL Champions. Certificates were presented to the following team leaders and their coaches: seniors Emma Schoonmaker, Hannah Linn, Sabrina Gurtner; juniors Amanda Riesmeyer, Carina Barnes, Allena Holzworth; and coaches Brian Kattan and Pete Schoonmaker.

For the seventh year in a row, Mt. Lebanon School District was presented with the Best Communities for Music Education from NAMM. Mark Despotakis from NAMM presented the award to Mrs. Cappucci. Mt. Lebanon is one of 367 school district nationwide to receive this award.

Dr. Steinhauer introduced a video slideshow presenting the 2013-2014 highlights of the District. The slideshow will be posted on the District website for the community to view.

BOARD REPORTS

High School Renovation – Mr. Remely reported that work is progressing over the summer months. Steel has been erected around the new kitchen area and old south gym.

Pathfinder School – Dr. Steinhauer spoke at the graduation ceremony at the Pathfinder School on June 2. Mt. Lebanon had one graduate this year.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center – Mr. Remely reported that enrollment at Parkway is over 600 students for next school year. The kitchen has been renovated for the new culinary program. This year, Parkway students were permitted to walk with their homeroom at the Mt. Lebanon commencement ceremony on June 11.

PSBA/NSBA –Mrs. Birks reported that PSBA joined other public education advocates at a news conference urging the General Assembly to adopt a budget that fully funds the Governor's proposed education increases for basic and special education, and to enact a severance tax on natural gas to pay for those education increases.

The Governor signed into law House Bill 1738 which will establish the Basic Education Funding Commission. The Commission will develop a proposed basic education funding formula and identify factors that may be used to determine the distribution of basic education funding.

Mrs. Birks met with Senator Matt Smith who expressed concern about the state budget process this year. He explained that the budget presented starts out of balance and that the contractual obligations are not included. The other unknown is the increased number for revenue for 2013-14.

House Bill 2124 would amend the Public School Code to provide for changes to the Planning and Construction Workbook (PlanCon) school construction reimbursement process. The bill does not help reimburse those districts already in the pipeline to be reimbursed; it simply changes the process by which districts will apply for the non-existent funds in the future.

NSBA is urging that the funding for Title I grants for disadvantaged students and special education be sustained, and that the sequester end. Along with several education organizations NSBA opposes the budget cuts from sequestration and worked to support a temporary reprieve from the across-the-board budget cuts to education for fiscal year 2014-15.

MLFE/Capital Campaign – Mr. Lebowitz reported that the new president of the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education is Dale Ostergaard. The Capital Campaign committee continues to develop plans and strategies.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2014,
- b. List of Bills dated May 30, 2014, and June 12, 2014,
- c. List of Tax Refunds dated May 31, 2014,
- d. List of Budgetary Transfers dated June 5, 2014
- e. June 30, 2014 List of Bills,
- f. Budgetary Transfers to close the 2013-2014 fiscal year,
- g. List of Donations for 2013-2014 dated June 12, 2014, and
- h. List of Unusable Equipment dated June 1, 2014.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Moorhead that the Board approves the renewal of PSBA insurances for both the Package/Liability and Worker's Compensation coverage for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Abstained: Goldman
Against: None
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the Food Service Budget in the amount of \$1,349,359 and a ten cent increase in breakfast and lunch rates for regular and premium meals as per the proposal dated May 29, 2014. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the June 9, 2014, list of personnel changes, as revised June 16, 2014. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the 2014-2015 list of contracted salaries for 12-month secretaries as listed effective July 1, 2014, reflecting an average increase as negotiated of 2.89% over the duration of the contract. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: Goldman
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the 2014-2015 list of contracted salaries for custodial/maintenance employees effective July 1, 2014, reflecting an average increase as negotiated of 3.0% over the duration of the contract. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: Goldman
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the 2014-2015 list of salary adjustments for administrative assistants/supervisors effective July 1, 2014, reflecting an average increase of 3.0%. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: Goldman
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board approves the 2014-2015 list of salary adjustments for specialists effective July 1, 2014, reflecting an average increase of 2.8% (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: Goldman
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the 2014-2015 list of salary adjustments for head custodians effective July 1, 2014, reflecting an average increase of 2.9%. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: Goldman
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the annual negotiated salary adjustments for administrators effective July 1, 2014, reflecting an increase in accordance with the Act 93 agreement of 2.1% plus merit for an average increase of 2.9%. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: Goldman
MOTION APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Remely that the Board approves revisions to KCD, Donations to the Schools, in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board approves the 2014 List of Graduates. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for special education services for the 2014-2015 school year in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Goldman and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves an agreement with Richard A. Kepple to provide proper vetting of major gift prospects for the Capital Campaign at a cost of \$30 per hour, not to exceed \$6,000. (Copy in official minutes.)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
 Against: None
 MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Goldman and seconded by Riemer that the Board approves the High School Ski Club trip to Sugarbush Ski Resort in Vermont, January 23-27, 2015.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
 Against: None
 MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

- a. GC-101-229 to Nello for \$95,000 for gym floor and scheduling changes. Approval of this change order is contingent upon approval of final language by the superintendent and solicitor.
- b. GC-102-230 to Nello for \$75,768 for building, wall, floor, door and structure revisions,
- c. PL-31-231 to Vrabel for \$20,849 for water line rerouting and garbage disposal connections,
- d. EL-62-232 to Farfield for \$32,909 for raceways, zone boxes, breakers, dampers and data connections,
- e. ME-24-233 to McKamish for \$31,279 for HVAC , vent, ductwork and fan changes, and
- f. CW-03-234 to Reed for \$10,118 for additional countertops funded from Capital Budget.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci
 Against: None
 MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Lebowitz that in accordance with Section 803 Pennsylvania School Laws, the Board approves the list of textbooks for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Subject: WORLD LANGUAGES

Course:

Title	Grade	Publisher	Copyright Date	Author
<i>Exploring Arabic</i>	9-12	EMC	2009	Hisham Abdul Khalek and Joan G. Sheeran

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Goldman, Lebowitz, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci

Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

One resident spoke before the Board about the following:

Building code and railing height on pool balcony
Requested to see the percentages paid to contractors on the high school project

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary
Board of School Directors