

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

November 17, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:33 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014, in the Jefferson Middle School Library.

Mrs. Cappucci called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Olivia O'Brien, Brooke Popies, Joey Daniels, Clare Jones, and Jack McCann. The students reported the Hugs from Hoover program in support of a Hoover 5<sup>th</sup> grade student with leukemia.

ROLL CALL Present: Mrs. Mary Birks, Mr. William Cooper, Mr. Scott Goldman, Mr. Edward Kubit, Mr. William Moorhead, Mr. Daniel Remely, Mr. Michael Riemer, Mrs. Elaine Cappucci  
Absent: Mr. Larry Lebowitz

ATTENDING: Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent  
Mr. Thomas Peterson, Solicitor  
Administrative Staff: Ms. Cissy Bowman, Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Janice Klein, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Mr. Stephen Scheurer, Mr. Christopher Stengel, Mrs. Marybeth Davis, Mr. Robert Freil, Mr. Brian McFeeley, Dr. Michelle Murray, Mr. Jason Ramsey, Ms. Sarah Shaw, Mrs. Kelly Szeszterniak, Dr. James Walsh, Mr. Christopher Wolfson

MINUTES

It was moved by Kubit and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 13, 2014; the Discussion Meeting held on October 13, 2014, and the Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2014.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Mellon Middle School Student Council members Maddie Maselko and Luke Giles reported on the activities at Mellon. The first fundraiser of the year was a hat day that raised over \$300 for cancer patients at Children's Hospital. Students volunteered their time and baking skills at Mellon's open house by selling their baked items with proceeds going toward cancer charities. Pink Out shirts, shoelaces and bandannas were also sold to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Mellon paired with Military Connections for their 8<sup>th</sup> annual stocking blitz. Mellon families donated thousands of items to stuff stockings for our military overseas who will not be home for the holidays. Over 600 stockings were stuffed this year.

Student Body co-secretaries, Nikola Ranick and Joey Stabile, reported on the activities at the High School. The hugely successful Pink Out fundraiser came to a conclusion on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-six faculty members, administrators and staff members wore a kilt throughout the school day to raise \$1,000. Administrators, staff and students participated in the "Wear Pink

Wednesdays” throughout the month of October, and all of these activities culminated in the annual Pink Out Night at the last home football game. So far, \$1,750 has been raised for the Young Women’s Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Other activities in the high school included the annual Halloween door decorating contest, the Evening and Technical Theater company production of “Stage Door, a canned food drive throughout the month of November , and a “Movember” fundraiser to support men’s’ health practices.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, seven veterans who work on the high school campus were recognized for their military service. Forty-four students and staff members who have family members currently serving in the military wore flag pins to honor their loved one’s service to our country.

### BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Cappucci introduced State Senator Matt Smith and State Representative Dan Miller who presented citations to Great Alumni Award recipients Betty Jo Hirschfield Lewis and Dean Calland.

### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer announced that a team of Mt. Lebanon teachers were awarded a \$13,500 grant by the Hive Fund for Connected Learning at The Sprout Fund. The grant fund project entitled Water Design Challenge: Dive In! will take students through the process of designing and creating solutions for real world, local and global water crises. Congratulations to the following members of the grant team; Mt. Lebanon High School Social Studies teacher and department chair Tina Raspanti, high school unit principal Erin Crimone, Mellon Middle School Social Studies teacher, Jeff Holliday, high school World Languages teacher, Sue Quintero; and high school Social Studies teacher, Julianne Slogick.

The Mt. Lebanon School District and the Mt. Lebanon Police Department will hold an informational meeting for parents about school safety on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mellon Auditorium. The program will focus on A.L.I.C.E., a school safety program developed to offer additional options to students and staff in dealing with an armed intruder situation and how this program is being introduced in our schools.

The High School Auditorium will officially reopen on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony before the performance of the High School Chorus Concert. The Auditorium has been closed for the past year and a half while it was renovated. Some of the new changes include a new Bose Sound System, like new refurbished seating and stage, new carpeting, stage curtains, ADA ramp and railing to the stage, ADA seating, sound panels, sound board and mix location and a new wireless microphone system.

### BOARD REPORTS

High School Renovation – Mr. Remely reported that the new auditorium is now complete and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday evening, the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of “B” building is very near completion and we intend to occupy this floor in early December, the contractors are working to install to Grand staircase, work is completing on the glass storefront near Mr. McFeeley’s office, work continues on the front Cochran Rd. driveway and sidewalk, and work is progressing on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of “D” building.

Pathfinder School – Mr. Kubit reported that it is business as usual at Pathfinder. Eighty-eight students are enrolled at the school with the ability to accommodate more students. The next Pathfinder Board meeting will be held on November 19.

Parkway West CTC – Mr. Remely reported that Parkway West CTC applied for a grant to the Ballay Family Fund Planning for the purposes of an innovation and design center. The dual enrollment program has nearly doubled since the previous year. Two hundred and seventeen (217) students were awarded college credits last year.

PSBA/NSBA – Mrs. Birks reported that she and Mr. Remely had the privilege of attending the PSBA conference in Hershey as voting delegates and took part in voting for specific parts of the legislative platform. The platform will be fully utilized in the PSBA’s efforts to represent school district’s interests in Harrisburg. Mrs. Birks attended a workshop about Act 71 which goes into effect for the 2015-2016 school year. The new legislation requires all districts across the state to adopt an age appropriate youth suicide awareness and prevention policy. Mrs. Birks will be setting up an appointment with Congressman Tim Murphy to continue conversations regarding public education.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

One resident spoke before the Board about the following:

Contingency fund for change orders  
Would like to hear a plan to cover change order overages

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer’s Report dated October 31, 2014,
- b. List of Bills dated October 31, 2014 and November 12, 2014,
- c. List of Tax Refunds dated October 31, 2014, and
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated November 1, 2014.

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Kubit, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Moorhead and seconded by Remely that the Board approves the November 10, 2014, list of personnel changes as revised November 13, 2014 and November 17, 2014. (Copy in official minutes)

ROLL CALL: For: Birks, Cooper, Goldman, Kubit, Moorhead, Remely, Riemer, Cappucci

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Remely that the Board approves revisions to Policy FF, Naming Rights, in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Riemer that the Board does hereby adopt the 2015-2016 graduation requirements, course offerings and course options for Mt. Lebanon High School as presented. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Birks and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the Mt. Lebanon Century of Excellence Fund agreement with The Pittsburgh Foundation substantially in the form presented upon approval of the Superintendent and Solicitor. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves a contract with Interim Healthcare Services for the 2014-2015 school year to provide skilled nursing services for a Mt. Lebanon special needs student, including services on the bus, at a cost of \$42 per hour, not to exceed \$55,000. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Riemer and seconded by Kubit that the Board approves agreements with the Pittsburgh Public Schools City Connection Program for the 2014-2015 school year, substantially in the form presented upon approval of the Superintendent and Solicitor, for the provision of community based life skills services for three Mt. Lebanon special needs students at a cost not to exceed \$47,400 for student A; \$43,650 for student B; and \$41,150 for student C. (Copies in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Goldman and seconded by Kubit that the Board approves an agreement with The Employment Option Center at McGuire Memorial for the 2014-2015 school year, substantially in the form presented upon approval of the Superintendent and Solicitor, to provide school to work transition services and skill development for a Mt. Lebanon exceptional student at a cost of \$178.50 per day, not to exceed \$11,959.50. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Goldman and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves a maintenance agreement with CS&E for boiler maintenance on all District boilers at an annual cost of \$4,400. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Birks that the Board approves an agreement with Direct Energy for transportation of natural gas at a Basis price of \$-0.15 per DTH from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017 in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes.)

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

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the membership in the AIU Joint Purchasing Board for 2015 as per the attached resolution designating Richard Marciniak as the regular member and Jan Klein as the alternate member. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the revised lease rental rates for calendar year 2015 in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Remely and seconded by Birks that the Board approves the PlanCon Part I submissions in the form presented. (Copy in official minutes)

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

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Kubit that That the Board approves the following student trips:

- a. Forensics Team to Princeton, NJ from December 5 to December 7, 2014, and

- b. High School Basketball Team to Tampa, FL from December 26 to December 31, 2014.

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

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

- a. GC-107-252 to Nello for \$114,842 for excavation, masonry, walls, supports, beams and steel and brick modifications,
- b. EL-70-253 to Farfield for \$3,459 for electrical and power changes,
- c. FP-06-254 for SimplexGrinnell for \$5,512 for sprinklers,
- d. ME-28-255 to McKamish for \$4,181 for ductwork, cabinets and fans, and
- e. EL-71-256 to Farfield for \$4,561 for phone change.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cappucci announced that there was an executive session before this evening's meeting for the purpose of litigation matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary  
Board of School Directors