

MINUTES OF THE CONTINUED DISCUSSION MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MT. LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 8, 2021

A Discussion Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021, in the Mt. Lebanon High School Auditorium. In person public attendance in the High School was limited to less than 100. Public participation was available through Zoom.

Mr. Wyland called the meeting to order.

ATTENDING

Board Members: Mr. Hugh Beal, Mrs. Elaine Cappucci, Dr. Aviva Diamond, Ms. Valerie Fleisher, Mr. Andrew Freeman, Dr. Justin Hackett, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer, Mr. Jacob Wyland,
Absent: None
Others: Superintendent Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Solicitor Thomas Peterson, Ms. Cissy Bowman, Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Heather Doyle, Mr. Robert Geletko, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Tenecia Ross, Mr. Christopher Stengel

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Nine (9) residents and/or taxpayers spoke before the Board about the following:

Wants to wait to open schools and to have better criteria
Child doing well in hybrid; full time is not worth the changes
Please do everything by erring on the side of caution
Need to create a better educational system for our students
Need more counselors
Please follow the science and CDC guidelines
Follow the District health and safety plan
Wants Covid testing in schools
Get teachers vaccinated and give them time after vaccine
Thanked the Mt. Lebanon teachers
Use mitigation strategy not your wants
Please keep 6 feet distance when returning to school
Don't start movement at 4th quarter
Keep hybrid as is and plan for the next year
Kids need to be vaccinated
Transmission is low in elementary schools
Students aren't seated 6 feet and not masked during lunchtime; questioned if this is the case
in elementary schools
Will there be anything built in the Health and Safety Plan for enforcement of safety measures
There is no perfect plan and parents should be flexible

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Beal that the Board takes from the table the Resolution concerning the Revision of Elementary Education Plan presented and tabled on February 15, 2021.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Diamond, Fleisher, Freeman, Hackett,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Beal that revision of elementary education plan resolution be amended to implement the plan on March 15 instead of March 1, and to remove item a. regarding the Allegheny County community transmission rates.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Diamond, Fleisher, Freeman, Hackett,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Freeman and seconded by Strotmeyer that the Administration is authorized to implement the revised Elementary Education plan as recommended by the Superintendent, on March 15 or thereafter, so that students in Grades K-5 move to five day in-person instruction, or elect available remote options, as described in the Revised Reopening Education Plan adopted February 15, 2021, provided that the following conditions are verified prior to implementation:

1. Student desks will be placed to provide at least six feet of separation among students and staff to the maximum extent feasible, but in no event less than three feet, and barriers will be afforded to all students.
2. Students will be spaced at least six feet apart while eating lunch.
3. All teacher workstations/teaching spaces will have a distance of at least six feet from any student desk.
4. The District will continue to comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Updated Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings, and the Recommendations for Pre-K-12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19.
5. The District will continue to comply with all mitigation measures described in the Health and Safety Plan.

Prior findings and approvals by the Board are only rescinded to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Resolution. The Superintendent continues to be authorized to alter the educational mode for any building, buildings or programs based on his determination that such change is warranted, including consideration of such factors as community spread, positive cases within the District, staffing, new directives and guidances, and other considerations, with prompt notification to the Board.

ROLL CALL: For: Beal, Cappucci, Diamond, Fleisher, Freeman, Hackett,
Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

DISCUSSION

The following items were discussed: Monthly treasurer's report, monthly list of bills, monthly list of personnel changes, review of policy IJNDD, Social Media, 2021-2022 base budget, school resource officer agreement and return to full time instructions in the secondary schools.

No action taken.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

One resident and/or taxpayers spoke before the Board about the following:

- The student outcomes report should provide clear data of academic excellence
- It fails to report ACT and SAT scores
- Lacks comparison of Mt. Lebanon to other comparative school districts except for the 2019 ACT and SAT scores which only compares to state and national scores not local; no explanation in the report
- Lack of transparency of test scores in student outcomes report
- No board member commented on these omissions

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Cecile D. Bowman, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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