

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 pm on Monday, September 20, 2021 in the Mt. Lebanon High School auditorium and via Zoom.

Mr. Wyland called the meeting to order.

ATTENDING

Board Members: Mrs. Elaine Cappucci, Mr. William Cooper, Dr. Aviva Diamond, Ms. Valerie Fleisher, Dr. Justin Hackett, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer, Mr. Jacob Wyland

Absent: Mr. Andrew Freeman

Others: Superintendent Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Solicitor Thomas Peterson, Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Heather Doyle, Mr. Robert Geletko, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Kristen James, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Ms. Tenecia Ross

MINUTES

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Cappucci that the Board approves the minutes of the Discussion Meeting held on August 9, 2021; and the Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2021.

ROLL CALL: For: Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Fleisher, Hackett, Olbrich, Strotmeyer, Wyland

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Jefferson Middle School Student Council members Maya Fox and Santiago Lozada-Evosovic reported that their diverse group of Executive Board members is made up of eleven eighth grade students. Membership consists of fifty seven students. They plan to reflect on their experiences of the past year and use this knowledge to structure their organization during this school year.

Mt. Lebanon High School Student Body Co-Vice President, Tori Pecarchick, and Co-Secretary, Sam Bailey spoke before the Board. Tori expressed her gratitude to be able to attend school in person. She reported on the Link Crew program and their activities orienting and mentoring this year's freshman class. Senior's began their year with the Senior Boat Ride. They enjoyed an evening of dancing and chatting with classmates on their three rivers cruise.

Sam reported that Student Council is looking forward to hosting the Great Alumni event and spoke about each individual honoree. Student Activities Day took place and seventy eight clubs were represented.

October events will include the Homecoming parade and dance, the first of three blood drives, the Halloween door decorating contest, a Pink Out fundraiser, fall Spirit Week, and the fall Spirit Assembly.

### BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland stated that it was wonderful to see students in class and that the District is keeping student safety as a top priority. He also reported that an agreement was reached with the Custodial/Maintenance employees. He also reported that the District hopes to begin COVID pool testing next week.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer reported that the Great Alumni luncheon will be held on October 1, 2021. There will also be a recognition at that evening's home football game. Twelve Seniors were recognized as National Merit Semi-Finalists and came before the Board to be introduced and receive certificates acknowledging their achievement. Class of 2021 composite SAT and ACT scores were presented. Results were strong and more information will be presented in November's Student Outcomes Report.

### BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee - Dr. Diamond reported that revision of four policies addressing Board meetings will be voted on tonight.

PSBA Liaison - Dr. Srotmeyer reminded the Board that a new PSBA Liaison will need to be named, as his term is coming to an end.

Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education - Mrs. Cappucci reported that the MLFE is regrouping, looking at grants and beginning to fundraise. The current president of the MLFE is stepping down.

Municipal Liaison - Dr. Hackett reported that the municipality is looking into storm water issues. The construction phase of the Uptown revitalization project has begun.

Parkway West CTC - Mr. Cooper reported that Parkway enrollment is up 12%. Enrollment is up 87% over the last ten years and the program offers 16 majors.

Pathfinder School - Ms. Fleisher reported that Pathfinder School is experiencing record high enrollment this year, partly due to Act 66 Student Grade Level Retainment which allows students with disabilities who were enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year and turned age 21 to attend a school entity during the 2021-2022 school year and receive services as outlined in their most recent Individualized Education Plan.

It was also reported that Pathfinder School and gym are able to be rented for use by outside entities.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee - Dr. Hackett reported that the DEI committee met earlier this evening to discuss goals, action steps, and professional development.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

One (1) resident spoke before the Board about the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Chris Lust	682 Osage Road	What is the rationale behind recent policy changes?

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Cappucci and seconded by Strotmeyer that the Board approves, ratifies, and accepts the following financial reports:

- a. Treasurer's Reports dated August 31, 2021
- b. List of Bills dated August 31, 2021, and September 15, 2021
- c. List of Tax Refunds August 31, 2021, and
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated September 1, 2021

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

It was moved by Cappucci and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves for public display the list of lien property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

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

It was moved by Cappucci and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves authorizing the Tax Collector to remove all delinquent properties with assessments of \$8,000 or less from the properties to be lien for the 2020 tax year and approves the filing of liens on all remaining properties.

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

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Olbrich that the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Mt. Lebanon Education Support Professional Association (Custodial/Maintenance Employees), effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, is approved in the form presented, and the Board president and appropriate administrators are authorized to execute the Agreement, and to take such other actions as are necessary to implement the terms of this new agreement.

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

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Cappucci that the Board approves the September 9, 2021 list of personnel changes, as revised September 16, 2021.

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

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the 2021-2022 bus drivers as listed, as revised September 16, 2021.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves an agreement with The Watson Institute for the placement of students with special needs for the 2021-2022 school year. Annual cost of this service will not exceed \$50,569 per student for no more than eight (8) students.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves an agreement with St. Anthony School Programs for the provision of special education services for students with special needs for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 per student for no more than three (3) students.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Cappucci that the Board approves an agreement with a parent to transport their student with special needs to their current outside placement school.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves an agreement with the South Hills Catholic Academy to provide lunches for their 300 students.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the natural gas agreement with Direct Energy through the AIU Natural Gas Consortium for the Columbia Gas System. The renewal Basis Price is NYMEX rate minus (\$0.26) cents per DTH for the term September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2025.

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

It was moved by Diamond and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves revisions to the following policies:

- a. BEA, Regular Board Meetings
- b. BEB, Special Board Meetings
- c. BED, Meeting Procedures
- d. BEDA, Notification of Regular Board Meetings

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

It was moved by Hackett and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the District's Academic Games program to participate in the National Tournament in Knoxville, TN on April 22-26, 2022.

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

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Eight (8) residents spoke before the Board about the following:

- Jefferson Elementary School 4th Grade class sizes
- Use of Jefferson Elementary School 4th Grade classroom aide
- Moody's downgrade
- Financial health of the District
- Taxes
- Masks
- Inquiry regarding class participation via Zoom

Upcoming Public Meetings

October 11, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting Room D205, High School
October 11, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.	Board Discussion Meeting Location TBD
October 18, 2021 - 6:45 p.m.	Board DEI Committee Meeting Location TBD
October 18, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.	Board Regular Meeting Location TBD

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Cappucci to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary  
Board of School Directors

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