

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

OCTOBER 18, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 pm on Monday, October 18, 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, Mr. Larry Lebowitz, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer, Mr. Jacob Wyland

Others: Superintendent Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Mr. Chris Voltz, 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 that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2021; the Discussion Meeting held on September 13, 2021; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2021; and the Regular Meeting held on September 20, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Mellon Middle School Student Council members Kathryn Moore and Michelle Yang updated the Board on the happenings of Mellon's Executive Council. Council met in September and began to plan their annual "Pink Out," partnering with the St. Clair Health Foundation to promote awareness and raise money for breast cancer research. They are in the process of getting the Mellon Magazine up and running and are excited to assist the high school Student Council with projects in preparation for the PASC State Conference being hosted by Mt. Lebanon in November.

Mt. Lebanon High School Student Body Co-Presidents Kenzie Hughes, Syd Saba, and Maddie Thompson spoke before the Board. October has been busy with the Great Alumni Luncheon, the Homecoming football game, presentation of Homecoming Court, King, and Queen, and the Homecoming dance held on the C-20 patio. Mrs. Rodriguez assisted the decorating committee. Custodian Appreciation Day was celebrated with lunch and sweet treats and the first of three blood drives was held. The Halloween door decorating contest returned and the Fall Spirit Assembly will be taking place. In support of the St. Clair Hospital Cancer Caring Center and the Young Women's Breast Cancer Foundation, the October 23, 2021 home football game will be a "Pink Out," and the girls field hockey team is conducting a collection of new t-shirts to be remodeled for chemotherapy patients to more easily access their ports. Council members are also working tirelessly on the details for the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils 2021 State Conference which is being hosted on

November 5th and 6th on the Mt. Lebanon High School campus.

### BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland reported on COVID Pool Testing that has been occurring in the District and recognized the award winning achievements of the Finance office and all elementary and middle schools in the District, and presented certificates of appreciation to PTA building presidents and Executive Council members. The varsity football team is currently undefeated.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer reported that US News and World Report's list of best K-8 schools for 2022 included both Mt. Lebanon middle schools in the top 1% and all District elementary schools in the top 5%. The Technology department was awarded with an Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Grant to purchase Chromebooks and WiFi hotspot services this year. These devices will be loaned out to our secondary students.

### BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee - Dr. Diamond reported that policies JED, Student Absences, Tardiness and Excuses and JID, Residency/Enrollment were reviewed and revised with minor edits.

PSBA Liaison - Dr. Srotmeyer reported that the PSBA has severed ties with the NSBA and that charter school reform was discussed.

Municipal Liaison - Dr. Hackett reported that a vote regarding capital improvements, DEI Recommendations, and a public meeting regarding budget discussions are all upcoming.

Parkway West CTC - Mr. Cooper attending a meeting on October 5. Parkway held a student social event and many new programs and apprenticeship opportunities have been added. A 5-year collective bargaining agreement has also been reached.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee - Dr. Hackett reported that the DEI committee met earlier this evening to review task force goals and overview the initiatives that have taken place.

### NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2021
- b. List of Bills dated September 30, 2021 and October 13, 2021
- c. List of Tax Refunds September 30, 2021, and
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated October 1, 2021

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

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Cappucci that the Board approves the October 7, 2021 list of personnel changes, as revised October 14, 2021.

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

It was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves an extension of the employment contract with Dr. Marybeth Irvin as Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education for the term July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024, under the terms and conditions as presented.

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

It was moved by Lebowitz and seconded by Hackett that the Board approves the 2021-2022 bus drivers as listed, as revised October 7, 2021.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Cappucci that as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the following members of the Student Assistance Teams are memorialized by the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 school year:

***Central Office Representative:*** Dr. Ronald Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education  
***Allegheny Children's Initiative Liaisons:*** Jeaneen DeWitt, Allyson Schwartzmiller

***Mellon Middle School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Christopher Wolfson, Principal; Ben Canan, Assistant Principal; Samantha Defurio, School Nurse; Heather Rehrig-Poremba, School Psychologist, Kara Gillespie, Counselor; Amy Whealdon, Counselor; Ann Brenneman, Teacher; Bruce Fronk, Teacher; Erica Harrington, Teacher; Lori Knox, Teacher; Roilyn McGregor, Teacher; Julie Tomer, Teacher

***Jefferson Middle School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Dr. Sarah Shaw, Principal; Katelyn Deet, Assistant Principal; Lauren Suess, School Nurse; Erika Vasquez, School

Psychologist; Allison Levison, Counselor; Pete Berg, Counselor; Janice Cherry, Teacher, Kristen Hertzog, Teacher; Gwen Kassep, Teacher; Ashlee Beckett, Teacher; Beth Luptak, Teacher; Ed Petsko, Teacher; Stephanie Ross, Teacher; Molly Wetmore, Teacher; John Young, Teacher

***Mt. Lebanon High School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Dr. Joel Thompson, Principal; Carlie McGinty, Unit Principal; Dr. Thersa Mitchell, Unit Principal; Lorien Moyer, Unit Principal; Chad Johnston, Counselor; Tara Leja, Counselor; Casey Bowles, Counselor; Joy Rullo, Counselor; Shelly Saba, Counselor; Beth Schneider, Counselor; Rachel Jackson, Counselor; Amanda Checque, Teacher; Todd Forsyth, Teacher; Tim Kirsch, Teacher, Darren McGregor, Teacher; Mike Melynk, Teacher; Heather Pessy, Teacher; Ann Sartorio, Teacher; Rich Schmitt, Teacher; Stu Snodgrass, Teacher; Maddie Tieman, Teacher; Joe Tighe, Teacher; Kajsa Tolomeo, Teacher

***Foster Elementary School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Dr. Jason Ramsey, Principal; Marlo Lancaster, Counselor; Shaina Vasinder, School Psychologist; Hilarie Bauer, School Nurse; Crystal Hinton, Teacher; Sharon Phillips, Teacher; Margaret Satersmoen, Teacher; Margaret Schappell, Teacher

***Hoover Elementary School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Dr. Nicole Giehll, Principal; Kimberly Gamble, Counselor; Shaina Vasbinder, School Psychologist; Hillaire Bauer, School Nurse; Katie Cornell, Teacher; Stephanie Hull, Teacher

***Howe Elementary School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Dr. Michelle Murray, Principal; Han Karbowski, Counselor; Olivia Burk, School Psychologist; Sheila Carr, School Psychologist; Karlie Gerhart, School Nurse; Margie Digiorno, Teacher; Laurie Watkins, Teacher

***Jefferson Elementary School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Brett Bielewicz, Principal, Shira Akamatsu, Counselor; Lauren Suess, School Nurse; Kim Salvador, Teacher; Bill Zbozny Del Percio, Teacher.

***Lincoln Elementary School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Dr. Ronald Kitsko, Principal; Cathy McClain, Counselor; Olivia Burk, School Psychologist; Sheila Carr, School Psychologist; Karlie Gerhart, School Nurse; Lisa Locke, Teacher; Kathryn Seiferth, Teacher.

***Markham Elementary School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Jocelyn Artinger, Principal, Christie Ketterman, Counselor; Shaina Vasbinder, School Psychologist; Hilarie Bauer, School Nurse; Paula Cherian Teacher; Frank Gigler, Teacher; Ian Stone, Teacher

***Washington Elementary School Student Assistance Program Team:*** Dr. Melissa Nelson, Principal; Lori Morin, Counselor; Heather Rehrig-Poremba, School Psychologist; Samantha DeFurio, School Nurse; Amanda Cheskawich, Teacher; Miranda Policz, Teacher; Sandra Slavin, Paraprofessional

ROLL CALL: For: Cappucci, Cooper, Diamond, Fleisher, Hackett, Lebowitz, 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. JED, Student Absences, Tardiness and Excuses
- b. JID, Residency/Enrollment

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

#### COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

One (1) residents spoke before the Board to thank the Board for their service and to voice concerns Regarding conditions of District and municipal athletic fields

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wyland announced that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting for the purpose of student discipline and personnel matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Strotmeyer and seconded by Cappucci to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary  
Board of School Directors

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