

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

December 13, 2021

A Joint Discussion/Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021 in the Fine Arts Theatre of Mt. Lebanon High School.

Mr. Wyland called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Todd Ellwein, Ms. Valerie Fleisher, Mr. Andrew Freeman, Mrs. Erin Gentzel, Ms. Claire Guth, Dr. Justin Hackett, Ms. Annamaria Johnson, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Mr. Jacob Wyland

Absent: None

ATTENDING: Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Superintendent  
Mr. Chris Voltz  
Administrative Staff: Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Heather Doyle, Mr. Robert Geletko, Dr. Marybeth Irvin, Ms. Kristen James, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Dr. Michelle Murray, Ms. Tenecia Ross, Mr. Chris Stengel

MINUTES

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee held on November 8, 2021; the Discussion Meeting held on November 8, 2021; the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2021, and the Regular Meeting held on November 15, 2021.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland recognized the achievements of the Mt. Lebanon High School football team in winning the District's first ever PIAA State Championship. He congratulated Coach Palko, the coaching staff, and players.

He reflected on the District's Covid vaccination clinics for students and staff and being one of the first districts to offer pool testing. He thanked Dr. Steinhauer and the administration and noted that in-person learning is able to continue due to mitigation strategies, vaccinations and pool testing.

Howe Elementary School Counselor, Mrs. Han Karbowski, was recognized with The Extra Mile award.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer commended the efforts of the Mt. Lebanon High School football team, marching band, cheerleaders, school board, coaching staff, athletic department and entire community. He spoke about Coach Palko's work ethic and the positive relationships he has built with the team. Coaches will be honored at the January School Board meeting.

During his Covid update, Dr. Steinhauer reported that the state of Pennsylvania has returned decision making regarding masking to individual districts. The District will continue to follow the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and the Allegheny County Health Department and continue to require universal masking for all district facilities, regardless of vaccination status. The District continues to offer pool testing and encourages all staff to become vaccinated. The Test to Stay program, which is being offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is being explored. Community conditions will continue to be monitored and recommendations will be made to the Board.

Dr. Steinhauer concluded his report by wishing all students, staff, administrators, and families a happy, healthy, and fun winter break.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2021,
- b. Monthly List of Bills dated November 30 and December 8, 2021,
- c. List of Tax Refunds dated November 30, 2021,
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated December 1, 2021

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Freeman and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves the December 9, 2021 list of personnel changes, as revised December 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented by the administration.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Freeman that the Board approves participation in the Equity Leadership Institute and authorizes the Superintendent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board appoints Annamaria A. Johnson to serve as a member and Claire B. Guth as an alternate of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Joint Committee for a three-year term beginning December 2021

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Wyland that authorization be given for attendance and appropriate expenditures of Board members at national, state, and local conferences and workshops for 2022.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Hackett and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves an agreement with the AIU for Translation Services provided by TransPerfect Remote Interpreting to provide telephone voice interpretation and document translation for non-English speaking students and parents in the form presented.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Hackett and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the acceptance of the Ice Melt Bid from Pitt Specialty Supply for school years 2021-2022 through 2024-2025.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland

Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wyland announced that an Executive Session was held before this evening's meeting for the purpose of personnel, litigation, and real estate matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Hackett and seconded by Olbrich to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary  
Board of School Directors

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