

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

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 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, Mr. Jacob Wyland

Absent: Dr. Stephen Strotmeyer

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, Dr. Sarah Shaw, Mr. Chris Wolfson

MINUTES

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Cooper that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2021; the Discussion Meeting held on October 11, 2021; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2021; and the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS

Jefferson Middle School Students Maya Fox and Sadie Bell updated the Board on their committees, which include Wish Week, Pop Tab Wars, Candygrams, Birthday, Random Acts of Kindness, and Advertising. JMS students celebrated Red Ribbon Week and Spirit Week, held two fundraisers and participated in the Pennsylvania Association of School Councils Leadership Conference held at the High School. Upcoming projects include JMS Amazing Race.

Mt. Lebanon High School Student Council co-presidents Maddy Thompson and Kenzie Hughes reported on their partnership with JMS for the annual PINK OUT fundraiser, Link Crew activities, Holiday Show auditions, Class of 2025 fundraisers and community projects, the Class of 2023 canned food drive, and Veterans Day events. Student body officers will be working with the technology department to integrate technology into the high school community. They congratulated the varsity football team on their playoff win and reported on the success of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils state conference, which they hosted.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland reported on the Safety and Security Community Conversation event that took place on November 10 in partnership with the MLPD. He presented the Extra Mile Award to Mellon Middle School counselor Amy Whealdon and thanked the Board members who will be ending their terms for their service. He also addressed the District's response to swastikas that were drawn at Jefferson Middle School.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer acknowledged and presented certificates to High School Students who hosted the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils state conference, to Mrs. Judith Kolko who was named the 2021 PASC State Activities Director of the Year and to JMS student Molly Gill for receiving honorable mention in the Pittsburgh City Theatre Young Playwright's Contest for her play, *Colorblind*. The administrative team was thanked for conducting a vaccination clinic for 5-11 year old students.

Dr. Davis and Dr. Irvin presented the 2021 Student Academic Outcomes Report overview to the Board.

### BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee - Dr. Diamond reported that policies CGD, Federal Fiscal Compliance; CGDA, Conflict of Interest - Federal Programs; CGDB, Travel Reimbursement - Federal Programs; BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings; and KE, Parental Concerns and Complaints were reviewed. No changes were made.

MLFE - Mrs. Cappucci reported that Mt. Lebanon blankets and note cards are being sold. Grants will be available for teacher projects in the spring.

Municipal Liaison - Dr. Hackett reported that budget review sessions are underway and the Vibrant Uptown project is continuing.

Parkway West CTC - Mr. Wyland reported that Parkway West students prepared a meal for the meeting. Renovations to the cosmetology are mostly complete and there has been a change in approach to finances due to supply chain issues.

Pathfinder - Ms. Fleisher reported that a business meeting was held on October 20 to discuss finance and facilities issues.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee - Dr. Hackett reported that the DEI committee met earlier this evening to review DEI activities in the District and the District's response to swastikas at JMS.

### NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2021
- b. List of Bills dated October 14, 2021 and October 30, 2021
- c. List of Tax Refunds October 31, 2021, and
- d. List of Unusable Equipment dated November 1, 2021
- e. List of Budgetary Transfers to close out the June 30, 2021 fiscal year

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

Against: None  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board accepts and approves the Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2021, as completed by Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Cappucci that the Board approves the November 4, 2021 list of personnel changes, as revised November 11, 2021.

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

It was moved by Cooper and seconded by Lebowitz that the Board approves the 2022-2023 graduation requirements and course offerings for Mt. Lebanon High School as presented.

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

It was moved by Cappucci and seconded by Hackett that the Board approves the High School's Model UN trip to Notre Dame, Indiana on January 28-30, 2022.

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

#### COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Five (5) residents spoke before the Board about Board member comments from a previous meeting, making constituents happy, loss in investment income, and primary level test scores

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Cappucci and seconded by Hackett to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary  
Board of School Directors

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