

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

FEBRUARY 21, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on Monday, February 21, 2022 in the Mt. Lebanon High School Auditorium and via Zoom.

Mr. Jacob Wyland called the meeting to order.

ATTENDING

Board Members: 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

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Freeman that the Board amend the agenda to add item C3, Student Adjudication, in the form presented.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MINUTES

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Hackett that the Board approves the minutes of the Discussion Meeting held on January 10, 2022; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on January 24, 2022; and the Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland wished good luck to the girls and boys basketball teams as they enter the playoffs. Football Coach Bob Palko was awarded the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award for the 2021 Season at the Pro Bowl in Las Vegas.

A social media safety event was held at Mt. Lebanon High School by State Representative Dan Miller in partnership with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office and Mt. Lebanon PTA council.

The Mt. Lebanon School District television station is back up and running. Previous recordings of Board meetings, art events, and music events will be available for viewing.

Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2022-2023 school year. The District website has more information.

Regarding masking, Mr. Wyland reported that careful consideration is being made with updated guidance from the CDC. Conditions are improving. When there is updated guidance, the Health and Safety Plan will be updated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer reported that Mt. Lebanon High School is accepting nominations for the 2022 Great Alumni Award. He congratulated District Director of Human Resources Tenecia Ross on being named to the Advanced Leadership Institute Executive Leadership Academy 2022 cohort. There are 25 members in this distinguished group.

Comments regarding Dr. Steinhauer's Covid update from the February 14, 2022 discussion meeting were clarified.

Standard 4 of the Superintendent Goal Update was presented. Standard 4 addresses student learning and demonstration of knowledge, skills, and abilities. It also states that the District must foster a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment in each of its schools.

BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee - Ms. Olbrich reported that three (3) policies were reviewed and Policy EF, Elementary Lunch Program was revised at the Policy Committee meeting held on February 14.

Board Development - Mr. Wyland reported on a PSBA needs assessment tool that the Board will take advantage of.

PSBA/NSBA - Mr. Ellwein updated the Board on the 2022-2023 state education budget that was presented by Governor Wolf. PSBA will sponsor Annual Advocacy Day at the state capitol on April 25. The state's fair funding trial is underway and will address the constitutionality of state education funding.

Environmental Sustainability - Mr. Freeman attended the municipality's environmental sustainability meeting and reported on their climate action plan.

MLFE - Mrs. Gentzel reported that three (3) grants were approved.

Municipal Liaison - Dr. Hackett noted that four (4) additional members will be added to the Community Relations Board to focus on community DEI work. The application for the additional seats is now open. Stream restoration plans will be discussed for Thornwood Creek in the Sunset Hills neighborhood and road, stormwater, and sanitary contracts are being approved. It was also reported that the application for residential development on Moffett Street was denied.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center - Ms. Johnson read the names of PWCTC honors students and reported on a scholarship available to students entering the trades.

Pathfinder School - Ms. Fleisher reported that she and Mr. Ellwein attended the Pathfinder School Board meeting in February. The annual audit is in the process of being approved and the capital projects list and budget are being developed. An overview of programs was presented for new Board members. Mr. Ellwein added that the principal's enthusiasm for the staff and students was inspiring.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion - Mr. Freeman reported that progress is being made toward DEI goals and objectives. A faculty needs assessment was distributed in February, as well as two (2) climate surveys that were distributed to students.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer's Report dated January, 2022
- b. List of Bills dated January 20 and January 31, 2022
- c. List of Bills dates February 16, 2022
- c. List of Tax Refunds for January, 2022
- d. List of Contracts in Excess of \$100

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson, Olbrich, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Operating and Jointure budgets for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$7,617,651 with an estimated cost to the District of \$279,525.25 and the Jointure budget in the amount of \$746,773 with the Mt. Lebanon share being \$127,229.32.

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 Olbrich that the Board approves the Capital Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 construction season as per the list dated February 14, 2022 in the amount of \$758,125.

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 Guth that the Board approves the transfer of \$850,000 from the General Fund Assigned Fund Balance to the Capital Fund to address the Capital Projects Fund List.

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 Hackett that the Board approves the redesignation of the remaining safety and security monies to address the Capital Projects Fund List.

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 February 10, 2022 list of personnel changes, as revised February 17, 2022.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson,
Olbrich, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Gentzel and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves revisions to Policy EF, Elementary Lunch Program, 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 Guth and seconded by Hackett that the Board approves extending the Supplemental Internet contract with Verizon for one year through June 30, 2023 at an approximate cost to the District of \$8,500.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson,
Olbrich, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the Stipulated Adjudication in substantially the form presented, subject to the approval of the superintendent and solicitor.

ROLL CALL: For: Ellwein, Fleisher, Freeman, Gentzel, Guth, Hackett, Johnson,
Olbrich, Wyland
Against: None
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Twenty four (24) residents spoke before the Board about topics including masking and a Right to Know request.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Hackett to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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