

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

June 13, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors was held on Monday June 13, 2022 in Mt. Lebanon High School Room D205 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, Ms. Annamaria Johnson, Ms. Sarah Olbrich, Mr. Jacob Wyland

Absent: Dr. Justin Hackett

Others: Superintendent Dr. Timothy Steinhauer, Solicitor Mr. Thomas Peterson, Dr. Ronald Davis, Dr. Heather Doyle, Mr. Robert Geletko, Mr. Richard Marciniak, Ms. Tenecia Ross, Mr. Chris Stengel

MINUTES

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on May 9, 2022; the Discussion Meeting held on May 9, 2022; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on May 23, 2022; and the Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2022.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wyland began by congratulating the graduating class of 2022 on their great achievement. He thanked the administration, faculty, and staff for all of their hard work and efforts in holding the commencement ceremony. He noted that building summer hours can be found on the District website and congratulated the boys varsity baseball team on their WPIAL championship and their progression in the playoffs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steinhauer began by noting that the Mt. Lebanon School District has, for the eighteenth time, been recognized for excellence by the Pittsburgh Business Times. The District has maintained its number three ranking in the region and number seven in the state. Next, Dr. Marybeth Irvin was presented with the 2022 Woman's Caucus Margaret Smith Award by the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Women's Caucus.

As part of the Superintendent goals, Dr. Irvin and Ms. Tenecia Ross presented the Board with an overview of the draft Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion plan.

BOARD REPORTS

Policy Committee - Ms. Olbrich reported that the Board reviewed policy BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings. Minor changes were made to the policy, including notice for request to speak by the public and speaking time limits.

PSBA/NSBA - Mr. Ellwein noted that negotiations for the 2022-2023 state budget are underway. PSBA continues to advocate for increased funding and focusing on special education, support for the mental health needs of students, and career and technical education.

At 8:37 p.m., Mr. Freeman left the meeting.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center - Ms. Johnson reported that staffing replacements were approved and security and safety, including cyber security, was discussed.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Three residents spoke before the Board about policy BEDH and to thank the Board for their steadfast efforts and to share the experiences of their class of 2022 graduate.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- a. Treasurer’s Report dated May 31, 2022
- b. List of Bills dated May 31, 2022, and June 8, 2022
- c. List of Tax Refunds for May, 2022

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

It was moved by Ellwein and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves budgetary transfers necessary to close the fiscal year.

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

It was moved by Ellwein and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the list of donations to the schools.

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

It was moved by Elwein and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves CM Regent as the District’s insurance company for Property and Liability and Directors and Officers, at the quoted rate of \$328,156 and National Union Fire Insurance Company for Student Accident Insurance at the quoted price of \$15,143.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the 2022-2023 Food Service Budget in the amount of \$2,115,000 with lunch prices set at \$2.65 for elementary and \$2.80 for secondary.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves the purchase of a 2022 Ford Escape from the lowest responsible bidder meeting specification at a cost not to exceed \$32,000.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves the June 2, 2022 list of personnel changes, as revised June 9, 2022 and June 13, 2022.

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

It was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves the 2022-2023 list of salary adjustments for administrative assistants/supervisors effective July 1, 2022, reflecting an average increase of 3%.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the annual salary adjustments for specialists effective July 1, 2022, reflecting an average increase of 3%.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the annual salary adjustments for head custodians effective July 1, 2022, reflecting an average increase of 3%.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Wyland that the Board approves the annual negotiated salary adjustments for administrators effective July 1, 2022, reflecting the Act 1 index of 3.4% for a proficient rating with additional merit pool funds.

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

It was moved by Fleisher and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the 2022 List of Graduates as presented.

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

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves the Mt. Lebanon School District's 2022-2025 Special Education Plan submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Olbrich that the Board awards the 2022-2023 Dairy Bid to Turner's Dairy in the amount of \$15,855 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications.

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

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Olbrich that the Board approves the Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for special education services for the 2022-2023 school year in the form presented.

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

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves the School Resource Officer Agreement between the District and the Municipality in substantially the form presented, providing for a one-year term with the District reimbursing the Municipality for 65% of all costs incurred by the Municipality in providing the School Resource Officer, in the estimated amount of \$107,732.

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

It was moved by Wyland and seconded by Fleisher that the Board approves revisions to Policy BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings, in the form presented.

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

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Five residents spoke before the Board about a petition that was started by high school students in opposition to a recent lawsuit against the District, DEI initiatives creating division, solidarity with the

LGBTQ community, support of residents who recently filed a lawsuit against the District, and experiences of a District graduate regarding their time as a queer student at Mt. Lebanon High School.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Olbrich and seconded by Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Kimberly Walters, Secretary
Board of School Directors

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